

THE LIVE WIRE



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MEETING SCHEDULE
(BOD at 6:15 ,Club at 7:30)

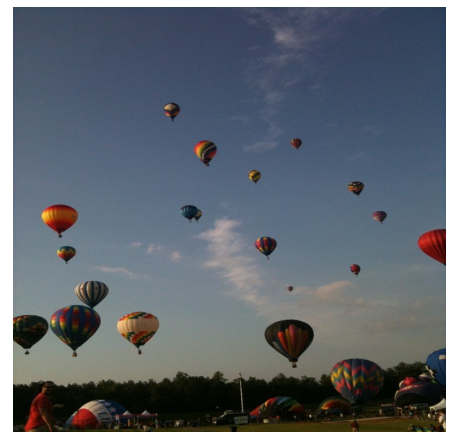
2011

Jan. 3	Feb. 7
March 7	April 4
May 2	June 6
NO MEETING	Aug. 1
Sept. 5	Oct. 3
Nov. 7	Dec. 5



"My transceiver is over here.
That's just my testing equipment."

SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOUR SHACK FOR YOUR, "LIVE WIRE"



Freedom Weekend was a Big Success...

Thanks to Robert (K4SCX) and all the volunteers, for making the BRARS bunch look good.

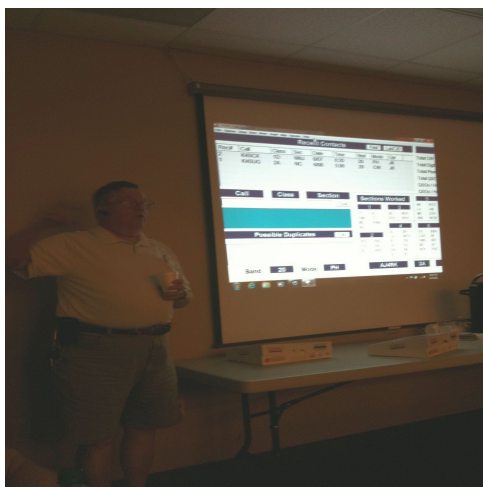
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Program for June

The Program for the June Meeting was about the Field Day logging Program..

This program was written by N3FJP, he has several programs for a Ham, visit his website at www.n3fjp.com

Rusty(AJ4RK) was very Thorough with the help of Tim (WB4LFM) in his explaining the program to the members.



NO FLASH ON iPhone

Ham License Testing Sessions

Administered by Volunteer Examiners (VE)'s

**For *all* tests you should arrive at least 15 minutes early
and bring the following:**

Photo ID (such as Drivers License or State ID)

Original and photocopy of your current Radio License, if applicable
(as well as any CSCE's you will present for verification for upgrades)
Social Security Card or FCC-issued Registration Number

Good Luck!

Greenville SC

3rd Saturday of each month
Testing begins at 8:30 AM
Red Cross Building
940 Grove Rd. (near G'ville Memorial Hospital)
Fee is \$10.00
Contact: Steve Shaffer @ af4rn@bellsouth.net
[Map Here](#)

Spartanburg SC

2nd Tuesday of every even numbered month
Testing begins at 7 PM
Red Cross Building
104 Garner Road (off Pine St. -US176)
Fee is \$ 15.00
Contact: Fritz, W4NTO @ 864-583-6716
[Map Here](#)

NO MEETING in JULY.... Happy 4th of JULY..

The August meeting will be at GHS (Medtrans), and after the presentation we should get to tour the Helicopter.
Listen to the net on 146.610 Nightly, for more info as we get closer. Have a Safe Holiday

