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### The Modulator

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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.



We wish to extend a heart welcome to all our new members: Rick Davis K8DOC and Jack & Lynn Wittey.

#### Club Officer Election Results

A special thank you to our outgoing President Stephen (KI4NG) for stepping up/in when needed last year. Thank you to our returning board members and welcome Jamie as our new President.

#### 2022 Board of Directors:

- President Jamie Stringer N4XJS
- Vice President Buddy McCartt W7BSF

Rick resides in the Jamestown area since 1984 and earned his extra class ticket (K8DOC) back in 1956.

Jack and Lynn are both working towards their first license and studying hard currently. They recently moved to the Oneida area from Indiana.

We look forward to seeing you at an event, meeting or talking to you on the air!

#### Reminder

We publish the club's meeting minutes every month and they are all posted in the member's only section of our web site. So, if you missed a meeting, it's a great way of catching up on what's going on.

#### Did you know?

The majority of this newsletter has links back to our web site which contains even more information? <a href="CLUB WEB">CLUB WEB</a>
<a href="SITE">SITE</a>

- Secretary Nancy Green KC8VTT
- Treasurer Lee Wagner WB3AJS

#### 2022 Annual Dues

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

Dues may be sent with a check payable to:

Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club

254 Laurens Lane Grimsley, TN 38565

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



# Next Regular BSFARC Meeting

Calendar

We missed you at our last club meeting! We had about 17 in December and we have plenty of open seats. Our next club meeting will be on **January 13th** @ 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.

#### Ham and Eggs



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.

#### **Amateur Radio Tests**



# 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.

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 (KI4NG) is starting to form a committee to help plan the year long celebration. He needs your suggestions and some help to make it a sucess.



#### **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!!

# U.S.S. Tennessee Battleship Special Event Station February 25-26, 2022



UPDATE: We will be touring the museum Thursday December the 18th at 1:30pm Eastern. Everyone is welcome to tour with us.

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.

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 inperson meetings.

# Morgan County ARES Meeting

The Morgan County ARES team now normally meets the first Saturday of

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 January club meeting. The special event station page has been updated. <u>LEARN MORE</u>

#### Long Range Planner

February 14-18th School Club Roundup

February 19-20 ARRL DX Contest (CW Only)

February 25-26th, 2022 USS Tennessee
Special Event Station

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

Dark Sky 50 Ultramarathon May 7, 2022

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**



We are in need of some help for the 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.

#### Q Code Quick Reference



SAVE THE DATE!

It is never too early to start the planning process for the Dark Sky 50

Ultramarathon race. For 2022 Jamie N4XJS and Dale KO4DHA our race coordinators are now recruiting volunteers. LERAN MORE

# Winter Field Day January 29-30, 2022

It seems that we have quite a few snowbirds heading to warmer weather this year! We hope to start earlier next year in order to properly plan for our field day. Want to help plan our summer field day just let a club officer know! MORE

#### Amateur Radio Q-Codes

Code	When Sent as a Question	When sent as an Answer or Statement
QNI	May I join the net?	You may check in
QNU	Does the net have traffic for me?	The net has traffic for you; please stand by
QNX	May I be excused from the net?	You are excused
QRA	What is the call sign of your station?	The call sign of my station is
QRG	Will you tell me my exact frequency?	Your exact frequency (or that of ) is kHz (or MHz).
QRL	Are you busy?	I am busy. Please do not interfere.
QRM	Do you have interference?	I have (human-made) interference
QRN	Are you troubled by (natural) static?	I am troubled by (natural) static
QRO	Shall I increase power?	Increase power
QRP	Shall I decrease power?	Decrease power
QRQ	Shall I send faster?	Send faster .
QRS	Shall I send more slowly?	Send more slowly.
QRT	Shall I cease operation?	I am ceasing operation.
QRU	Have you anything for me?	I have messages for you.
QRV	Are you ready?	I am ready.
QRX	Shall I stand by?	Please stand by.
QRZ	Who is calling me?	You are being called by
QSB	Are my signals fading?	Your signals are fading.
QSK	Can you hear me between your signals?	I can hear you between my signals.
QSL	Can you acknowledge receipt?	I acknowledge receipt.
QSO	Can you communicate with?	I can communicate with
QST	Should I repeat the message to all amateurs I contact?	Here follows a message to all amateurs
QSU	Shall I send or reply on this frequency?	Send or reply on this frequency.
QSY	Shall I change to another frequency?	Change to another frequency.
QTC	How many telegrams (messages) have you to send?	I have telegrams (messages) for you (or for ).
QTH	What is your position?	My position is



