

WPARC News

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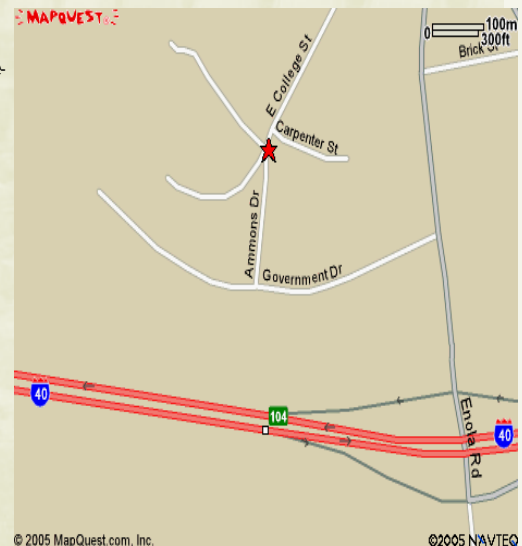
Starting out fresh

Resurrection of a new start for the WPARC. The club has been in a limbo state for a few months. During an April meeting the club elected new officials to lead the way for 2005. We are hopefully getting this show back on track and look forward to the remainder of 2005. The club's new President is Bill Crutchfield (KF4TMM), Vice President is Greg Branch (KI4GZD), Secretary is William Brooks (KE4UXF) and Treasurer is Sybil Stephens (KF4RHH). The club will be meeting July 11th and each month thereafter on the Second Monday of the month.

The July meeting and each meeting for the remainder of the year will be held at a new location.

The location will be The **Burke County Agricultural Building** at 130 Ammons Drive in Morganton off of Government Drive (where the Burke County Sheriff's Department is located).

This location has several meeting rooms to accommodate any needs of the club and also has a kitchen for any eating accession we may have.



Map to The BC Ag Building

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Field Day 2005

The club goes on top of Walker-Top Mountain to the site of the KC4QPR repeater each year to join the GRIT club for Field Day. As usual it was a load of fun and several people stayed all weekend, some came and went Saturday and some came and went both days. The weather

was great Saturday and Sunday was a good day although it rained on and off. The annual event didn't go without GRITS as Johnny (AA4GS) cooked the GRITS for chow time so I'm sure everybody was pleased being it was the GRITS club.



The Supreme Grit

W E D N E S D A Y N I G H T N E T

At the present time we are winging the Wednesday night net and so far it has worked out well. We need to get a schedule started so we can keep up with the net and make sure we actually have a net.

We have **Jim (WA4HWP)**,
Bill (KF4TMM),
Clyde (WA4OBC),

Charlie (AD4TY),
William "Lefty" (KE4UXF),
and Greg (KI4GZD)
available to assist in net calling on Wednesday Nights at 9 P.M.

If this list is incorrect or you would like to volunteer to call the net please

contact Bill, Greg, or Wil-

liam and we'll get a list updated soon. The Good Morning Net is still running right along and those that call it do a fine job. Thanks to all of the people that have stepped in took the Bull by the horns, you do a great job and it's appreciated.

C L U B M E M B E R S

AA4GR, William Faulkner

KE4QNQ, Lori Faulkner

AD4TY, Charles Martin

KD4VWV, Chris Poteat

KE4DCR, Ira Smith

KF4IHR, David Wortman

K4KCW, Orville Allen Jr.

KE4PNL, Richard Mangum

KF4ILD, Terry Mangum

KI4EBI, Allan Plymale

KK4NI, Don Beam

AE4VG, Mark Berry

KF4QFN, Gary Bennett

W4DUB, William C Richard

KE4NN, Roy Cox

W4BHS, Blake Stephens Jr.

AE4MG, Dr. Barbara Beier

NJ4K, Jerry Miller

KG4GSV, William Barr

AE4LB, Alvin Smith

KG4CDB, Paul Jordan

W4BCM, Wilford Wolfgang

AF4BA, Charles Barnhardt

KO4GZ, Charles Harding

KD4WYV, Dorothy Harding

KF4KQV, Dave Curry Jr.

KF4HFJ, Dave Curry Sr.

KU4JA, John Berry

W4TMU, Doug Winkler

KD4YTU, Gary Suddreth

NOWKU, Bruce Prince

WA4FMO, Sherry Houser

KF4RHH, Sybil Stephens

KE4RCF, Nathan Jaynes

KG4DXL, Joey Clark

KE4SZE, Ken Riddick

WB4WXU, Carroll Carter

KF4VRB, Mark Houser

WA4OBC, Clyde Shook

WOTED, Ted Summers

WA4RVD, Willie C. Harris

KI4GZD, Greg Branch

KF4TMM, Bill Crutchfield

KE4UXF, William Brooks Jr.

PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO ME ki4gzd@hotmail.com IF YOU HAVE ONE SO I CAN SEND THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOU VIA E-MAIL.

These are all members shown paid up from January 2004. If you do not see your name on the list and you have paid please let us know as we want to get this list up to date.

