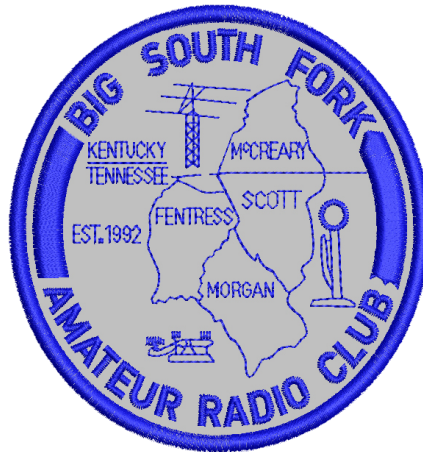

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The Modulator

Newsletter and happenings of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club. Serving the Big South Fork Region since 1992.

If you enjoy reading our publication, be sure to open it fully or you will be automatically dropped from our mailing list in 6 months.



NEW FORMAT

The BSFARC web site had a major failure at the end of November where we lost everything including the content of our web site and the mailing list for our newsletter. If you think someone would like to receive the newsletter have them, go to our web site page and sign-up [LINK](#).

Our new "The Modulator" newsletter will have a new look and feel. Our goal is to make it easier to read and more engaging as well. We will start with a recent event at the top of the page followed by the various NETs in our area. Each of those items will have a link back to our web site as to not duplicate the content. Below that will be some of our upcoming events along with updates on others. Many of the articles will also have a button which is a link back to our web site for additional information. The last section of the newsletter will contain special event station information for the upcoming month. The links there are to external pages and are provided as a courtesy only. As we try to keep everyone updated, we also suggest checking out our web site for more information at <https://bsfarc.org/> and please note we have switched from the dot COM to a dot ORG to better reflect our status as an organization.

*73 and wishing you a Merry Christmas / Happy New Year,
Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club*

10-Meter Contest

Update

We missed you at this year's 10-meter contest.
As a club we did fairly well with just over 9,000

points as we were not trying to be competitive but just have fun.

[More information >](#)



GET ON THE AIR!!



Interested in emergency communications? We have team in Fentress, Morgan and Scott counties looking for volunteers.

ARES



Are you a YL (Young Lady) looking for your very own net? Look no further we have one for you!

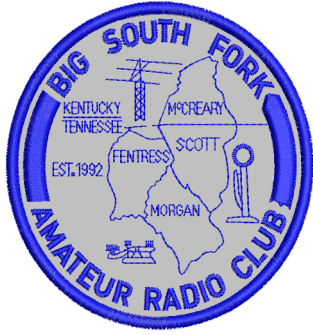
YL NET

VOLUNTEERS
ON THE AIR 2023

VOTA (Volunteer On The Air) is a year-long event that everyone can participate in.

VOTA

EVENTS - UPCOMING AND UPDATES



CLUB MEETING

January 12, 2023

Our next club meeting will be held on January 12th - 2023 at 7:00pm Eastern at Roane State Community College. This will be a business meeting plus a meet & greet.

For 2023 the club meetings will be alternating between a business/planning meeting and a training session. Each month during the meeting or session we will also have a meet & greet time set aside.

Our February meeting which is our bi-monthly training session is now on the 28th which is the SkyWarn training.

The March 9th meeting is another business/meet & greet followed up by a training session on April 13th plus another meet & greet.

Tennessee QSO Party
sponsored by the
Tennessee Contest Group



Tennessee QSO Party

SKYWARN TRAINING

February 28, 2023



Mark your calendars for February 28th and be sure to click the link below to register for the SkyWarn Weather Spotter training in Scott County.

SKYWARN



MUSEUM SHIP WEEKEND

June 4-6, 2023

Come and join us as we activate from the USS Tennessee Battleship Museum as a special event station. We need volunteers for various positions: setup, radio operators, logging of contacts, hospitality and for processing QSL cards.

