

NEWSLETTER

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May 20 2014



145.230 linked with 146.940, K4NET-L Echolink, N1CRG on RMS, and "Big100Net@gmail.com".... These are all the ways we are going to accept check ins for the Big 100 Net this year! Last year the official number was 107 Check ins (according to the records of KA4WYC). This year we should have no problem topping the 107 check in mark.

We will start the Big 100 Net at 7:45pm local time with repeaters linked and EchoLink active. From 7:45 until 8:00 we will be A-Z, Mobile, Portable, and Fixed Stations. At 8:00pm we will pause for our first group of EchoLink check ins. After our first round of EchoLink, we will check our email and RMS express. This rotation will continue for an hour, we will break the link with the 145.940 repeater which will also take away EchoLink, allowing the Metrolina 2Meter Emergency Net to be called on that frequency. We will continue the Big 100 Net

on 145.230 as long as we are getting check ins. If the net is running really long and the 94 machine finishes first, we can bring that machine back online again.

So Why are we doing this? This is a time for Ham Operators in the area to be excited about an event on some of the best 2 M repeaters around, and give them a chance to include folks around them. We are looking for New Hams, Old Hams, Hams that may have been on the side for an extended period. We are looking for 3rd parties, Scanner Listeners, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and just anyone that has ever thought about trying Ham Radio.

May 20 2014, 7:45pm-until (link and echo link drops about 8:45). 145.230, 145.940, K4NET-L, N1CRG on RMS, Big100Net@gmail.com

Talk to you all on May 20th!!!
WELCOME RACE FANS!

Sticks And Cones

For the first time I am reviewing something I have not experienced and am going strictly on good faith, but you can't mess up ice cream!

Considering this Food Truck has won the 2013 "BOB Award" from Charlotte Magazine for the Best Regular Foodie Event, AND the owner/Operator is an Amateur Radio Operator that I chat with almost every morning on the "Drive Time", I'm pretty confident in this mention!

Two Trucks, one named Sticks the other Cones. The big thing is Dave has a Ham Radio in them to make QSO's as well during the work day!

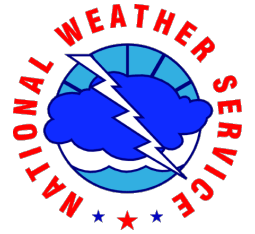
Here is the address to his web site,
www.sticksandconesicecream.com

He has way too much info for this little article but in the short, Catch him for Food Truck Friday events in South End or call and schedule him for your own event! Dave's Call is KJ4CIZ

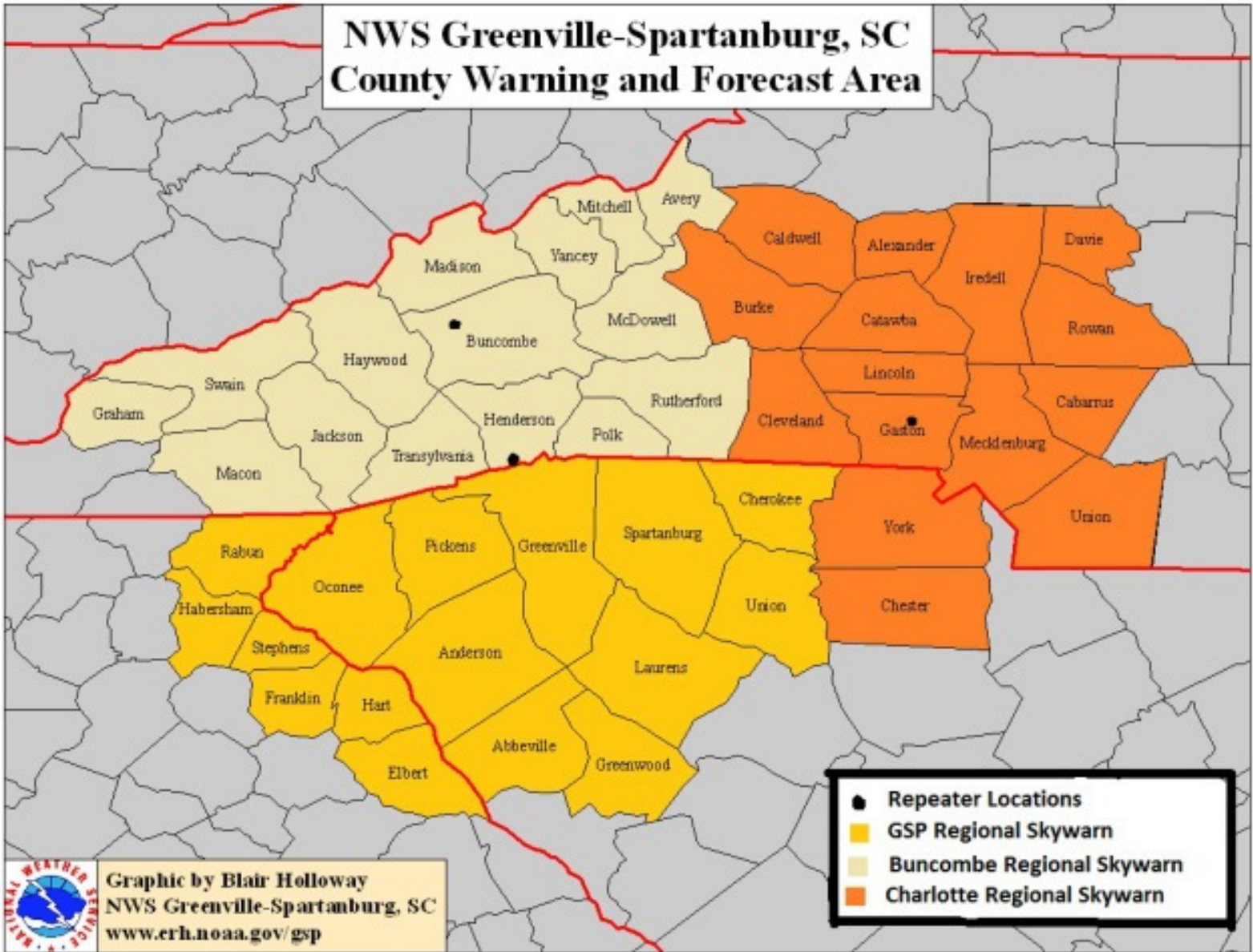
Check him out!



