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Telephone Number for the Shack (basement of the Red Cross Building): (859) 231-0974.

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Post notes to the Club List Serv:<br/>bars@lsv.uky.edu>.

### QUICKY NOTES

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June 2020

Below you will find the Club's Ebay account for the sale of the surplus equipment. Copy the URL into your browser and take a look at the items we have up for auction.

https://www.ebay.com/sch/bluegrassars/m.html

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**Meeting Notice** 

Bart Breeding/KB4FEE, Chair, Newsletter Committee Bluegrass ARS, Lexington,Kentucky

The general meeting of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., schedule for Monday, June 1 2020, has been cancelled.

Do you have a topic you would like a program on or a program you would like to present? Do you have a home brewed project you have built? Bring it and show it off! Question? Ask it! Maybe your question isn't one about a Club activity or function, maybe you are having a problem getting some newly acquired equipment set up and operating correctly, or you have an antenna with radiation problems. Regardless of your question, problem, or suggestion, bring it to the Club meeting.

The Club shack is currently closed due to the Covid-19.

Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society's ham shack is located in the basement of the Red Cross building at 1450 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511. Entrance is down the steps (look for the BARS banner hung on the railing) at the North Side of the building. **Fayette County ARES Coordinator - Sandy Gragg** The Fayette County ARES net has resumed. Remember the Fayette County ARES net every Tuesday at 8:30 pm on the 146.94 repeater. We are looking for more folks that would help share in the net control. If you would like to Help, contact Sandy KM4PJU, at 859-699-0035

> **NEW MEMBERS** No new members

A new net has started, Wednesday evening at 8 pm and Saturday mornings at 9 am. This is a raw chew net and open for all amateurs. The is located on the 146.760 repeater. There is no PL tone. See you on the net.

Come join in with your friends on the: KY-QRP NET Tuesday evening at 8 pm on the 146.760 repeater, negative offset and no PL tone

The Technician License Class is temporary cancelled due to the Covid -19 virus.

## **REMINDERS**

Over the last year or so, we have had difficulty contacting members. It is the responsiblity of each member to update their contact information, phone, address, email or updated license and call sign information. Please contact the treasurer and update your information.

The best way to do this is to give the treasurer a written note with your updated information.

The annual dues run during a calender year, January to December. If you join during the year, the dues are pro rated based upon when you join.

Also, dues are \$20.00 per year , with a 60-day grace period ending on the last day of February. If you pay for multiple years, you get a discount: 2yrs. is \$38

3 yrs. is \$55

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If you have a TNC or a software TNC hooked up to a 2m transceiver, please contact Dave Richardson W9KHZ. We need your help testing the club's K4KJQ BBS on 144.39MHZ. thanks Jeff

New Rag chew net on Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm and on Saturday morning at 9 am. The net is located on the 146.760 repeater with a negative offset and no PL tone.

#### **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BLUEGRASS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC., is currently accepting applications/nominations to fill the unexpired term for Treasurer. This term will end with the election in December 2020 for club officers. Please review the current bylaws for qualifications requirements.

If you would like to apply for this position or you would like to nominate a person for this position. Please contact Sandy Gragg.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut. --Will Rogers

#### BARS E-BAY SALES AND AUCTION SALES OF SURPLUSSED EQUIPMENT

The BARS Board of Directors has adopted a method for the disposal of all items in our donated equipment inventory through the transfer of ownership by making them available for purchase by open public auctions and sales. We have determined that it is to the optimum benefit of BARS that we try to obtain the maximum amount for each item, or related sets of items, by accepting only the highest value received through as fair, and as equitable, and as impartial a public process as reasonably possible. In this way we endeavor to eliminate any impressions of advantage or disadvantage to anyone or group wishing to obtain by purchase any item or items.

Our process in operation now is to periodically, and more-or-less continuously, move a somewhat small and easily manageable group of equipments, selected to some extent at random, from a storage facility to the BARS room at the Red Cross Building. At the BARS room, the equipment is basically evaluated (maybe even "smoke" tested) to determine a reasonably accurate and reliable description of its condition. Any equipments that we envision may be of utility to the Club are retained for use in the shack or the shop. Those items that are marked for sale through E-Bay are weighed and photographed, and then researched in an effort to determine their histories and current comparative values. After that, the equipment's descriptive file, including our asked and reserve price, is up-loaded to the E-Bay sales website under our "*Bluegrassars*" account to make our intentions universally known that the equipment is publically available by timed auction or instant fixed-price purchase. In this way we are trying to keep up a simple uninterrupted cycle of listings, purchases, and shipments which will eventually deplete our inventory of donated and surplus items and eliminate our need and the expense for a rented storage facility.

