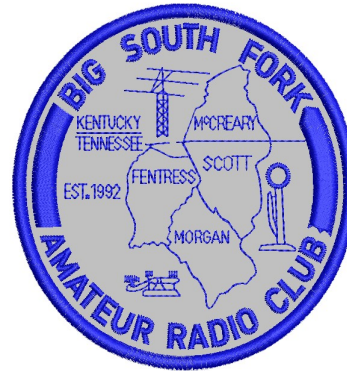


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The Modulator

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.



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

ARES



2026 has been designated by the ARRL Board of Directors as the Year of the Club, recognizing that radio clubs are the backbone of ARRL. The growth and development of amateur radio rely on our vibrant community of radio clubs. As BSFARC is an Affiliated Club we are eligible to participate! This should be an exciting promotion for our hobby and could help us better focus on the needs of our members while getting the word out to others.



ARRL has announced free membership for full-time students aged 21 and younger.

ARRL Membership

ARRL America250 Worked All States

A Year-Long Worked-All-States Operating Event Celebrating the 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



While the object of the America250 WAS event is to make as many contacts with W1AW/portable states as possible, on as many bands and modes as possible (except 60 Meters), all operators are encouraged to explain celebrating America's 250th anniversary with the ARRL America250 WAS Award to the degree that your operating time allows.

Summary:

- The America250-WAS begins as a **Basic Worked All States Award** by contacting all 50 States in 2026.

Endorsements:

- Contacting W1AW/Portable stations in all 50 States.
- Contacting ARRL Affiliated Club Call Signs in all 50 States.
- Contacting all 50 States on CW and Phone and Digital for a 'TRIPLE PLAY'.

Working All States toward achieving your America250 WAS by contacting W1AW/Portable Stations: There will be week-long activations of portable W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states, and potentially in several US Possessions/Territories, that will generate on-air activity to achieve this unique WAS Award. For this operating event, ARRL will provide a listing of all W1AW/portable stations, who will each operate for 7 days (from a Wednesday through the following Tuesday) for 2 separate weeks in the year (an early week between January and July, and a late week between July and December). A few weeks will be listed as non-W1AW/portable weeks due to contests and ARRL Field Day.

- There will be three (3) specialty Endorsements, including:

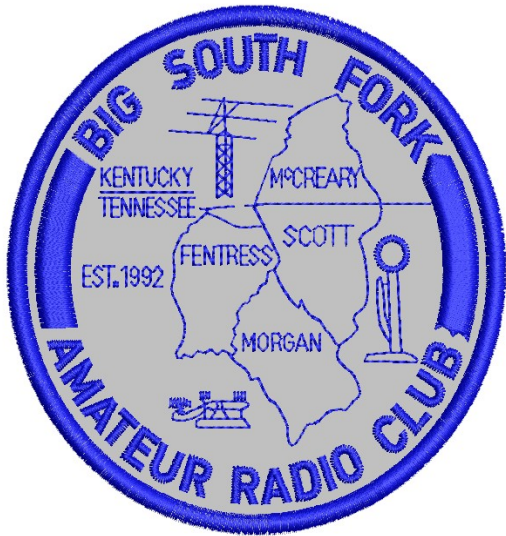
- Earn WAS by contacting W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states (applying for this endorsement will become possible sometime into July or thereafter when the first wave of 50-state activations is completed and the second wave of state activations is underway - ending December 31, 2026).
- Earn WAS by contacting ARRL Affiliated Club stations in all 50 states (see the ARRL [Club Search web page](#) to determine the locations and call signs of ARRL Affiliated Clubs). *As an affiliated club we count for those making contact with us under the club's call sign of W4BSF.*
- Earn WAS Triple Play by contacting all 50 states *on all three modes* (CW/Phone/Digital)

W1AW Operating Upcoming Schedule:

5-6-2026: Maryland, Nevada & Ohio
5-13-2026: No activations
5-20-2026: Connecticut, Montana
5-27-2026: Colorado
6-3-2026: New Jersey, Oregon
6-10-2026: Alaska, **Tennessee**
6-17-2026: Arkansas, Nebraska
6-24-2026: No activations
7-8-2026: No activations

Volunteers Needed for W1AW/4 Tennessee!!

