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President's Corner

I would like to say I am happy to see spring for the warmer weather not so much for the severe weather. I hope everyone stayed safe during these latest storms. I look forward to getting back out and doing some POTA. We had a great turnout at the clubhouse a couple of weekends ago it was great to get some new techs and some non hams on the HF during the contest they had a great time. I would like to also thank Dan W4WWF for getting the qso cards filled out and mailed.

Tony Swindle W1VS



Area Amateur Radio Nets

We have updated the [Nets](#) page on the club website to include many of the area amateur radio nets. Be sure to check it out and join a net if one is in your area. You can checkout the updated list by [clicking here](#).

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Nashville Amateur Radio Club Joins Forces with Sumner and Robertson County Clubs

The Nashville Amateur Radio Club (NARC) is excited to announce a new collaborative partnership with the [Sumner County Amateur Radio Association \(SCARA\)](#) and the [Robertson County Amateur Radio Club \(RCARC\)](#). This joint effort marks a significant step toward strengthening the amateur radio community across Middle Tennessee.

The three clubs will work together to promote each other's events, share technical resources, and encourage active participation across club lines. By uniting our efforts, we aim to create more opportunities for learning, operating, and socializing for all members—whether you're a new licensee or a seasoned operator.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming joint events, training sessions, field days, and more. Let's build a stronger, more connected amateur radio community—together.



Net Controllers and Readers Needed

We are in need of a few more people who are interested in being a net control operator and readers for the club's Monday night net held at 7:30pm.

No experience is needed!

Everything is done from a script, all you have to do is read! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Hayden KQ4BZZ at hhooper2007@gmail.com

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

June 14, September 13, Dec 13, 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).
- 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