THE BLUE RIDGE 2 METER NET MONTHLY TOTALS FOR MAY 2011

TOTAL CONTACTS 2147

SESSIONS 31

TRAFFIC 65

KB0KBJ,(STEVE) 71
K4SCX,(ROBERT) 133
KJ4NAI,(JONATHAN) 72
KG4FQG,(PHIL) 207

AJ4RK,(RUSTY) 444
KI4DOS,(GARY) 338
WD4CYM,(KAREN) 121

KF4ZCC,(MIKE) 266
K4SUG,(RAY) 356
KJ4RQZ,(NATHAN) 64
KJ4BSJ,(CHARLIE) 75

CHECK IN.. TO HEAR WHATS HAPPENING, AND RAGCHEW ON THE LOCAL NETS



Greenville: 9 pm nightly - 146.610

Greenwood: 9 pm Thursday night - 147.165+t107.2

Greenwood Ladies: 8 pm Tuesday night - 147.165+t107.2

Anderson: 8:30 pm nightly - 146.790

Good Morning Net: Mon-Wed-Fri: 9 am - 146.760

ARES Training Net: 8 pm Thursday night - 146.820

From the Board of Directors

It is the policy of the Board of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society that should any member of the Club have an issue with something the leadership of the Club is doing, the member is encouraged to bring their concerns to the attention of the Board at any Board meeting or to the membership of the Club at any regularly scheduled Club meeting. Further, the actions of the Board may be reviewed by any member of the Club at any time.

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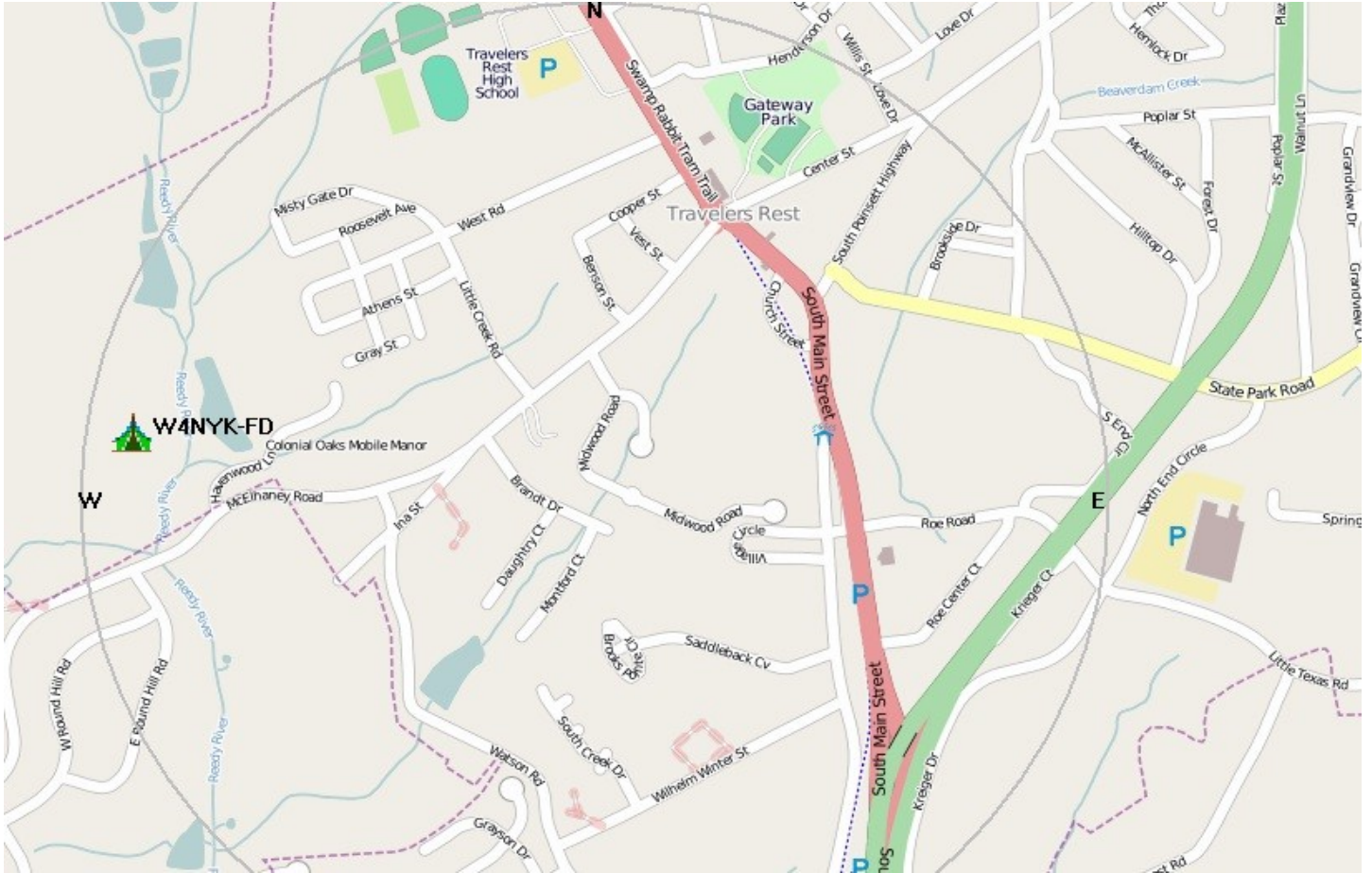
Field Day 2011