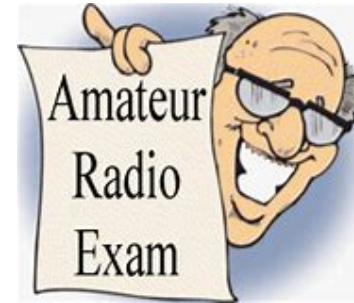
We have submitted a couple of names along with days/times for the June activation. We will see how that goes and what we can do to support the September 16th through the 22nd for the WAS 250 event.



Club Bi-Monthly Training Session

May 14, 2026

Our training will be held on May 14th - 2026 at 7:00pm Eastern at Roane State Community College in Huntsville TN. Topic to be determined.



Let us know if you are ready for the exam at W4BSF@BSFARC.ORG as we can schedule a session just for you!

Local and In-Person Exams

The VE (Volunteer Examiner) team has made the transition to electronic submission for testing documents. While we still only do in-person testing the applicant can choose to take a paper exam or complete their test using a computer. Forms are then emailed to the applicant, ARRL and to the FCC for faster processing. The ARRL testing fee is still \$15 for adults and under the age of 18 it is only \$5. The \$35 license fee is paid directly to the FCC and with the ARRL youth program they will reimburse the youths that fee! We will work with you to schedule an exam in your area at a convenient time. No more waiting, long drives or trying to take an on-line test with multiple cameras. We try to make it as easy as possible to take but it's up to you to pass!

Club Bi-Monthly Meeting

June 11, 2026

Our next regular club meeting will be held on April 11th - 2026 at 7:00pm Eastern at Roane State Community College in Huntsville TN. This will be our bi-monthly business meeting plus a meet & greet. We always meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Local Repeater Support

Being part of a club allows members to learn and grow with each other. Another aspect is that as a club we can help support our local repeater owners. In March the club voted to send a donation to Fentress, Morgan and Scott repeater owners as the club does not own or operate a repeater. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Meeting Minutes

If you did NOT receive the meeting minutes for the last meeting you may have been dropped from the club roster. Our member only portal

The technician question pool will change in July 2026.

LICENSE EXAM



On National Amateur Radio Day (April 18th) Carla (now KR4LPK) passed her technician class exam. She plans to apply for her dad's call sign since he is now SK. We wish KR4LPK all the best as she begins to journey into the ham radio world and look forward to hearing her on the air.

Calendar of Events 2026



password has also been changed. Contact Nancy (KC8VTT at gmail.com) to check on your membership status. Our dues are still only \$10.00 per year for the first person in your household!

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



Club Apparel

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| 5/14/2026 | BSFARC Training/Meet & Greet |
| 5/15/2026 | Hamvention Dayton OH |
| 5/16/2026 | Hamvention Dayton OH |
| 5/16/2026 | TN Mountain Laurel Festival |
| 5/17/2026 | Hamvention Dayton OH |
| 6/6/2026 | KY QSO Party |
| 6/6/2026 | Museum Ship Weekend SES |
| 6/7/2026 | Museum Ship Weekend SES |
| 6/7/2026 | KY QSO Party |
| 6/11/2026 | BSFARC Meeting/Meet & Greet |
| 6/13/2026 | Knoxville Hamfest/ARRL convention |
| 6/27/2026 | ARRL Field Day |
| 6/28/2026 | ARRL Field Day |
| 7/9/2026 | BSFARC Training/Meet & Greet |
| 7/11/2026 | Greater Nashville & Middle Tennessee Hamquest |
| 7/18/2026 | MCARC (McMinn) Ham Fest |
| 7/18/2026 | POTA Support Your Parks Weekend |
| 7/19/2026 | POTA Support Your Parks Weekend |
| 8/13/2026 | BSFARC Meeting/Meet & Greet |
| 8/22/2026 | Huntsville AL Hamfest |
| 8/23/2026 | Huntsville AL Hamfest |
| 8/23/2026 | Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest – Lebanon, TN. |
| 9/11/2026 | Endurance Horse Ride |



The club has ordered some extra t-shirts and currently has 1 medium and 3 large shirts available. Let Kelly KI4JAV know if you want and she will bring them to the next meeting. They are only \$7.00 each thanks to Rugby Screen Printers as we are able to purchase at a discounted rate. Show your support for BSFARC and Rugby Screen Printers by ordering yours today!

