

ARC-SHORTS

APRIL 2018

Club Repeaters: 147.315 (PL 107.2), 444.6 (PL107.2), 224.82 (PL107.2), 53.13 (PL107.2) 927.6 (-25Mhz, PL107.2), and 1282.600 (PL 107.2), DSTAR 145.38Mhz, 442.060, and 1284.600 ALL ARE UP AND RUNNING – HAM IT UP! Get on the air!

SPECIAL NOTE: DMR IS UP AND RUNNING 442.4125 +5Mhz Color Code 1.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next meetings April 13th program will be the Garry Sessums, KC54QCN. Gary gave us a program on how Florida ARES help out in Mobile Alabama after Katrina, He was again in the thick of it when he volunteered to support relief efforts in Porto Rico. He will give us a brief on what they did.

Our meeting is held on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Alexandria Police Dispatch Center at 3600-Wheeler Ave. Just off Duke Street just east of Quaker Lane. Meeting starts at 7PM and ends at 9PM. Many of our members have dinner at Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee Shopping Center on the south side of Rt 7 just east of 395 most arrive around 5:30. Our program presenters are invited to join us.

LAST MEETING

Our February program our program will be provided by Gordon NQ4K who gave us a brief on the upcoming Virginia QSO Party. We, as a club, made a poor showing last year, so this is our year to work better. EVERYONE who submits a report on the contest gets a certificate. Lots of awards as well. Randy WB4MJF has challenged us to do as well as a club as he did as an individual. The easiest logging program is the FJP software, but if you want a registered copy that can handle more than 30 QSOs, you need to buy it a week in advance

Meeting Minutes

President's Corner

Hamvention is coming up May 18-20. I've yet to make the pilgrimage there (maybe next year!) I hope that everyone going has an excellent time and I look forward to hearing about how it went.

73,
Monica, KC2IAY

Future Programs

April 13, 2018— Amateur Radio Support to Porto Rico – Gary Sessums KC5QCN

May 11, 2018 – Dayton Hamvention, Bob Anderson program

June 8, 2018— Field Day Prep meeting, WINLINK 2K, WINLINK RMS and WINMOR

July 13, 2018 – Post Field Day.
August 10, 2018 – FT-8 and other digital modes
September 14, 2018 --
October 12, 2018 – Planning for 2019, Nominations, budget etc.
November 9, 2018 -- Elections
December 14, 2018 – Annual Holiday Party.

Let me know what you want to hear about. HELP!!!! If you have an idea for a program, please let Rick know and he will try to find someone to provide the program. If you know someone you would like to have present a program, let me know Rick, N4ASX

Hamfests –

The next nearby hamfest on the calendar is The Great Hagerstown Hamfest on May 5, 2018. It's sponsored by the Antietam Radio Association. It's located at the Washington County Agricultural Center, MD Route 65, Sharpsburg Pike, near Hagerstown, MD. Talk-in is on 147.090 MHz repeater (PL 100.0 Hz). Here is the link: <https://w3cwc.org/hamfest>.

The Maryland FM Association's Memorial Day Hamfest is May 27, 2018. It's held at the Howard County Fairgrounds, just off MD Route 32, on Route 144 in West Friendship, MD. Talk-in on the MFMA repeaters, 146.760, 224.760 and 444.000 MHz (all PL 107.2 Hz). Here is the link: <http://www.marylandfm.org/Hamfest.htm>.

Don't forget the Olde Virginia Hams Hamfest in Manassas coming up on June 3, 2018. More details next month.

Training –

Our current class started March 6 and concludes May 8, 2018 with the exam. If you have been thinking about upgrading your license and want to take an exam, let me know so I will have enough materials on hand. You can send me an email at ka4gfy@arrl.net.

Contests –

- April 14 and 15 – New Mexico QSO Party. Exchange is name and state.
- April 14 and 15 – Georgia QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- April 15 and 16 – North Dakota QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- April 15 – ARRL Rookie Roundup. Exchange is name, two year digits you were first licensed and state.
- April 21 and 22 – Nebraska QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- April 21 and 22 – Michigan QSO Party. Exchange is serial number and state.
- April 21 and 22 – Ontario QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- April 28 and 29 – Florida QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.

- May 5 and 6 – 7th call area QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- May 5 and 6 – Indiana QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- May 5 and 6 – Delaware QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- May 5 and 6 – New England QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- May 12 – Arkansas QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.

Don't forget, be sure to send in your log within 5 days after the contest ends for all ARRL sponsored contests.

REMEMBER to support the CLUB'S score for contests by providing Ian N8IK your info (Name, Call sign and Grid Square location) and submit your scores for the contests you play in. Contesting is one way we show that we are using our frequency allocations.

Repeaters –

In addition to the regular Thursday night net on the 147.315 repeater, there was a proposal in the February ARC Shorts to do a follow – on net on other ARC repeaters. The rotation would include other analog repeaters as well as the digital repeaters. This will not only provide a little activity on the other repeaters, but will also help everybody with the year-long Worked All ARC Members contest. Each new band and mode counts as another contact.

The club repeaters are all up and running. As always, ham it up and get on the air.

73, Rich, KA4GFY

Monday Night Burgers – There is a group that gets together at 6:15 PM on Mondays at a local burger joint. Mark up on the 147.315 repeater and join them for the fun. Mark up on the repeater about 6PM and join the group. The location does change! IF you have a good spot, you might suggest it to the group.