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Local Nets

Daily Nets:

8:00 PM PSGnet	145.230 tone 118.8
9:00 PM CLTMetro 2 meter Emergency Net	146.940 tone 118.8
9:00 PM Blue Ridge Emergency Net (GSP)	146.610 tone
9:30 PM Central Carolina Traffic Net (Wilkesboro)	146.820 tone 94.8

Mondays:

8:30 PM Shelby ARES Net	146.880
9:00 PM Cleveland Co Simplex Net (1st Monday of the month)	147.505

Tuesdays:

7:00 PM Catawba Co RACES	145.170 tone 88.5
7:30 PM Gaston Co. Amateur Radio Society	147.120 tone 100
8:30 PM Triad SKYWARN® Net	147.255 tone 82.5

Wednesdays:

7:30 PM Mecklenburg ARES Net	146.940 tone 118.8
8:30 PM Rowan Emergency Net	145.410 tone 136.5
9:00 PM GAARC Amateur Radio Operators Net (ARES)	146.805 tone 100
9:00 PM ICARS Net W4SNC	146.685 tone 77

Thursdays:

7:00 PM Gaston ARES	147.120 tone 100
7:30 PM Lincoln RACES	147.015 tone 141.3
8:00 PM Boone NC	147.360 tone 103.5

Fridays:

8:00 PM GRITS net	147.150
8:30 PM Shelby ARES	146.880

Saturdays:

8:30 PM Dixie Radio Pirates Net	145.410 tone 136.5
9:00 PM 6600 Net	145.190

Sundays:

8:30 PM Mecklenburg Simplex Net	147.505
9:00 PM Caldwell Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net (CARES)	147.330 tone 141.3

Net Totals

Month of March

March 2014

Traffic	0
Announcements	66
Check ins	835
Minutes	1062
Nets	31

Month of April

April 2014

Traffic	0
Announcements	59
Check ins	808
Minutes	960
Nets	30

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April 2014

WX Reports	2
Check In's	2
Minutes	90

No Severe WX nets in March and only one in April. We've been dodging some bullets but it's good that we have our Trained Spotters Ready! Great Job Folks!

ATTENTION! CALLING ALL HAMS



207 Low Bridge Rd.
Iron Station, NC 28080
(704) 913-5408

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CLUB MEETING

WHEN:

Almost Every Thursday
(contact kk4qbu for specifics)

Starting @ 5:30 PM thru 9:00 PM

WHERE:

AR Byrd Company, Inc.
171 Joshua Court
Lincolnton, NC 28092

ACTIVITIES:

Bring anything you would like to talk about or projects you want to work on or just come on out to Rag Chew
We do have some new antennas on the Building

Who is invited?

Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio
Licensed or Unlicensed

Ham Challenge

In closing this issue of the PSG Newsletter I want to issue a few challenges. We are entering summer and Radio time will be diminished due to increased daylight. My challenge is to remain RadioActive! First, check out your local Ham Clubs.

Charlotte has a couple of Great clubs, W4BFB and W4CQ. I know there are clubs all over the place and they hold a wealth of knowledge. Some groups "Fox Hunt", hold Hamfests, support Training, Hold Workshops, and provide just good old fashioned Hospitality.

Speaking of Events, I'm also challenging everyone to attend a Field Day gathering. Find one that peaks your interest and GO! Make some QSO's and some eyeball to eyeball contacts as well.

Lastly Check in some Nets! We have several good nets in the area. PSG has a list of just a few nets and we know there are many more good ones out there....we just can't post 12 pages of nets each month. Of

course my top two are the PSG @ 8PM each night (145.230) and the Metrolina 2M Emergency Net each night @ 9PM (146.940)....but again, there are so many worthy nets in this area and some easy relatively distant ones as well.

Another Net is the Big 100 Net! Please promote it, Check in with me, and let's promote our hobby!

A Reminder

May is Race month in Charlotte, so prepare for extreme traffic and crowded conditions around town especially near Charlotte Motor Speedway.

A few years ago the estimate of almost a Half a Million extra people during race week was reported. Keep that in mind as you do your day to day activities.

73's and Stay RadioActive

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Calendar

May 8 2014

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Lenoir NC LARC Meeting

May 20 2014

BIG 100 Net on 145.230mhz

June 28-29 2014

ARRL Field Day, check with local clubs for involvement and locations

July 12 2014

FireCracker Hamfest
Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury NC

July 26 2014, 8am-4pm

WCARS Hamfest, Haywood Co.
Fairgrounds Waynesville NC

Labor Day Weekend 2014

Shelby Hamfest!!!

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