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| 9/12/2026 | Endurance Horse Ride |
| 9/6/2026 | Tennessee QSO Party |
| 9/10/2026 | BSFARC Training/Meet & Greet |
| 9/19/2026 | W4DXCC by SEDCO Pigeon Forge |
| 9/19/2026 | Big South Fork Haunting in the Hills Story Telling Festival |
| 10/8/2026 | BSFARC Meeting/Meet & Greet |
| 10/17/2026 | Big South Fork Blue Heron Ghost Mine |
| 10/17/2026 | POTA Support Your Parks Weekend |
| 10/18/2026 | POTA Support Your Parks Weekend |
| 10/23/2026 | NB 100 Race |
| 10/24/2026 | NB 100 Race |
| 11/12/2026 | BSFARC Training/Meet & Greet |
| 12/5/2026 | Skywarn Recognition Day |
| 12/10/2026 | BSFARC Meeting/Meet & Greet |
| 12/12/2026 | ARRL 10-Meter Contest |
| 12/13/2026 | ARRL 10-Meter Contest |

Parks on the Air's Explosive Growth and the Next Chapter

Museum Ships On The Air Weekend June 6-7th



Thanks to Buddy W7BSF as he has volunteered to chair this event. Buddy will need an assistant and of course lot's of volunteers. We are just over a month away now so please reach out to W4BSF@BSAFRC.ORG as we need all hands on deck for this year's event.



Outside the Parks on the Air community, POTA is usually described in simple terms: it's growing quickly. What that growth reveals about the current state of amateur radio is the more important story. The scale is measurable and difficult to dismiss. More than 85,000 parks are now active across 236 DX entities, with over 84,000 registered operators. The system processed 10.6 million QSOs in 2023, 13 million in 2024, and 15.2 million in 2025, alongside more than 406,000 log submissions. Roughly 10,000 different parks are activated every month. Where else have we seen operating activity on this level in amateur radio in the past decade?

Read full article at: <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/parks-on-the-airs-explosive-growth-and-the-next-chapter.982138/>

LOCAL HAM FESTS 2026



BSF Endurance Horse Ride September 11-12, 2026

This two day event is held near the Bandy Creek visitors center in Big South Fork and is celebrating its 32nd year. While details are forthcoming they typically have a 25 and 50 mile endurance horse ride starting early on Friday morning. The rides are then repeated on Saturday. We are reaching out to them to see if they need our help. Our past roles included calling in rider status (as they pass your location) and any health and welfare traffic. There are NO aid stations as we may be the



06/13/2026 - Knoxville Hamfest, ARRL Convention – Knoxville, TN.
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/knoxville-hamfest-arri-tennessee-state-convention-2>

07/11/2026 – Greater Nashville & Middle Tennessee HamQuest – Lebanon, TN.
<http://midtnhamquest.com/>

07/18/2026 – McMinn County ARC Ham Fest – Athens, TN.
<https://mcminnarc.github.io/mcarc-website/>

09/19/2026 - W4DXCC by SEDCO – Pigeon Forge, TN.
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/w4dxcc-by-sedco-2>

10/17/2026 – Short Mountain Repeater Club Hamfest – Wartrace, TN.
<https://www.smrclub.com/>

To search for all other ham fests go to:
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

Here is a link to a YouTube video about state QSO parties: [LINK](#)

only person the rider sees on the course. All locations can be driven to. Let us know that you are able to help support this event as we await more information from them. You can drop us an email at W4BSF@BSAFRC.ORG if you can help in anyway with this event.