The current (and previous) BARS Bylaws in its Preamble is specific in its intention that "*No part of the resources, and/or property, and /or net earnings of the corporation, if any, shall inure to the individual benefit of, or be distributed to, any of its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons…*". In order to insure our own compliance with our own rules, no offers for purchase of any Club owned items will be considered that are not conducted in an open public venue or setting by the methods currently adopted by BARS. This prevents any perception of preference to any purchaser, including Club members, and provides an element of assurance that the Club realizes a monetary amount that was determined by as fair a market demand value attainable at the time of the sale. We generally consider this approach is of the overall advantage to BARS, its members, as well as any others involved in these types of financial transactions with the Club. In addition, the Club has established a reputation through E-Bay of reliable and highly-rated service which has allowed us to increase our listings due to our so-far proven credibility. The Club intends to maintain this commendable level of association with E-Bay as our outlet for sales of our major surplus'd electronics equipment.

There is a prior knowledge of the items that will be coming to sale by some of the Club members who assist and help with the moving from the storage unit to the BARS room. During the interim period between transporting, preparation, and posting for sale on E-Bay, the items are normally "on display" in the BARS room except for those of exceptional condition and value that are securely stored away to prevent damage or theft. Also, once an item is posted on E-Bay and before its final sale, it is available by appointment for a hands-on, non-deitem only through the E-Bay venue. The E-Bay sale plus applicable sales tax and estimated shipping costs based on weight and method, that will all be paid by the buyer. The Club receives a net amount after E-Bay listing fees and financial transaction fees are deducted. The difference between the E-Bay assessed and the Club's actual shipping costs are subsequently reconciled by BARS. A local or nearby buyer can forego the E-Bay determined shipping costs by opting for a local in-person pick-up arrangement scheduled at the BARS room with proper purchase confirmation paperwork.

Minor items and equipments that have been judged and determined to be of relatively low nominal value and demand and that probably will not be successfully sold on E-Bay, have been set aside for simpler disposal but still by fair public sales methods. Various assortments of the Club's recently attained donated and then surplus'd items have been sold at the silent auctions conducted at our Hamfests in 2019 and 2018, where the Club deducted the applicable sales tax from the winning bid price rather than add the sales tax on to the buyers cost. A pleasant situation occurred recently when one, if not two, hamfest attendees offered a one-price, take-it-or-leave-it-right-now, amount for some equipment before the close of the silent auction. We could not in good conscience change the rules in fairness to those who had and would be actively bidding on the same item(s). The prospective purchaser was encouraged to place his bid on the auction sheet (with a contact number) as others had, and then see how the offers proceeded. At the end of the auction, the winning bid was from the "one-price" buyer whose unbeaten offer was less than the on-the-spot price he originally proposed. Should BARS have held him to his first bargain? The Club retained its honor and reputation, and our patron retained the difference in his wallet.

The decision of the Board of Directors to respectfully not accept offers for privately arranged purchases of BARS property reflects our position to consider the best interests of BARS and its members and other stakeholders who rely on the Club as an organization to operate with the knowledge of all concerned constituents in an open and visible, even if less than an expedient and seemingly unaccommodating, unbiased and objective manner.

## **Call for Nominations - Ernie Farmer Memorial Award**

Nominations are requested for the person you feel meets or exceeds the belowlisted qualities as related to amateur radio and its many diverse and varied activities. Nominations should be sent to Bart Breeding/KB4FEE, Bluegrass ARS, Inc., PO Box 4411, Lexington, Kentucky 40544-4411 (kb4fee@ arrl.net).

The person selected from your nominations will be honored during a special award ceremony at the annual Family Bars picnic. Many arrangements must be made, so do not put this off.

Rules

1. This award is to be presented during the annual picnic.

2. The call for nominations must be published in the Bluegrass ARS newsletter three consecutive months prior to the deadline for nominations, which is thirty (30) days prior to the annual Family picnic. Any nominations received after that date (July 14, 2020) will not be considered.

