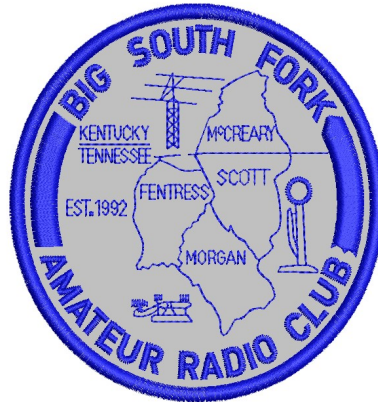


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## The Modulator

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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.

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## Next BSFARC Meeting

[Calendar](#)

Our next club meeting will be on February 11th @ 7:00pm. at the Rae Zacks. Come early for dinner if you would like or dessert during the meeting!

*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. RaeZacks is located at 14428 Scott Hwy, Helenwood, TN 37755 We will be attempting to social distance and masks are encouraged.

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## January Meeting



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.

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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!

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We had our virtual Zoom meeting on January 14th with 14 in attendance. It was nice to see everyone as we could not meet in person due to the current state's current health (COVID-19) guidelines. The meeting minutes link is below:

[Meeting](#)



## 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

## Amateur Radio Tests



Matt Reed WT4FU and Virgil Gibson W4OME are now offering amateur radio testing through the [Aurora Radio Club's VE program](#) which is sponsored by ARRL. Licenses are generally available less than an 48 hours after you pass the exam. Check the [calendar](#) for the next session and more information.

## For Sale/Trade

Antron 99 base antenna trimmed to 10 meter \$40.00  
timmorgan212@gmail.com

## Winter 2021 Field Day

January 30/31



(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).

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## 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.

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## 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

Last year we had a great time at the East Rim Overlook where we set up for Winter Field Day. It even snowed a bit for us! Let us know your thoughts and if you can help plan this with us. Reach out to Buddy W7BSF to lend a hand!

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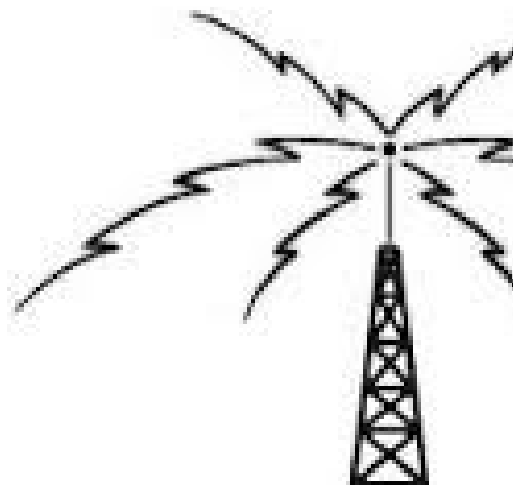
## Repeater Updates

The Fentress County repeater 147.090 is back up!

Here is the video of the water tower:



Watch for WX4TEN and their new repeater in the Wartburg area to come on line soon. It will be at 443.825 with a + 5mhz offset. Thanks to Tom KK4ZNC for the update!



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## Web Site Updates

November 7th. Check in the Morgan County NET for the latest updates.

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## Club Apparel

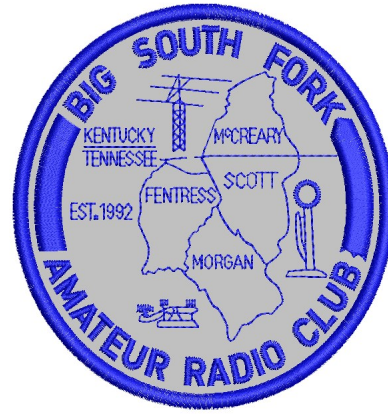


We have made a decision to use the Rugby Screen Printers Guild for our new shirts. They will have the club logo silkscreened on the back (not vinyl) and offered either in long or short sleeves. The official colors will have the blue logo on a gray shirt. Cost is \$5.00 for short sleeves and \$8.00 for 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](#)

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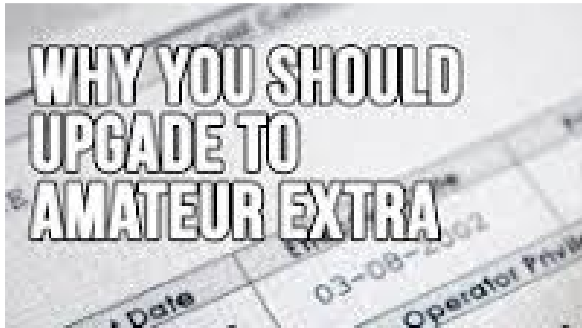
## Extra Class Upgrades



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.

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It appears that both Irene KN4ZHL and Stephen KC4DNY have watched the video (see above link) as they passed their Extra Class examinations. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 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.

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 that you are ready to help out.

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#### LOCAL HAM RADIO SWAP MEET EVENTS



April 17th - Greenville TN

June 19th - Knoxville

The Dayton Ham Fest has been postponed until 2022 :(

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

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

< > Today FEBRUARY 2021 ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>1</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC Morgan-ARES NET 147.255	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM YL NET 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM Fentress County ARES NET	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM BSFARC - Scott ARES NET 145.350 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Laurel VEC Testing - Crossville	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM BSFARC Morgan-ARES Monthly Training	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM BSFARC Morgan-ARES NET 147.255	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM YL NET 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM Fentress County ARES NET	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM BSFARC - Club Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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