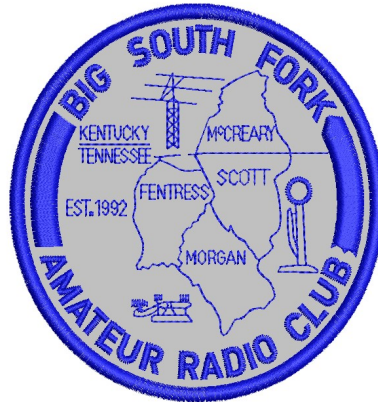


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Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club

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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.**

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

2022 Annual Dues

(LAST CALL)

site. Last month we sent out the meeting minutes much like this newsletter, but only to our current members. We will continue to provide the club's meeting minutes through a special email.

If you have not renewed for 2022 no minutes will be sent electronically starting next month.

Field Day June 25-26



The last weekend in June is always the ARRL Field Day. Think of it as a ham radio open house where more than 40,000 radio operators setup portable/temporary stations in public areas to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our local communities. We need at least two volunteers to help organize this event. More discussion will be held at the next club meeting.

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
Grimsley, TN 38565

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



Parks on the Air SM (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-

Next Regular BSFARC Meeting

[Calendar](#)

We missed you at our last club meeting! Our next club meeting will be March 10th @ 7:00pm ET 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



Our next Ham and Eggs breakfast is February 22nd at 7:30 ET. We will be

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 428 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. Check out the YL page on the [club's web site.](#)

Amateur Radio Tests

meeting at RaeZacks in Helenwood on US27.

On March 10th we will stopping back by RaeZacks for a quick bite before the club meeting. Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45pm ET so we can get to the meeting on time. RSVP to Bill KF4TY so he can get us the correct size table(s).

Our Ham and Eggs schedule will be discussed at the next club meeting as well to determine the timing and rotation of our social get togethers.



This year the BSFARC will be celebrating our 30th 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 success.

Club Member License Upgrades



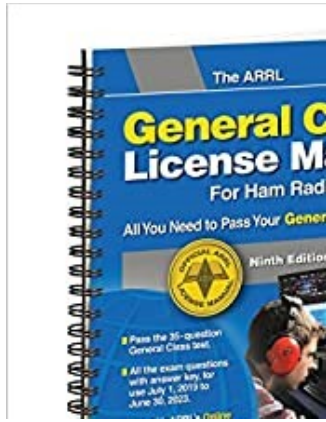
Technician Exam questions to change 6-30-2022!!

Time is running out quickly if you plan to sit for your technician test.

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.

U.S.S. Tennessee Battleship Special Event Station

February 25-26, 2022



Congratulations to Nancy KC8VTT/AG on passing her General Class exam this month!



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 at 7:00pm ET.

Please don't forget that the Morgan County ARES NET happens every



Our media campaign has been a big success as we will have WECO radio station on-site for a live remote and they will be interviewing some of our volunteers. We have reached about 200,000 people so far via Facebook postings and received responses from Europe already looking forward to making contact with us.

LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The special event station page has been updated. [LEARN MORE](#)

Long Range Event Planner

Most of the events below have a LINK associated with them to take you directly to their web site. We are not responsible for their content.

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

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.

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

[March 5, 2022 Cave City KY Hamfest](#)

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

[March 19, 2022 Sevierville TN Hamfest](#)

[April 9, 2022 Memphis TN Hamfest](#)

[April 16, 2022 Greenville Hamfest](#)

[April 16 Raleigh NC Hamfest](#)

April 30, 2022 Big South Fork Spring Planting Festival

[May 20-22, 2022 Dayton Hamvention®](#)

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

June 25-26, 2022 ARRL Field Day

[August 20-21, 2022 Huntsville AL Hamfest](#)

[October 17-21 School Club Roundup](#)

[December 10-11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)

Spring Planting Festival

Volunteers Needed!



LAST CALL

We are in need of some help for the USS Tennessee special event station for logging the contacts using our computer. You would work closely with the radio operator and on the spot training is provided as the program is not hard to use. We have one volunteer to help with hospitality (food) on Friday and could use at least one more to lighten the load. Let Kelly KI4JAV or Bill KF4TY know if you are able to volunteer.



Beginning Sunday, February 20th, the National Weather Service offices that serve Tennessee will be conducting Severe Weather Awareness Week 2022.