3. Nominations must be in writing and signed, or by e-mail with submitter's name clearly shown, with specific and adequate information describing why the nominee should be considered.

4. Areas of consideration:

- a. Involvement in public relations.
- b. Operating excellence.
- c. Involvement in public service.

d. Assistance to prospective and/or licensed amateurs.

e. A combination of these for the general furtherance of amateur radio.

5. The President shall appoint a committee of no less than three to consider nominations and select the winner. The committee shall select the winner within two weeks after the deadline and procure an appropriate plaque in sufficient time to permit presentation at the annual Family picnic. Also, the committee will write a letter of commendation outlining the reasons for the award. This is to be presented along with the plaque.

6. The winner will be notified prior to the picnic to permit acceptance of the plaque and the letter and attendance at the picnic.

7. The name of the winner and the contents of the commendation letter will be published in the Club newsletter following the picnic.

1979 - Sam Humphries/WA4KKV 2002 - Lou Berry/AG4LB, and 1980 - William Alcock/W4CDA (Danville) Pat Spencer/KD4PW 1981 - Bill Shepherd/W4AUZ 2003 - John Bell/K4RBH (Honorary Presentation, SK), 1982 - Mike Mahlbacher/WA4UQA Fernie Williams/KE4MAI and 1983 - Ed Bono/WA40NE, and Jerry B. Young/WA4WWH Harry Bradshaw/W4TPB (SK) 2004 - Tom Mansfield/KG4TND 1984 - Bill DeVore/N4DIT 2005 - Darryl Bennett/KD4CSW 1985 - Ed White/KD4TQ (SK) 2006 - Greg Cross/WA8FJK 1986 - Scott Hackney/KI4LE 2007 - Margueritte Williams/KE4MAJ 1987 - Nan Muth/AA4UN, and 2008 - Jeanie Dalton-Pugh/KB8QLC John Boyers/W80M (Plain City, Ohio) 2009 - No nominations received 1988 - No nominations received 2010 - No nominations received 1989 - Bill Woodward/KC4CHF (SK), and 2011 - Brad James/WA4HBM Jim Odom/WA4GHQ (now AC4FP, SK) 2012 - Pete Clough/WD4GPO 1990 - John Thernes/WM4T (Covington) 2013 - Pat Hayden/AI4W 1991 - John Crutcher/KC4DUU 2014 - Glenn A. Dawson/AK4HA 1992 - Bobby Rolph/KB4QNR 2015 - No nominations received 1993 - Ralph Herndon/KN4DF 2016 - Joseph Wallace/KE6IVK 1994 - Johnie Watson/KC4JNR (now NA4J 2017 - Christopher Gay/KU4A (SK Feb 2013) 2018 - David Richardson/W9KHZ 1995 - Paul Mitchell/N4DUE 2019 - Bart Breeding/KB4FEE 1996 - Bill Fuqua/KO4WW (now WA4LAV) 2012 - Pete Clough/WD4GPO and Jim Muth/N4CGQ 2013 - Pat Hayden/AI4W 1997 - Steve McCallum/K4URX (W2ZBY) (SK) 2014 - Glenn A. Dawson/AK4HA 1998 - Harry Sparks/KN4S 2015 - No nominations received 1999 - None awarded 2016 - Joseph Wallace/KE6IVK 2000 - Ron Ritchie/KF4MOM 2017 - Christopher Gay/KU4A 2001 - Ron Dodson/KA4MAP (Webster, KY) 2018 - David Richardson/W9KHZ and James Craig McKechnie/KE4FFQ 2019 - Bart Breeding/KB4FEE

always there when needed and do not hesitate to get involved.

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**JUNE 2020** 



Currently no testing is scheduled due to the Covid-19. As soon as test sessions are known, we will update our list.

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https://www.ebay.com/sch/bluegrassars/m.html

## September 25th and 26th, 2020, Pigeon Forge, TN

Hello Friends and Club Officials

I want to ask that you pass along this announcement about this years W4DXCC convention onto your club members and friends, thank you in advance.

Hello from W4DXCC 16 DX and Contest Convention. This is our 16th year! The Mainstay Suites and Convention Center is open for business as of today May 8th and will be ready to host this years W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention for 2020 September 25-26th.