Update

As a club we placed 8th (almost took 7th!) with a score of 36,972 for clubs in Tennessee. Bill KF4TY also took home a 7th place finish in the single operator, low power from a fixed location using only SSB. Next year will be even better!

Big South Fork NRRRA Spring Planting Festival

April 29, 2023



We are headed back to the Bandy Creek visitors center to help demonstrate amateur radio to the festival goers. We need your help too!

SPRING

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSEUM SHIP



DARK SKY 50

April 1st or 13th - 2023

Place a sticky note on your calendar as we wait for a firm date for this year's Dark Sky 50 marathon.

DARK SKY

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND SKYWARN OVERVIEW

January 13, 2023

A SKYWARN training net will feature a special guest. NWS Meteorologist Jeremy Buckles, WX4JLB, will lead us a discussion about day to day operations at the National Weather Service. Join us on the Knoxville repeater 146.940 at 8:00pm or listen in live with the link below.

WB4GBI

Reminder!



Previous copies of 'The Modulator' are now on our web site. You can also subscribe to the newsletter there too.

MODULATOR

Be sure to check out our new page on the web site for all the upcoming events!

UPCOMING

Special Event Stations

Contact these stations and help commemorate an historical occasion or other special event. Many special event stations provide a special QSL card or certificate.

Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special-event stations offering them, send your QSO information along with a 9x12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope to 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.

01/01/2023 | American Revolution - Battle of Princeton

Jan 1-Jan 8, 0000Z-2359Z, W2P, Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.250. Certificate & QSL. DVRA, PO Box 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0024. Certificate of Commission in the Continental Army Signal Corps available. See website. www.w2zq.com

01/21/2023 | Western Mass Council Scouts BSA WHOA Saturday

Jan 21, 1400Z-2000Z, W1W, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.115 14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. Monthly outdoor skills and activity weekend open to scouts and the general public. Qsl via eqsl and sase.

01/02/2023 | 17th Annual Straight Key Month

Jan 2-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, K3Y +, Ellicot City, MD. SKCC - Straight Key Century Club. 3.550 7.055 14.050 21.050. Certificate & QSL. SKCC c/o Ted Rachwal, K8AQM, 6237 Twin Lakes Dr, Smiths Creek, MI 48074. 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 all-area sweep. See URL for op sched/map, stats, etc.

<https://www.skccgroup.com/k3y>

01/07/2023 | W8MRM Motor City Radio Club 90th Anniversary

Jan 7, 1700Z-2100Z, W8MRM, Wyandotte, MI. Motor City Radio Club. 7.190 14.290. Certificate. Motor City Radio Club, P.O. BOX 1337, Southgate, MI 48195. www.w8mrm.net

01/08/2023 | 122st Anniversary of the Lucas Gusher

Jan 7-Jan 8, 1500Z-2000Z, K5S, Beaumont, TX. Beaumont Amateur Radio Club. 7.245 14.245 10.136 14.030. Certificate & QSL. Greg Pritchett, 4839 Hwy 326N, Kountze, TX 77625. k5s.lucasgusher@gmail.com or w5rin.com

01/22/2023 | QuartzFest Distance Challenge

Jan 22-Jan 28, 1500Z-2159Z, W7Q, Quartzsite, AZ. Northern Arizona DX Assn. 14.266 7.266 21.266 28.266. QSL. Tom Luther, 7690 W Derry Dr, Kirkland, AZ 86332. The 4th annual DISTANCE CHALLENGE(DC) competition will be held at QUARTZFEST(QF), 2023, in January and you are invited to participate. The event is conducted by the NORTHERN ARIZONA DX ASSOCIATION and runs for 3 days of the weeklong QF campout. Any licensed attendee can enter, and it is a fun, exciting, competitive event to see who can make the longest distance contact from QF, in the Sonoran Desert, using your HF radios and antennas brought to the QF site. If you don't bring any equipment, you can still enter by using the equipment available at the QF special event station W7Q. Enter one of the four categories including, (1) SSB or CW-100 watts max, (2) FT-8, (3) QRP -5 watts or less, and the (4)W7Q station where most modes are available. We will have prizes for each of the 4 category winners and the 4 runners up, so bring your best antenna, any kind, including commercial, homebrewed, wire, yagis, spider-beams, kites, balloon, verticals, mobile, (sorry no remote allowed) and win prizes (and bragging rights). Each year, we provide a unique trophy hat for the 4 category winners. and each year the hats are different! KG7OH@arrl.net or NADXA.com

