

QUICKY NOTES

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-- THE PROGRAM FOR THE JULY MEETING . . .

. . . has not been announced . . . (see "Meeting Notice" below).

-- NEEDED, CHAIR/EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE --

I decided some time ago that effective on my 80th birthday I would retire as chair of the Newsletter Committee, and thus as editor/publisher of the Club's newsletter. I volunteered to take on the responsibilities in 1983 when the person who was editor/chair at that time was elected president of the Club. I had planned to give the responsibility back to him (**Sam Humphries/WA4KKV**) when he had fulfilled his duties as president for a two-year term in office. Well, I'm still doing it and it has been 35 years. My, my time really does fly when you're doing something you enjoy. So, it is time to pass the responsibilities on to someone new, and younger -- Ha! No hurry since I plan to finish this calendar year, but we need someone to at least consider taking this position on. . . **Bill/N4DIT**

-- NOTE: REPORTS OF THE RECORD OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETINGS AFTER REPORT #3 ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE MANUSCRIPTS. CONTACT SECRETARY CAMPBELL TO OBTAIN RECENT MEETING RECORDS, OR CONTACT ME FOR A COPY OF THE REPORTS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE (billdit@twc.com) --



"Soon after, I returned home to my family, with a determination to bring them as soon as possible to live in Kentucky, which I esteemed a second paradise, at the risk of my life and fortune."

~ **Daniel Boone**

Lexington, Kentucky

QUA/HAMnews

July 2018

Meeting Notice

Bill De Vore/N4DIT,
Chair, Newsletter Committee
Bluegrass ARS, Lexington, Kentucky

The general meeting of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., will be held Monday, July 2, 2018, at 7:30 PM in Meeting Room B, second floor of the Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington (take exit 115 off I-64/I-75 and travel toward downtown Lexington. The building is less than one mile from the exit, on the left).

The program has not been announced, but I'm sure there will be enough Hams present to generate interesting conversations and discussions.

Location of the program will be Meeting Room "B," second floor of the American Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky

We welcome your suggestions of how we all can make a difference in the Club for the remainder of 2018, and in the furtherance of Amateur Radio in central Kentucky, and thank you for your participation and support.

If you have a program you would like to hear or a topic you would like to present, contact **James Schlessler/WA9MED** at (757) 478-2186, or e-mail to <wa9med@jshlesser.com>. (see the schedule on page 2). ♦

Board of Directors' Meeting

Bill De Vore/N4DIT, Chair,
Newsletter Committee
Bluegrass ARS, Lexington, Kentucky

The Board of Directors of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio

Society, Inc., will meet Monday, July 16, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the Education Center, basement of the Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington.

Board meetings offer you the members, or anyone having an interest in amateur radio or public service, a forum to present your ideas, requests, congratulations or complaints to the officers and committee chairs of the Club. We always are in need of persons to share their expertise in a special area or to share an experience or activity by presenting a program at the Club's regular monthly meeting, or to make suggestions for program topics. Anyone wishing to present a program or who has suggestions for programs, should talk to **James Schlessler/WA9MED**, during a Club meeting, or contact him at (757) 478-2186, or e-mail to <wa9med@jshlesser.com>.

Note that we still need volunteers to chair the Public Relations and Membership Committee. Contact **Andrew Cook/KF4OWP** at <kf4owp@gmail.com> or (859) 396-9930.

To attend the board meeting, enter the Red Cross building through the basement entrance on the left end of the building as you stand facing the front of the building. Follow the stairway down into the basement and into the Education Center adjacent to the Club shack. ♦

ARRL Member Consideration

Steve Morgan/W4NHO
<w4nho@bellsouth.net>
via KYHAM <kyham@kyham.net>
Thursday, May 24, 2018

My fellow ARRL members of the Kentucky Section:
Kentucky has been associated with the Great Lakes Division

of the ARRL for many decades because of our previous placement in the 9th call area. Yes, KY used to be issued 9 call area call signs. This is the reason we are in the 9th Region for NTS.

I realize that I may not speak for everyone but I would like to ask for your consideration for moving the Kentucky Section of ARRL to the Delta Division which currently comprises TN, ARK, MS and Louisiana. Great Lakes currently has Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. However, at present, I believe we have a closer working relationship with TN than Ohio and or Michigan. Making such a move may have movements of another state to the Great Lakes Division, etc. I have been approached by several members for a request that this be made.

