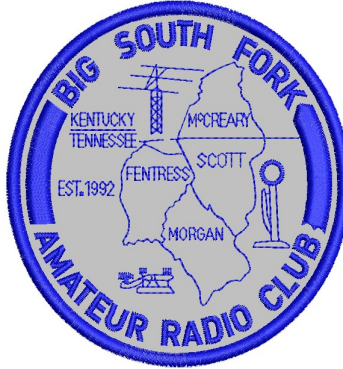


From: Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club <w4bsf@bsfarc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Bill Green
Subject: The Modulator September- 2026

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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.

Club Bi-Monthly Meeting

October 8, 2026

Our next regular club meeting will be held on October 8th - 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.



We will be nominating members for our 2027 board of directors when they are elected at our December meeting. We will also be reviewing some of our more recent events, looking at upcoming operating activities and start the planning process for next year.

Club Bi-Monthly Training Session

November 12, 2026

Our training will be held on November 10th - 2026 at 7:00pm Eastern at Roane State Community College in Huntsville TN. We need a presenter or a topic.

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 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!

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NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

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

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.



Tennessee W1AW/4 Final Update

Between Bill KF4TY, Dave K4IDB, Buddy W7BSF and Joe N4YLA we contributed a couple hundred contacts to the event. Dave started things off Tuesday evening with an hour long activation. Bill made it back home and was able to activate both SSB and FT8 on Friday afternoon. Joe took a turn on Saturday from the Harvest Festival and had to compete with all the POTA stations plus Texas and New Hampshire QSO parties. Joe's early shift on Sunday morning lasted 3-hours and still more state more state QSO party stations were active. He passed the call sign back to Bill after lunch and it was his turn to make some contacts for his 3 hour shift. On Monday morning Bill had the 9AM to Noon shift and thankfully the QSO parties had ended. The club members were like bookends with Dave opening the event and Bill taking the last two hours of Tennessee W1AW/4 Tuesday evening.

We did have some interesting contacts like a aeronautical mobile operating at 45,000 feet about 100 miles SE of Houston on their way to Florida. The team managed to squeeze in a couple DX stations in addition to some local ones. We had a contact in Strunk KY and even got Jamie KQ4ZIP here in Oneida TN. Thanks to all who operated or supported this special event as we raised the awareness of BSFARC within the amateur radio community.

Operator Callsign	Total QSOs
AC4G	56
K2SMA	15
K4IDB	16
K4KO	52

K4KYN	154
K5YS	82
K9QJS	46
KB4JHU	77
KB4MPS	22
KF4TY	314
N4MCC	489
N4YLA	27
W3TB	61
W4CMG	190
W4DXCC (SEDCO KB4C)	52
W4IO	413
WB5WAJ	34
WM4Q	44
TOTAL W1AW/4 TN QSOs	2144

**EXTERNAL LINK GENERAL
INFORMATION**

10-7-2026: New Mexico
10-7-2026: South Dakota
10-14-2026: California
10-14-2026: Georgia
10-14-2026: Missouri
10-21-2026: Arkansas
10-21-2026: Alaska
10-21-2026: Wisconsin
10-28-2026: Michigan
10-28-2026: Nevada

11-4-2026: Arizona
11-4-2026: Virginia
11-11-2026: Kansas
11-11-2026: Wyoming
11-11-2026: Maryland
11-18-2026: Mississippi
11-18-2026: Washington
11-25-2026: No activations as Thanksgiving week



Caroline (Carolyn) Bankston passed away on Friday September 25th after being in hospice care for a couple of weeks. Carolyn although no longer licensed was a big supporter of BSFARC activities. Please keep Julian W5EDQ and their three children along with the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Watch our Facebook page for a possible memorial service sometime in October.

