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President's Corner

I would like to say a special thank you Dan Sigmund W4WWF for his leadership and direction over the past two years. Under his direction we were able to get the tower refurbished and put up with a new Mosley Antenna. Now the club has a great HF setup that we will be able to use for years to come. I look forward to this year and the challenge of refurbishing the trailer tower. I hope to be able to bring interesting and fun presentations to the club meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville TN 37214. If anyone has any suggestions for a presentation or would like to do a presentation please contact me at tonyswindle@w1tds.com I also plan on opening up the clubhouse to give opportunities for everyone to get on the air. I would also like to start some special interest group activities at the clubhouse. If you have any special interests, you would like to see covered please let me know. I am excited for this year and hope everyone else is as well. Let's all have a great year learning and expanding our wonderful hobby.
73 Tony Swindle W1TDS

New Newsletter Editor

We thank Adam Deland W8IFG for his service as Newsletter editor. Adam has taken a new job as an airline pilot and is unable to continue as editor. We would like to welcome Dan Sigmund W4WWF as the new Newsletter Editor. If you have anything you would like to submit, including items for sale, please contact Dan at dan@w4wwf.com

Congratulations Adam W8IFG on your new career as an airline pilot!

Donations

The Nashville Amateur Radio Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS.
All donations to the club are tax deductible as allowed by law.
Always check with your tax advisor to determine your specific situation.

Join Us for the Weekly Net on Mondays at 7:30pm 146.670(–)

Other Net Information

10M net Sundays 7:30pm 28.415 (USB)
Bible net Mondays-Fridays at 6:00am on 146.670
Davidson Co. ARES training net Mondays at 7:00pm 442.750 Tone 100.0
MTEARS net Mondays at 8:00pm 442.800 Tone 107.2

Nashville VE Team License Exam Session

March 8th, 2025
- Pre-registration is required.
- You will need your FRN number to register, which is described here: CORES/FRN
- Please Register here for the Nashville VE Team (NASHVE) March 8, 2025 exam session.
- If needed, we have a guide to the registration process here: How To Register
- On-Site Registration/Check-In begins at 08:30 AM
- Testing begins at 09:00 AM
- Crieve Hall Church of Christ-Nashville School of Preaching Entrance

  4806 Trousdale Drive

  Nashville, TN 37220

  https://www.nashvilleveteam.org

Popular Education Links

- Learning Center
- LOG IN Instructions – The Learning Center (LC) platform is hosted apart from our main www.arrl.org website. You may want to allow cookies and cross-site tracking so the LC does not require your login credentials repeatedly. Cross-site tracking selections and cookie options can be found in your web browser's settings. You may have to use a search engine to determine how your individual settings can be configured.
- FCC License Info and Forms
- Find an In-Person, Hybrid or Online License Class
- Can't find a class that works for you? Check back regularly for newly posted class options!
- Find In-Person or Online Test Location
- ARRL Store – Direct link to license textbooks, Q&A books etc...
- Resources for the Disabled
- Question Pools for the 3 License Classes
- ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program

Contest Corral

February 2024

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.

