

While many New Year resolutions are quickly forgotten we hope you join us in `making 2025 a year to enhance your skills and knowledge as an amateur radio operator.

A certificate will be awarded to the person with the most points. Other categories include The Ambassador for whoever has the most points in that section. A certificate will also be awarded to the person with the most educational points.

The 'Sprint' certificate is awarded to the person who reaches 750 points first! Keep track of your points on the honor system. Repeater contacts and contacts using Echolink or similar means do not qualify. Start now and the certificates will be presented at our December 2025 meeting.

Amateur Radio License

Recruiting, training and ongoing assistance should be targeted to prospective and newly licensed hams in our community. To further encourage everyone to either obtain or upgrade their amateur radio license the following bonus points are available:

- Obtain a technician level license: 150 points
- Obtain a general class license: 500 points
- Obtain an extra class license: 1,000 points
- From unlicensed to extra in less than 12 months: 1,500 bonus points
- Assist with an exam as a VE: 50 points
- Participate in a license class as an instructor: 100 points for every volunteer hour

Be an ambassador!

To encourage everyone to help promote and be involved in amateur radio in various ways.

- Participate with the club at a festival such as the Spring Planting Festival: 25 point per volunteer hour. This is in addition to any other operating points that may be obtained.
- Attend a non-amateur radio meeting where you promote amateur radio: 25 point per volunteer hour.
- Maintain or obtain your ARRL membership: 75 points per calendar year.
- Serve as a BSFARC club officer: 75 points per calendar year.
- Post something ham related to our Facebook page monthly: 25 points per post (max 25 points per month). Admins of our page are ineligible.

Learning/Education

Continuing education in the technical aspects of Amateur Radio ensures that our club members are technically competent, familiar with and comfortable with modern radio-electronics technology.

- Attend a FEMA, NWS or other government entity training session: 25 points per hour of study.
- Participate in a license class as an instructor: 100 points for every volunteer hour.
- Attend a BSFARC license course as a student: 25 points per hour attended.
- Lead a training session/workshop during a club meeting: 50 points.
- Attend a training session/workshop during a club meeting: 10 points.
- Attend an 'Elmer' session in as either a mentor or a participant: 25 points per session.

Operating Activities:

Active participation in one or more major operating or operating support activities to ensure that you maintain a high level of operating skill.

POTA points as follows:

- Activate a park: 25 points
- Activate a new park: 10 BONUS points
- Hunt a new park: 10 points
- QSOs either as an activator or hunter: 1 point each (CW counts as 3) (see below for an additional point as these a general QSO will also count)
- Activate a new state/province or entity: 50 BONUS points
- Hunt a new state: 10 bonus points

From your 'view profile page' record the following as soon as you can:

2024 Activator:

2024 Hunter:

Activations: _____

Parks: _____

Parks: _____

QSOs: _____

QSOs: _____

From your 'my awards page' record the following on or about 12-31-2024:

Number of activated states: _____ Number of hunted states: _____

Other Activities:

- Participate in-person with the club for a public outing such as field day or POTA day (individual activities are accounted for elsewhere): 25 point per volunteer hour.
- Operate as the Net Control Station (NCS) for an emcomm NET: 25 point per session.
- Check into a daily or weekly NET focused on emcomm activities. This includes the weekly club and other county emcomm NETS in addition to the TN3980 NET: 5 points per check in. No QSO point adder is to be applied.
- Participate in a public service event such as the No Business 100 ultra-marathon: 100 points per volunteer hour.
- Participate with the club during the 'Museum Ship Weekend' in June: 50 points per volunteer hour.
- General QSOs (other the repeater contacts) as ones that you would normally log: 1 point each (CW counts as 3). Be sure to count QSOs that you made using the club call sign.
- Send a Winlink email to W4BSF@bsfarc.org monthly: 25 points for each month that a Winlink email is sent.
- Write and send either an ICS-213 or Radiogram message monthly: Max 25 points monthly
- Participate either in person or from your home in the 10-meter contest: In-person bonus 50 points. Bonus of 1 point (3 points CW) for every QSO you make. The bonus QSO points are in addition to the normal point value for a QSO (2 for SSB and 6 for CW).
- Have a non-repeater contact with another club member: Bonus of 1 point (3 points CW) per QSO (in addition to the normal point value)
- Spend more than \$100.00 on ham radio equipment: Max 1 point in a calendar year but what a great reason to buy something!