Mountain Laurel Festival- Wartburg TN May 16, 2026

Dave Beiser K4IDB will be leading this event and he is looking for YOUR help. This is another great opportunity to demonstrate our hobby to the general public. Drop us an email at W4BSF@BSAFRC.ORG if you are interested in supporting this event. Hope to see you at the courthouse square.



October 23-24, 2026

First a big thank you for the recent donation we received from the No Business 100 event.

The race is on as they have opened registration which was sold out in a matter of hours. This year being even the course will be run in a counter clockwise direction. That means that our normal aid-stations will be active Saturday during the day. Our chairperson for coordinating communication volunteers is once again Joe N4YLA. This is a great way of not only giving back to the community but also practicing your emergency radio skills. No prior experience is necessary and if needed we can pair up unlicensed volunteers with a radio operator. We will be providing health and welfare communications in addition to participant information such as drops and those in need of transportation. More to come but reach out to Joe and let him know that you are able to help support this event. You can also drop us an email at W4BSF@BSAFRC.ORG if you can help in anyway with this event.

The BSFARC web page is a work in progress and the link is below:

State QSO Parties



May 2-3: [7th Call Area QSO Party](#)

May 2-3: Indiana

May 2-3: New England

May 2-3: Delaware

May 9-10: Canadian Parties

May 16-17: Arkansas

June 6-7: Kentucky

June 7-8: Atlantic Canada

June 20-21: West Virginia

No Business 100
Information



Indiana Hams Living Under HOAs Gain Antenna Protection!

The Indiana General Assembly has passed and Governor Mike Braun has signed a bill that adds protection for amateur radio operators who live in homeowner association (HOA) regulated housing developments. Official language of the House Bill 1152 can be found at IGA | House Bill 1152 - Homeowners association matters. Credit for adding the new language goes to Hunter Reed, KD9YLQ; Campbell Reed, KD9GEK, and State Senator Scott Alexander for their efforts writing and introducing the bill, and to the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Affiliated Club. The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026. ***Hey TN, We need this too! Write your legislators about this important Bill.***



2026 ARRL Field Day

June 27 - 28

ARRL Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called “hams”) within your community. The theme for 2025 Field Day is “Radio Connects” – highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

Help In The Fight To Preserve Amateur Radio

Yes, every amateur operator counts in the efforts to preserve our band privileges and the growth of amateur radio. We need to unite under one banner to support the efforts of the ARRL to keep the lobbyists and campaigns going. So, please join or renew your membership today! There has never been a more important time than now to make a difference in the future for yourself and your fellow hams! Go to: <https://www.arrl.org/membership> Together we can keep our bands free from corporate takeover at the FCC. And thanks for your support!

Tennessee Section Traffic Manager

The Tennessee Phone and Traffic Nets are performing seamlessly. I monitor several nets across our great nation and there is not another Phone and Traffic net that is equal to ours. We try to offer something for every sector and every interest in the amateur radio community in our State. I talked with George and Wilodean, loved by all as well as Andy/W4SQE and Bill/WB4YPO all now Silent Keys about net business. We are doing something that has not been done in forty years if ever. I will explain later.

Here is what helps our nets be the best anywhere. We have great managers who are promoting our beloved hobby. In appointing net managers, I asked specifically each manager to appoint an assistant net manager.

For many radio clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar. A typical Field Day site will showoff many aspects of amateur radio and its many roles.

Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to practice their emergency communications readiness. ARRL Field Day is an annual demonstration and invites the general public and organizations to see how amateur radio can serve in an emergency, When All Else Fails®. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems – or maybe because they are so complex – ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters.

Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

For those with a competitive spirit, Field Day stations compete to make radio contacts with as many other stations as possible while

Starting with CW there is Bruce/AC4G who is the manager of the CW net and Bob/K4TAX serves as his assistant. The CW net approaches and sometimes have two-hundred check-ins per month.

