

# WPARC News

WESTERN PIEDMONT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## FIELD DAY 2008



ARRL Field Day is the most popular on the air operating event in amateur radio. On the fourth full weekend in June, tens of thousands of amateur radio operators gather for a public demonstration of our service. Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – and ALL about FUN!

Amateur radio is about knowledge and growth. It is a hobby and service that truly offers “something for everyone.” Amateur Radio embraces both the old and new. While CW may no longer be a testing element, it is still a strong and favorite operating mode for many. Tens of thousands of operators are embracing digital technologies, from RTTY to newer digital modes like PSK31 and Olivia. Phone operation, probably the largest segment of the hobby, also has

new frontiers to be explored with digitized voice, VOIP, and IRLP. And this is why Field Day – the largest annual on the air operating event – is so exciting. It gives all – the old timer and the newcomer, the brass pounder and the computer assisted operator – the chance to share and teach the broad range of modes and technologies we find in our hobby.

Field Day is truly the time in which we bring amateur radio to Main Street USA. By setting up in parking lots, malls, Emergency Operations Centers, parks and even at home, amateur operators learn skills that will allow them to better serve their communities. Setting up in these public venues gives added public relations value – their friends and neighbors can see and experience the fun and public service capability that their “ham radio” neighbors bring to the community.

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# WPARC's VE Team

As many of you know, we have established a new VE Team in the past few months. We have trained at some testing sessions, we have trained one on one with Norman and finally on Saturday May 31st we held our first test session. The test session was held at The Long View Fire Department in Long View NC and we are proud to say we had 100% to pass.

We have been discussing a good time to have a testing session and we have decided to have a test session at the Agricultural Building the same night we have our Club meeting, that's the 2nd Monday of each month at 7PM. As we go along we can add more dates to this schedule, but we'd like to see how this will work out for now. For those WCARS VEs and espe-

cially the Extra Class VE's please reserve the second Monday for testing as your help is appreciated not only from the Team but the Ham Community as well.

Greg

## CLUB MEMEBERS

KG4GSV, William Barr

WB4WXU, Carroll Carter

KI4MSY, Scott Black

KI4JSM, Allen Aycoth

AF4BA, Charles Barnhardt

KO4GZ, Charles Harding

KD4WYV, Dorothy Harding

KF4KQV, Dave Curry Jr.

KF4HFJ, Dave Curry Sr.

KU4JA, John Berry

W4TMU, Doug Winkler

KF4RHH, Sybil Stephens

WA4OBC, Clyde Shook

KI4GZD, Greg Branch

KI4MSW, Lea-Ann Branch

K4OLC, Lin Couch

KK4NI, Don Beam

KF4TMM, Bill Crutchfield

W4BHS, Blake Stephens

KE4NEL, Keith & Linda Summerlin

NC4ZA, Mark & Sherry Houser

AD4UK, Alex Cobb

KI4EBI, Allan Plymale

WX4GR, James (Robert) Barnette

WA4HWP, James C. Reavis

KC4FM, Gene Fulbright

K4ICU, Harriet Fulbright

WA4TNG, James Snell

KE4HSD, Michalene Snell

WA4RVD, Willie Harris

KI4CBN, Dan Kiser

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CAN SEND THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOU VIA E-  
MAIL.**

# HAMFEST CALENDAR

## CATAWBA

## VALLEY

## HAMFEST

Put on by The McDowell, Western Piedmont and Lenoir Amateur Radio Clubs in Morganton, NC.

Morganton - April 18th 2009

<http://www.cvhamfest.com/>

## WESTERN

## CAROLINA

## HAMFEST

Asheville- July 26th 2008

<http://www.wcars.org/hamfest/index.htm>

## 52nd Annual

## SHELBY HAMFEST

August 30 and 31st, 2008

**GRANDDADDY OF THEM ALL!**

**Please remember that this year's Shelby Hamfest will be at the Gaston County Park in Dallas, NC this year.**

From I-85 Take the 321 Exit, North on 321 for 2 miles, take ramp onto 279 towards Cherryville for 0.8 miles, parking at Gaston College.