Plan on attending today! The Website has been updated with the latest News. Be sure to SEE all those who attend last year in the picture gallery Here 2019 Photos.

Go Here for the W4DXCC website W4DXCC

Friday 25th is the Ham Radio Bootcamp where we do our best to provide the knowledge to New and Experienced Hams alike. If your new to some of the new digital modes like FT8-FT4 you wont want to miss Bootcamp.

Saturday 26th is the Main Convention where we have 6 presenters giving you the inside scoop on what is going on. Following each presentation we have time for questions if you would like to know more.

We have all of the leading radio and equipment manufacturers setup in the lobby with the latest gear for you to twist the knobs or click the mice. More importantly you can have a one on one to ask questions about the gear with the company representative in a relaxed environment.

We have a fully operational Ham Shack setup where you can come learn hands on with an Elmer to show you the ropes and make QSO's in CW, Phone and different digital modes.

The Convention is a great place to meet with your friends. Coordinate with your friends to attend the convention and spend time with them reminiscing of the good old days.

We will have VE Testing on Saturday so get Upgrade! to studying for that test and also study for that

It is time to make your Hotel reservations for this years convention. Online ticket ordering will open May 15th. Go here to the Website Hotel reservation page Hotel Reservations.

The Convention admission includes Snacks and Drinks during Saturdays session and Lunch. Convention Registration is Open May 15th including Online Ticket Purchasing. There is an evening Banquet that you can attend. When you purchase your Convention tickets also buy the Banquet tickets, seating is limited for the Banquet.

You can make your ticket purchase anytime after May 15th by going here Online Ticket Purchase Check out the Website and learn about the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention. Go Here W4DXCC Convention.

Best 73 See you soon, Dave Anderson, K4SV Convention leader Dave@w4dxcc.com

## **REMEMBRANCE OF ERNIE FARMER**

From July 1977 Newsletter:

From Minutes of the June, 1977 General Meeting Several new club awards were proposed and passed. The main one, Ernie Farmer Memorial Award, will be awarded each year to the Lexington Area amateur who has contributed the most to amateur radio. This person does not necessarily have to be a BGARC member\* (later changed to apply to any amateur in any area of the country).

\*BGARC (Bluegrass Amateur Radio Club, predecessor of BARS, Inc.) My error, please make the following correction:

The award was approved by the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Club (BGARC) board of directors and members. The two Lexington radio clubs had not merger yet in 1977 so BARS was still only being discussed.

**Bill N4DIT** 

ERNIE FARMER, W4MWR By The "Ham News" Editor Tom Fitzpatrick WB4FOT (now K4IE)

It was more or less fate that brought a friend of mine and I into contact with Ernie Farmer. We were freshmen at the University of Kentucky and very interested in Ham Radio. We didn't know any hams in Lexington and used to look around the campus area for likely-looking antennas. Oddly enough, we came upon a rather unimpressive antenna one evening, it was just an 80-meter dipole strung between a couple of telephone poles.\* Gathering up our courage we knocked at the front door and were graciously welcomed by Ernie. This was also the first time either of us had seen a Collins S-Line close up as well.

Little did my friend and I know that we had stumbled into one of the most known and most loved amateur operators in the state of Kentucky.

Many visits followed, Ernie always gave us encouragement and incentive to get our licenses. We both did eventually and owe much to the man who exemplified what an all-around Ham ought to be.

Ernie passed from our ranks recently [1978] after a prolonged and brave battle for his life. Hundreds of people will never forget this extraordinary person and it's only fitting that the BGARC should institute an award in his memory.

\*Sam Humphries WA4KKV sent me a note: "I took the 80 meter dipole down for Mrs. Farmer and still have it. Not in use, but still rolled up in the garage."

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#### Ernie Farmer, Mentor to Many Bill Cotter, N4LG

I first met Ernie Farmer, W4MWR at a BARS meeting in November of 1962. At that time he was an officer of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Club (BGARC, now Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc.), if I remember correctly. I had my novice license (WN4GRS) then, and joined BGARC with several junior and high school friends. The BGARC members mentored many of us with our General and Advanced class licenses, and CW practice. The following year the BGARC created a novice station for the 1963 ARRL Field Day under Ernie's watchful eye.