The Morristown National Weather Service is offering virtual SKWARN spotter training. It consists of four interactive sections to complete, followed by a final exam that must be

April 30th @ Bandy Creek Visitors Center in Big South Fork NRA park.



Once again, the BSFARC team will have a booth at the Spring Planting Festival to help raise the awareness of amateur radio in our area. It is also a great opportunity to have a POTA (Parks On The Air Station). Everyone is welcome to stop by and say hi to Jamie N4XJS, Julian W5EDQ and Kelly KI4JAV as they will be our radio good-will ambassadors.

Did you know?

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

Mc Creary Gravel Rally

April 30th in McCreary County. Contact Lee WB3AJS, Dinah KD2LSA or Austin

taken to receive credit. After finishing the exam, please be patient and understand that up to two weeks may pass between completing the exam and receiving your spotter ID card and certificate. [LINK TO TRAINING](#)

The Nashville office for the National Weather Service is offering on-line instructor led training for Middle TN residents (Fentress County). Click the class below to register on-line. Classes are generally 1.5 to 2 hours and all times are in Central Time.

[Tue 3-1-2022 1:00pm Basic Training](#)

[Wed 3-2-2022 6:30pm Basic Training](#)

[Thu 3-10-2022 6:30pm Basic Training](#)

[Tue 3-15-2022 6:30pm Basic Training](#)

[Mon 3-21-2022 10:00am Basic Training](#)

[Tue 3-22-2022 6:30pm Advanced Training](#)

[Mon 3-28-2022 1:00pm Advanced Training](#)

K5QF for more information or if you can help out by providing radio communications (2 meter) at a check point.

Sell or Swap Corner

For Sale: (Non-Club Member)
Approximately 35' channel master tower (some damage to base section) and 11-meter (CB) 4-element quad antenna. \$250.00 you take down. Debby Anderson 423-319-7831



For Sale: [Yaseu FT857D](#) the world's smallest HF/VHF/UHF mobile transceiver. Been used a couple of times in the field (protected from the weather) but never as a mobile. Ideal POTA station as all bands and very small. Includes original box and manual. Ideal for entry level into the HF world or for mobile use. Power supply not included. \$800.00 or best offer. Looking to fund another radio purchase! Bill KF4TY

Other Special Event Station Opportunities

02/05/2022 | TM9AP in memory of F9AP(SK)

Feb 5-Mar 6, 0900Z-2000Z, TM9AP, PARIS, FRANCE. FIRAC F5KTR. 14.070 14.074 21.074. QSL. Radio Club F5KTR, 9 rue du Chateau Landon, Paris 75010, FRANCE. In memory of Andre F9AP (SK) ARRL life member. the radio club F5KTR/F5RAC/F6RAC will activate TM9AP during the week ends. Modes FT8, PSK, HF SSB le.grac.free.fr



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 Fork Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 5029, Oneida, TN 37841-5029. The Big

03/18/2022 | HamSCI 2022 Conference

Mar 18-Mar 20, 1400Z-0400Z, NN4SA, Huntsville, AL. HamSCI and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center ARC. 14.245 7.245 14.074 7.074. QSL. NASA MSFC ARC, c/o Matt McDougal, PO Box 12804, Huntsville, AL 35815. HamSCI and NASA MSFC ARC will operate from HamSCI Conference venue near Space and Rocket Center. Will be operating various bands and modes. Check spotting networks for frequencies and modes. Event info at hamsci.org and nn4sa.org. Send SASE for special QSL card. www.qrz.com/db/nn4sa

03/18/2022 | National Viet Nam War Veterans Day

Mar 18, 1800Z-2200Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 ART. 7.275mhz +/- 5 khz. QSL. American Legion Post 275 ART, 8201 Martin Luthor King Jr. Hwy, Lanham, MD 20706. wa3dvo@verizon.net

03/19/2022 | Cherry Blossom Special Event Station

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 or www.bsfar.com

03/01/2022 | 100th Anniversary of WWL 870 AM

Mar 1-Mar 31, 0000Z-2359Z, W5WWL, New Orleans, LA. WWL Amateur Radio Club. 3.900 7.235 14.285 7.025. QSL. WWL ARC, 127 Highway Drive, New Orleans, LA 70121. www.qrz.com/db/w5wwl

