

Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 15, at 8:00PM, Communications Specialists, Atlee Road, just north of Old (or Business) Mechanicsville Pike. There is a RATS sign at the entrance to the parking lot, courtesy of Jay, N9WMU.

TJ Johnston will present the program about using sound cards to work digital modes including PSK31.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the new officers and directors who were elected in August. They are:

- ✂ Charlie Tribble, WA4ERC, Secretary
- ✂ TJ Johnston, N4UYQ, Director
- ✂ Jerry Long, KF4UUJ, Director
- ✂ Warren Winner, N4NCL, Director
- ✂ There was no candidate for treasurer. Arlo Amstutz, WA4RLO, will remain until a replacement is found.

A big thank you to Jim Stallings, KD4ZOT, and Everett Worrell, W4WJJ for all their contributions as directors.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed with this issue of Solid Copy is your membership renewal form. Please mail your dues with the renewal notice, or you may bring them to the meeting. Be sure to return the notice with your dues.

Along with your financial support, the club needs your participation and support of special events. There are many ways you can show your support. FrostFest and Field Day are the two biggest events, but there are many other opportunities that we could seize. We can support the Scouts in JOTA, establish a radio club at a school, present a program, help with communications for parades and various charitable events,

put on demonstrations at the State Fair, Science Museum, etc.

There are many who do not know about what we do as radio amateurs. If our hobby is to thrive in the coming years, we must inform the public, and we must arouse interest in our young people. Think about how you got your start in radio and how you might help others get started or advance in this hobby.

COMING EVENTS

FrostFest 2001

FrostFest is privileged to be hosting the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention (which has been held at Virginia Beach) on January 21, 2001. This is a great opportunity to expand our hamfest both in size and quality. Jim Stallings, KD4ZOT, has secured the URL for a FrostFest web site, <http://www.frostfest.com>. Visit the web site for information and to order advance "VIP" tickets through our secure web site. Great job, Jim!

It takes a lot of help from members who volunteer their services to put on the FrostFest. Contact Jim Clark, N4JFF, FrostFest Director, Pat Wilson, W4PW, FrostFest Co-Director, or sign up on the website.

Jamboree on the Air

October 21 & 22, 2000 from 00:01 local time Saturday to 23:59 Sunday.

Scouts worldwide will be participating in their Jamboree on the Air with the intent of contacting other scouting stations. JOTA provides an opportunity for scouts to learn about scouting in other areas of their country and around the world.

RATS would like to team up with the Scouts in the Richmond area. If you would like to participate, contact Bill Stewart. If you have connections with a scout troop, make sure they know about the event. Information will be available at the meeting,

JOTA Internet links are listed in the Internet InSites column,

VE EXAMS

Saturday, October 14, 2000 9:00 AM at J. S. Reynolds Community College, 1651 East Parham Road, Building B, Room 201. Pre-register with PAT WILSON, W4PW at 932-9424 or email at w4pw@arrl.net. Pat's test information web page is: <http://www.w4pw.org/hamtests.htm>

LICENSE CLASSES

Registration for the RARC license classes for technician, general and extra classes will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM for 10 weeks. The school meets at the Westhampton School, corner of Patterson and Libbie Avenues. Contact Mike Ratcliffe, KC4AHE, at 272-7167 or Ray Roberts, W4MYI, at 740-5850.

INTERNET InSITEs

Amateur Radio, Electronics and Technology Related Websites

ARRL Web: JOTA 2000 Updated <http://www.arrl.org/ead/ideas.html>

ARRL Web: Jamboree On The Air <http://www.arrl.org/ead/jota.html>

Jamboree-on-the-Air <http://www.bsa.scouting.org/international/jota.html>

Virginia Beach Hamfest , September 23 and 24, 2000 Virginia Beach Pavilion, ARRL Roanoke Division Convention, Exams Saturday 2:30 – 5:00 PM, Pre-register by Thursday with Ed Brummer, W4RTZ (757) 898-8031 , Forums, Field Checking for ARRL and CQ DX Awards, \$6.00 at the door; \$5.00 advance, email hamfest@exis.net or <http://www.vahamfest.com>

Columbia Amateur Radio Association (CARA) presents the 24th annual Howard County Hamfest Sunday October 8, 2000 8AM to 3:30PM, Howard County Fairgrounds on Route 144 in West Friendship Maryland. Take I-70 to MD 32 south to Route 144 west. The fairgrounds are one block west of the 32/144 intersection. Talk-In: 147.135/R+ (No CTCSS required on the day of the Hamfest) Admission: \$5 per person (children under 12 FREE) Tailgating: \$10 per space See our Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/cara>

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