

Events

Testing: Our Net Control Station & Vice President KX4ZQ (Jeff Webster) submits this item: Due to FARC having no Amateur Radio session in May, I will be having a free of charge session -the exam is free, but new and renewal of licenses are \$35.00 - with the Laurel VEC on Saturday May 28th at 11:00 AM. at the Rural Hall library. Please pre register at the following website: <http://ptvet.infinityfreeapp.com/>

Field Day: ARRL Field Day is June 25-26 this year. Have fun & support your local ham club by participating!

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - Hobby Park 2301 W Clemmons Rd, Winston Salem, NC. (website <https://w4nc.com/>)

(If anyone would like for me to add details about their favorite ham club's field day here, please email details to <mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com>)

Annual Meeting Matters

Proposed Change to By-Laws

(Note: the entire text of our current bylaws are on the website <http://vagabondnet.net>. Just click on the "Bylaws" link on the right side of the page)

The following proposal will be voted on at the next annual meeting in or near December, 2022 (exact date has not yet been set).

We propose that this sentence in Section 4.2:

"All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina."

be replaced with the following sentence:

"All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina or over-the-air on the same frequency as daily nets."

The entire modified Section 4.2 would read as follows:

4.2 All meetings will be held within 30 miles of downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina or over-the-air on the same frequency as daily nets. The date, time, and place of any meeting will be chosen by majority vote of the persons then serving as officers.

Misc Announcements

Donate! To help support our repeater & allow us to keep sending certificates to our new Vagabonds, please send a check to Vagabond Ragchew Net, 800 Redwood Ct., Winston Salem, NC 27103. We thank you!

Net Controllers. We are in need of additional net controllers. If you are interested in assuming this responsibility, contact our officers at <mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com>. If no scheduled net controller has begun this net by 2:35 pm on a scheduled net day, any permanent Vagabond may act as net controller by being the first to volunteer, on the air, to do so. All tools needed for this task are available on our website (<http://vagabondnet.net/>) to any permanent Vagabond.

Feedback. if you would like to let us know how we are doing, please email the officers at <mailto:vagabondragchewnet@gmail.com>. We cannot accept complaints on the air due to agreements with our repeater owners.

Testing for Amateur Radio Licenses. There are many opportunities for license testing in our area. If you're planning on taking a license test, please bring the original and a photocopy of your current license (if you have one) and the original of any current CSCE, along with three forms of ID (one of which must be a photo ID). Also, remember to bring cash to pay your testing fees.

Winston-Salem – Please check the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club website at <https://w4nc.com/> for updates.

Thomasville - Tests are provided by the Tri-County Amateur Radio Club on the third Saturday of each month except December at 9:30 am at the Thomasville Public Library. For further details, please go to <http://NC4AR.org/> and click on the Calendar link.

Other Locations - There are probably other exam sessions near you. The best way to find out about them is to go the <https://www.arrl.org/> website and search “exam sessions”.

Newsletter Comments/Questions

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, or about the Vagabond Ragchew Net in general, write to our officers at: VagabondRagchewNet@gmail.com. Our officers are: President: Neil Fishman, K2ZAP, Vice President, Jeff Webster, KX4ZQ, Secretary/Treasurer: Cathy Melvin, KM4OCS.