

East of VA I-95 Amateur Radio News

A RECENT SUCCESS

Clubs in Virginia have been receptive to communicating with ARRL VA Section officers in order to better organize the ARRL Virginia Section.

Keep in touch!

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DEAR EAST OF I-95 CLUB OFFICERS AND CLUB MEMBERS,

By now, you have completed Field Day, and except for the rain delay, I'm sure everything went well. Terry Buzzard, KA8TNF, Section Emergency Coordinator, and I visited four Field Day sites: Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Hampton Public Service Team/Peninsula ARC/South Peninsula ARC, and Western Tidewater Amateur Radio Association. It was a long ride, but well worth it. Next year, I plan to stay closer to home in Virginia Beach and visit Eastern Shore ARC and the clubs in this area.

August 8th is the Southeastern Virginia Hamfest and Swap Meet. Please plan to come. Details are in the text.

Please send this newsletter to your members.

Have a good July and participate in the 13 Colonies Special Event from July 1-7 for some operating fun. Virginia's station is K2B.

73,

Ed Gibbs KW4GF

Assistant Section Manager



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Mike Aimone WA8AHZ Section Manager's July Newsletter

To All

Virginia ARRL Members:

Subject: July 2026 Section Newsletter

At some point in your Amateur Radio journey, you picked up a tip or idea from someone that fundamentally changed how you enjoy the hobby. Yes? That tip may have turned into a long-term Mentor-protégé relationship ... which might extend to this day. Take a moment this month to thank the mentors who helped you on your journey. A simple thank you card, or just a QSL card in the mail would make a lasting statement. If you can, return the favor and mentor a new

Ham in your neighborhood. Looking for Hams in the 'hood? Go to:

<https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map>

We have a number of Hamfests coming up in August and September. Stop by the ARRL table and say hello, and drop off the list of QSL cards you'd like verified by one of our Card Checkers. More details about card checking at: arrl.org/dxcc-application-forms for FAQs and arrl.org/online-dxcc-application Fill out the online form, print it off and bring it with you to the Hamfest along with your QSLs you wish card checked. There is a fee for this service. Any

questions contact: alan.swinger@gmail.com

Field Day 2026 is in the books, and we had 35 Virginia activations register their event in the

ARRL “Find a Field Day Location” data base. Thanks to all of you who sent a radiogram
to the

Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator. Keeping the National Traffic
System NTS)

relevant is an important foundation of our legacy as the American Radio Relay League.

Speaking of the NTS, it would be wonderful if we had more Hams check-ins from
across the

Commonwealth on our daily nets. We currently have three ARRL-affiliated traffic nets.

The goal

is to grow more skilled operators to handle formal message traffic, serve as Net Control
Stations,

and deliver messages. Why not give it a try by checking into one of our daily traffic
nets!

Traffic Net Frequency Time

Virginia Sideband Net 3947 kHz 6 pm

Virginia Net (CW) 3553 kHz 7 pm

Northern Virginia Traffic Net 147.300 MHz

(Positive Offset) on

the Bluemont repeater ,7:30 pm

Did you know that one-half of all Hams in Virginia are Technicians? Without local
VHF/UHF

traffic nets, these operators are missing out on the traffic handling experience, and
we're not

taking advantage of an NTS onboarding opportunity. Please consider adding an
NTS/traffic

handling component to your ARES nets or setting up a traffic net on a local
repeater to help train

future traffic

handlers and aid in passing traffic. More about the NTS at:

<https://nts2.arrl.org/virtual-nts-training-net/> Want to know more about NTS?
Our Section Traffic

Manager, George Stone, WA1JQC, is offering NTS training for club or ARES meetings
in person

or via Zoom. Contact

George at wa1jqc@arrl.net.

Be radio- active and become a mentor – a connector. Take the time this month to reach
out to a

fellow Ham and have a
meaningful conversation. Something on your mind? Reach out to me

(WA8AHZ@arrl.org)

and ask a question about Ham Radio, or the League. Finally, take time to

work at each of the 13 colony special event stations during this year of America250
event. A good

spotting resource is <http://www.dxsummit.fi/#/> or the Spot page at:

<https://13colonies.us/hamalert>

Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club's FD





Welcome

**2026 SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL
HAM RADIO FEST AND SWAP MEET**

August 8, 2026

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

12742 NETTLES DR

NEWPORT NEWS VA

Lat: 37° 08865' N Lon: 76° 49548' W

Talk-in has been changed and the new Frequency is:

146.730 – PL 100.0

Admission: Door \$10.00 Tailgate \$5.00

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

[Hamfest Flyer](#)

Door Ticket – \$10

[SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL
HAM RADIO FEST AND SWAP MEET – Come find that special item
you been looking for!](#)

Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club's FD

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Terry KA8TNF with Al Lambert

KM4VTT

MPARS President

Ed's KW4GF July presentations

July 7- Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club

July 8- Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club

July 18- Mike Aimone WA8AHZ's
and Ed's visit to Chesapeake ARS on Shack Day

**Hampton Public Service Team/Southern Peninsula ARC/Peninsula
ARC**





When it's pouring and you can't operate,

talk the amateur radio talk with

Congressman Bobby Scott (D-3)

He spent a great deal of time with the clubs!