Big South Fork NRRA Haunting In the Hills Storytelling Festival

UPDATE September 19, 2026





Between Kelly KI4JAV, Dave K4IDB and Bill KF4TY they were able to log almost 80 contacts on Saturday during the festival. They met many other amateur radio operators while introducing others to the hobby. Nancy KC8VTT joined the crew after her hike which also led to explaining to the attendees the usefulness of having an HT on a hike. While it was hot (90 plus degrees) we not only enjoyed the tent but also the shade from the trees. Overall attendance seemed down a bit due to the heat but the ones who braved the temperatures were very enthusiastic. We will work on some activities geared for the younger attendees like a hidden transmitter hunt or maybe playing 21 questions.

Harvest Ready Fest

UPDATE September 19, 2026



The Harvest Festival highlighted the importance of being prepared for whatever may or will happen. From home schooling to food preservation, they had it all. BSFARC was invited to focus on various forms of communications. Radios were displayed explaining the difference between FRS, MURS, GMRS, CB and of course amateur radio. Between Joe N4YLA and Dave W9DXP made some repeater contacts with Wayne K04UOG along with Ken N4KAP. Hopefully our team was able to recruit some future hams! Hopefully for their 6th annual in 2027 we can expand our presence and maybe introduce some activities for the attendees.



October 23-24, 2026

First a big thank you for the recent donation we received from the 2025 No Business 100 event. The donation was added to by club members and then sent to repeater owners in Fentress, Morgan and Scott counties.

Here is our current list of volunteers and there is room for you too!

Nancy KC8VTT

Bill KF4TY

Avery KQ4PCE

Carol KJ4QFD

Joe S, WD4JAS

Buddy W7BSF

Ken N4KAP

Stephen W. KR4JIQ plus some scouts!!

Glen KF4SKR

Darryl KQ4WKG

Joe N4YLA

This year being even the course will be run in a counterclockwise 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 (did not finish) and those in need of transportation. 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:

**No Business 100
Information**

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 100 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.

State QSO Parties



October 3-4: California

October 10-11: Arizona

October 10-11: Pennsylvania

October 10-11: South Dakota

October 18-19: Illinois

Those are the last ones until February of 2027

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



Have you tried the new POTA site 'NEXT.POTA.APP/' as it now tracks how you are progressing on hunting and activating all 50 states? It also indicates which parks you have hunted and which ones are new for you. They have even added a rove planner to help you activate even more parks!

LOCAL HAM FESTS 2026



CANCELLED!!!!!! 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>

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 a vacancy in Morgan county. As a club we would also like to update our roster of ARES volunteers in order to help out the our ECs develop their teams. Drop us an email at W4BSF@BSFARC.ORG if you are interested in emergency communications.

ARES

Skywarn Recognition Day Saturday December 5 , 2026



Skywarn Recognition Day 2026 will be observed on Saturday, December 5, honoring volunteer amateur radio operators who assist the National Weather Service during severe weather.

The first Skywarn Recognition Day was held in 1999, created jointly by the NWS and ARRL to formally recognize the importance of amateur radio in severe weather reporting. Since then, it has become a nationwide event, highlighting the vital role of human observation alongside modern radar and satellite technology.

A couple members of the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club will be helping activate the special event station in Morristown. Be sure to hunt as many NWS offices as you can during the 1 day event.

ARRL 10-Meter Contest December 12-13, 2026



For Amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on the 10-meter band – using CW-only, or Phone-only, or both modes (Mixed category). Each member is eligible to participate both individually and also submit as part of our club. We generally do fairly well in the club category but could use all the help of each individual operator. Last year we finished 9th in the country with 42,380 points with only 4 operators submitting logs.

We will be discussing the event during our upcoming meetings. A club station may also be available for those wishing to use it.



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!

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

ARRL Membership



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.



Volunteer State Worked All
Counties Award (VSWAC)



The purpose of this award is to encourage amateur radio operators to get on the air and make contacts with other Tennessee stations. This is not a contest - but rather an “operating event” that will offer recognition of amateur radio operators who contact all Tennessee counties.

This event period is from August 1, 2026, until August 1, 2027.