Mr. David Norris K5UZ is the current Director and is located in Redfield, Arkansas. The Vice Director Ed Hudgens WB4RHQ is located in Nashville TN. We are in the 4th call area, TN is in the 4th area, not the 8th call area. At the same time, we would be associated with folks in the 5th call area regarding ARK, MS, and LA.

Therefore, I would like this email to be action to consider moving Kentucky to the Delta Division of ARRL. I would appreciate your comments, pro or con. For this to be placed for consideration, I will need

June Club Meeting

David Richardson/W9KHZ Gave Details/Plans for Field Day Activities

Many thanks to **David/W9KHZ** for presenting the June program and thanks for all his efforts in arranging for the Field Day site with Lexington Department of Parks and Recreation, collecting all the antennas, the mobile tower, operating stations, safety measures . . . making sure all preparations were made and coordinated.

As always, the Club's June presentation helps make our Field Day activity successful. And, the publicity David and **Bart Breeding/KB4FEE** put out on the Internet, arranged for local radio/TV services to broadcast, and elsewhere, is a big plus in getting the word out to the public.

Now lets get out there and operate! And hope Mother Nature cooperates. ♦

over 1100 members in favor of such a move. At your club meetings if you so agree along with this email have your local members sign a petition.

Please understand I have no ill will to the Great Lakes administration. I just believe KY will be better suited going forward as a member of the Delta Division in regards to ARES coordination SKYWARN and NTS etc. This is a bold move. What say you? If I immediately receive a overwhelming response of staying in the GL Division, I will let you know.

Please be polite when discussing this matter. I have to honor League members in their request for this action. All I can do is place this feeler out for your comments. If I receive no interest in this matter in the

next 30 days, it tells me you want to stay in the current GL Division or comments stating the same. Comments have to be by petition for action or email pro or con.

Thanks,
Steve Morgan W4NHO
Kentucky Section Manager
Owensboro, KY 42301
Cell: 270-926-4451
email: w4nho@arrrl.net. ♦

Heard on the List Servs

Some Responses to "ARRL Membership Consideration"

Richard Marshall/WR4U:

Program Schedule for 2018

*James Schlessler/WA9MED, Chair, Program Committee
Bluegrass ARS, Lexington, Kentucky*

The following programs are scheduled for 2018. Your input and suggestions for programs for 2018 are needed. Call **James Schlessler/WA9MED** at (757) 478-2186, or e-mail to <wa9med@jschlessler.com>.

Month	Topic	Presenter(s)	Comments
✓ January	"Winter Field Day, January 27-28, 2018"	David Richardson, W9KHZ.	
✓ February	"Software Defined Radio (SDR)"	James Schlessler/WA9MED	What Programs Would You Like to Hear?
✓ March	"Severe Weather Identification and Reporting"	Joe Sullivan/KC7ITG	of the NWS, Louisville
✓ April	"Design and Construction/Use of an Eggbeater Omnidirectional Antenna"	James Schlessler/WA9MED	
✓ May	Members' Discussion, "How I Became Interested in Amateur Radio, Getting Licensed"		
✓ June	"Field Day" (Presenter Pending)	Site location, preparation, operating stations, etc.	
July	Open		
August	<i>Hamfest</i>	Dave Richardson/W9KHZ and Fest Committee	Location, preparation, tickets, tables, work crews, etc.
September	<i>Annual Family Picnic</i>	Fun, Food, Conversation	Picnic Shelter #2, Shillito Park, Lexington
October	"Studying Solar and Lunar Eclipses with Homebrew Optical Projectors and Ham Radio Gear"	Dale Covington, K4GSX	
November	<i>Report of Nominating Committee</i>		
December	<i>Annual Auction</i>	J.B. Young will serve as auctioneer to see if he can get you some cash – Bring your items	