Field Day 2011 will be on June 25th and 26th

It will be in Travelers Rest SC at a lot next to the YMCA

[Click for Google Map](#)

The Map below is an APRS map



Last Years Photos



A Little Work and Lots of Fun, come on out

ARRL PAGE This info is direct from ARRL website.

Hamfest within 250 miles

07/09/2011 | FireCracker Hamfest
Location: Salisbury, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Rowan Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.rowanars.org/>

07/30/2011 | Newton County Hamfest
Location: Covington, GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Newton County Radio Club
Website: <http://www.ncrcga.org>

07/16/2011 | Mid-Summer Swapfest
Location: Cary, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cary Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>

08/06/2011 | Roanoke Hamfest 2011
Location: Vinton, VA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w4ca.us/>

07/30/2011 | WCARS Hamfest
Location: Waynesville, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: WC Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://wcars.org>

08/06/2011 | 13th Annual CFARS Swapfest
Location: Fayetteville, NC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society

ARRL Contest Calendar for the 2nd half of 2011

July

9-10 IARU HF World Championships

August

6-7 August UHF Contest

21 Rookie Roundup - RTTY

20-21 10 GHz and Up Contest (round 1)

September

10-12 September VHF QSO Party

17-18 10 GHz and Up Contest (round 2)

24-25 International EME Competition (2.3 GHz +)

October

22-23 EME Contest, 50-1296 MHz (round 1)

17-21 School Club Roundup

November

5-7 November Sweepstakes, CW

19-21 November Sweepstakes, Phone

19-20 EME Contest, 50-1296 MHz (round 2)

December

2-4 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

10-11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

18 Rookie Roundup - CW



From the Desk of Marc, N4UFP South Carolina Section Manager's Report

Greetings to all Amateur Radio Operators. This is Marc, N4UFP with the April 2011 South Carolina Section Manager's Report. Please remember that the SC Section website can be found at: www.arrl-sc.org/ where my full SM report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in South Carolina.

There have been some changes in the Section leadership team. Brian Sugden, KR4SP, is stepping down as Affiliated Club Coordinator and Dennis Fowler, KG4JIA, will be stepping down as Section Governmental Liaison. I would like to thank both of these gentlemen for their service to our Section and the League and I hope that I will have an opportunity to work with them again in the future. If anyone is interested in either of these appointments, please let me know. In particular, I am looking for someone in the Columbia area to take on the task of being SGL; I think that it is important to be close to the State House in order to see what is really happening. Our Legislature works in mysterious ways. :-)

Speaking of the Legislature, it appears that they will not act on any of the anti-texting bills introduced during this session. Their immediate concern is dealing with the budget deficit and the importance of that issue is such that it has overshadowed everything else. Our version of PRB-1 appears to have died in committee; it is not clear when that bill could be reintroduced. Advancing PRB-1 legislation would be a priority for the incoming SGL, as it would give amateurs in SC some relief from zoning ordinances that complicate erection of towers and antennas.

Charlie Miller, our SEC reports that there will be a National Level Exercise this week, 16 - 20 May 2011. The scenario is a major earthquake along the New Madrid fault, which is located in the Midwest. Our state's role would be to provide supplies needed by states adjacent to the fault, and volunteers from SCDHEC Region 3 will be participating. He also reports that last month, there was an exercise in SCDHEC Region 3, whose scenario involved tornadoes striking Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg counties, with evacuation to Orangeburg and Aiken. All coordination was done via Amateur Radio, using the SCHEART linked repeater system. If you would like more details, please contact Charlie directly at ae4ux@arrl.net.

Field Day is almost upon us and I would like to remind you that Vice Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, and I will be visiting Field Day sites. Jim will take the downstate region and I will travel through the upstate. Please let us know when and where you will be operating so we can add you to our itinerary.

