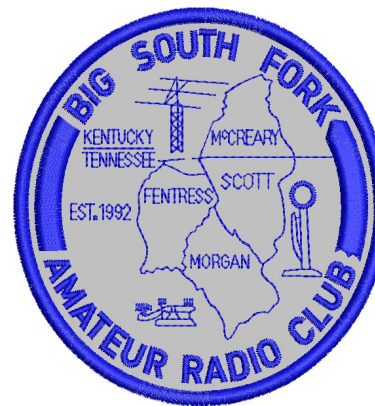


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The Modulator

Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club

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As the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club is a volunteer organization, we need your help with "The Modulator" newsletter. We need your a and information for our next edition. We also need your feedback on what you like about the newsletter or if we should drop certain things lik maintaining the club calendar or listing special event stations. Everything we do takes time and effort. ***Is the Modulator useful to you?*** Let us know by sending some feedback to our newsletter editor at KF4TY@ARRL.NET

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 site. Only current club members will receive the minutes electronically. The distribution list was revised in March 2022.

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



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-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. Jamie N4XJS at last count had 169 parks in his log! [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

Next Regular BSFARC Meeting

[Calendar](#)

We missed you at our last club meeting! Our next club meeting will be April 14th @ 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!***



TNPOTA (Tennessee Parks On The Air) was just announced. Details are forthcoming but it will be held the weekend of July 30th (both Saturday and Sunday). It would be great if we could activate the majority of the parks in our area. Jamie N4XJS will discuss this more at the next meeting and about doing a POTA training day at a local park for those interested.

We will have our talk-in on the 145.350 repeater as well.

Ham and Eggs



On April 14th we will be 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 Dinah KD2LSA so she 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.



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





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.



EMCOMM/ARES Net

We are looking for volunteer NCS operators for all counties as this is a

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

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

The General exam questions are current as of July 1, 2019 and are valid until June 30, 2023. The Extra class exam is valid from July 1, 2020 and is valid through June 30, 2024.

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 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

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 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

was held on February 25-26, 2022



Under the special event call sign of W4T the club made just over 600 contacts representing 48/50 states and more than 10 foreign countries. We have sent out about 125 certificates to those that requested an acknowledgement of their contact. We have also received some too! [MORE INFORMATION](#) Thanks to all who helped support our event. Take a peek at the behind-the-scenes photos [MORE INFORMATION](#)

Long Range Event Planner

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 Eastern 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.

Scott County ARES Update

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.

[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

[April 30, 2022 Gravel Rally event which
we provide comms for](#)

[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](#)

We are working on updates to our list of ARES members for Scott County and need for you to re-confirm your support for our group. If you have made progress in your ARES booklet we would like to get that signed off and update your level as well. We are also looking for a volunteer to help with the ARES program in Scott County as either the EC (Emergency Coordinator) or AEC (Assistant Emergency Coordinator). Filling out our leadership roles will help prepare the group for growth and additional training possibilities. Let Bill KF4TY@ARRL.NET know if you are still committed to being an ARES member and if you can help out in a leadership role as well. No experience required!!



July 30-31, 2022 -Tennessee Parks On The Air weekend event.

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

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

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

Spring Planting Festival

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



The Morristown National Weather Service is offering virtual SKYWARN spotter training. It consists of four interactive sections to complete, followed by a final exam that must be 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. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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

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

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

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.



Mc Creary Gravel Rally

April 30th in McCreary County. Contact Lee WB3AJS, Dinah KD2LSA or Austin K5QF for [MORE INFORMATION](#) or if you can help out by providing radio

QSL CARDS RECEIVED

For the next couple of months we will be sharing some of the QSL cards we received as part of the USS Tennessee Battleship Museum special event station.



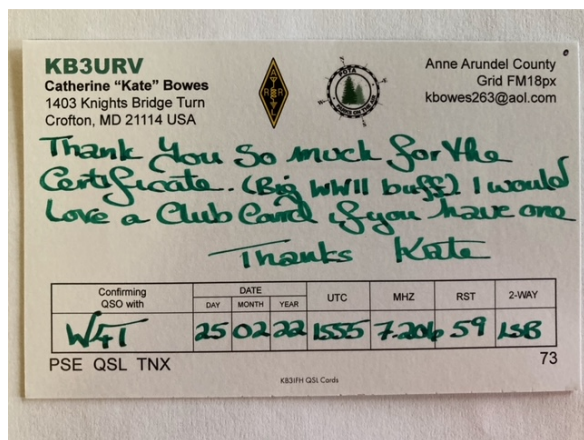
communications (2 meter) at a various check points.