Our Winlink Net will celebrate a birthday in July- four years. Dale/W4WTN is our manager, and he appointed Dewayne/KE4IDH as his assistant. This net participates in all simulated emergency training sessions. Our State and Federal authorities will only accept, in full emergency situations, traffic from Winlink. I was wondering few years back about Winlink and by chance Dale/W4WTN and I was discussing the ends and outs of it and I was about to dismiss the idea, but Dale encouraged me to establish it and Dale would be the manager. He was right and I was short sighted. The net started in July 2022.

There are two section appointments that our Tennessee Section Manager David/KM4NYI made. He appointed me/WD4LAR as Tennessee Section Traffic Manager. I asked David to appoint Will/KN4ZPF as my assistant and he did. Will also serves as our RN5-DRN5 and brings probably 90% or more of the formal traffic to the net. RN5-DRN5 is not an appointed position it is one that is earned out of interest and dedication to the net.

I appointed Alex/KB4LX to serve as our evening Net Manger and Alex appointed Will/KN4ZPF as his assistant. Both do a commendable job in taking care of all the evening nets on 3980 khz. There are normally over four thousand radio operators on the evening net each month. Alex keeps

learning to operate radio equipment in challenging situations and less-than-optimal conditions. These same skills are used by hams who volunteer to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades, and exhibits at fairs, malls, and museums.

FCC Warns Licensee on Out-of-Band Transmissions

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has responded to a complaint involving a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, amateur for operating outside the privileges of his Technician Class license and causing interference to local emergency service communications by transmitting on a public service frequency, 470.4375 MHz.

According to a letter released by the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, agents investigating an interference complaint from Allegheny County Emergency Services determined that the interfering signal originated from the residence of David Knudtson, KD3ASC, who also holds a General Mobile Radio Service

operate records that comes at the end of the month to the Tennessee Section Traffic Manager.

I appointed Sky/KO4DKI as our Morning Net manager and Sky appointed Preston/KN4CCQ as his assistant. They also do a commendable job in taking care of the morning phone net and the record keeping that must go on. Both Alex and Sky work with all Net Control stations to make sure that every time slot is filled. Sky's records also come to the Section Traffic Manager for his report to the ARRL in Newington, Connecticut. The morning net also has about four thousand check-ins per month.

There is a fun, not formal, early phone net that meets Monday – Friday. I am the manager of that net and Jamie/N3FA is the other net control. It is not a roster net. People check in and give their weather and enjoy the comradery. We ask for bulletins or announcements and any traffic that needs passing.

All these nets combined totals go in my report to the ARRL Director of Field Services. I send the finished report by the fifth day of the month to the Director of Field Services in Newington and to our Section Manager, David/KM4NYI.

Two things we do that stand out above many other nets, once each quarter we have an Off Grid program. When I started this, it was surely off the seat of my pants for I did not know what I was doing for sure making many mistakes after each session we had a washout where suggestions were made about how the NCS could do better. Personally, I am still thankful for all the helps that were given me. After eight quarters I selected morning NCS for the Off Grid program until all morning NCS has called that net. When this is

(GMRS) license, WSDQ885. The letter states that Knudtson gave the agents a BTech UV-Pro handheld which had been programmed to monitor the county emergency services frequency. Agents determined that its "Audio Relay" feature had been activated, turning the HT "into a simplex repeater that was re-transmitting the Allegheny County channel." <https://www.fcc.gov/document/david-o-knudtson-pittsburgh-pa>.

The letter continues that Knudtson, who is a relatively new amateur licensee, surrendered the radio to the agents, who then "verified that the interference to the Allegheny County system had ceased." The letter also notes that Knudtson's BTech radio was certified as a Part 90 (private land mobile radio) device and that he was not licensed to transmit on the emergency services frequency.

Knudtson was warned that unauthorized operation and its associated harmful interference must not resume. He was given 10 days from the date of the March 25 letter to respond with a description of the steps he is taking to avoid a repeat violation. Amateurs are reminded to exercise care when programming non-amateur frequencies into

completed, we will switch to the evening NCS and do the Off Grid in the evenings.