1. The object of this event is to make contact in all counties in the state of Tennessee from within the county you live in. If you live outside of the state of Tennessee, you must operate within your home county.
2. Whenever possible, make the contact outside of your home station.
3. Only use phone or CW modes; digital or automatic contacts will be rejected. This is in place simply to encourage operators to get to know other amateurs by have a meaningful QSO.
4. To encourage the use of all normally accessible bands by offering more points for contacts in certain bands.
5. The point system is designed to encourage Technicians class licensees and newly licensed amateurs to explore all frequency bands and modes available for their use.
6. This event promotes learning about the state of Tennessee by getting to know the counties that lie within its borders.
7. All contacts must be logged (electronically or on paper) and include the station worked, name of operator, county name, date, time, frequency, and mode. Paper QSL cards are acceptable.

Scoring Philosophy - Unlike traditional contests where every county is worth the same amount, the VSWAC recognizes that some Tennessee counties are significantly harder to work because of geography, population density, amateur radio activity, and propagation challenges.

Each county is assigned a **County Difficulty Value (CDV)**. The final score for a contact is determined by multiplying the county value by the band/mode multiplier.

Basic Scoring Formula

County Difficulty Value × Band/Mode Multiplier = Contact Score

Example:

- Clay County (100 points) worked on 2m CW (×20)

• Score = 100 × 20

• **2,000 points**

Tennessee County Difficulty Values

100-Point Counties (Rare Counties)

Clay Hancock Houston Lake Moore Perry Pickett Van Buren

75-Point Counties

Benton Bledsoe Cannon Chester Crockett Decatur Grundy Haywood Humphreys Jackson Johnson
Lewis Meigs Polk Sequatchie Stewart Trousdale Unicoi Wayne

50-Point Counties

Campbell Carroll Cheatham Claiborne Cocke Dyer Fayette **Fentress** Franklin Giles Grainger
Hardeman Hardin Henderson Henry Hickman Lauderdale Lawrence Lincoln Macon Marion Marshall
McNairy Monroe **Morgan** Obion Overton Rhea **Scott** Smith Union Warren Weakley White

40-Point Counties

Anderson Bedford Coffee Cumberland Dickson Gibson Greene Hamblen Hawkins Jefferson Loudon
McMinn Putnam Roane Robertson Tipton

30-Point Counties

Blount Bradley Madison Maury Montgomery Sevier Sullivan Sumner Washington Wilson

20-Point Counties

Hamilton Rutherford Williamson

10-Point Counties

Davidson Knox Shelby

Band & Mode Multipliers

Band Voice CW Band Voice CW

160m x3 x4 12m x5 x6

80m x2 x3 10m x5 x6

40m x2 x3 6m x7 x15

20m x3 x4 2m Simplex x10 x20

17m x4 x5 220 Simplex x15 x25

15m x4 x5 440 Simplex x20 x25

Grand Division Certificates

These awards are given out for participants “on their way” to the Worked All Counties award. Grand Division Certificates are sent as a printable PDF file via email.

East Tennessee: Complete all 33 East Tennessee counties.

Middle Tennessee: Complete all 41 Middle Tennessee counties.

West Tennessee: Complete all 21 West Tennessee counties.

Portable & Power Multipliers (Applied to the final score):

Category Multiplier

Fixed Station ×1.0

Outdoor Portable ×1.25

Battery/Solar Only ×1.25

Outdoor Portable + Battery/Solar ×1.5
QRP (≤5W CW / ≤10W Voice) Additional ×1.25

The "Volunteer State Grand Slam"

The contest's highest achievement:

- Operate entirely from one home county.
- Complete contacts with all 95 Tennessee counties.
- At least 25% of contacts made outdoors.
- At least two contacts on VHF or higher (50 MC and above)
- At least one contact on CW and one on Phone

AWARDS

Anyone contacting all 95 Tennessee counties will earn the VSWAC certificate. ARRL members will receive a printed certificate via US Mail; non ARRL members will receive an award certificate via e-mail as a printable PDF file. All licensed amateur radio operators are eligible to participate.