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

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Did you know?

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

Special Event Station Opportunities

04/01/2022 | Autism

Awareness Month

Apr 1-Apr 15, 0000Z-2359Z, WA3MD ,
Pasadena, MD. WA3MD . 3.573 7.074

04/21/2022 | San Jacinto Day

Apr 21-Apr 24, 1200Z-2359Z, K5T, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club.
7.230 14.275 21.240. QSL. Nacogdoches ARC, 167 CR 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. A
contacts confirmed via LOTW. Special QSL card available for SASE. w5nac.com

14.074 21.074. QSL. Frank Mathias, 1849
Choptank Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122.

04/05/2022 | Sun-N-Fun Aerospace Expo Special Event Station

Apr 5-Apr 10, 0800Z-1700Z, W4S,
Lakeland, FL. Lakeland Amateur Radio
Club (LARC). 2, 20, and 40 meters; other
bands and modes possible. QSL. LARC,
P.O. Box 90853, Lakeland, FL 33804.

www.lakelandarc.org

- **04/09/2022 | Texas State
Parks on the Air**

Apr 9-Apr 10, 1400Z-0200Z, K5LRK, TI
Colony, TX. Lake Area Amateur Radio
Klub. 80M-3.825MHz, 40M-7.225MHz,
20M-14.225MHz; CW bottom of band +
kHz; phone general segment and 28.35

04/22/2022 | 58th Annual West Point Scout Camporee

Apr 22-Apr 25, 0000Z-2359Z, W2P, West Point, NY. Ten Mile River Scout Museum ARC. 1
14.258 7.258 3.858. QSL. James Gallo, 149 Marine Avenue, 6F, Brooklyn, NY 11209. After
years lost to Covid we are excited to work the West Point MA Annual Scout Camporee aga
hope to have more Scouts then ever in 2022.

04/23/2022 | 50th Anniversary of Apollo 16

Apr 23-Apr 27, 1400Z-2359Z, W5RRR, NN4SA,+, Various. NASA On the Air (NOTA). 14.04
14.271. QSL. see each club QRZ page, na, na. NASA On The Air (NOTA) is back for 2022.
be operating from various NASA centers in commemoration of Apollo 16's 50th Anniversary
later other milestones throughout the year. Info/updates as well as tracking and scoring will
available at nasaontheair.wordpress.com. Individual clubs will provide QSL information at th
QRZ.com pages. nasaontheair.wordpress.com

04/23/2022 | WHOA weekend Scouts BSA

Apr 23, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council--Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.1
14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, WA1HRH, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. M
seasonal outdoor activities for scouts and the general public including "ham radio in the wo
Paper logging. Qsl via SASE and eqsl.

04/29/2022 | Handiham 55th Anniversary Special Event

VHF 50.200 and 144.200 15M-21.325MHz, QSL. Ken Rainey, AC5EZ 529 Kenilworth Ave., Oak Point, TX 75071. The Lake Area Amateur Radio Club (K5LRK) is organizing the Texas State Parks on the Air event this year. The event will take place on April 9 and 10, 2022 (4/9 1400 to 4/10 0200, and 4/10 1400 to 2000). The event website is [tspot.org](https://www.tspot.org). On the website can be found the rules and list of Texas State Parks designators. We hope your club will participate in this event this year by trying to make contact with Texas HAMS activating a state park in Texas. Questions can be directed to info@k5lrk.com <https://www.tspot.org>

04/09/2022 | USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event: Doolittle Raid

Apr 9, 1600Z-2300Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 (PSK31) DSTAR (Papa Sys Rept). QSL. USS Midway

Apr 29-May 1, 1900Z-1900Z, W0ZSW, Minneapolis, MN. Handiham Radio Club. 14,265.000 7,040.000. QSL. Handiham Program, 3915 Golden Valley Road, Mail Route 78446, Minneapolis, MN 55422. On Saturday, April 30th, the Handiham Program will celebrate its 55th anniversary, helping people with disabilities get involved in the amateur radio hobby. This is a pretty special accomplishment for any organization! Listen out for CQ Handiham 55 on phone and CW! handiham.net

04/30/2022 | Amargosa Days

Apr 30, 1700Z-2359Z, NV7AV, Amargosa Valley, NV. Amargosa Amateur Radio Club. 7.250 14.280 18.150. QSL. AARC, P.O. Box 101, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020. www.amargosa-ham.org