Next, we are set apart from others because we have a Traffic Seminar on the air-3980 khz. A few years ago, I approached John/WW3B about being an instructor for the Seminar. We were at Stan's (Stan's Country Restaurant in Columbia) that day and he said he would write the script and send it to me for approval and we would go from there. He had told me already that he was an instructor in the military and was acquainted with that kind of seminar. He did a masterful job with his script and we began having two seminars a year. The seminar is always on the four Tuesday nights of a month. We now have the seminar once each year. This past February we had thirty-three enrolled in the seminar. It was advertised on the ARRL website NTS-2 and all Section Traffic Managers across our nation knew of it. We announced an SDR so that anyone could monitor and dozens did. Thanks for John/WW3B and your willingness we have more traffic handlers in Tennessee than any state around us.

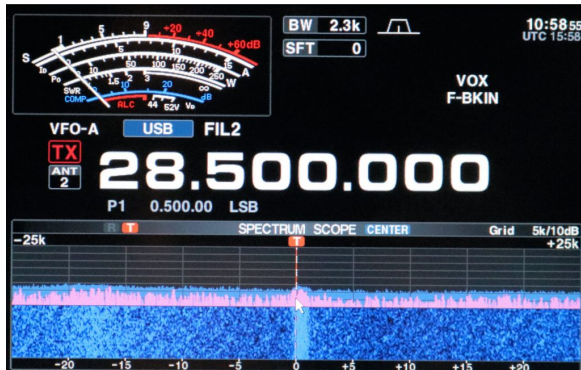
This describes our daily, weekly, and monthly activity. Record keeping is a must and itself promotes our hobby.

As Tennessee Section Traffic Manager, I am responsible for directing (overseeing) all the nets listed above and to report monthly to the Field Services Director at ARRL headquarters. It is a high honor to serve all of you.

73/Harrell Davidson/WD4LAR
Tennessee Section Traffic Manager

their VHF/UHF radios, and to ensure that transmitting on those frequencies is disabled.

10-Meter Contest Results



The 10-meter contest is held each December and some of the club member's participate on their own and also as part of the club. This year our club came in 9th place (world wide) in the local club class. Here are some of the member's scores:

- Bill KF4TY 35,280 (SSB only/high power) 1st Place TN section.
- Dave K4IDB 4,284 (SSB only/low power) 7th Place TN Section
- Kelly KI4JAV 1,904 (SSB only/low power) 9th Place TN Section

- Buddy W7BSF 912

Congratulations to all who helped out and we look forward to having even more operators on the air next year.



TN ARES Open Positions

Our club has been and continues to be a big supporter of emergency communications and TN ARES. We can continue that support by helping them to recruit a amateur radio operator to take on the role of Emergency Coordinator as we have vacancies in Fentress and Morgan counties. Joe N4YLA has submitted his application and awaiting a response for the Scott EC position. As a club we would also like to update our roster of

ARES volunteers in order to help out the new ECs develop their teams. Drop us an email at W4BSF@BSAFRC.ORG if you are interested in emergency communications.

Scouts Camporee Update 4-11-2026



The camporee (think jamboree but very local) was held at Roane County Park near Harriman, TN. This year the BSFARC helped by participating at one the scout's event locations. There were four (4) different groups of scouts with about 8-12 in each group that were able learn a bit about ham radio and then make their very first HF contact. There was even a mini fox hunt class held around the

pavilion. Rumor has it that some venture scouts are already studying for the technician class license. Hopefully we will see some scouts at the USS TN event as they talked to the USS Alabama or maybe they can help with NB 100.

JOTA October 16-18, 2026

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is an annual Scouting event that connects Scouts around the world with the use of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. The use of amateur radio techniques offers an extra educational dimension for Scouts. Many boys and girls grasp the opportunity to discover the world of wireless radio techniques and electronics.

Thousands of Amateur Radio operators will assist the Scouts over the JOTA-JOTI weekend with their knowledge, equipment, enthusiasm and ethics. In some countries, Scouts may speak over the air themselves; in others, special permission can be obtained for Scouts to speak on the radio themselves during the JOTA weekend.

