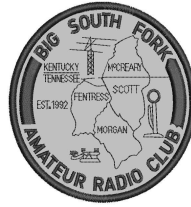


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## The Modulator

***Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club***

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### Meeting Minutes

We publish the club's meeting minutes every month and they are all posted in the member's only section of our web site. Last month we sent out the meeting minutes much like this newsletter, but only to our current members. We got some positive feedback as it was easier to have the email rather than to go look for the minutes on the web site. We will

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### 2022 Annual Dues

Our annual membership dues will remain at \$10.00 for the first licensed operator of the household and \$5.00 for each living at the same address.

Dues may be sent with a check payable to:  
Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club  
254 Laurens Lane

continue to provide the club's meeting minutes through a special email.

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## Did you know?

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

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## Next Regular BSFARC Meeting

[Calendar](#)

We missed you at our last club meeting! Our next club meeting will be on **February 10th @ 7:00pm** in room 101 (room may change) at:  
Roane State Community College  
410 W.H. Swain Boulevard  
Huntsville, TN 37756

*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.

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## 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!



This year the BSFARC will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as a club. Stephen (K4ANC) is starting to form

Grimsley, TN 38565

Dues are payable at any club meeting and must be **paid in full by the March meeting**,



Parks on the Air <sup>SM</sup> (POTA) is an ongoing program, it encourages amateur radio operators in developing their skills, fostering community and demonstrating the hobby to the public. Being located next door to Big South Fork National Wild and Scenic River (K-0686) and Obed National Wild and Scenic River (K-0685) it gives us the chance to activate a remote station in a beautiful setting. The club's call sign W4BSF has been registered as an activator/hunter for this program. Other locations include state parks, state forests and state natural areas such as Rugby. Dale KO4DHA at last count had 396 parks in his log! [MORE INFORMATION](#)



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](#).

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## Amateur Radio Tests



club. Stephen (N4HVG) 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.

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The Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club affiliation with the ARRL was approved by back in November 1994. Thet winter weather prevented the official presentation until the February 1995 club meeting. we encourage all of our members to also become ARRL members as well.



Jim Kerns N4PUQ presents the club's ARRL Affiliation Certificate to Esau Burchfield, Jr WA4WMN February 7, 1995



Jim Kerns N4PUQ (representing ARRL), BSFARC President Esau Burchfield Jr WA4WMN, Vice President Harold D West N4XNR, and Secretary/Treasurer Randy Gilreath AD4WB with the club's ARRL Affiliation Certificate February 7, 1995.

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## Technician Exam questions to change 6-30-2022!!

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.

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

**February 25-26, 2022**



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 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

## 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 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 normally meets the first Saturday of each month from 10-Noon at the Morgan County E911. **The facility is currently unavailable, so all meetings are on hold for now.** Check into the Morgan County NET for the latest updates.

## Volunteers Needed!



## LAST CALL

We are in need of some help for the

to honor those who served on her? More discussion to follow at January club meeting. The special event station page has been updated. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Long Range Planner

[February 25-26th, 2022 USS Tennessee Special Event Station](#)

March 12, 2022- [MTARS Tullahoma Hamfest](#)

[March 5-6, 2022 ARRL DX Contest \(Phone Only\)](#)

[April 16, 2022 Greenville Hamfest](#)

April 30, 2022 Big South Fork Spring Planting Festival

~~[May 7, 2022 Dark Sky 50 Ultra Marathon](#)~~

June 18, 2022 - [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention, ARRL Tennessee State Convention](#)

## Dark Sky 50 Ultramarathon Fall 2022



### SCHEDULE CHANGE!

The race will probably be moved to a fall 2022 date at this point. For 2022 Jamie N4XJS and Dale KO4DHA our race coordinators are now recruiting volunteers. [LERAN MORE](#)



USS Tennessee special event station in February. Radio operators (phone, CW and digital) are needed in addition to some setup and takedown help. We also need to have help in logging the contacts which you would work closely with the radio operator. We have one volunteer to help with hospitality (food) and could use at least one more to lighten the load. Let Kelly KI4JAV or Bill KF4TY know if you are able to volunteer.