Amateur radio clubs within the Tennessee Section may participate operating under their club call sign.

At the conclusion of the contest period, awards will be given to the top 5 operators with the highest point score.

Grand Division Certificates will be issued as earned via e-mail as a printable PDF file.

All operators earning an award will be listed in the ARRL Tennessee Section Newsletter and on the TNARRL.ORG website.

Special Exception: If a county has no registered amateur radio operator living there, a rover or portable operator who operates from that county with the sole purpose of activating the county will automatically be credited for "a contact" to that county.

Club Apparel



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. We are expecting a price increase for new orders but the shirts still should be under \$10.00. Show your support for BSFARC and Rugby Screen Printers by pre-ordering yours today! Once we have a couple of pre-orders we will place an order plus some for our stock.

Local and In-Person Exams



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

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!

LICENSE EXAM



Stephen KR4JIQ/AE passed his extra class exam on Monday September 28th and now has access to the full band plan for US amateurs. He is looking forward to using the additional 5% of the bands to help him hunt even more DX stations. First licensed in January 2026 he then went on to his general class at the end of May. Great job in obtaining all three license classes within 9 months, He has hunted more than 400 POTA parks since June and is looking forward to more activations with his new FT-891. Hmmm wonder what his next goal is.

Calendar of Events 2026



The Short Mountain Repeater Club Hamfest may not happen due to the lack of support from their members.

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
10/17/2026	CANCELLED!!! Short Mountain Repeater Club Hamfest - Wartrace TN
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

Amateur Radio Youth Insights: Tips on interacting during your first ham radio club meeting

Posted by [Katie Campbell, KE8LQR](#)

Most young hams are familiar with the feeling of walking into a club meeting and being the youngest person there, probably by a few decades. While being the youngest in the room isn't a negative thing, it can still be quite intimidating, especially if it's your first time with the group.

Everyone is older, seems to be more knowledgeable, and has more experience with the hobby. However, these feelings can be deceiving. Once you get to know the other club members, you'll quickly realize that even if you're the youngest in the room, you may not be the most inexperienced, and that even if you are, there are certainly a few other club members in the exact same boat.

[Read More \(Full Article\)](#)

It's all in the cards: A convenient way to store or display your QSL cards

Posted by [OnAllBands](#)

We love QSL cards at OnAllBands! Here's why:

- It's a part of the hobby that lets us remember our favorite QSOs—where we were, the pileups we faced, our call sign cutting through the din, and the thrill of writing the entry in our logbook.

They often feature information and stunning graphics that open our eyes to the wonders of our diverse planet.

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The 'absolute magic' of Morse code that still connects people globally

Morse code clubs are changing and expanding all the time

Holding a tall pole and lightweight antenna wires which connect to Morse keys, a group of amateur radio fans attempt to call strangers on the other side of the world.

They send a short message from a hill on the outskirts of Bristol, asking, "Is anyone out there?". They wait, and silence. Suddenly, they hear a series of dits and dahs. Someone has picked up their message. A person thousands of miles away has heard them, and a conversation begins.

It is this human contact, after transmitting into the unknown, that creates the "absolute magic" of using the code, said the chair for the European Network of Morse Clubs.

He explained that younger people are "coming with sheer curiosity and then falling in love with it" as clubs are expanding and changing all the time.

"Nowadays we are all connected.... If the providers switched off the routers, we'd have no signal, but amateur radio will be there," he added.

[Read More \(Full Article\)](#)

Amateur Radio EmComm Prep - A look at what equipment you'll need when the worst happens

Posted by [Troy Blair, AC8oW](#)

In previous articles, I've looked at [necessary software to be used for](#)

[EmComm](#). But really, what equipment do we need to have at the ready for when that “bad day” happens? Many operators are of the mindset that they will use their POTA setup as their EmComm setup. In some cases that will work, but EmComm requires a little different flair.