CATAWBA VALLEY HAMFEST 2005



Feeding all the hard work and vendors

One benefit of helping out with the

Annual Catawba Valley Hamfest is the great food on Friday night. As usual we had great help with the event and as a way to show appreciation is the cook-out on Friday night. Not only is this great food but it's also great fellowship with the other Hams, Saturday is usually too busy for such fellowship. This year the Hamfest efforts were lead by Don Beam KK4NI(Catawba Valley Hamfest President) and The McDowell, Western Piedmont, and Lenoir Amateur Radio Clubs. The Ham-

fest was impacted this year by Raleigh Hamfest, but even with that impact the Hamfest grew with record ticket sales. The Hamfest lost several vendors to the Raleigh Hamfest but it also picked up some new ones. After this years Hamfest Don Beam resigned as President and we should thank him for all the hard work, time, and dedication he put into the Hamfest. The Raleigh Hamfest committee said they didn't see any conflicts in scheduling after this year.

TWO OF OUR OWN WED!!

On April 23, 2005 James Snell and Michalene Hall were married at Union Grove Baptist Church in Caldwell County. Two long time HAMS and great friends for many years decided to tie the knot. Many of the area HAM were at the wedding and the Best Man and all but one of the ushers were a HAM. The

couple reside in Granite Falls and are active in restoring an Old Nova of Michalene's and stay busy attending many car shows. They are also very active in Amateur Radio as well and very involved in Echolink as James has Echolink on the KC4QPR repeater. James and Michalene are also members of Union Grove

Baptist Church where they devote their life to the Lord. James and Michalene Congratulations!!!!



**"Congratulations,
James and
Michalene"**



WHERE DO I SEND MY DUES?

If you are wondering where to send your dues, you still send those dues to Sybil Stephens our Treasurer.

Sybil Stephens
1641 N.C. Hwy. 181
Morganton, NC 28655

We are still trying to get everything together and if you do not see your name on our roster and you have paid your dues, please contact Bill, Greg, William or Sybil so we can get this corrected.

L o c a l N e t s , T i m e s , a n d l o c a l f r e q u e n c i e s

Daily: WPARC Good Morning Net 9 AM 147.150 +	147.360(+) Boone 145.370(-) N. Wilkesboro	Hickory 146.850(-)
Monday: 10 Meter Grit Net 8 PM 28.377	146.820(-) Wilkesboro	Lenoir 147.195(+)
Tuesday: 40 Meter Grit Net 8 PM 7.250 Marion ARS 8:30 PM 146.985 - Shelby ARC 8:30 PM 147.345+	145.350(-) Charlotte (Skywarn) 147.105(+) Hendersonville	Marion 146.985(-) 118.8 Shelby 146.880 Shelby 147.345(+)
Wednesday: WPARC VHF Net 9 PM 147.150+	442.300(+) Morganton Walker Top (Weather Radio)	Spruce Pine 146.895 (+)
Friday: Grit Net 8 PM 147.150+	Asheville 146.910(-) 141.3	Tri-States/Brevard 147.030(+)
Saturday: 6600 Net (Mt. Mitchell) 9 PM 145.190-	Bakersville 145.310(-) Brevard 147.135(+)	Asheville 444.900 Bakersville 442.750
Sunday: Alexander County ARES/RACES 9 PM 441.625 Lenoir ARC CARES Net 8:30 PM 147.330+	Bristol, TN 146.760(-) Brumley Mt., TN 146.610- Burnsville 147.375+ Charlotte 145.35(-) Crowder's Mt. 145.45(-) Forest City 147.24(+) 123 Gastonia 146.805(-) Green Knob 146.955(-) 127.3 Green Mountain 145.430(-) Hendersonville 145.27(-) Hendersonville 147.285(+)	Brevard 442.850 Bristol, TN 444.5 Burnsville 443.650 Charlotte 445.675 Forest City 444.4 Hendersonville 442.45 Hickory 444.000
<u>Local Repeaters</u> 56.630(-) Mount Mitchell 53.330(-) West Jefferson 147.150(+) WPARC Morganton High Peak 145.210(-) 94.8 Morganton High Peak 146.745(-) Morganton Walker Top 147.330(+) 141.3 Lenoir Hibriten Mtn. 145.190(-) Mount Mitchell		If you have additions and/or corrections please send to Greg (ki4gzd@hotmail.com) know so we can keep the list up to date.

J U L Y M E E T I N G P R O G R A M

I have invited Rick Tilton (N4WYK) to come to our meeting to give us a presentation on APRS (Amateur Position Reporting System). APRS is something I find interesting and I'm hoping others will find this topic interesting too. Rick is very knowledgeable with APRS and has been involved with it for a many years. This past year's Bridge to Bridge bike ride Rick set up an APRS station to track to lead riders as well as the last rider to give each aid station an idea of when they could pack up their stations. Also in the last few years Rick has discovered kit building has built the Elecraft K2 with 100 watt PA and all accessories. Be sure to check out his website for more information on APRS and Satellites.

Website - <http://www.n4wyk.com>



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WWW.WPARC.COM



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As part of starting fresh with the club we are trying to revamp the website too. The new address is <http://www.wparc.com> and any input is welcome and suggested.

HTTP://WWW.WPARC.COM

We are in need of pictures, information, and anything that may be of use to anyone interested in the hobby. The web is such a wealth of knowledge these days and is a great tool if kept up to date. So take time to look at the website and let us know what should be here because it's your website.

Upcoming events:

Field Day June 25-26

VE Exams June 29th at The Lenoir Rescue Squad

Also, with this being my first club newsletter I hope to be able to put some useful info in future issues. Please feel free to send some information if you have anything you want in the newsletter.

Greg