Start - Finish Date-Time		Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	0000	2	0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max. 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk40
1	1800	1	2200	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general
1	2000	1	2200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
3	0000	4	2359	1.8-28, VHF/UHF	Vermont QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), VT county or SPC	www.ranv.org/vtqso.html
3	0001	4	2359	28	10-10 Int'l Winter Contest, SSB	Ph	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
3	1200	4	1200	1.8-28	European Union DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), EU union region or ITU zone	www.eudx-contest.com
3	1200	4	1200	3.5-28,144	F9AA Cup, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.site.urc.asso.fr
3	1200	4	2359	3.5-28	Mexico RTTY International Contest	RTTY only	RST, XE state or serial	rtty.fmre.mx
3	1400	3	2359	1.8-28	Minnesota QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Name, MN county or SPC	www.w0aa.org/mnqp-rules
3	1400	3	2359	1.8-28	FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), SPC, name, power, temperature	azscqrpions.org
3	1600	3	1900	3.5	AGCW Straight Key Party	CW	RST, serial, class, name, age	www.agcw.de
3	1600	4	2359	1.8-28	British Columbia QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), BC district or SPC	www.orcadxcc.org
4	0000	4	0359	3.5-14	North American Sprint, CW	CW	Other's call, your call, serial, name, SPC	ncjweb.com
5	2000	5	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
6	0200	6	0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	arsqrp.blogspot.com
7	2000	7	2100	3.5	UKEICC 80m Contest	Ph	6-char grid square	www.ukeicc.com
7	2300	11	2300	1.8-14	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest	CW	RST, eqpt. year, input power	www.antiquewireless.org
10	0000	11	2359	3.5-28	CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.cqwpxrtty.com
10	1100	10	1300	7,14	Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	CW	RST, serial	jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt
10	1200	11	1200	1.8	KCJ Topband Contest	CW	RST, JA prefecture or district code	www.kcj-cw.com
10	1200	11	1200	1.8-28	Dutch PACC Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), PA province or serial	pacc.veron.nl
10	1200	11	2359	1.8-28,50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
10	1500	11	1500	1.8-28	OMISS QSO Party	Ph	RS, SPC, mbr (if any)	www.omiss.net
10	1900	10	2300	1.8	RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest	CW	RST, serial, UK district code (if UK)	www.rsgbcc.org
11	1300	11	1700	3.5,7	Balkan HF Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	arabih.ba
12	0100	12	0300	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqrp.com
12	1300	16	2359	All, except WARC	ARRL School Club Roundup	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), class (I/C/S), SPC	www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup
14	0000	14	2359	1.8-7	PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	Dig	Name, OM or YL, SPC	www.podxs070.com
14	0130	14	0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	naqcc.info
14	1900	14	2000	3.5	DARC FT4 Contest	FT4	RST, 4-char grid square	www.darc.de
14	2000	14	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
15	0000	16	0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max. 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20
15	1900	15	2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW	Max. 25 WPM; RST, mbr or "NM"	pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp
17	0000	18	2359	1.8-28	ARRL International DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, SP or power	www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
17	0000	18	2359	All, except WARC	YLRL YL-OM Contest	CW Ph Dig	Serial, RS(T), SPC	ylrl.org/wp/yl-om-contest
17	1200	18	1159	1.8-28	Russian PSK WW Contest	Dig	RST, 2-letter oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru
18	2300	19	0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
21	1900	21	2030	3.5	AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	CW	RST, serial, 2-digit year first used a bug	www.agcw.de
22	2000	22	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
23	2200	25	2200	1.8	CQ 160m Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, SP or CQ zone	www.cq160.com/rules.htm
24	0600	25	1800	3.5-28	REF Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, French department or serial	concours.r-e-f.org
24	1300	25	1300	3.5-28	UBA DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, ON section or serial	www.uba.be
24	1500	25	0159	1.8-28,50	South Carolina QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), SC county or SPC	scqso.com
24	1800	25	0559	3.5-28	North American QSO Party, RTTY	Dig	Name, SPC+DC	www.ncjweb.com
24	1800	25	0559	3.5-28	NA Collegiate Championship, RTTY	Dig	Name, SPC+DC	www.w9smc.com/nacc
25	1400	25	1700	3.5-28	High Speed Club CW Contest	CW	RST, mbr or "NM"	www.highspeedclub.org
25	1500	26	0100	3.5-28, 50,144	North Carolina QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	NC county or SPC	ncqsoparty.org/rules
26	2000	26	2130	3.5-28	RSGB FT4 Contest	FT4	Signal report	www.rsgbcc.org
28	0000	28	0200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
28	2000	28	2100	3.5	UKEICC 80m Contest	CW	6-char grid square	www.ukeicc.com

There are a number of weekly contests not included in the table above. For more info, visit: www.qrpfoxhunt.org, www.ncccsprint.com, and www.cwops.org. All dates and times 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.*

