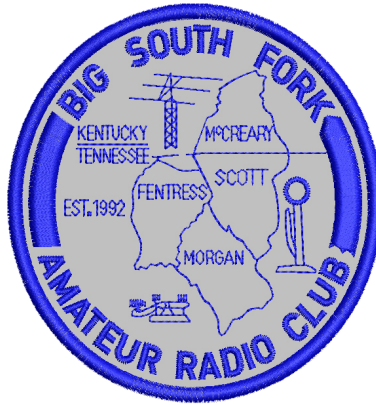


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Club Membership Grace Period Ended March 1st

The member's only section password has been changed as of March 11th. 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. You may also mail a check to our treasurer at Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club 254 Laurens Lane, Grimsley TN 38565-6003

Next BSFARC Meeting

Calendar

Our next club meeting will be on April 8th @ 7:00pm.at the Scott County Mayor's office.

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. The Mayor's office is located at [2845 Baker Hwy, Huntsville, TN 37756](#) Enter the side door to the West. We will be attempting to social distance and masks are encouraged.

March Meeting Results

We had an extended meeting as we cleared the backlog of agenda items and

New Member!

Welcome Jamie Stringer KO4LVG who joined the BSFARC family at the March meeting. Jamie passed his technician test in February and plans to sit for the general exam in April. He has also volunteered for the Scott County ARES unit as an emergency communicator.



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](#).

had some good discussions as well, The meeting minutes link is below:

Meeting

We would also like to congratulate Stephen KF4DNY as our new President and Lee WB3AJS as our new treasurer. Both will be serving in their official capacity through the end of the year, Thanks for moving the BSFARC forward once again,

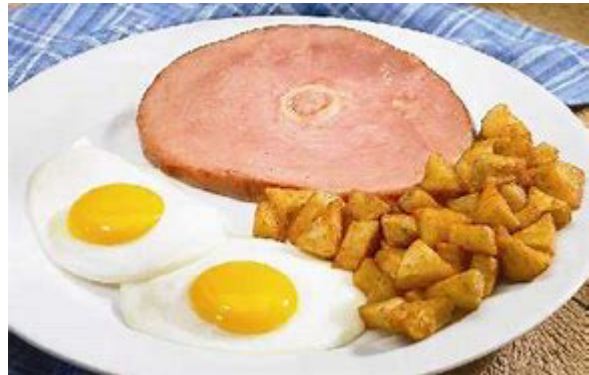


American Red Cross

The Spring 2021 Red Cross Nationwide Emergency Communications Winlink Exercise will be held on May 8, which is World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2021.

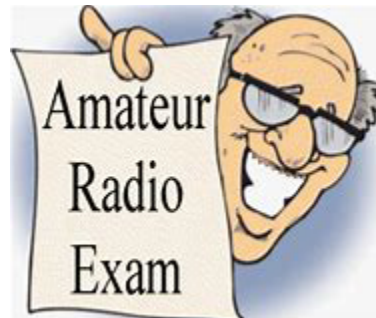
Ahead of the May nationwide exercise, the American Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Communications training group will continue its *Winlink Thursdays* training sessions on the second Thursday of the months of March and April.

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!

Amateur Radio Tests



We are working through the recent changes to the VE testing process. Stay tuned as Julian W5EDQ helps us navigate through the process. Check the [calendar](#) for the next session and more information.



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 on the 147.090 repeater (no PL required).

For Sale/Trade

Antron 99 base antenna trimmed to 10 meter \$40.00

timmorgan212@gmail.com

Go Box Package: Includes Yaseu FT-400XD dual band radio, 12V 18A gel cell battery, a spare battery and a Tram dual band mag mount antenna. Sold as a package only. Let Julian know if you are interested as he is accepting offers on behalf of Tom Howell. Contact Julian at Mayor@historicrugby.us,

Baofeng Starter Package: Includes two (2) UV82 dual band HTs. two (2) battery chargers, a spare battery, a Nagoya NA-771 antenna plus the programming cable. Sold as a package only. Let Julian know if you are interested as he is accepting offers on behalf of Tom Howell. Contact Julian at Mayor@historicrugby.us,



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 that normally on the first Saturday of each month from 10-Noon at the Morgan County E911. Check in the Morgan County NET for the latest updates.

Club Apparel



Are you ready for some exciting field communications? As the primary communications link for the Dark Sky 50 ultra-marathon we need of a couple more volunteers to staff the communications positions at two check points on the course. We also need a radio operator to shadow their race director as well. Mark your calendars for May 1st and let Bill KF4TY know that you are ready to help out.

LOCAL HAM RADIO SWAP MEET EVENTS



March 27th [8th Sevier County 2021 Hamfest](#)

April 10th [Memphis FreeFest](#)

April 17th -[AJARC Hamfest 2021](#)

Greenville TN

June 19th - [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention, ARRL Tennessee State Convention](#)

The Dayton Ham Fest has been postponed until 2022 :(

The order has been placed for shirts and we anticipate delivery at the April meeting.

Achievement

The BSFARC membership wanted to express our thanks and gratitude to Tom Howell KK4ZNC for his assistance with ARES and the promotion of Amateur Radio. Tom's ham radio journey began on March 19, 2014 when he took a course and passed his test. Not only a participating member of the club, Tom is also active in the Morgan County ARES group. This past fall Tom came to the aid of Rugby as a volunteer fire fighter when the café caught fire. Tom was able to blend his fire fighter experience and love of ham radio through his ARES involvement. When the club needed some last minute help for operators on the No Business 100 marathon Tom quickly jumped in and played a critical role in the success of the event. Even though Tom was unable to attend the last meeting the membership recognized him for his achievements over the years and a certificate will be mailed to him.

Call Sign Update



The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) has announced dates in 2021 during which MARS members will operate on 60 meters or interoperability with the amateur radio community. Some dates coincide with quarterly Department of Defense Communications Exercises (COMEX). All exercises will begin on channel 1 as the initial calling channel and move to other 60-meter working channels as may be appropriate.

April 3 - 10

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

Big South Fork Planting Festival April 24th

Spring, a time for new beginnings and growth. With that in mind it is time to let everyone know about our club by having a booth at the festival. Thanks in advance to Kelly KI4JAV, Diane KO4JGV/Glen K4TZC, Lee

Don't be surprised when you hear KF4TY on the air as Bill (formerly KC8SPV) changed to a 2X2 call sign of KF4TY, Think of it as Kilo Foxtrot Four THANK YOU or Tango Yankee. Bill's way of saying thanks to all the elmers that helped him along the way! PS he is also an Extra Class now.



Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June (26th-27th), 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.

WB3AJS/Dinah KD2LSA for signing up to help. Want to help or need more information let Bill KF4TY know!



At the March 11th meeting the general membership voted to honor Esau (Junior) Burchfield WA4WMN, Paul Lay KT4PN and Jerry Young KB4PNG with lifetime memberships to the BSFARC for their significant contributions over many years. Junior is a founding member of the club and served as president for more than 25 years. Paul was the vice-president of the club for more than 20 years. Jerry over the past 10 years has sponsored the club's web site and established the 145.350 repeater system. Without the contributions of these three we would not be the club we are today. We are looking forward to seeing each of them at a club meeting in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

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

< > Today APRIL 2021						
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