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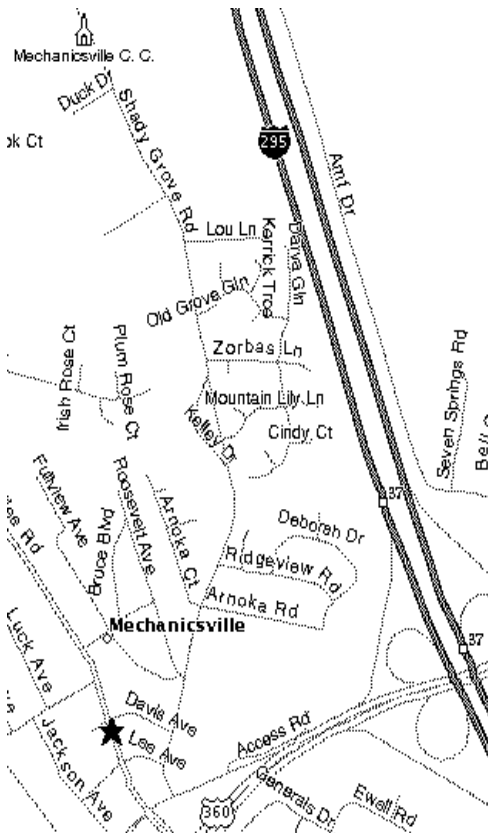


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New Meeting Location, Repeater Codes & Field Day

NEW MEETING SITE

In May the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society will begin meeting at the Mechanicsville Christian Center, 8061 Shady Grove Road in Mechanicsville at 8:00 PM.



Mechanicsville Christian Center is church icon at upper left. The old site is the star at the lower left.

REPEATER CODES

The new repeater codes will take effect as of May 18, 2002. Attached you

will find two documents, the new *Symbol to Prefix Code Chart* for your RATS *Repeater Instruction Manual* and the quick reference sheet for accessing autodialers and other functions of the W4RAT 146.880 machine.

FIELD DAY & JUNE MEETING AT HEUGENOT PARK

On Saturday, June 22, 2002, at 4:30 PM the June meeting and Frostfest Volunteer's Picnic will be at Heugenot Park on Robius Road (near the WCVE-TV station) along with Field Day activities.

Field Day officially begins at 1800 UTC on the 22nd and lasts until 2100 UTC the 23rd. That's starting at 2:00 PM on Saturday and ending at 5:00 PM on Sunday, locally.

The purchase of two emergency, portable radio stations were approved by the Board of Directors*. These are a Kenwood TS-570SG HF+6m rig and a Kenwood TM-D700A VHF/UHF rig. Each set will be mounted in a portable field station desk. Collapsible towers, antennae, cable and other accessories will be included. These will be available during Field Day.

*THE APPROVED PROPOSAL:

RATS Emergency/Field Day Portable Stations

Dear Board Members,

A request by several members has been made to obtain and maintain two (2) portable, emergency/Field Day use, HF/VHF/UHF Radio Stations. As a public service club, it was felt that RATS

should be able to provide a minimum of two (2) of these stations for emergency use, should the need arise. These stations could also be used for our annual Field Day activities, allowing both stations to be identical and multiple members to become familiar with the setup and operation of these stations.

Guy and I have put together a list of equipment that we feel meet the needs of a station used for emergency deployment in a time of need. These situations could require HF, VHF and UHF needs, as well as packet. These items would be assembled into two (2) secure, portable container/packages.

One primary goal was to purchase as many of these items as possible from our regular Frostfest vendors. In most cases this will be easy to do. Not to mention that we may be able to get substantial discounts, volume discounts, etc. Pricing on the attached sheet were AVERAGE prices taken from the Internet.

Due to time constraints, of purchasing, delivery, assembling and testing of this equipment, we would like to expedite this discussion via Email. Please respond by Wednesday, April 24th.

Guy and I support this proposal, and the support of the members at the last meeting was unanimous and enthusiastic. Please consider this proposal for approval.

Questions should be directed to Board@Rats.net so that everyone may participate.

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