04/30/2022 | Hams for PanCAN

Apr 30-May 1, 1400Z-2020Z, N3P, New Kensington, PA. WQ3Q. 3.960. 7.172. Certificate & Ribbon. Richard Ryba /PanCAN, 2777 Leechburg Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068. This special event station is set up to raise awareness and support for pancreatic cancer research and resources for patients through PanCAN Purple Stride Day. in Pittsburgh. https://secure.pancan.org/site/TR/PurpleStride/PurpleStride?px=3163046&pg=personal&fr_rybar1949@gmail.com

04/30/2022 | UGA Sanford Stadium Special Event

Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

04/14/2022 | Maritime Radio Day 2022

Apr 14-Apr 15, 1200Z-2200Z, various, Various, OT. Maritime Radio Day. CW only; 160 80 40 20 15 10 meters, plus WARC. Certificate & QSL. see website, for QSL, information, OT. Various call signs will be used from various worldwide locations. This is an operating event. See website for rules.

maritimeradio.pro/maritimeradioday

04/15/2022 | 80th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid

Apr 15-Apr 18, 1400Z-2359Z, N4D, Mesa, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club, Inc.. 3.893 7.225 14.330 21.337. QSL. SES

Apr 30-May 1, 1700Z-1700Z, N1D, Athens, GA. Athens Radio Club. 3.930 MHz 7.230 MHz 28.430 MHz. QSL. Athens Radio Club, P.O. Box 782, Athens, GA 30603-0782. Athens Radio Club is hosting a special event station from Sanford Stadium April 30 - May1, 2022 from 1700. If you're a Bulldog fan, or if you're not, give us a call! athensradioclub.org

*Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special event stations of the event, send your QSO information along with a 9 * 12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope (with 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 QSO information. *Note: Some clubs may ask for a nominal fee to cover the cost of the certificate or QSL. Request will be posted on the air during the event or on the sponsoring club's website.*

N4D, c/o Superstition ARC, P.O. Box
21522, Mesa, AZ 85277-1522. Please
include SASE for QSL card.

<https://www.superstitionarc.org>

04/16/2022 | 160th Anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase

Apr 16, 1400Z-1800Z, W4ABZ, Ringgold,
GA. Ringgold Amateur Radio Club. 7.265
14.265. QSL. Jim Skeen, 224 Smith Liner
Rd., Chickamauga, GA 30707. Send
SASE for QSL card.

04/16/2022 | Whiskey 4 Moonshine

Apr 16-Apr 30, 0000Z-2359Z, W4M,
Boones Mill, VA. AA4SS. 7.215 14.250
18.135 50.125. QSL. Timothy Boyd,
AA4SS, 2201 Green Level Rd, Boones
Mill, VA 24065. W4M ("Whiskey 4
MOONSHINE") will operate from April 15

through April 30 2022 on ALL HF bands
(depending upon volunteers preferences
and equipment) using phone, digital, and
cw modes. Operations will take place in
Franklin and surrounding counties
<https://whiskey4moonshine.wordpress.com>

04/18/2022 | 80th Anniversary Doolittle Raid on Tokyo

Apr 18, 1400Z-2359Z, NA1KW, Doolittle,
MO. North American Kilowatt Club. 7.178
14.228; 20 and 40 meters SSB. Certificate
& QSL. Charles Doolittle, N1SPX, 2600
Davis St., Hannibal, MO 63401.
<https://www.na1kw.com>

04/18/2022 | World Amateur Radio Day 2022

Apr 18-Apr 19, 1300Z-0500Z, W2W,
Rochester, NY. ROC-HAM. ROC-
HAM/EchoLink 531091; ALLSTAR

2585,47620,47918; other EchoLink
conferences will be connected for this.
QSL. John Derycke, W2JLD, 85 Amherst
St. Apt. 2, Rochester, NY 14607. 7th
annual VoIP Event/Largest VoIP special
event www.roc-ham.net/ward-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 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 c
or which ones are hamfests!



Today

APRIL 2022 ▾

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BSFARC
Morgan-ARES
NET 147.255

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fentress County
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Meeting

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13**14**

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BSFARC - Club
Meeting

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Greeneville TN
Hamfest

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Fentress County
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YL NET 145.350

27**28**

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
BSFARC - Scott
ARES NET
145.350

29**30**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Gravel Rally
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Big South Fork
Spring Planting
Festival

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