"I have mixed emotions about this.
 "From a purely emergency management point of view it makes sense, but the ARRL is a lot more than EM, and I make a lot more casual contacts into Michigan and Ohio than Tennessee and Arkansas as part of the recreational aspect of the hobby.
 "I think to a lot of people ARRL = ARES but that should not be the case.
 "Toss in what the hamvention brings to the table and I think I'd prefer to stay where we are.
 "There is no reason we can't continue

Have you been wanting to get on the air but don't have a rig? How about operating in a HF DX or VHF/UHF contest? The shack is open most Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM until Noon, so come on out! Arrangements can be made for other times. Telephone the shack at 231-0974.

to work with other regions on inter-operability for EM etc...
 "Just my \$0.02, ymmv"
 73 de WR4U

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**Jerome Mueller/KC4WZO**  
 "I don't see a significant impact to me or our club either way, but I tend to agree with Richard. There should be a significant benefit to make the change."  
 73, jerry, kc4wzo  
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David Smith, ND4Y
 ARRL Life Member
 Kentucky Contest Group – Founding President of KCG
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Last Call for Nominations – Ernie Farmer Memorial Award

Nominations are requested for the person you feel meets or exceeds the below-listed qualities as related to amateur radio and its many diverse and varied activities. Nominations should be sent to **Fernie Williams/KE4MAI**, President, Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., PO Box 4411, Lexington, Kentucky 40544-4411. The person selected from your nominations will be honored during a special award ceremony held during the ARRL Central Kentucky Hamfest, August 15, 2004. Many arrangements must be made, so do not put this off.

1. This award is to be presented during the annual hamfest.
2. The call for nominations must be published in the Bluegrass ARS newsletter

3. Nominations must be in writing and signed, 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 hamfest. 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 hamfest to permit acceptance of the plaque and the letter.
7. The name of the winner and the contents of the commendation letter will be published in the Club newsletter following the hamfest.

Previous Winners of the Ernie Farmer Memorial Award

The following persons have previously been selected by their fellow Hams as possessing the characteristics listed in the Call for Nominations. You probably recognize many of the names and call signs because they are always there when needed and do not hesitate to get involved.

- 1979 – **Sam Humphries/WA4KKV**
- 1980 – **William Alcock/W4CDA** (Danville)
- 1981 – **Bill Shepherd/W4AUZ**
- 1982 – **Mike Mahlbacher/WA4UQA**
- 1983 – **Ed Bono/WA4ONE**, and **Harry Bradshaw/W4TPB** (SK)
- 1984 – **Bill DeVore/N4DIT**
- 1985 – **Ed White/KD4TQ** (SK)
- 1986 – **Scott Hackney/KI4LE**
- 1987 – **Nan Muth/AA4UN**, and **John Boyers/W8OM** (Plain City, Ohio)
- 1988 – No nominations received

- 1989 – **Bill Woodward/KC4CHF** (SK), and **Jim Odom/WA4GHQ** (now AC4FP, SK)
- 1990 – **John Thernes/WM4T** (Covington)
- 1991 – **John Crutcher/KC4DUU**
- 1992 – **Bobby Rolph/KB4QNR**
- 1993 – **Ralph Herndon/KN4DF**
- 1994 – **Johnie Watson/KC4JNR** (now NA4J) (SK Feb 2013)
- 1995 – **Paul Mitchell/N4DUE**
- 1996 – **Bill Fuqua/KO4WW** (now WA4LAV) and **Jim Muth/N4CGQ**
- 1997 – **Steve McCallum/K4URX** (W2ZBY) (SK)
- 1998 – **Harry Sparks/KN4S**
- 1999 – None awarded
- 2000 – **Ron Ritchie/KF4MOM**
- 2001 – **Ron Dodson/KA4MAP** (Webster, Kentucky)
 – **James Craig McKechnie/KE4FFQ**

- 2002 – **Lou Berry/AG4LB**, and **Pat Spencer/KD4PWL**
- 2003 – **John Bell/K4RBH** (Honorary Presentation, SK), **Fernie Williams/KE4MAI** and **Jerry B. Young/WA4WWH**
- 2004 – **Tom Mansfield/KG4TND**
- 2005 – **Darryl Bennett/KD4CSW**
- 2006 – **Greg Cross/WA8FJK**
- 2007 – **Marguerite Williams/KE4MAJ**
- 2008 – **Jeanie Dalton-Pugh/KB8QLC**
- 2009 – No nominations received
- 2010 – No nominations received
- 2011 – **Brad James/WA4HBM**
- 2012 – **Pete Clough/WD4GPO**
- 2013 – **Pat Hayden/AI4W**
- 2014 – **Glenn A. Dawson/AK4HA**
- 2015 – No nominations received
- 2016 – **Joseph Wallace/KE6IVK**
- 2017 – **Christopher Gay/KU4A**