Our ARES County Emergency Coordinators are working on getting a Zoom class scheduled for the 1st quarter of 2022. Details to follow!!



At the January meeting the board of directors recommended that Harold D. West Sr (N4XNR) be honored with a BSFARC lifetime membership. Harold is an original founding member of the club and while no longer active with us his contributions have made us what we are today. The general membership unanimously approved his lifetime membership. A certificate in his honor will be sent along with a letter of congratulations.



Please extend a BSFARC warm welcome to Sandra Engle who resides in Helenwood and has the call sign of KC9IXM. Sandra is friends with Jack and Lynn. Listen for Sandra on a future YL net!

We would also like to welcome Carolyn Bankston as a new member as well. Carolyn has let her license lapse but still enjoys hanging out the BSFARC family.



KO4WDG

A big shout out to Jack Wittey (KO4DWG) for passing his technician exam on January 13th. Jack attended his first meeting in December and then purchased an HT while he studied for his test. We are looking forward to hearing him on the air soon once his 'ticket' arrives. Congratulations Jack and a big thank you to our VE team for arranging the testing session as well.

## Other Special Event Station Opportunities

### 02/01/2022 | JY1 Memorial Special Event

Feb 1-Feb 28, 0000Z-2359Z, N9SES, Lake Station, IN. Arab QRZ International. 14.025 14.076 14.250 21.025. QSL. Ayman Azar, 2861 Decatur Street, Lake Station, IN 46405.

<https://www.n9ses.com/jy1-memorial-special-event-station>

### 02/19/2022 | George Washington's Birthday

Feb 19-Feb 20, 1700Z-1000Z, K4US, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 14.074 7.040. QSL. MVARC, P.O. Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. Annual station celebrating our first president's birthday is held on the grounds of his Monticello home at the VA

## 02/05/2022 | EARS (Ellijay Amateur Radio Society) 25th Anniversary

Feb 5-Feb 13, 1500Z-2300Z, W4HHH, Ellijay, GA. Ellijay Amateur Radio Society (EARS). 14.171 7.171. Certificate & QSL. Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, 78 N Garrett Branch Road, Ellijay, GA 30536. W4HHH will transmit on 10, 12, 15 17, 20 40 80 & 160 meter bands off and on throughout the 9 days of the event. The certificate will indicate which of the several operators are contracted and, hopefully, participants will try for a clean sweep and contact all EARS operators. [w4hhh.org](http://w4hhh.org)

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## 02/05/2022 | Republic of Texas Central National Road

Feb 5, 1400Z-2200Z, K5R, Rockwall, TX. Rockwall Amateur Radio Club. 14.050 14.074 14.265. QSL. Rockwall Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 1791, Rockwall, TX 75087. Commemorating the Republic of Texas Central National Road and it's impact on the history of Rockwall and all of Texas. Planned operation on CW, FT-8, and SSB. QSL card available for download from the Rockwall Amateur Radio Club website. [sites.google.com/site/rarck5rkw](https://sites.google.com/site/rarck5rkw)

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## 02/05/2022 | Traveler's Rest RV Resort and Golf Course 50th Anniversary

Feb 5, 1200Z-2000Z, W5O, Dade City, FL. Traveler's Rest ARC. 7.240 14.240. Certificate. K4TRR Anniversary, 29129 Johnston Rd. Lot 09-03, Dade City, FL 33523. Members of K5TRR (club station for Traveler's Rest RV Resort and Golf Course) celebrating 50 years of service to the RV-Ham traveler. [k4trrinfo@gmail.com](mailto:k4trrinfo@gmail.com)