With POTA, we are looking to easily set up and get on the air. In most cases we will only be in a park for a couple of hours. We want to quickly get on the air, make as many good contacts as possible, load our gear in the car, and head out.

With EmComm, depending on the event, we could be there for an extended period. I was set up after Hurricane Katrina for nearly six months. I realize that is the extreme, but isn't that what we train for? Most disaster scenarios would probably not extend past a few days in our current climate, but those few days could be crucial.

[Read More \(Full Article\)](#)

Back-Up Power Improvement

By [Klaus Spies](#)

There are times when certain projects need back-up power: during power outages, operating out in the field, and so forth. Depending on how often you need it and how much power your electronic projects require, buying a generator or an uninterruptable power supply might not be a justifiable expense, so a less-costly approach is called for (and making it ourselves adds a bit of satisfaction to our endeavors).

[Read More \(Full Article\)](#)

What to do when the bands suck?

[John VA3KOT](#)

Solar cycle #25 has reached its peak and is on the decline again. We may still have a few years of good propagation left but I am planning ahead. During the last solar minimum I adapted by ...

forgive me ... increasing my transmit power. This time around I hope to keep working QRP, but increase my effective radiated power through bigger, more efficient antennas.

The peak of cycle 25 was actually quite a disappointment. The Sun became hyper-active spewing a few too many Coronal Mass Ejections, flares and high energy particles our way. Hopefully, now that the peak has passed, we might even get some less unpredictable propagation before we hit solar minimum.

As solar activity declines the higher bands seem to be open less often, so my personal focus is on 20m, 30m and 40m. Those bands are open throughout the solar cycle – except during solar storms of course. At least once per week I venture onto 80m for a CW rag chew with friends, but that is at the home QTH. When operating out in the woods 20m, 30m and 40m are my goto bands.

[Read More \(Full Article\)](#)

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.

October 2026

as of 8-30 there were 32 SES

10/02/2026 | Rail Road Days

Oct 2-Oct 12, 0800Z-2000Z, K8H, Craigsville, WV. Bill Edele. 3.815 7.180 14.212. Certificate & QSL.
Bill Edele, P O Box 1688, Craigsville, WV 26205. BillEdele@yahoo.com

10/03/2026 | 51st Lumberjack Day

Oct 3, 1500Z-2300Z, W6WPT, West Point, CA. Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators .
14.250 14.074 7.240 7.074. QSL. NCERO - C/O Sam Hernandez, PO Box 526, West Point, CA 95255.
We will be operating during the 51th Lumberjack day from VFW Post 3322 in West Point, CA.
wptCERT@gmail.com

10/03/2026 | Rocklin Maker Faire

Oct 3, 1700Z-2200Z, K6C, Rocklin, CA. ARRL Sacramento Valley Section. 7.290 14.290 21.390
145.250. QSL. Carol F. Milazzo, PO BOX 665, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-0665.
<https://specialevent.arrlsacvalley.org>

10/03/2026 | The Big Duck Birthday Celebration

Oct 3, 1300Z-2000Z, w2dq, Riverhead, NY. Suffolk County Radio Club . 14.220. QSL. Suffolk County
Radio Club , PO Box 302, Medford, NY 11763. Help Celebrate the 95th Birthday of the big duck an
iconic road side attraction of Long Island. QSL will be returned via club email address please
include a SASE. src.io

10/03/2026 | West Valley ARC 65th Anniversary

Oct 3-Oct 4, 1900Z-0500Z, NY7S, Sun City, AZ. West Valley ARC. 147.300 14.275 AllStar 63916. QSL.
WVARC-65, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372. westvalleyARC.com

10/03/2026 | World's Largest Coffee Pot and USA 250th Anniversary

Oct 3, 1200Z-2359Z, W3ZC, Bedford, PA. BCARS - Bedford County Amateur Radio Society. 7.215
14.255 21.225. QSL. Bedford County Amateur Radio Society, 120 W. Watson Street, Bedford, PA
15522. SASE QSL bcars.org