Ernie taught Radio and TV classes on the second floor of the Lafayette Vocational School when it was located behind Lafayette High School, and across from the Naval Reserve quonset hut where the BGARC met every month. He was the trustee for the ham radio station at Lafayette High School, which was located in the science room on the second floor. Everyone had to be checked out by Ernie before they could operate the station.

When I was in the 11th grade (1967) students were offered the option of taking four hours of morning vocational school classes at the new Vocational School off Leestown Rd, behind the middle school. I signed up for the Radio class, and Ernie Farmer was our instructor.

Our classes consisted of two hours theory and two hours of lab work. He was very patient with students, making sure no one got left behind. If you had a problem with grasping a topic, he would spend time to help you get untangled. The class started with everyone building crystal set, TRF receiver, regenerative receiver, and finally a superhet receiver. He taught us how to build metal chassis, mount components, solder correctly, use meters and instruments, and diagnose problems.

While a student at UK, I was hired in 1973 by the Lexington Army Depot along with over 2,000 other electronic technicians. Many of those hired were graduates of Lafayette Vocational School and were students of Ernie Farmer. I don't recall the I assume it was done posthumously in his people in electronics.

#### Ernie Farmer Remembered Chris Gay KU4A

In the early days of the Ernie Farmer award, Mrs. Farmer participated in the presentation. I remember Bill Shepherd W4AUZ telling the officers of the club: "Don't ever give me the Ernie Farmer award. I used to go out drinking with Ernie and I would bring him home drunk." Of course, Shep was one of the first winners of the award, and Mrs. Farmer didn't mind giving it to him.

I think Mrs. Farmer lived near campus (some place like Columbia Avenue). I remember her having a bunch of magazines which I collected to put in the BARS library, back during my first tour-of-duty as BARS librarian. I think she was in the process of cleaning out her garage after the passing of Ernie.

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#### Ernie Farmer by Roger W. Wells, K4AXD via BARS List Serv

I knew Ernie Farmer very well. When I was in high school he taught radio and TV repair at Lafayette Vocational School. I took the radio repair. He knew I was a novice ham at the time so he would let me come over after school and operate his station. He had a Collins station. Great person. I graduated from high school in 1956.

#### Ernie Farmer Memorial Award David Richardson, W9KHZ

It's an absolute honor to have such a prestigious award named after you. The club has shown Ernie Farmer the ultimate respect in keeping his name alive and respected through the years.

With Bill DeVore and Chris Gay's assistance I hope to update our silent key, remembrance plaque, as a way to honor all those members who've come before and helped build this club.

Thank you Roger and Bill for giving us the mini biography on Ernie Farmer, I never had the pleasure of knowing him, but I'm glad his legacy is still alive.

Ernie Farmer by Glenn Dawson as told to Brad James WA4HBM

Brad: I had a nice chat with Glenn Dawson AK4HA yesterday [Saturday, May 17, 2020] about Ernie Farmer.

Here is what Glenn had to say:\_exington, Kentucky

Ernie was a teacher at Lafayette Vocational School, now the Bluegrass Community and Technical College, back in 1950's-early 60's. It was part of a program to teach high school kids vocational skills. Ernie taught a class in Radio-TV which Glenn took. The class was not involved with ham radio.

Glenn said that Ernie was strict and not personable. Ernie was not Glenn's mentor or Elmer, and they did not have a personal relationship.

Glenn said that he had heard that the reason we have an Ernie Farmer Award was because either Ernie made a nice donation to the club, or the donation was made in Ernie's name. (Got to check that out.)

Glenn also said that Ernie had a reputation for hitting the sauce at times.

Anyway, that's Glenn's story.

I know that radio-TV repair was a big deal back in those days, and I suspect Ernie's class was well filled. I also suspect that many of his former pupils are still walking around today who also have



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Lexington, Kentucky

JUNE 2020

There are no minutes for the April and May General meeting of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., since there the meetings were cancelled.

The BARS Open General Meetings are expected to resume in the future on their regular schedule of the first Monday of each month when the recommended restrictions on group gatherings are ended and the Red Cross Building is again available for BARS functions.

## "You can fool some of the people some of the time -- and that's enough to make a decent living."

--W. C. Fields

# "Some things are better than sex, and some are worse, but there's nothing exactly like it."

--W.C Fields

"Until we meet again, may the good Lord take a liking to you."