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

#### Other Special Event Station Opportunities

# 01/01/2022 | American Revolution - Battle of Princeton

Jan 1-Jan 9, 0000Z-2359Z, W2P, Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.250. Certificate & QSL. DVRA, P.O. Box 7024, Trenton, NJ 08628. Info at www.w2zq.com or on qrz.com. QSL with SASE. Certificate of Commission in the Continental Army Signal Corps for address label and \$5 payable to DVRA, mailed to DVRA, PO Box 7024, West Trenton NJ 08628. www.w2zq.com

### 01/21/2022 | Silent Key Memorial Weekend

Jan 21-Jan 23, 0000Z-2359Z,
K5D/KF5UPC, Alice, TX. Coastal Band
Digital Group and South Texas Amateur
Radio Club. 14.265 7.265. Certificate.
Pedro Saenz, Jr., 611 Schley, Alice, TX
78332. Remembering those who passed
on. Our Silent Keys will never be
forgotten.pedrojr45@yahoo.com or
https://m.facebook.com/784535814939833

01/22/2022 | MRAC 105th Anniversary

## 01/02/2022 | 16th Annual Straight Key Month

Jan 2-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, K3Y/0-9
+, worldwide. SKCC - Straight Key
Century Club. 3.550 7.055 14.050
21.050. Certificate & QSL. SKCC c/o
Jeremy Downard - K8JAD, 511 W.
Pottawatamie St., Tecumseh, MI
49286. K3Y/0 thru 9 plus KH6, KL7,
KP4 and DX member stations in six
WAC areas operating straight key, bug
and cootie keys. QSL card confirms
one QSO per area, up to 19 for allarea sweep. See URL for op
sched/map, stats, etc.

https://www.skccgroup.com/k3y

### 01/15/2022 | "The 415" Amateur Radio Club

Jan 15, 1800Z-2300Z, N9WH, Crystal Lake, IL. The 415 Amateur Radio Club. 7.250 14.250 146.415. QSL. The 415 Amateur Radio Club, 3208 Bay Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60012. N9WH known as the "White House" Distinctive QSL. QSL information at www.grz.com/db/n9wh

01/15/2022 | WHOA weekend, Scouts BSA

Jan 22, 1000Z-1700Z, W9RH, Milwaukee, WI. Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club. 7.250 14.250 145.390. Certificate. MRAC Special Event, PO Box 26938, Milwaukee, WI 53226. Operating W9RH. (CQ MRAC). One of America's oldest amateur radio clubs celebrating 105 years of continuous operation. Visit our website for operating frequencies (HF, VHF, WIRES-X) and certificate information. Station will be operating from HRO-Milwaukee. For more information, visit W9RH.org.

https://www.w9rh.org

#### 01/22/2022 | Quartzfest

Jan 22-Jan 29, 1400Z-0700Z, W7Q, San Luis, AZ. Quartzfest. 7.277 +/- 20khz 14.285 +/- 20khz 28.415 +/- 20khz 14.076 +/- 20khz 7.074 +/- 20khz 28.074 +/- 20khz 21.74 +/- 20khz. Certificate. Tom Luther, 7690 W Derry rd, Kirkland, AZ 86332. https://guartzfest.org

# 01/29/2022 | California Discovery of Gold

Jan 29-Jan 31, 1600Z-0001Z, AG6AU, Coloma, CA. El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club. 7.248 14.248 21.348 28.348. QSL. El Dorado County ARC, P.O. Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667. 174th anniversary of the discovery of gold in

Jan 15, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council, Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.115 14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, WA1HRH, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. Camp/outdoor program that introduces young people to various season related activities including outdoor skills and some STEM activities. Paper logging, eqsl and sase for qsl card.

01/19/2022 | 80th Anniversary of the 8th Air Force SPECIAL EVENT

Jan 19-Jan 24, 0400Z-0359Z,
WW2FLY, Attica, NY. WWII Flying
Fortress Amateur Radio Club. 1.900
3.850 7.180 14.250. Certificate & QSL.
WWII Flying Fortress Amateur Radio
Club, 3339 Stroh Rd, Attica, NY
14011. SSB and FT8 Check spotting
networks to find us on HF More info at
www.qrz.com/db/WW2FLY

Coloma, California starting the 49'er gold rush. edcarc.net

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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2022**

Click the calendar which is <u>LINKED</u> 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!

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