As a club we have a unique opportunity to introduce amateur radio to the next generations of hams. Ideally, we need a volunteer to lead this effort. With about 200 days before the event time is getting short as we should register a special event station for the weekend in the QST magazine and on the ARRL web site. We also need to plan for a couple of training sessions to get the scouts ready for on the air contacts. It truly takes a village to make something like this happen. The question is there enough interest to approach one or more scout troops to see if we can team up together? Let us know at the next club meeting or send us an email at W4BSF@BSFARC.ORG.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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.

May 2026

04/26/2026 | POTA in the Bahamas

Apr 26-May 9, 0000Z-2300Z, kc1yl, Seminole, FL. W4PRK. 7.268 14.320 3.905 28.500. QSL. LISA neuscheler, 11282 OAKRIDGE TRAIL, 11282 OAKRIDGE TRAIL, Seminole, FL 33772

05/10/2026 | National Police Week

May 10-May 16, 1100Z-2359Z, K3FBI/0-9, Quantico, VA. FBIARA. 7.240 14.240 21.240 10.110. Certificate. Jay NS4J, 27 Fox Run Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405. SES will be using the call sign K3FBI/0-9 depending on their call area location. This event takes place during National Police Week which recognizes those law enforcement officers, federal state

04/30/2026 | 2026 BEACON

Exercise

Apr 30-May 1, 1600Z-0000Z, KA6OES, Eureka, CA. Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. 7.1920 3.9920 14.2205. Certificate. Greg Waters, 826 4th street, ATT: OES, Eureka, CA 95501. beaconexercise.org

05/02/2026 | N1D - Number

1 Dawgs

May 2, 0200Z-1200Z, WB4QHB, Nicholson, GA. Athens Radio Club. 7.218 14..350. QSL. Athens Radio Club, P.O. Box 251, Hull, GA 30646. <https://www.athensradioclub.org>

05/03/2026 | PAARC in the Park 2026 “The POTA Challenge: Beyond the Park”

May 3, 1300Z-1900Z, K3ZMC, Collegeville, PA. Pottstown Area Amateur Radio Club . 7266. QSL. Walter J Skavinsky-KB3SBC, 1574 Layfield Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073-1702. prez@paarc.net

and local, who lost their lives in the line of duty. Certificates or QSLs will be available in the future. Checkout the QRZ page for K3FBI for further details.

05/13/2026 | GRAND PRIX DU CANADA

May 13-May 30, 0000Z-0000Z, VE2SPEED, ST-JEROME, QC. HOME. 14.011. QSL. JEAN CHARRON, 17 RUE ELISABETH, ST-JEROME, QC J7Z 2S9, CANADA.

05/14/2026 | Honoring the Serving Members and Veterans of our Armed Forces

May 14, 1400Z-1900Z, KA4TAL, Conway, SC. Horry Post 111 The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. 14.255 7.264 14.275 7.185. Certificate & QSL. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, Horry Post 111, 2830 Oak Street, Conway, SC 29526. talarcpost111sc@gmail.com

05/03/2026 | The INDYCAR

Grand Prix - Race One

May 3-May 9, 0000Z-2359Z, W9IMS, Indianapolis, IN. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC. 3.840 7.245 14.245 18.140. Certificate & QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, P.O. BOX 30954, Indianapolis, IN 46230. See the website for ALL information! w9ims.org

05/08/2026 | 130th New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Convention

May 8-May 18, 0000Z-2359Z, NJ2KC, Bridgeton, NJ. New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club. 28.350 14.250 7.250 21.350. QSL. Thomas M Perrotti, 785 Vineland Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4822. nj2kc.org

05/09/2026 | Armed Forces Day

05/16/2026 | AIR POWER MUSEUM ARMED FORCES DAY

May 16, 1300Z-2030Z, W2GSB, Babylon, NY. GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. 14.245 28.500 21.325 7.275. Certificate. GSBARC AIR POWER, 200 East Sunrise Hwy, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. WWW.GSBARC.ORG