-- Roy Rogers

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When school opens, I may contact the Fayette County School system to see if they can provide additional information. It would be great if we could find a photo from some old yearbook to include with our expanded history of the man.

I know that radio-TV repair was a big deal back in those days, and I suspect Ernie's class was well filled. I also suspect that many of his former pupils are still walking around today who also have memories. I think I'll put a blurb on the list server and see who responds.

While Ernie may not have included ham radio in his classes, if you wanted to learn about radio to pass an FCC test, signing up for Ernie's class would have been the way to go. He may have indirectly helped many local hams gain the skills needed to get their tickets, and that's why we have the Ernie Farmer award.

I wonder if Ernie still has family living here in Lexington. If we could find them, we could gather all the info we need. Brad

#### ERNIE FARM<mark>ER,</mark> W4MWR By Sam Humphries/WA4KKV

The old grey matter is flaky at best. I remember Ernie from a very long time ago when he lived across from Clifton Park near UK campus. I do believe that he was an electronics teacher.

As for the award: Ernie was always an Elmer to those who wanted to become HAMS. At the time of his death I was President of BGARC. Remembering his love of Amateur Radio and helping others I got the thought for the memorial award and contacted his wife. She was thrilled that the club wanted to recognized him in this way. I presented my idea to the club board and the rest is history. Knowing Ernie and being nominated to receive the very first who would know more about Ernie are also



## Contest Corral

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arrl.org/contest-calendar. Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Dati	Start - e-Time			Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	1900	1	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
2	0100	2	0300	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	arsgrp.blogspot.com
4	1700	4	2100	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	nrau.net/activity-contests
4	1900	4	2100	1.8-50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
5	1900	5	1959	3.5.7	HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest	CW	RST, mbr or "NM"	radioamator.honlapepites.hu
6	0000	7	0200	1.8-28	PVRC Reunion	CW Ph	1st year of membership (for members), name, SPC, call sign when joined PVRC (for members)	pvrc.org/reunion/reunion.htm
6	0000	7	2359	28	10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest	Dig	Name, SPC, mbr	www.ten-ten.org
6	0400	7	2000	3.5-28	DiciFest	Dig	RST, 4-char grid square	rigexpert.com/digifest/rules
6	0600	6	0800	7,14	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	CW	RST, serial, suffix of previous QSO	grp.ru/contest/wakeup
6	0600	7	0600	3.5-28	VK Shires Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), VK Shire or CQ zone	wia.org.au/members/contests/wavl
6	1300	7	1300	50	UKSMG Summer Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial, 6-char grid square	uksmg.org/summer-contest-rules.p
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6	1400	7	0200	1.8-144	Kentucky QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	www.kyqsoparty.org
6	1500	7	1500	7-50	Dutch Kingdom Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	dkars.nl/index.php?page=rules
6	1500	7	1500	1.8-28	RSGB National Field Day	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
7	1700	7	2200	All (no WARC)	Cookie Crumble QRP Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), SPC, cookie #, name	w3atb.com/cookie-crumble
0	0030	10	0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
0	1900	10	2030	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
3	0000	14	1559	3.5-28	DRCG WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, CQ zone	www.drcg.de/drcgww
3	0000	14	2359	50	SMIRK Contest	CW Ph	4-char grid, mbr (optional)	smirk.org/contest.html
3	1100	13	1300	14.21	Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	Ph	RS. serial	isfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
3	1200	14	1200	3.5-28	Portugal Day Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), CT district or serial	portugaldaycontest.rep.pt
3	1200	14	2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
	10000	13			Contraction of the second s	CW		
3			1800	144, 432	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest		RST, serial, power class, 6-char grid	agcw.org/index.php/en
3	1500		1500	3.5-28	GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	CW	RST, CO zone	contest.com.ar/gacw-wwsa
3	1600		1600	50	REF DDFM 6 Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, 4-char grid	concours.r-e-f.org
3	1800	15	0259	50 and up	ARRL June VHF Contest	CW Ph Dig	4-character grid square	www.arrl.org/june-vhf
5	0000	15	0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqrp.com
15	1900	15	2030	3.5	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	Dig	4-char grid square	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
6	1200	16	1400	7	SARL Youth Sprint	Ph	RS, age	www.sarl.org.za
7	0030	17	0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	nagcc.info
20	0000	20	2359	3.5-28	Battle of Carabobo International Contest	K4 Ph Q	RS(T), YV state or serial	www.qrz.com/db/YV4VV
0	0000	21	2359	1.8-28	All Asian DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, 2-digit age	www.jarl.org/English
0		21	1159	3.5-28	Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, 2-letter oblast or serial	urdxc.org/rtty/eng.htm
0		21	1400	50,70	IARU Region 1 50/70 MHz Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), serial, 6-char grid	www.iaru-r1.org
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0	1500		1500		Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid square	www.kkn.net/stew
20	1600	21	0400	3.5-28	West Virginia QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/wvqp.html
20	1800		1959	1.8-50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, QTH, grid, power	sites.google.com/site/feidheliclub
0	1800	20	2359	21.24.28 144 reputters	ARRL Kids Day	Ph	Name, age, QTH, favorite color	www.arri.org/kids-day
9	0080	21	1400	50	WAB 50 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or country	wab.intermip.net
21	1900		2359	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
4	0000		0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint RSGB 80-Meter Club	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
25	1900	25	2030	3.5	Championship, SSB	Ph CW	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org/hf
27	0600		1700	3.5-28	UFT QRP Contest		RST, QRP/QRO, mbr or "NM"	uft.net/reglement/eng.pdf
27	1200	28	1200	3.5-28	Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	Dig	RST, 2-letter oblast or serial	www.izmail-dx.com
27	1200	28	1200	1.8-28	His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, EA province or serial	concursos.ure.es/en
7	1800	28	2100	All (no WARC)	ARRL Field Day	CW Ph Dig	Number of transmitters, operating class, ARRL/RAC section or "DX"	www.arrl.org/field-day
g	0001	5	2359	28	10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at www.contestcalendar.com and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.