03/01/2022 | 80th Anniversary Avro Lancaster - 1st Operational Sortie

Mar 1-Mar 28, 0001Z-2359Z, GB80LAN, Luton, UNITED KINGDOM. Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society. 14.270 14.055 14.074 3.710. QSL. See website, for QSL information, RAF Waddington, RAF Halton, RAF Cosford, RAF East Kirkby, ENGLAND. The call will be active from four different locations at three Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Club Stations Waddington, Halton,

Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.225. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208-4862. w4bkm.org

03/19/2022 | National Quilting Day

Mar 19-Mar 20, 1400Z-0200Z, N0Q, Parker, CO. Cynthia Smith. 7.200 14.250; SSB and FT8. . QSL. Cynthia Smith, 23612 Glenmoor Dr, Parker, CO 80138-3112. Celebrating the art of quilting. Modes are SSB and FT8. Operating hours are 0800 MDT to 2000 MDT. QSL via KB2UKM by 31 May with SASE. Msgt_smith_cap@hotmail.com

03/19/2022 | Scouts BSA WHOA weekend

Mar 19, 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. Monthly seasonal outdoor activities for Scouts and the general public including "ham radio in the woods." Paper logging. QSL via SASE and eQSL.

Cosford and ex RAF East Kirkby (home of Lancaster "Just Jane"). Hopefully the call will be active on all bands and modes 160m - 70cms during the event. More info on qrz.com and rafars.org. VK80LAN & VE80LAN are also hoped to be on the air. www.qrz.com/db/gb80lan

03/01/2022 | Battleship Texas Birthday # 108

Mar 1-Mar 15, 0000Z-0000Z, W5T, Cleburne, TX. Club KC5NX. 14.255 14.045 7.240 7.235. QSL. Club KC5NX, 9200 Summit Court West, Cleburne, TX 76033-8212. Club KC5NX will again be on the air the first week of March to celebrate the Birthday of the Battleship Texas.... We have 500 QSL cards on hand now and waiting to say Howdy to Y'All..... come help us celebrate.... see QRZ.COM and or set up a time to work us..... 73 www.qrz.com/db/kc5nx

03/03/2022 | Copper Dog 150 Dog Sled Race

Mar 3-Mar 7, 1200Z-2000Z, K9C, Calumet, MI. Keweenaw County Repeater Association. 7.225 MHz 3.825 MHz. QSL. KCRA, 51950 Boston Road, Hancock, MI 49930.

03/22/2022 | Honoring World War II Gunners at Buckingham Airfield

Mar 22-Mar 24, 1400Z-2100Z, W4LX, Fort Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club. 28.360 21.360 14.270 146.685. Certificate & QSL. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 61183, Fort Myers, FL 33906. <https://fmarc.net>

03/26/2022 | Commemoration of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend

Mar 26, 1400Z-2200Z, K4YWE/N4H, Alexander City, AL. Lake Martin Amateur Radio Club. 7.240 14.240. QSL. Michael Courtney, KK4AUP, 80 Herren Hill Road, Suite F, Tallassee, AL 36078. mikecourtney@charter.net

03/26/2022 | Walk for Water Charleston 2022

Mar 26, 0000Z-2359Z, W4W, Goose Creek, SC. Carolina SideWinders of the Lowcountry. 14.316 7.216 14.074. QSL. Carolina SideWinders, 318 Jennie St., Goose Creek, SC 29445. Around the world, more than 2.2 billion people do not have access to safe water. Water

www.qrz.com/db/k9c or <https://kcra-mi.net>

03/12/2022 | USS Midway Special Event: Launching of USS Midway

Mar 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 (PSK31) DSTAR (Papa Sys Rept). QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

03/14/2022 | PI Day - David Sarnoff Radio Club, Princeton, NJ

Mar 14, 0000Z-2359Z, N3P, Burlington, NJ. David Sarnoff Radio Club. 14.031 MHz 14.314 MHz 7.031 MHz 7.227 MHz. QSL. Don Corrington, 7 Pinewald Lane, Burlington, NJ 08016-3421. n2re.org

Mission International raises funds and awareness to fight the global water crisis by walking, so others don't have to. km4sw_614@yahoo.com

03/29/2022 | National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 29, 1600Z-2130Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250. QSL. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Operation aboard the USS KIDD (DD-661). WW II Fletcher class destroyer. qrz.com/db/w5kid

*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 MARCH 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!

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