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Contest Corral

May 2025

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		Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website	
Date-Time	Date-Time						
1	0000	2 0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr; max 13 WPM	qrcontest.com/pigwalk40
1	1300	1 1900	3.5-28	AGCW QRP/QRP Party	CW	RST, serial, class (A/B)	www.agcw.de/contest/qrp-qrp
1	1800	1 2200	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid	nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general
1	1900	1 2100	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
3	0001	4 2359	28	10-10 Int'l Spring Contest, CW	CW	Name, mbr or "none," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
3	0300	3 0859	3.5-28	RCC Cup	CW Ph	RS(T), mbr or ITU zone	rccup.ru
3	0600	4 2359	2.3 GHz and up	SBMS 2.3 GHz and Up Contest and Club Challenge	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid	w6ife.com
3	0800	3 1400	All above 902	Microwave Spring Sprint	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2025-information
3	1200	4 1159	3.5-28	ARI International DX Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 2-letter province or serial	www.ari.it
3	1200	4 1200	3.5-28,144	F9AA Cup, PSK	Dig	RST, serial	www.site.urc.asso.fr
3	1300	4 0700	1.8-28	7th Call Area QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 5-letter state/county code or SPC	7qp.org
3	1500	4 0300	1.8-28	Indiana QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), IN county or SPC	www.hdxc.org
3	1700	4 2359	1.8-28,VHF	Delaware QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), DE county or SPC	www.fsarc.org
3	2000	4 2359	3.5-28	New England QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), New England county/state or SPC	neqp.org/rules
4	1000	4 1400	7	WAB 7 MHz Phone	Ph	RS, serial, WAB square or SPC	wab.internip.net/Contests.php
4	2300	5 0300	All, no WARC	MIE 33 Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), age, "ME" or "MEJ" or none	www.ztv.ne.jp
6	0000	6 0200	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, pwr	ars-qrp.com
6	0100	6 0159	1.8-28,50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, Youth YL, or Youth)	wwsac.com/rules.html
7	1700	7 2100	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid	www.ft8activity.eu
10	0000	10 2359	3.5-28	FISTS Saturday Sprint	CW	RST, first name, mbr or "0," SPC	fistsna.org
10	1200	11 1159	1.8-28	CQ-M International DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	cqm.srr.ru/en/rules
10	1200	11 1200	3.5-28	VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial, CQ zone	www.contestvolta.it/rules.pdf
10	1200	11 2359	1.8-28,50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
10	1700	11 0300	7,14,21,28	Canadian Prairies QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), VE4/5/6 district code or SPC	cpqp.ve6hams.ca
10	2300	11 0300	50	50 MHz Spring Sprint	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2025-information
12	0000	12 0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	www.4sqrp.com
12	1900	12 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
13	0100	13 0159	1.8-28,50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, Youth YL, or Youth)	wwsac.com/rules.html
13	1900	13 2029	3.5	DARC FT4 Contest	FT4	RST, 4-char grid	www.darc.de
14	1700	14 2100	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid	www.ft8activity.eu
15	0000	16 0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr; max 13 WPM	qrcontest.com/pigwalk20
15	1900	15 2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW	RST, mbr or "NM"; max 25 WPM	pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp
17	0600	17 2100	3.5-28	UN DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), Kazakhstan district code or serial	undxc.kz/rules-eng
17	0800	18 1100	3.5	NZART Sangster Shield Contest	CW	RST, serial or branch number (if ZL)	www.nzart.org.nz
17	1200	17 1600	14,21,28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
17	1200	18 1200	1.8-28	His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	CW	RST, EA province or serial	concursos.ure.es
17	1200	18 1200	3.5-28	EU PSK DX Contest	Dig	EU: RST + EU area; non-EU: RST + serial	eupsk.club
17	1400	18 0200	1.8-28,50,144	Arkansas QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), AR county or SPC	www.arkqp.com
17	2100	18 0200	3.5	Baltic Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	www.lrf.it/en
18	0000	18 2359	3.5-28	FISTS Sunday Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, first name, mbr or "0"	fistsna.org
18	2300	19 0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrcontest.com/pigrun
19	1900	19 2100	3.5-28	RSGB FT4 Contest	Dig	Signal report	www.rsgbcc.org
20	0100	20 0159	1.8-28,50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, Youth YL, or Youth)	wwsac.com/rules.html
21	1700	21 2100	1.2G	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid	www.ft8activity.eu
21	1900	21 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
22	0030	22 0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html
24	0000	25 2359	1.8-28	CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.cqwp.com/rules.htm
26	0000	26 0100	1.8-28	QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrparci.org
27	0100	27 0159	1.8-28,50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, Youth YL, or Youth)	wwsac.com/rules.html
28	0000	28 0200	1.8-28,50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
29	1900	29 2030	3.5	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsgbcc.org
30	0000	1 2359	1.8-28,50	PODXS 070 Club Three Day Weekend Contest	Dig	mbr or "0000"	www.podxs070.com
31	0000	31 2359	1.8-28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
31	1200	1 1159	1.8-28	Russian WW MultiMode Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST(Q), 2-char oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru

There are a number of weekly contests not included in the table above. For more info, visit: www.qrpfoxhunt.org, www.nccsprint.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.*

Upcoming Events

May 10, 2025 - [Armed Forces Crossband Test](#)

May 10, 2025 - [Robertson County ARC Breakfast Fundraiser](#), Springfield TN

May 15, 2025 - NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

May 16-18, 2025 - [Dayton Hamvention](#), Xenia, OH.

June 7-8, 2025 - [The Great Tennessee Air Show](#) - Smyrna, TN (w/amateur radio team)

June 14, 2025 - [The Milligan Bike Event](#) , Watertown TN. We will need net control operator, rest stop operators and SAG's.

June 19, 2025 - NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

June 21, 2025 - [Knoxville Hamfest & ARRL](#) Tennessee State Convention, Knoxville TN.

June 28-29, 2025 - [ARRL Field Day](#), 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville TN.

July 17, 2025 - NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

July 19, 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.

August 21, 2025 - NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

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.

September 18, 2025 – NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

October 16, 2025 – NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

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

November 20, 2025 – NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

December 18, 2025 – NARC Club Meeting, 205 Downeymeade Dr, Nashville

ARRL Student Membership

ARRL Student Membership was established to increase youth participation and long-term involvement in amateur radio. Student members can access ARRL membership benefits including the digital versions of ARRL magazines, and the extensive courses and training materials available through the ARRL Learning Center.