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## 02/05/2022 | Traveler's Rest RV Resort and Golf Course 50th Anniversary

grounds or his virginia home at the Mt Vernon Greenhouse. QSL with SASE to: MVARC P.O. Box 7234 Alexandria, VA 22307 [mvarc.org](http://mvarc.org)

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## 02/19/2022 | Ice Station WØJH (Frozen Lake Portable)

Feb 19-Feb 21, 1600Z-2300Z, WØJH, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater, MN Amateur Radio Assoc. (SARA). 3.860 7.260 14.260 21.360. Certificate. Shel Mann, 1618 Pine St. West, Stillwater, MN 55082. WØJH is operating portable from a frozen lake in Washington County, Minnesota (Grid Square EN34). Certificates will ONLY be sent via email in PDF format. (Send requests with standard QSL confirmation info to: IceStation2022@radioham.org). There is no need to send a QSL card. Info: WØJH at [www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com) & [www.radioham.org](http://www.radioham.org) [IceStation2022@radioham.org](mailto:IceStation2022@radioham.org)

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## 02/19/2022 | Scouts BSA WHOA Weekend

Feb 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M, Russell, MA. Western Massachusetts Council, Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.115 14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, WA1HRH, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. Monthly seasonal outdoor activities for Scouts and the general public including "ham radio in the woods." Paper logging. QSL via SASE and eQSL.

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## 02/19/2022 | Voice of America 80th Anniversary of the First Broadcast Overseas

Feb 19-Feb 21, 1400Z-2359Z, W3V, Washington, DC. Voice of America Amateur Radio Club. 3.880 7.280 14.280. Certificate & QSL. Voice of America Amateur Radio Club, 330 Independence Ave. SW, Rm 2525-croft, Washington, DC 20237-0073. Also operating W8O and W4A. See separate listings. <https://www.qsl.net/k3voa>

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[k4trinfo@gmail.com](mailto:k4trinfo@gmail.com)

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#### 02/07/2022 | Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 7-Feb 14, 1200Z-0600Z, W9L/K9L, Lerna, IL. National Trail Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.250. QSL. National Trail Amateur Radio Club, Attn: Lincoln Birthday, P.O. Box 903, Effingham, IL 62401. All bands all modes. K9L will be managed by multiple club members running from home Feb. 7th thru the 13th. W9L will only be used on location at the farm owned by President Lincoln's father and stepmother. Lincoln Log Cabin information can be found at [www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org). Special event QSL cards can be obtained by sending a SASE to NATIONAL TRAIL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC Attn: Lincoln Birthday PO BOX 903 Effingham, IL 62401  
[www.nationaltrailarc.org](http://www.nationaltrailarc.org)

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#### 02/12/2022 | Washington's Birthday

Feb 12, 1500Z-2100Z, W0ARC, Washington, IA. Washington Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc.. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Mark Lukins, 802 N 2nd Ave, Washington, IA 52353. SASE please.  
[www.waarc.net](http://www.waarc.net)

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#### 02/13/2022 | Wisconsin SimCom 2022

Feb 13-Feb 20, 0600Z-0600Z, W9WCA, Junction City, WI. Wood County ARES/RACES. Allstar 52770/Echolink W9WCA-L 7.250 14.250 3.970. QSL. Wood County ARES/RACES, Attn: SimCom SES, 5421 Madison Circle, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. This is the special event for the 2022 SimComm exercise in Lake Delton, Wisconsin. We will be operating the event outside of the

#### America 80th Anniversary of the First Broadcast Overseas

Feb 19-Feb 21, 1400Z-2359Z, W8O, West Chester, OH. West Chester Amateur Radio Association. 3.880 7.280 14.280. Certificate & QSL. West Chester Amateur Radio Association, 8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH 45069. W3V and W4A also participating. See separate listings. <https://wc8voa.org>

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#### 02/19/2022 | Voice of America 80th Anniversary of the First Broadcast Overseas

