

The Modulator

Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club

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If you enjoy reading our publication **be sure to fully open your emails or you will automatically be dropped in 6 months from the email list.**

The September club meeting was cancelled in advance as most of the board members were unavailable due to various reasons. Please plan to join us at the October meeting.

Did you know?

The majority of this newsletter has links back to our web site which contains even more information? [CLUB WEB SITE](#)

Club Officer Election December 2021

Would you consider helping the club out by taking an active board member role? Self nominate anytime as we are looking for help! Our annual election will take place at the December meeting.

Next Regular BSFARC Meeting

[Calendar](#)

Our next club meeting will be on **October 14th @ 7:00pm** the location is to be determined shortly.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES BEFORE HEADING OUT!

We will have our talk-in on the 145.350 repeater as well. The Mayor's office is located at [2845 Baker Hwy, Huntsville, TN 37756](#) Enter the side door to the West.



Come and join the YL's (Young Ladies) as they have their own dedicated NET every Tuesday at 7pm (Eastern) on the 145.350 repeater system. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join in. A new web page has also been added to the [club's web site](#).

U.S.S. Tennessee Battleship Special Event Station?



The U.S.S. Tennessee Battleship Memorial Museum is located on the campus of Scott High School in Huntsville and contains the largest collection of U.S.S. Tennessee (BB-43) memorabilia in the world. The ship was one of the most commended battleships in history, fighting in more battles and

Amateur Radio Tests



The new amateur radio testing information page is now live [CLICK HERE](#). Besides the answers to the test questions you will find out everything you need to know /provide in order to take an amateur radio test. we have also been approved for electronic submission of the documents which will speed up the process for new licenses.

firing more volleys than any other ship in WWII. She was one of few ships at Pearl Harbor to return fire during the Japanese attack and was instrumental in the Pacific theatre during WWII fighting at Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Saipan, and the Philippines, just to name a few.

So why is this important? The U.S.S. Tennessee was decommissioned in February 1947 making 2022 the 75th anniversary. Would you be interested in helping out with a special event station to honor those who served on her? More discussion to follow at October club meeting. Save the last weekend of February 2022 for the event. We hope to lock down more details soon. [LEARN MORE](#)

Ham and Eggs



We are hoping to start the rotation between counties/states but need your help in picking a date and place. It can be a breakfast or lunch if you want! We may even do one in Cumberland!



In 2022 the BSFARC will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary as a club. Stephen (K14NG) is starting to form a committee to help plan the year long celebration. He needs your suggestions and some help to make it a success.



EMCOMM/ARES Net

We are looking for volunteer NCS operators for all counties as this is a great way to practice copying call signs and handling traffic. No experience required and scripts are available!!

Come and join the Scott County ARES NET on the 145.350 repeater system (PL77 Hz) on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of each month.

Please don't forget that the Morgan County ARES NET happens every Monday at 7pm ET on the 147.255 repeater system (PL 94.8 optional).

Fentress ARES NET is on Tuesday nights at 8:00pm CT/9:00 ET is now on the 443.625 repeater (PL 100



For more information check out our [club calendar](#) and search for Hamfest to see all of the upcoming hamfests!

- September 24th - 25th Pigeon Forge ARRL event in Sevierville
- October 16th [Hamfest Chattanooga 2021](#)
- October 16th [W4NC FallFest](#) Winston-Salem NC
- November 6th [Stone Mountain Hamfest](#) - Lawrenceville GA
- The Dayton Ham Fest has been postponed until 2022 :(

Fox Hunt 2021

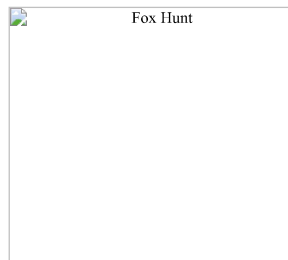
October 2nd 11am to 2:00pm



It's fox season! Saturday October 2nd starting at 11:00am we will have an hour practice session with the hidden transmitter. It will be a chance to hone your hunting skills knowing where the transmitter is located. At noon we will have a picnic (plates and utensils furnished). Please bring your own lunch and beverages for this event. After lunch starting around 1:00pm we will then hunt for the hidden transmitter. Come for the hunt, lunch or simply enjoy watching us wander around looking for the fox!

Location: Oneida City Park at the last pavillion down by the stage. Bathrooms will be close by and it does require a short walk to them. We will have a 2-meter station on the 145.350 repeater for a talk in. Take US27 to Oneida and follow the detour in the curve with the flashing traffic light. That would be TN297/TN456/Paint Rock Road, You will cross over the railroad bridge and the park will be on your left. It is on Park Road but no address. No cost for admission.

Ready to build your own antenna [MORE INFO](#)



suggested).

Fentress County

ARES Meeting

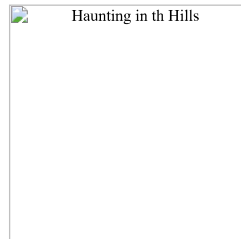
The Fentress County group meets on the **FOURTH** Monday of each month at their E911 center at 7pm **CENTRAL TIME**. All are welcome to attend. Check in the Fentress County NET for the latest updates as they have re-started their in-person meetings.

Morgan County

ARES Meeting

The Morgan County ARES team now meets the first Monday of each month from 7-9pm at the Morgan County E911. Check into the Morgan County NET for the latest updates.

Haunting in the Hills



Thanks to Austin K5QF, Dale KO4DHA, Jamie KO4LVG and Kelly KI4JAV for helping out with a very successful event. What started out as a rainy Saturday turned out to be a good day to activate an HF station with Parks On The Air (POTA). Come to the October meeting for an update on the event.

RF Exposure



The following links are to ARRL information on RF safety. Some of the information, such as the descriptions about how to determine if a station is exempt from doing an evaluation, has been superseded by the recent changes to the FCC rules. See the Frequency Asked Questions link above for more information about the new rules.

The ARRL Handbook's RF safety coverage as a PDF
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/RFsafetyCommittee/28RFSafety.pdf>

The ARRL book, RF Exposure and You, is available for free download:
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/RFsafetyCommittee/RF%20Exposure%20and%20You.pdf>
[Four page index.](#)

Here is a [LINK](#) to your very own RF Exposure calculator that will print your information so that you may include as part of your station information to remain in FCC compliance for reporting.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Click the calendar which is [LINKED](#) to our web site for a current copy

As always we welcome and value your input!

Drop us an email and let our editor know if this format works for you. We are also looking for articles from you as well.