“Concerning the move of Kentucky from the Great Lakes Division to the Delta Division, my vote is no. As per your comments: *I just believe KY will be better suited going forward as a member of the Delta Division in regards to ARES coordination SKYWARN and NTS, etc. This is a bold move. What say you? If I immediately receive a overwhelming response of staying in the GL Division, I will let you know.*

“But as an avid tester since 1978, this will distort contesting results as Ken-

tucky geographically is suited with Ohio and Michigan in both domestic and DX contests. Placing Kentucky in the Delta Division competing with states as far south as Mississippi and west to Arkansas will be placing Kentucky at a disadvantage in Division contesting. If you were to review past scores in say the November Sweepstakes and Int'l DX Contests you will see scores in the contests show Qs from Arkansas and Mississippi far outnumber what we here in the Great Lakes score summaries from Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Andy Rooney wrote that . . .
 . . . "Happiness depends more on how life strikes you than on what happens."

“Your comments address the issue as it refers to ARES, SKYWARN, NTS, etc. My vote is to stay in the Great Lakes Division. Bullitt County Amateur Radio, BARS, and the Louisville Clubs so they can respond to your request.

David Smith, ND4Y

Steve Morgan W4NHO

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“Thanks Tyler for your response. Please enlighten me as to contesting and a division. You say there may be more competition in a Delta Division compared to GL. Please advise.

(David noted: Tyler/N4TY, Bill/N4AR, and myself has voted no)

Bryan/W5MX

Saturday, June 9, 2018

“I solidly agree with you Dave, stay in Great Lakes!”

Dan Downard/K4FXN

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Steve

“I disagree with changing our Division status. While it may be OK for the reasons you mentioned it is totally unfounded when it comes to radio contesting and other on-the-air events. Propagation for these regions is totally different. We are much more in line with the Great Lakes than the Delta Divisions.” ♦

Schedule for Volunteer Examinations in 2018

Harry Sparks/KN4S,*
 Bluegrass Volunteer Examiners,
 kn4s@kn4s.com

The exam schedule for 2018 follows nearly the same format as past years. The scheduling is for Lexington/Fayette County and the sessions in Danville, Georgetown, Winchester, and Richmond hamfest. The Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society-sponsored ARRL exams will continue to be held on the second Saturday of the second month of each quarter (except the August Session will be the date of the Central Kentucky ARRL Hamfest in Lexington), and the WCARS sessions remain as they were last year, Tuesday evenings quarterly.

Test Session Locations

Lexington*	Winchester**	Danville	Georgetown
Red Cross Building 1450 Newtown Pike Lexington KY 40509	Clark County EOC 200 Maryland Ave Winchester KY 40391	Amer Legion Post 46 45 Spears Lane Danville KY 40422	Georgetown Police Dept 550 Bourbon Street Georgetown KY 40324
* August, Bluegrass ARS Hamfest, Eastland Shopping Center, Lexington, Kentucky			
** September, Richmond Hamfest, Madison County Fairgrounds, Richmond, Kentucky			

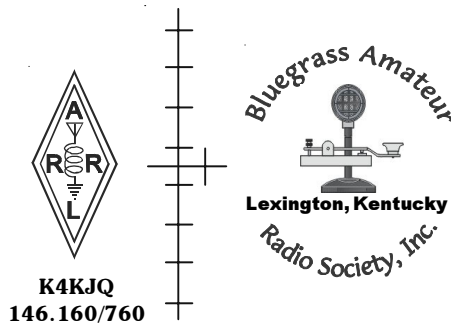
Contact Information

- ARRL VEC:** Lexington and BARS ARRL Hamfest test sessions – Liaison **Fernie Williams/KE4MAI**, ke4mai@arrl.net, 859-652-3393 (www.bluegrassars.org)
 Danville – Liaison **John Wulf/K4FT**, johnk4ft@gmail.com, 563-505-0339, Wilderness Road ARC, http://www.wrarc.com
 Georgetown – Liaison **Ron Malinowski/WX4GPS**, wx4gps@arrl.net, 502-542-8252
- WCARS VEC:** Lexington – Liaison **Margueritte Williams/KE4MAJ**, ke4maj@arrl.net, 859-489-6274 (www.bluegrassars.org)
- W5YI VEC:** Winchester – Liaison **Darrell Epperson/AC4YD**, eppersond@aol.com, 859-771-1834