Terrific eyeball QSO!

Western Tidewater Radio Association's FD

The club paused operations, gathered in a circle, and had an eyeball QSO with us!



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Welcome to Mattews ARC: Our new club East of I-95

WAARC sponsored their VE testing for new amateur radio operators on June 20th.
Here are the results:

Here's the summary regarding amateur radio license testing at the Mathews Museum. This was in support of an Amateur Radio Technician license class held there in recent weeks, organized by Allan WD4ITE. The class is intended to launch an amateur radio club and ham shack based at the museum.

Today June 20 there were 8 successful new hams. Seven earned Technician licenses and one passed Tech and General. Callsigns pending. 11 candidates total today (3 unsuccessful). This was publicized as an open session and three of the candidates were not part of the class.

And, we had an early session last Saturday June 13 for two students who would be unavailable today. Those callsigns have been issued.

Tech and General: Mike KR4MZB

Technician: Ken KR4NAF

Total demographics:

Gloucester County 4

Mathews County 4

Middlesex County 3

Williamsburg 1

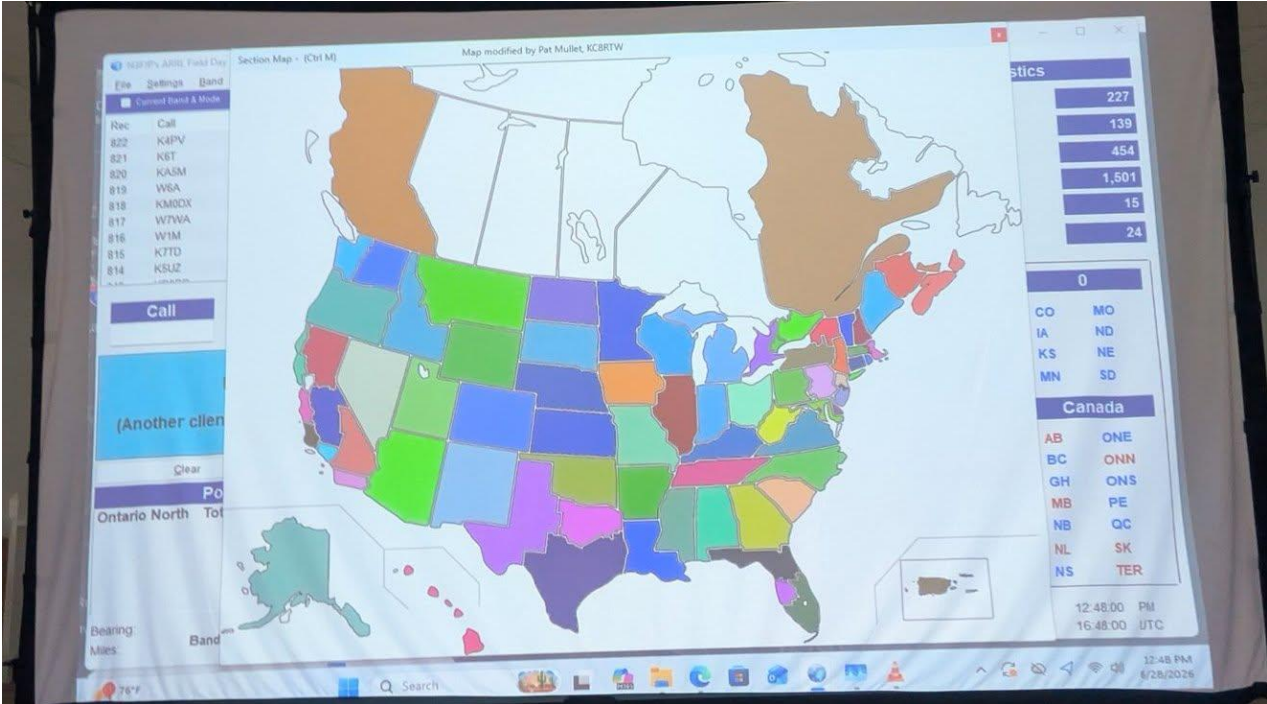
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Today's VEs were Dave AJ4XV, Phillip K4PJN, TJ K4TFJ, Anita* KH2FX, Kerry* NH2A, Ray W4RWP, Dan WG4F, Allan* WD4ITE, Joe* W4YVA

(* indicates also VE for early session 06/13/2026)

Special thanks to TJ K4TFJ
for bringing MPARC's exam tablets today to supplement WAARC's tablets.

Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service





Richmond Area Telecommunications Society

FD Yagi Build



That's all, folks.
Please send me club news and pictures for inclusion in this newsletter!

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