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#### **Program Schedule for 2020**

David Richardson/W9KHZ, Chair, Program Committee Bluegrass ARS, Lexington, Kentucky

The following programs are scheduled for 2020. Your input and suggestions for programs for 2020 are needed. Call David Richardson,W9KHZ at 859-983-1380 or e-mail at daveinlex3@gmail.com/.

	Month	Торіс	Presenter(s)	Comments		
_/_	January	"Winter Field Day" January 25-26, 2020	David Richardson/	W9KHZ		
1	February	FT8 Digital Mode	Chris Gay			
1	March	SkyWarn National Weather Service, Joe	e Sullivan, Louisville, KY start time is 7 pm			
1	April	<b>CANCELLED DUE COVID -19</b>				
1	May CANCELLED DUE COVID-19					
1	June	<b>CANCELLED DUE COVID-19</b>				
	July	ТВА				
	August	"Hamfest" August 8, 2020	David Richardson/	W9KHZ		
	September	Annual Family Picnic	Bill DeVore	Shillito Park, LEX		
	October	TBA				
	November	Nominating Committee Report				
	December	"Annual Auction"/Election	Brad James			

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#### Meeting Schedules for Area Clubs, Exam Sessions, etc.

Volunteer examinations are held in or near Lexington on a schedule that has tests in central Kentucky every month of the year. Schedules for area sessions, plus meetings, etc., are as follows:

The Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (Lexington) - (Fernie Williams/KE4MAI (ARRL - \$15.00) and Margie Williams/KE4MAJ(WCARS- \$10.00)), with Darrell/AC4YD in Winchester and Richmond (W5YI), John/ K4FT in Danville (ARRL), and Ron/WX4GPS in Georgetown (ARRL - \$15.00), have a schedule to offer an exam monthly in Lexington/central Kentucky. (See schedules on page 10 of this newsletter). ARRL sponsored tests are held the second Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM in the Red Cross Building, Meeting Room "B", 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington (except the August session is the Saturday of the second weekend of the month and is held at the site of the Central Kentucky ARRL Hamfest), and WCARS sponsored sessions are held the third Tuesday of the scheduled month, 7:00PM in Meeting Room "A" in the Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington. Contact Margie/KE4MAJ at 859-489-6274 or email to ke4maj@arrl.net. Go to <http://www.lexkywcars.org> for information.