01/27/2023 | 169th Anniversary of the Gadsden Purchase from DM31, Organ

01/14/2023 | Commemorating last MIG shoot down in VietNam war by Midway F-4

Jan 14, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA.
USS Midway Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250
14.070 PSK31 DSTAR on Papa system
repeaters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship
COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego,
CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

01/15/2023 | 100th Anniversary of the Door County Amateur Radio Club

Jan 15-Jan 31, 1300Z-0300Z, W9DOR*,
Sturgeon Bay, WI. Door County Amateur Radio
Club. All HF bands, all modes. Certificate. Jef
Fox, KC9GBX, 5073 Bluff Court Terrace,
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. * and TM100DOR in
Bertrichamps, France. kc9gbx@aol.com or
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Pipe National Monument and Winter Field Day

Jan 27-Jan 30, 2000Z-1400Z, KT7RC, Tucson,
AZ. Tortolita Radio Club. 14.230; CW, SSB; FT8
on the WARC bands and 6 meters. Certificate.
Email, contact@tortolita-rc.com, for
certificate. No paper QSL. Operating from the
fairly rare DM31 Grid Square! DM31 occupies
the southern border with Mexico that the
Gadsden purchase set.
www.qrz.com/db/kt7rc or tortolita-rc.com

01/27/2023 | Orange Amateur Radio Club 75 years affiliation with ARRL

Jan 27-Jan 28, 0200Z-0200Z, W5ND, Orange,
TX. Orange Amateur Radio Club. 20M - 14.225
- 14.350 MHz 40M - 7.175 - 7.300 MHz 15M -
21.275 - 21.450 MHz 10M - 28.300 - 28.800
MHz. QSL. Orange Amateur Radio Club -75 yrs,
P.O. Box 232, Orange, TX 77631-0232.
operating on the General class frequencies
OrangeARC@live.com

01/28/2023 | California Discovery of Gold

Jan 28-Jan 30, 1700Z-0100Z, 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. edcarc.net

01/21/2023 | MRAC 106th Anniversary

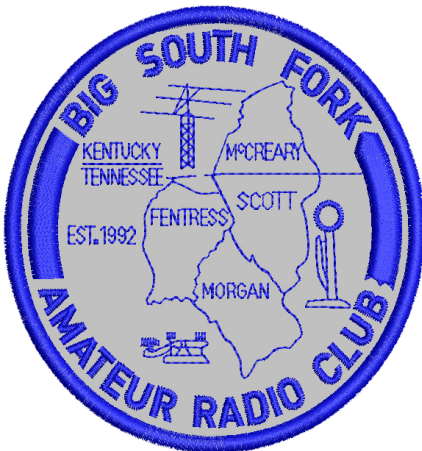
Jan 21-Jan 22, 1700Z-2300Z, W9RH, Milwaukee, WI. Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club. 14.250 7.250 145.390. Certificate. Email specialevent@w9rh.org, for, MRAC/106 certificate. Including WIRES-X room #43588. Commemorative certificate available. Event details at <https://www.w9rh.org/special-event-station>

To learn more about and to search even more special event stations click the link below:

ARRL LINK

Our web site suffered a catastrophic failure in late November 2022 and has since been rebuilt. Thank you for your patience and support as this has been a large undertaking to get it operational. More pages are being developed and content will be added in the coming months.

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