Contest Corral

March 2025

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Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Start - Finish Date-Time		Date-Time		Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1	0000	2	2359	1.8-28	ARRL International DX Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, SP or pwr	www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
2	0700	2	1100	3.5	UBA Spring Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, UBA section (if ON)	www.uba.be
2	1200	2	1400	7	SARL Hamnet 40m SET	Ph	RS, serial	www.sarl.org.za
2	1200	2	2200	3.5	NSARA Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), Nova Scotia county or serial	nsara.ca
2	1800	2	2200	3.5	WAB 3.5 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or country	wab.intermip.net/Contests.php
3	2000	3	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
4	0100	4	0300	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, pwr	ars-qrp.com
4	1900	4	2100	3.5	AGCW YL-CW Party	CW	RST, serial, "YL" (if YL), name	www.agcw.de
5	2000	5	2100	3.5	UKEICC 80m Contest	Ph	6-char grid	www.ukeicc.com
6	0000	7	0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk40
6	1800	6	2200	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid	nrau.net
8	0000	16	2359	3.5,7,21, 28,144	Novice Rig Roundup	CW	Name, QTH, optional rig or mbr	www.novicerigroundup.org
8	0800	9	1000	50,144,432	SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest	Ph	RS, 6-char grid	www.sarl.org.za
8	0800	9	1000	1.8-28	SARL Field Day Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), # of transmitters, category, SA province or "DX"	www.sarl.org.za
8	1000	9	1000	3.5-28	RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
8	1200	9	1200	3.5-28	EA PSK63 Contest	Dig	RSQ, EA province code or serial	concursos.ure.es
8	1200	9	1200	28	South America 10m Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), CQ zone	sa10m.com.ar/wp/rules
8	1200	9	1100	3.5-28	DIG QSO Party, SSB	Ph	RS, mbr or none	diplom-interessen-gruppe.info
8	1400	8	2000	3.5-28	AGCW QRP Contest	CW	RST, serial, pwr, mbr or "NM"	www.agcw.de
8	1500	9	1500	1.8	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid	www.kkn.net/stew
8	1500	9	2100	3.5-28,50	Oklahoma QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), OK county or SPC	k5cm.com/okqp.htm
8	1800	9	0559	3.5,7	Tesla Memorial HF CW Contest	CW	RST, serial, 4-char grid	www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs
8	1900	9	1900	1.8-28	Idaho QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), ID county or SPC	www.idahoqsoparty.org
9	0000	9	0359	3.5-14	North American Sprint, RTTY	Dig	Other's call, your call, serial, name, SPC	ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf
9	0700	9	1100	144	UBA Spring Contest, 2m	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, UBA section (if ON)	www.uba.be
9	0700	9	1700	3.5-28	FIRAC HF Contest	CW	RST, serial, "F" (if mbr)	www.firac.de
9	1000	9	2159	3.5-28	YOTA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), age	www.ham-yota.com
9	1800	10	0100	No WARC	Wisconsin QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	WI county or SPC	www.warac.org
10	0000	10	0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	www.4sqrp.com
12	2000	12	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
13	1900	13	2059	3.5	BCC QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), T-shirt size	www.bavarian-contest-club.de
15	0000	15	2359	1.8-28,50	PODXS 070 Club St. Patrick's Day Contest	Dig	SPC	www.podxs070.com
15	0200	17	0159	3.5-28	BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial, 4-dig UTC	www.bartg.org.uk
15	1200	16	1200	1.8-28	Russian DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), oblast or serial	www.rdxc.org
15	1200	16	1200	3.5-28,144	F9AA Cup, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.site.urc.asso.fr
15	1400	15	1800	144,432	AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	CW	RST, serial, pwr, mbr or "NM"	www.agcw.de
15	1400	16	2359	No WARC	Virginia QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Serial, VA county or SPC	www.qsl.net/sterling
15	2300	24	0300	3.5-14	AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), name, SP, eqpt year	www.antiquewireless.org
16	0700	16	1100	3.5	UBA Spring Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial, UBA section (if ON)	www.uba.be
16	2300	17	0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
17	1800	17	2059	3.5,7	Bucharest Digital Contest	FT4	RST, serial	yo3test201x.blogspot.com
17	2000	17	2200	3.5-28	RSGB FT4 Contest	FT4	Signal report	www.rsgbcc.org
19	2000	19	2100	3.5	IRTS 80m Counties Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, EI/GI county (if EI/GI)	www.irts.ie
20	0000	21	0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20
20	0030	20	0230	1.8	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html
20	1900	20	2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW	Max 25 WPM; RST, mbr or "NM"	pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp
22	1200	23	1200	1.8-28	Africa All Mode International DX Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), serial	mysarl.org.za
23	0000	23	0400	3.5-14	North American SSB Sprint	Ph	Other's call, your call, serial, name, SPC	ssbsprint.com
23	0600	23	1000	50	UBA Spring Contest, 6m	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, UBA section (if ON)	www.uba.be
26	2000	26	2100	3.5	UKEICC 80m Contest	CW	6-char grid	www.ukeicc.com
27	2000	27	2130	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
28	1900	29	0300	3.5-28	Sasquatch Stomp	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or ZIP code, name	www.pnwqrp.org
29	0000	30	2359	1.8-28	CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.cqwpx.com