Winchester (W5YI VEC) - They are located in the Clark County EOC, 200 Maryland Avenue, Winchester, Kentucky. Their 2019 schedule (10:00AM): Saturday, January, 12, Saturday, April 13, Saturday, July 13, and Saturday, October 12. Contact Liaison Darrell Epperson/ AC4YD, AC4YD@arrl.net, 859-771-1834

Danville (ARRL VEC) - Test sessions are fourth Saturday in January, April, July and October at 10:00 AM. Liaison John Wulf/K4FT, johnk4ft@gmail.com, 563-505-0339, Wilderness Road Amateur Radio Club, American Legion Post 46, 45 Spears Lane, Danville,KY 40422 -Repeater 145.310 (100 pl).

Georgetown (ARRL VEC) - Liaison Ron Malinowski/ WX4GPS, wx4gps@arrl.net, 502-542-8252, Georgetown Police Dept, 550 Bourbon St., Georgetown (for dates see schedule on page 4 of this newsletter).

Radio Theory and Construction Workshop - Each Saturday 1:00-3:00 PM in the Bluegrass ARS Education Center, basement of the Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington. Contact Bill Fuqua/WA4LAV at (859) 272-9523 or wa4lav@arrl.net.

Versailles/Woodford County - The Woodford County Amateur Radio Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Versailles Fire Station No. 2 on Big Sink Pike (38°3'34" N 84°43'11"W). Anyone interested in amateur radio is cordially invited. Also, visit their web site at <http://www.ky4wc.org>. You may contact Todd Rose/KE4YAH (atrose@ windstream.net).

Fayette County ARES Net - Tuesday, 8:30 PM, 146.940 (-600 Tone 88.5) repeater.

Amateur Television and Specialized Communications Net

- An informal meeting is held every Sunday evening at 9:00 PM (local time)

on the 146.760 (-600 offset) repeater in Lexington.

Kentucky Six-Shooters Net - Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM six meters FM on 52.525 MHz (vertically polarized). David Jordan/ KI4AWZnet control; and, Daily Six-Meter FM Ragchew net 7:00-9:00 PM on 52.525MHz (vertically polarized). James Peel/KG4VAR net control.

KY-QRP - Net on Tuesday 8:00 pm 146.760 neg. offset no PL tone Scott County Amateur Radio and Emergency Service Club
(SCARES) - Meetings are the third Saturday each month, 9:00 AM in the Solarium room at Georgetown Community Hospital, 1140 Lexington Road, Georgetown. Check in to their weekly simplex net Tuesdays at 7:00 PM on 146.685 (PL 141.3).

Central Kentucky ARS (Richmond-Berea) - Meet the Third Thursday each month in the Madison County EOC, Richmond, Kentucky, at 7:00 PM. Talk-in on 146.865 (-600, PL-192.8 Hz) and 145.370 (-600, PL-192.8 Hz) repeater for location, directions to meeting site, or other information.

Greater Mason County ARA meeting, 7:00 PM, second Tuesday each month, Maysville Community College Science Building.

Pioneer ARC (Winchester) - Fourth Tuesday each month, Golden Corral Restaurant, 7:00 PM (eat at 6:00), except March 17 meet at Christview Christian Church (SkyWarn). Talk-in/info on 145.430 (-600, T-203.5).

Jessamine Amateur Wireless Society (Nicholasville) - Meet Second Monday each month, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph/R.J. Corman Ambulatory Care Center, 1250 Keene Road (U.S. 27 Bypass south to intersection with 169; turn at the light.) Talk-in on the 145.490 (T-123.0).

The Jessamine County ARES Net - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, 145.490 Repeater, Gary Britten W4GNB net control..

The Madison County ARES Net, Monday at: 7:00 PM, 146.865 (pl 192.8). Everyone is invited to check in. . . Wilderness Trail Emergency Net, Wednesdays, 8:30 PM, 146.715 (pl 100.0). . .Glenn/KO4OL.

District 11 Skywarn Net meets Sundays at 8:00 PM on 146.925 (-PL- 79.7) and is linked to 147.180 (PL-74.4) and other repeaters in and close to the area. District 11 ARES Net meets Mondays at 9:00 PM on 146.925 (PL-79.7) and is linked to 147.180 (PL-74.4) and other repeaters in and close to the area.

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Please send any changes or corrections to these notices to my attention, Bart Breeding/KB4FEE, in care of Bluegrass ARS, Inc., PO Box 4411, Lexington, KY 40544-4411, or e-mail to aratat291@twc. com.

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