10/04/2026 | National Fire Prevention Week

Oct 4-Oct 10, 0000Z-0000Z, N1F, Gainesville, FL. W.T. Lofton High School ARC. 14.250. QSL. Dr. Bob
Lightner, W.T. Lofton High School ARC, 3000 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32641.
hamfire.com

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Lightner, W.T. Lofton High School ARC, 3000 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32641.
hamfire.com

10/04/2026 | Rutherford B Hayes President's Birthday

Oct 4, 1100Z-1700Z, W8H, Fremont, OH. W8NCK. 7.040 7.265 14.040 14.265. Certificate. David
Dyke, KZ4CW, 2783 E. State St, Fremont, OH 43420. www.W8NCK.org

10/05/2026 | RV Radio Network fall rally

Oct 5, 1200Z-2300Z, N5IL, Milton, FL. RV Radio Network . 7.268 LSB 14.283 USB . Certificate. Harold
Bell / N5IL, 26379 Cedar Crest Rd, Andalusia, AL 36421.

10/08/2026 | Continental Army Encampment at Towamencin PA

Oct 8-Oct 16, 0000Z-2359Z, W3T, Harleysville, PA. WV2M. 7.030 7.240 14.030 14.240. QSL. Frank Gallo WV2M, 106 Tweed Way, Harleysville, PA 19438. <https://www.qrz.com/db/W3T>

10/08/2026 | Sapelo Island Expedition Speical Event

Oct 8-Oct 12, 1200Z-2359Z, N4N, Sapelo Island, GA. Sapelo Island Expedition Team. 14.290 28.375 7.195 21.325. QSL. n/a, n/a, n/a. The Sapelo Island Expedition Team is activating Sapelo Island, GA, as N4N to commemorate 16 years since the initial activation of this rare Georgia barrier island. QSL will be via LoTW/QRZ/ClubLog during the expedition as Internet allows or within 10 days of expedition completion. Question? Ricky Deluco, K4JTT (k4jtt@yahoo.com) or Ian Kahn, NV4C (nv4c.ian@gmail.com).

10/09/2026 | CACTUS

Oct 9-Oct 18, 1200Z-2359Z, K7RST, Tucson, AZ. Radio Society of Tucson. 14.287. Certificate & QSL. RST Attn: CACTUS Certificate Request Manager, PO Box 13603, Tucson, AZ 85732-3603. cactus.k7rst.net

10/10/2026 | 5th Annual Scratching Post QSL Party in the Lucedale

Oct 10, 1300Z-2300Z, K5K, Lucedale, MS. George County ARES-Lucedale, Mississippi. 7.074 7.265 14.325 28.390. QSL. Brent Albrecht, 2088 Will Pet Rd., Lucedale, MS 39452. gcmsares.org

10/10/2026 | Columbus Day Special Event Station

Oct 10-Oct 12, 0000Z-2359Z, NJ2KC, Bridgeton, NJ. New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club. 7.234 MHz 14.234 MHz 21.234 MHz 29.234 MHz. QSL. Thomas M Perrotti, 785 Vineland Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4822. C/O Thomas M. Perrotti, 785 Vineland Ave, Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4822. NJ2KC.org. In Partnership with Knights Amateur Radio Society, KC2US, KC2US.org. nj2kc.org

10/10/2026 | Columbus Day Special Event Station

Oct 10-Oct 12, 0000Z-2359Z, KC2US, Bridgeton, NJ. Knights Amateur Radio Society. 7.2340 MHz 14.2340 MHz 21.2340 MHz 29.2340 MHz. QSL. Thomas M Perrotti, 785 Vineland Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4822. kc2us.org

10/10/2026 | Ike Eisenhower's Birthday

Oct 10, 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

10/10/2026 | New York State Pathways Through History

Oct 10, 1400Z-2000Z, W2RME, Norwich, NY. Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association/Chenango County Historical Society. 3.815 mhz 7.215 mhz 14.205 mhz 28.360 mhz. QSL. Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 1324, Norwich, NY 13815. CVARA.net