TEST SESSION FEE: ARRL – \$15; WCARS – \$10; W5YI – \$14

Date and Time	VEC	Location
Saturday, July 14 , 2018	10:00 AM	W5YI Winchester
Saturday, July 28 , 2018	10:00 AM	ARRL Danville
Saturday, August 11 , 2018	11:00 AM	ARRL BARS Hamfest
Saturday, September 8 , 2018	10:00 AM	ARRL Georgetown
Saturday, September 15 , 2018	12:30 PM	W5YI **Richmond Hamfest
Tuesday, September 18 , 2018	7:00 PM	WCARS Lexington
Saturday, October 13 , 2018	10:00 AM	W5YI Winchester
Saturday, October 27 , 2018	10:00 AM	ARRL Danville
Saturday, November 10 , 2018	10:00 AM	ARRL Lexington
Saturday, December 8 , 2018	10:00 AM	ARRL Georgetown
Tuesday, December 11 , 2018	7:00 PM	WCARS Lexington

*Additional exam locations, dates, times are listed at website kn4s@kn4s.com



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Letter to All Members of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Regarding the sale of BARS assets

June 27, 2018

As a 501(c)(3) organization there exist restrictions on how club property can be sold, failure to follow these rules include loss of 501(c)(3) status and steep tax penalties for club officers, members, and non-members involved in the sale of such items. Club members and local hams may receive many benefits from the club, Social benefits, use of the club's repeaters, use of the shack, and events like field day, but never any form of financial benefits (this is not true for all 501(c)(3)'s, in certain circumstances officers can be paid but that would be reflected in their filing). I know that there is a great deal of interest in the recent estate donation the club has received, and every ham I know is (understandably) always on the lookout for a good deal. I know there are currently discussions involving the disposal of this equipment, I am involved in some of them and others I am not. This letter is to clarify my feelings and intentions as the president of the club to the general membership. I always have and continue to view officer positions as responsibilities and not an appointment of power, a member who just got approved last month has the same right as I do to put forth motions for a vote. However, I also have a responsibility to table or take other measures against votes which would violate federal tax law, exposing myself and other board members to a 10% to 200% tax penalty. I do not believe any of our membership would intentionally try to put forth such a motion, but with some of the proposals I've heard going around I feel it my responsibility to fully explain why I would take measures to prevent a vote. Below is an example of a method and explanation for how we can dispose of equipment without putting our tax-exempt status at risk. It is my hope that in the future the bylaws provide clear and concrete guidance for these situations.

- 1) Inventory all Items donated and collect of photographs of a quality suitable for sale on ebay
- 2) Sort inventory by grade (mint, excellent, good, fair, poor), assign a type to each item (ham, military, general use electronics)
- 3) Use the completed sold listings tool on ebay to find the average price for each item in similar condition, this will be considered the fair market price
- 4) Publish in the newsletter and listserv the full list of items with their fair market value as items the club intends to liquidate with a 30 day comment period for items that members and local hams are interested in (at fair market value).
- 5) A local buyers discount can be applied for what the club would have paid in ebay sellers fees and paypal fees 7.5% to 15% so long as this does not reduce the actual amount received by the club, Items would still need to be sold in an auction format
- 6) Items without local interest will then be offered for sale on ebay.
- 7) Items which do not receive bids above the reserve price (if applicable 75% of identified fair market price) will be considered incorrect assessments and fair market price will be reduced by 20%, they will again be offered locally with fee discount before being relisted.

Respectfully,
Andrew Cook, KF4OWP
President

Editor's Note: Use of BARS refers to Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., and no other organization.