05/16/2026 | National Maritime Day Sat & Sun

May 16-May 17, 1330Z-2100Z, K3S, Port of Baltimore. Nuclear Ship Savannah ARC. 7,14,18,21,28 MHz. QSL. Ullis Fleming, 980 Patuxent Rd, Odenton, MD 21113. qrz.com/db/k3s

05/16/2026 | W6SFM Bug Roundup

May 16-May 18, 0000Z-0000Z, W6SFM, Fair Oaks, CA. Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club. 3.533 7.033 14.033 28.033. QSL. Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, 4901 Minnesota Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. <https://w6sfm.org/bug-roundup>

May 9, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW , San Diego, CA.
USS Midway Museum Ship CV-41 COMEDTRA
NI6IW. 7.250 14.320 14.070 PSK31 Star on.
PAPA System Repeaters. QSL. USS Midway
Museum Ship COMEDTRA NI6IW, 910 N
Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. SASE QSL,
see www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

05/09/2026 | Golden Spike Special Event Station

May 9, 1500Z-2300Z, W7G, Corinne, UT. Ogden
Amateur Radio Club - W7SU. 7.235 7.040
14.255 14.040. QSL. Ogden Amateur Radio
Club - W7SU, PO Box 3353, Ogden, UT 84409.
ogdenarc.org

05/09/2026 | Jamestown Landing Day Event

May 9, 1400Z-2000Z, K4RC, Williamsburg, VA.
Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club. 7.265
14.265. Certificate. Williamsburg Area
Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 1470,
Williamsburg, VA 23187. www.k4rc.net

05/18/2026 | The Indianapolis 500 - Race Two

May 18-May 24, 0000Z-2359Z, W9IMS,
Indianapolis, IN. The Indianapolis Motor
Speedway ARC. 3.840 7.245 14.245 18.140.
Certificate & QSL. Indianapolis Motor
Speedway Amateur Radio Club, P.O. BOX
30954, Indianapolis, IN 46230. See the website
for ALL information! w9ims.org

05/23/2026 | Amateur Radio Origins of KDKA

May 23, 1200Z-2359Z, KD3KA, Wexford, PA.
Allegheny Valley Radio Association. 3.840
7.240 14.240 21.340. QSL. AVRA, P.O. Box 24,
Wexford, PA 15090.
<https://www.qrz.com/db/kd3ka>

05/27/2026 | Scott Joplin Ragtime International Music Festival

05/09/2026 | Mills on the Air

May 9-May 10, 0000Z-2359Z, N/A, N/A,
UNITED KINGDOM. Nunsfield House Amateur
Radio Group. All All All All. Certificate. N/a,
N/a, N/a, N/a, UNITED KINGDOM.

nharg.org.uk/mota

05/09/2026 | National Train Day

May 9, 1400Z-1900Z, W4LX, Fort Myers, FL.
Fort Myers ARC. 14.044 14.244 7.044 7.244.
Certificate. Fort Myers ARC Train Day, P.O.
Box 061183, Fort Myers, FL 33906-1183.

trainday@fmarc.net

05/10/2026 | 40th Anniversary of the Titan Missile Museum

May 10, 1700Z-2100Z, WE7GV, Sahuarita, AZ.
Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. 14.242
14.244 14.246. Certificate & QSL. Tom Lang,
1085 West El Toro Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

May 27-May 31, 0000Z-1500Z, W0R, Sedalia,
MO. Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub
(SPARK). 14.250 28.4. QSL. Bret Kuhns, 1880
Quisenberry Rd, Sedalia, MO 65301.

05/30/2026 | Audie Murphy

May 30, 1400Z-1900Z, W2A,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. New River Valley
Amateur Radio Club. 14.262. QSL. Danny
Wylam, 710 McDaniel Drive Southeast,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073-3848.

dannywylam@gmail.com

05/30/2026 | Selfridge ANG Base 2026 open house and airshow

May 30-May 31, 1000Z-1700Z, N8S, Mount
Clemens, MI. Utica Shelby Emergency
Communications Association. 7.240 14.240
21.240 28.340. Certificate & QSL. N8S, P.O.
box 46331, Mount Clemens, MI 48046.

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