Please note: ARRL requires age verification for all student members. Parental/Guardian consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age. Student memberships are not eligible for add-on printed membership magazine subscriptions. Student membership benefits are subject to other restrictions and exclusions.

Student Membership options:

- **Option 1: Full Student Membership.** Dues rate \$30 per year. This low-cost membership option is available to US amateur radio licensees under the age of 26. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. A full member may vote in ARRL elections for Division Director, Vice Director, and Section Manager. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
 - **Option 2: Free Student Membership.** This no-cost, Associate membership option is available to full-time students aged 21 or younger. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Free Student Membership excludes access to the ARRL E-mail Forwarding Service, and Associate members may not vote in ARRL elections. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
- Become an ARRL student member today!

[Student Membership JOIN](#)

ARRL Exhibits and Forums Planned for 2025 Dayton Hamvention

ARRL welcomes members and all radio amateurs to visit us at the 2025 Dayton Hamvention®, **May 16 —18 in Xenia, Ohio**. The event features three days of fun activities, ham radio programming, and plenty of opportunities to engage with ARRL.

Saturday's ARRL Youth Rally will be a fun day of ham radio discovery and friendship for young people aged 11 to 21. Among the team leading the Youth Rally will be volunteers from the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program (CARP), who are also exhibiting and presenting at Hamvention.

In addition to the CARP forum, ARRL has many other exciting forums planned at Hamvention. Start off Friday with a surfside lesson on portable antennas with “Salty Walt” Hudson, K4OGO, of the popular Costal Waves and Wires YouTube channel. Salty Walt’s forum is Friday, 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM, in room 3.

The ARRL Membership Forum is on Saturday.

There are many other great ARRL forums for you to attend. See the whole list at www.arrl.org/expo.

You can also visit ARRL’s large exhibit area in the Tesla Building. All the great things you expect from ARRL will be there, including a chance to get some ARRL merch and publications, plus your free 2025 ARRL button. The ARRL VEC will be on site to help hams renew their licenses; you can visit with ARRL leaders face-to-face and learn about how to get involved in your local ham community (and much more).

You can also see the ARRL Sweepstakes Icom Dream Station on display.

You asked, we listened: The ever-popular on-site radio emissions testing by the ARRL Lab returns this year. Have your handheld tested to make sure the output is clean. Expert engineers will be on hand to do it right in front of you.

Find ticket information at www.hamvention.org. Download the ARRL Program Guide [PDF] which includes a map of the ARRL exhibit area.

What is ARRL Field Day? You're Invited!

2025 Field Day is June 28 – 29

ARRL Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called “hams”) within your community. The theme for 2025 Field Day is “Radio Connects” – highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

For many radio clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar. A typical Field Day site will showoff many aspects of amateur radio and its many roles.

Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to practice their emergency communications readiness. ARRL Field Day is an annual demonstration and invites the general public and organizations to see how amateur radio can serve in an emergency, **When All Else Fails®**. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they are so complex — ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters.

Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

For those with a competitive spirit, Field Day stations compete to make radio contacts with as many other stations as possible while learning to operate radio equipment in challenging situations and less-than-optimal conditions. These same skills are used by hams who volunteer to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades, and exhibits at fairs, malls, and museums.

Who is ARRL?

With more than 137,000 members, ARRL is The National Association for Amateur Radio in the US. Our mission is to promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs. ARRL and our affiliated radio clubs provide benefits to members to discover radio, to develop new skills, and to serve your local community.

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Win a Dream Station with the latest gear from Icom.

Members who join — or renew — their **ARRL membership** any time from January 3 through December 31, 2025, are automatically entered into the ARRL Sweepstakes and could win a dream station from Icom.

Not an ARRL member? **Join today!** Already a member or Life Member? There are even more ways to automatically earn entries. **See how!**



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Don't Miss These Next Meetings!

Next Meeting:
Thursday May 15, 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!

ARRL FIELD DAY



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