10/10/2026 | VLA Open House

Oct 10, 0900Z-1600Z, K5J, Socorro, NM. Socorro Amateur Radio Association. 14.240. QSL. Tess Anderson, PO Box 81, Socorro, NM 87801. <https://www.socorroara.org>

10/11/2026 | TUBAC, ARIZONA'S 274th ANNIVERSARY

Oct 11, 1700Z-2100Z, WE7GV, Sahuarita, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club. 14.242 14.246 14.248. Certificate & QSL. Tom Lang K7VOA, 1085 W EL TORO RD, , Sahuarita, AZ 85629. www.gvarc.us

10/11/2026 | United States Navy Birthday (10-13-1775)

Oct 11, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship CV-41 COMEDTRA NI6IW. 7.250 14.320 14.070 PSK31 DStar on PAPA System Repeaters. QSL. USS Midway Ship Museum CV-41 COMEDTRA NI6IW, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. See www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw for details.

10/12/2026 | 3rd Annual National Sasquatch Awareness Day

Oct 12-Oct 21, 0001Z-2359Z, W7DK, Tacoma. Radio Club Of Tacoma. 14.255. Certificate & QSL. Radio Club of Tacoma c/o Bigfoot, PO Box 1188, Tacoma, WA 98411. Callsigns W7B, W7I, W7G, W7F, W7O, W7T, W4S (Bonus Station) ALL Bands Modes: CW, SSB, FT-8/4, RTTY w7dk.org

10/17/2026 | Chuck Berry 100th Birthday Special Event

Oct 17-Oct 18, 0000Z-2359Z, W0B, St. Louis, MO. St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club. 7.180 14.250 28.350. Certificate & QSL. Special Event W0B, c/o Jim Briggs, 19429 Quarry Road, Warrenton, MO 63383.

10/17/2026 | National Mashed Potato Day

Oct 17-Oct 18, 0917Z-1207Z, W9P, Plover, WI. Central Sands Amateur Radio. 14.320MHz 40m depending upon band cond. 15M band conditions . Certificate. Phil Schobert, 300 Polk St, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

10/17/2026 | Skyview Founders Day

Oct 17, 1400Z-2000Z, K3MJW, New Kensington, PA. Skyview Radio Society. 7.260 14.260. QSL. Skyview Radio Society, 2335 Turkey Ridge Rd, New Kensington, PA 15068. Celebrating the founding members of Skyview Radio Society in 1960 www.skyviewradio.net

10/17/2026 | Town of Redington Beach Florida Safety Day

Oct 17, 1500Z-1700Z, NE2CC, Saint Petersburg, FL. Gulf Coast Contest Club. 14.175 21.395 28.340 . Certificate. Gulf Coast Contest Club, 16001 2nd St E, Saint Petersburg, FL 33708. <https://gulfcoastcontestclub.org>

10/17/2026 | Yorktown Special Event

Oct 17, 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

10/23/2026 | United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 87 Birthday

Oct 23-Oct 25, 1400Z-2300Z, N2S, Marlton, NJ. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. 7.250 21.3 14.230 28.350. Certificate. Michael Slepian WB2LKO, 12 Continental Ln, Marlton, NJ 08053-4606. Coast Guard Auxiliary radio operators who are also hams will participate from more than a dozen locations throughout the US. mrslep@comcast.net

10/31/2026 | 2026 Frankenstein Halloween FunXpedition

Oct 31-Nov 1, 1800Z-0300Z, W00, Jefferson City, MO. Mid-MO ARC. 3.538 3.963 14.038 14.280. QSL. Kent Trimble, K9ZTV, 2210 Heartland Ridge, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Annual Halloween FunXpedition from the only Frankenstein in the USA. CW & SSB 80-10. Consult spotting networks for frequencies. W00 QSL info on QRZ.com. Further details: K9ZTV

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