Upcoming Events

Feb 2-9, 2025 – Orlando Hamcation, Orlando, FL.

March 7-8, 2025 – MTARS Tullahoma Hamfest, Tullahoma, TN.

March 15, 2025 – Sevier County Hamfest, Sevierville, TN.

March 22, 2025 – West TN Hamfest and Swapmeet, Trenton, TN.

April 12, 2025 – Memphis FreeFest, Bartlett, TN.

May 16-18, 2025 – Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH.

June 14, 2025 – The Milligan Bike Event , Watertown TN. We will need net control operator, rest stop operators and SAG's.

June 21, 2025 – Knoxville Hamfest & ARRL Tennessee State Convention, Knoxville TN.

June 28-29, 2025 – ARRL Field Day, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville TN.

July xx, 2025 – Greater Nashville & Middle TN HamQuest, Lebanon TN.

August 16-17, 2025 – Huntsville Hamfest, Huntsville AL.

August 16, 2025 – Bike Ride Across Wilson County, Wilson County TN. We will need net control operator; rest stop operators and SAG's.

September 13-14, 2025 – Bike MS: Bike to Jack and Back. Franklin to Jack Daniel Distillery. We will need net control operator; rest stop operators and SAG's.

October 17-19, 2025 – Gravel Revival Bike Event, Hickman County, TN. We will need net control operator; rest stop operators and SAG's.

2025 President Tony Swindle W1TDS First Meeting

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USB headset connectivity
PoE or external power supply (**power supply NOT INCLUDED**)

If you have anything for sale, swap or trade, or if you are looking for a specific piece of equipment, contact Dan@w4wwf.com to list it in the
monthly newsletter.

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Don't Miss These Next Meetings!

Next Meeting:
Thursday Feb 20, 2025 7:00PM
NARC Clubhouse
205 Downeymeade Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

The Nashville Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting is on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville 37214.
Mark your calendars!

Word Search Puzzle for Feb 2025

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s h o r t w a v e n v b c h m r p m d t b s p
v d f v y k d a a i e g i m p e d a n c e s h
x l i a t z d l a n g i s o n x e l p u d q p
a d h b s r w z u x t l f n p k a s v c t u j
r h z x n i a a n t e n n a u n i a g r e e c
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c a b m r v e o s c i l l a t o r o s s e c n
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m l f x x r l q s w f h t d i w d n a b r e i
v i r e t a e p e r b v k q b c g o q q d x w
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

transmitter	impedance	signal
modulation	resonance	duplex
oscillator	receiver	morse
wavelength	repeater	tuner
telegraphy	antenna	phase
bandwidth	decibel	radar
frequency	carrier	gain
shortwave	squelch	ham