Feb 19-Feb 21, 1400Z-2359Z, W4A, Greenville, NC. Bright Leaf Amateur Radio Club. 3.880 7.280 14.280. Certificate & QSL. Bright Leaf Amateur Radio Club, c/o Eddie R. Campbell, W4JNC, 2421 Cobb Dail Rd., Farmville, NC 27828. W3V and W8O also participating. See separate listings.  
<https://w4amc.com>

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#### 02/20/2022 | George Washington's Birthday

Feb 20-Feb 22, 1900Z-2359Z, WS7G, George, WA. Columbia Basin DX Club. 14.322 7.222 3.855. Certificate & QSL. Brian Nielson, 11650 Road 1 SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. we will be celebrating George Washington's birthday from George, Washington.  
[cbn.homestead.com/WS7G.html](http://cbn.homestead.com/WS7G.html)

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#### 02/25/2022 | 75th Anniversary of Decommissioning USS Tennessee (BB43)

Feb 25-Feb 26, 1422Z-1422Z, W4BSF, Huntsville, TN. Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club - Scott County ARES. 14.250. Certificate & QSL. Big South

will be operating the event outside of the times we will be directly performing tasks related to the exercise. QSL with SASE via W9BBF. [kb9stb@gmail.com](mailto:kb9stb@gmail.com)

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### Speedweek/Daytona 500

Feb 16-Feb 20, 0000Z-2359Z, N4DAB, Daytona Beach, FL. Daytona Beach CERT Amateur Radio Team. 14.255 14.074 7.255 7.074. Certificate. Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, Trustee, 536 Central Park Blvd., Ponce Inlet, FL 32127. [n4dab@n4dab.com](mailto:n4dab@n4dab.com) or [www.n4dab.com](http://www.n4dab.com)

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### 02/17/2022 | HL Hunley Commemoration and Special Event

Feb 17, 1400Z-1900Z, N4HLH, Sullivans Island, SC. Trident Amateur Radio Club. 14.262 7.262. QSL. QSL Manager, P.O. Box 60732, North Charleston, SC 29419. <https://www.tridenthams.org/hl-hunley>.

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### 02/19/2022 | Cajun Coast Eagle Expo

Feb 19, 1600Z-2000Z, W5BMC, Patterson, LA. Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service [BEARS]. 7250 14250 Echo Link W5BMC-R 507010. QSL. Deborah Price N5FMI, 708 Front St, Morgan City, LA 70380. Set up will be on the banks of the Lower Atchafalaya River at Captain Caviar's Tour Boat Landing Under 200 year old live oak trees

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Fork Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 5029, Oneida, TN 37841-5029. The Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club will operate live from the USS Tennessee (BB-43) museum in Huntsville TN. 75th Anniversary of Decommissioning. For spotting, QSL/certificate information and to learn more about the USS Tennessee see [www.qrz.com/db/w4bsf](http://www.qrz.com/db/w4bsf) or [www.bsfarc.com](http://www.bsfarc.com)

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### 02/26/2022 | 18th Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event

Feb 26, 1400Z-2200Z, W0EBB, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club. 14.325 14.058 7.240 7.035. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 16th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. SASE required for a QSL please. [w0mna74@gmail.com](mailto:w0mna74@gmail.com)

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*Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special event stations offering them, send your QSO information along with a 9 \* 12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope (three units of postage) to the address listed in the announcement. To receive a special event QSL card (when offered), be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope along with your QSL card and QSO information. \*Note: Some clubs may ask for a nominal fee to cover the cost of the certificate or QSL. Request will be made on air during the event or on the sponsoring club's website.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Click the calendar which is [LINKED](#) to our web site for a current copy The on-line calendar can also be 'filtered' to only show events in your county or which ones are hamfests!



< > Today FEBRUARY 2022 ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>31</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC Morgan- ARES NET 147.255	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM YL NET 145.350 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM Fentress County ARES NET 443.625	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC - Scott ARES NET 145.350	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BSFARC Morgan- ARES Monthly Training	<b>6</b>
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