Visit their website for more updates. <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org/>

## CONTEST CALENDAR

### June

14 - 16 ARRL June VHF QSO Party Rules

28 - 29 ARRL Field Day Rules

### July

12 - 13 IARU HF World Championships Rules

### August

2 - 3 ARRL UHF Contest

16 - 17 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

### September

13 - 15 ARRL September VHF QSO Party

20 - 21 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

20 - 21 ARRL International EME Competition

### October

18 - 19 ARRL International EME Competition

### November

1 - 3 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)

15 - 16 ARRL International EME Competition

15 - 17 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

### December

5 - 7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

13 - 14 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

Visit <http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html> for

# MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for the Western Piedmont Amateur Radio Club are just \$18 for the year with a Family Membership at \$24.00. Associate member dues are only \$12.00, an associate member does not need to hold an Amateur Radio Operator License but does not have voting rights. The club's fiscal year is from **January 1st** through **December 31st**. Our Mailing address is:

**WPARC**  
**PO Box 1419**  
**Morganton, NC, 28680**

## BURKE COUNTY ARES NET

Burke County ARES holds a NET each Tuesday evening at 7PM on the Western Piedmont Amateur Radio repeater. Most of our ARES membership consist of our club members so it seems fitting to have our Net on the club's repeater. We are always looking for new members to serve in ARES to assist our community in a time of emergency, disaster or whatever the need may be. This net gives our members the opportunity to train on controlled net procedures and prepare for such emergencies. If you are interested in joining our ARES group or would like to assist

with Net Control please contact Greg Branch at 828-475-4181 or [ki4gzd@hotmail.com](mailto:ki4gzd@hotmail.com)



Burke County ARES has a website for more information at [www.bcares.net](http://www.bcares.net)

Information about ARES can also be found by visiting the ARRL's website at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

Any Amateur Operator can be a member of ARES!

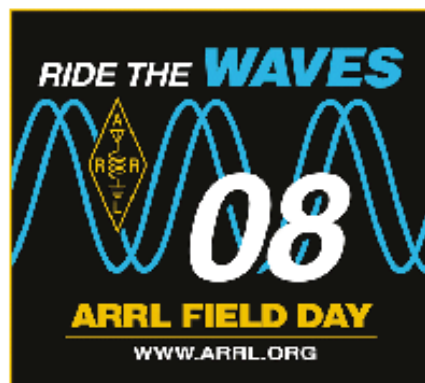
## WHERE DO I SEND MY DUES?

**If you haven't paid your dues by March you are dropped from the club role.**

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**WESTERN PIEDMONT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S  
ANNUAL ARRL FIELD DAY EVENT  
CATAWBA MEADOWS SOCCER COMPLEX  
110 GREENLEE FORD RD. IN MORGANTON  
OFF CARBON CITY RD AND BESIDE JUDGE'S RESTAURANT**

*Starts at  
2PM  
Saturday*



*And goes  
through  
Sunday at  
2PM*

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE LICENSED TO PARTICIPATE, COME AND JOIN US!**

On June 28th and 29th, Amateur Radio ("ham") operators across the country will leave the comfort of their home-based radio "shacks" for a weekend of emergency preparedness activity called "Field Day." The event is designed to test operators' skills in setting up and operating radio communication equipment in situations where electrical power is limited or unavailable. The idea is to simulate the conditions that can occur during a hurricane, tornado or other emergency, including man-made disasters. The event is sponsored by ARRL—the national association for Amateur Radio. The first Field Day took place in 1933.

During Field Day, operators set up radio transmitting and receiving equipment in local parks, at shopping malls or even in backyards, and get on the air using generators, battery or solar power to run their equipment. This type of exercise, along with the operators' dedication to public service, allows them to step in and help emergency officials and relief organizations when disaster strikes.

Cell phones, the Internet and other communications technologies have yet to replace what Amateur Radio operators can do. They have a long track record of getting the message through when all other systems fail.



Field Day is a serious exercise, but it's also a lot of fun for participants. It's also the most popular "on-air" operating event each year. During Field Day, Amateur Radio operators attempt to make radio contact with as many participating stations as possible, simulating the sort of speedy on-air skills needed during an emergency. In past years, more than 30,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and Canada have taken part.

