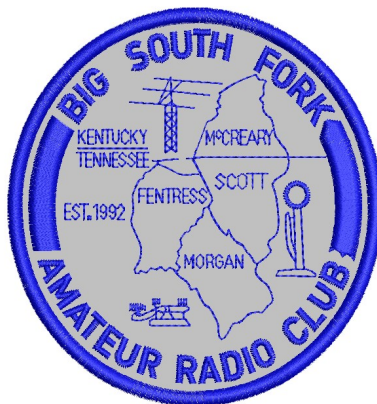


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Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club

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Club Membership Grace Period Ends March 1st

Club dues of \$10.00 for the first family member and \$5.00 for each residing at the same location are payable either via cash or check at the next club meeting. You may also mail a check to our treasurer at Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club 254 Laurens Lane, Grimsley TN 38565-6003

Next BSFARC Meeting

Calendar

Our next club meeting will be on March 11th @ 7:00pm.at the Scott County Mayor's office.

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. We will be attempting to social distance and masks are encouraged.

February Meeting Results

New Member!

Welcome Austin Cates K5QF who joined the BSFARC family at the February Meeting. Austin is currently the Fentress County ARES Emergency Coordinator. He is also active with the Fentress County Amateur Radio Group in addition to be a VE for the Laurel VEC through the Cumberland Plateau Amateur Radio Club out of Crossville. Austin brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our club as well.



Come and join the YL's (Young Ladies) as they have their own dedicated NET

We had a brief meeting as we accepted the resignation of Matt Reed our former President and Irene Reed our former Treasurer. The meeting minutes link is below:

[Meeting](#)



American Red Cross

The Spring 2021 Red Cross Nationwide Emergency Communications Winlink Exercise will be held on May 8, which is World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2021.

Ahead of the May nationwide exercise, the American Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Communications training group will continue its *Winlink Thursdays* training sessions on the second Thursday of the months of March and April.

every Tuesday at 7pm (Eastern) on the 145.350 repeater system. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join in.

Ham and Eggs

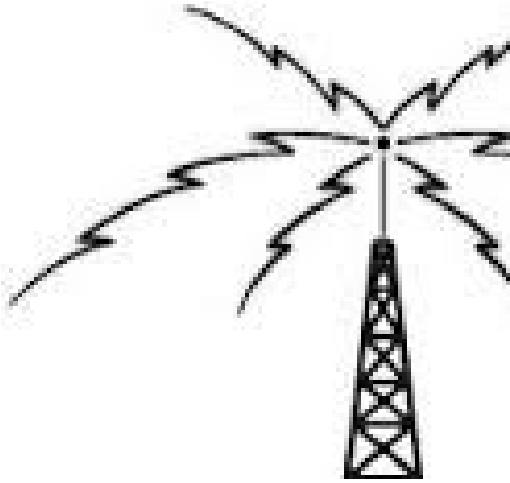


We are hoping to start the rotation between counties/states but need your help in picking a date and place. It can be a breakfast or lunch if you want! We may even do one in Cumberland!

Amateur Radio Tests



We are working through the recent changes to the VE testing process. Stay tuned as Julian W5EDQ helps us navigate through the process. Check the



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 on the 147.090 repeater (no PL required).

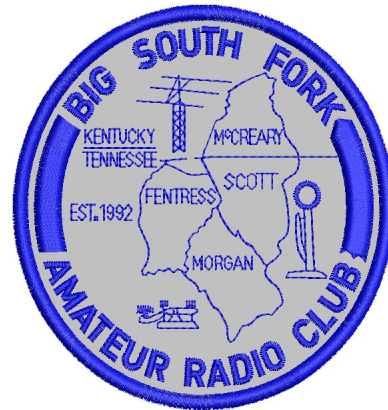
[calendar](#) for the next session and more information.

For Sale/Trade

Antron 99 base antenna trimmed to 10 meter \$40.00

timmorgan212@gmail.com

Web Site Updates



We have been battling some hackers on our web site. Special thanks to Jerry KB4PNG for all the time invested in 'cleaning' the site and to Lee WB3AJS/Dinah KD2LSA for their donation of the virus protection software subscription. Changes are coming including a more secure environment and possibly a chat page as well. We may be going to a ORG web site to better reflect the intent of our web site as an organization rather than a commercial account.

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 that normally on the first Saturday of each month from 10-Noon at the Morgan County E911. The next meeting will be November 7th. Check in the Morgan County NET for the latest updates.

Club Apparel

The password to the member's only section will also be changed on March 1st.

<https://bsfarc.com/>



Are you ready for some exciting field communications? As the primary communications link for the Dark Sky 50 ultra-marathon we need volunteers to staff the communications positions at various check points on the course. Mark your calendars for May 1st and let Buddy W7BSF know that you are ready to help out.



March 13th [MTARS Tullahoma Hamfest, Outdoor Tailgate](#)



We have made a decision to use the Rugby Screen Printers Guild for our new shirts. They will have the club logo silkscreened on the back (not vinyl) and offered either in long or short sleeves. The official colors will have the blue logo on a gray shirt. Cost is \$5.00 for short sleeves and \$8.00 for long sleeves. Add \$2.00 for 2XL and 3XL. Sign up to pre-order your shirt today as we will order in March for delivery in April.

Club



Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June (26th-27th), beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day

March 27th [8th Sevier County 2021 Hamfest](#)

April 10th [Memphis FreeFest](#)

April 17th - [AJARC Hamfest 2021](#)

Greenville TN

June 19th - [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention, ARRL Tennessee State Convention](#)

The Dayton Ham Fest has been postponed until 2022 :(



The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) has announced dates in 2021 during which MARS members will operate on 60 meters or interoperability with the amateur radio community. Some dates coincide with quarterly Department of Defense Communications Exercises (COMEX). All exercises will begin on channel 1 as the initial calling channel and move to other 60-meter working channels as may be appropriate.

February 23 - 27

2021 is June 26-27. Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, All modes.

We need your input now to make this year better than the last.

Talking to Astronauts: An Elementary School's Exciting ARISS Contact

This is a story about Tallmadge Elementary School's participation in a once-in-a-lifetime ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) school contact. You'll learn about their amazing journey leading up to the amateur radio contact with an astronaut on the International Space Station. The excitement of the entire experience was shared not just by the students, but included faculty, parents, community, and local amateur radio operators. You will also learn how to begin the process of submitting your own ARISS contact proposal.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 1 pm EST
(1800 UTC) [Requires ARRL Membership LINK](#)

Exercise: DOD COMEX 21-1

Location: CONUS

March 1 - 7

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

April 3 - 10

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

Big South Fork Planting Festival April 24th

Spring, a time for new beginnings and growth. With that in mind it is time to let everyone know about our club by having a booth at the festival. Want to help or need more information let Bill KC8SPV know!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

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

< > Today MARCH 2021 ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC Morgan- ARES NET 147.255	2 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM YL NET 145.350 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM Fentress County ARES NET 147.090	3	4 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC - Scott ARES NET 145.350	5	6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BSFARC Morgan- ARES Monthly Training	7
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As always we welcome and value your input!

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