Field Day is supposed to be fun and this year I would like add something to the event that hopefully will add to that fun. I will be giving away a copy of the ARRL Antenna Book to the FD group that has the most unusual antenna and a copy of the ARRL Handbook to the group that operates from the most unusual location. To participate in either of these sidebar competitions, please send photos of your antenna and/or location to n4ufp@arrl.org, or let me know where you'll be operating and Jim or I will come by to take a look. If everything goes well, I hope to announce the winners in my July 2011 report to the Section.

Net Reports

Net/Check Ins/Traffic/Sessions/Reported By

Anderson Radio Club 2M Net /740/27/22/KJ4BSJ

Anderson/Abbeville ARES Net/74/6/4/KJ4BSJ

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Net /2243/51/30/K4SUG

Carolina's Net /215/83/60/K4IWW

Grand Strand ARC 2M Net /137/12/12/KI4HEE

Greater Pee Dee 2 Meter Net /728/39/30/K4DTT

Greenwood ARC 2 Meter Net /133/4/4/W4DEW

Kershaw ARC 2 Meter Net /42/4/4/KF4UKC

SC SSB Net/1838/135/30/AJ4RK

York Co. ARS 2 Meter FM Net/873/6/51/KG4CDF

Station Activity Reports

Station/Sent/Received/Delivered/Originated/Total

K4GLT/92/82/0/0/174 N4MEH/14/41/4/4/63

W4KLB/276/254/2/0/532 WS4P/4/35/1/0/40

W4JLE/229/217/0/12/458

Public Service Honor Roll

Station/Cat1/Cat2/Cat3/Cat4/Cat5/Cat6/Total

N4MEH/40/40/10/0/0/0/90

W4KLB/40/40/30/0/0/10/120 WS4P/40/40/0/0/0/0/80

Until next month.....

73 de

Marc Tarplee N4UFP

ARRL Section Manager,

South Carolina Section

www.arrl-sc.org

BRARS Club Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2011

Wyatt (KJ4CTD) called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM
Roll Call took place around the room to recognize members, and guests,
2 guests were recognized and Daniel (KJ4RLF) Filled out an application.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Rick (KD4DRA) read the minutes from last meeting. Motion to accept, and approved.

Treasurer: Robert (K4SCX) reported that the Bank account is in good shape. We need to pay a couple more hamfest bills, and the deposit for the fairground for next year will be paid.
(Club accounts are available for review by club members at any time).

Committee Reports:

NET Report:

Ray (K4SUG) reported the net totals for May were 2147 total contacts, 31 sessions, and 65 pieces of traffic.

Repeater Report:

All is well with the 61 repeater the next thing to do is climb the tower and check the connections at the antenna. Also the 82 machine is still slated for its upgrade, sometime after the hot Months.

Field Day: This Field Day will be June 25th and 26th , if you are going to eat you need to be there at 5pm so you can be included in the order for food, BBQ or Pizza, and you'll need to have \$5.00 per person.

Ham fest:

Robert reported that we did very well this year with the Hamfest and we are ready for the next one.

FWA:

Freedom Weekend Aloft was a success this year, no rain and a lot of balloons flew, FWA was pleased with the way the Club handled the communication.

Old Business:

We still need someone to setup the meeting room and get coffee going, contact a board member, please. Also No meeting in July, the next meeting will be at the Hospital (GHS Medtrans), and after the presentation we should get to tour the Helicopter. Listen to the net on 146.610 Nightly, for more info as we get closer. Have a Safe Holiday

New Business: N/A

New application:

Isaac Fineman(KF4BZB)

The members voted that he be accepted as a BRARS member.

Drawings:

Bob Taylor (N3PT) was drawn for the Club Prize of \$10.00

Tim Greaves (WB4LFM) won the **50/50 drawing** of \$19

Program:

The program was on the Field day logging software demonstration of logging for field day. Very informative, the software was written by N3FJP, he has several Ham related programs, his website is www.n3fjp.com

Presented by Rusty (AJ4RK) with help from **Tim Greaves (WB4LFM)**

Meeting adjourned **8:40PM**

Happy QSOs till we meet again

Rick / kd4dra

Secretary