**You do not have to be licensed to participate in Field Day, so come on out and join us and see what Amateur Radio is all about.**

For additional information, please contact Greg Branch at 828-475-4181 or [ki4gzd@hotmail.com](mailto:ki4gzd@hotmail.com)

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## LOCAL NETS, TIMES, AND LOCAL FREQUENCIES

### NETS

	145.210(-) 94.8 Morganton High Peak	Hendersonville 145.27(-)
<b>Daily:</b> WPARC Good Morning Net 9 AM 147.150 +	146.745(-) Morganton Walker Top	Hendersonville 147.285(+)
	147.330(+) 141.3Lenoir Hibriten Mtn.	
<b>Monday:</b> 10 Meter Grit Net 8 PM 28.377	145.190(-) Mount Mitchell	Lenoir 147.195(+)
Blue Ridge Weather Watch 7PM 147.150+	147.360(+) Boone	Marion 146.985(-) 118.8
	145.370(-) N. Wilkesboro	Shelby 146.880
<b>Tuesday:</b> 40 Meter Grit Net 8 PM 7.250	146.820(-) Wilkesboro	Shelby 147.345(+)
Marion ARS 8:30 PM 146.985 -	145.350(-) Charlotte (Skywarn)	Spruce Pine 146.895 (+)
Shelby ARC 8:30 PM 147.345+	147.105(+) Hendersonville	Tri-States/Brevard 147.030(+)
Burke County ARES Net 7PM 147.150+	442.300(+) Morganton Walker Top (Weather Radio)	Morganton 442.300 94.8
<b>Wednesday:</b> WPARC VHF Net 9 PM 147.150+	Asheville 146.910(-) 141.3	Asheville 444.900
Blue Ridge Weather Watch 7PM 147.150+	Bakersville 145.310(-)	Bakersville 442.750
<b>Friday:</b> Grit Net 8 PM 147.150+	Brevard 147.135(+)	Brevard 442.850
Blue Ridge Weather Watch 7PM 147.150+	Bristol, TN 146.760(-)	Bristol, TN 444.5
<b>Saturday:</b> 6600 Net (Mt. Mitchell) 9 PM 145.190-	Brumley Mt., TN 146.610-	Burnsville 443.650
<b>Sunday:</b> Caldwell CARES Net 8:30 PM 147.330+	Burnsville 147.375+	Charlotte 445.675
	Charlotte 145.35(-)	Forest City 444.4
	Crowder's Mt. 145.45(-)	Hendersonville 442.45
	Forest City 147.24(+) 123	Hickory 444.000
	Gastonia 146.805(-)	
	Green Knob 146.955(-) 127.3	
	Green Mountain 145.430(-)	

### Local Repeaters

444.125(+) 118.8Hz Marion

56.630(-) 100Hz Mount Mitchell

53.390(-) 100Hz West Jefferson

147.150(+) **WPARC** Morganton

If you have additions and/or corrections  
please send to Greg (ki4gzd@hotmail.com)  
so he can keep the list up to date.

# June 9th 2008 Meeting

**This is the last meeting before Field Day. Come Join us !  
Field Day will be held at the Catawba Meadows Soccer  
Complex on Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th.  
For more information visit our website [www.wparc.com](http://www.wparc.com) or  
call us on the repeater 147.150 + (No Tone)**



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**Club Meeting June 9th**

**Remember Field Day June 28th and 29th  
at the Catawba Meadows Soccer Complex  
off Carbon City Road in Morganton, See  
Page 5 for more info)**

# BRING A FRIEND OR PROSPECT!!

This is the perfect opportunity to invite  
a friend a prospect or anybody to our  
club meetings to see what ham radio  
is all about.

HTTP://WWW.WPARC.COM

Upcoming events:

Club Meeting

June 9th

June VHF Contest

June 14-15

Field Day 2008

June 28-29 (See Page 5)

WPARC VE Session (Starting in July)

Second Monday of each Month

Marion VE Test Session

First Saturday of each Month

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