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From The Club

YES! The newsletter is back.

The next meeting of the ACARC is 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 20th in the McKeithan Center, (usually) room 339, North Campus Cape Fear Community College, 4500 Blue Clay Road. Talk-in on 147.180 +offset with a tone of 88.5 hz.

Remember: Invite a new Ham Operator to the meeting. If they join the club they can either get free club membership for a year or a new Baofeng HT!!!



I'm gonna make them an offer they can't refuse



Upcoming Important Events

- Jun 3-4th** Museum Ships Weekend onboard BB-55
- Jun 10th** VE testing, CFCC North Campus
- June 10-11th** ARRL VHF contest
- June 20th** Monthly club meeting 7:00pm CFCC North Campus
- Jun 24th** ARRL Field Day, Ogden Park shelter 2

Museum Ships Weekend

by Jeff Bixby (W4BIX)



One of the annual fun events our club participates in is Museum Ships Weekend held the first weekend in June (this year June 3rd & 4th). This event is sponsored by the amateur radio crew onboard the USS New Jersey (BB-62), a museum ship located in Camden, NJ. As of mid-May there are 93 museum ships from around the world (including our own beloved BB-55) participating in this event. Ham operators make as many contacts as they can with the museum ships participating which usually results in us being at the receiving end of pile-ups! As this is NOT a contest (fun event only!) it is a great opportunity to rub the rust off of operators who do not operate much or new hams wishing to learn the nuances of phone or CW communications.

We operate both Saturday and Sunday. Meet for breakfast both days at the K&W Cafeteria on Oleander at 8:00am or just meet us at the battleship at 9:00am in the vending machine area. Be there...Aloha!



ACARC Field Day 2017

by Jeff Bixby (W4BIX)

The ACARC will operate for the ARRL 2017 Field Day on Saturday, June 24th at Ogden Park, shelter #2. More information as to set up and operating times will be disseminated via the Club's email to everyone.

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ARRL VHF Contest

From the ARRL Website

For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

Stations in KH0-9, KL7 & KP1-KP5, CY9 and CY0 count as W/VE stations and can be worked by DX stations for contest credit.

Dates- The second full weekend in June. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, runs through 0259 UTC Monday (June 10-12, 2017).

Bands- All authorized frequencies above 50 MHz (6 Meters).

Power Limits By Category-

Single Operator, High Power: 1500 Watts PEP or the maximum allowable power level established by the national licensing authority of your country, whichever is lower.

Single Operator, Low Power: 50 MHz and 144 MHz--200 W PEP.

222 MHz and 432 MHz--100 W PEP.

902 MHz and above--50 W PEP (effective 2012)

Single Operator Portable: Ten (10) W PEP output or less. Portable power source. Portable equipment and antennas.

Single Operator, 3 Band: 50 MHz and 144 MHz: 100 W PEP or less.
432 MHz: 50 W PEP or less.

Single Operator, FM Only: 50 144, 222 and 446 MHz: 100 W or less.

Multi-operator: 1500 Watts PEP or the maximum allowable power level established by the national licensing authority of your country, whichever is lower.

Limited Multi-operator: 1500 Watts PEP or the maximum allowable power level established by the national licensing authority of your country, whichever is lower.

Rover: 1500 Watts PEP or the maximum allowable power level established by the national licensing authority of your country, whichever is lower.

Limited Rover: 50 MHz and 144 MHz--200 W PEP.
222 MHz and 432 MHz--100 W PEP.
902 MHz and above--50 W PEP. (effective 2012)

Unlimited Rover: 1500 Watts PEP or the maximum allowable power level established by the national licensing authority of your country, whichever is lower.

Contact Information-

For contest information contact
contests@arrl.org or (860) 594-0232

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Newsletter

by Jeff Bixby (W4BIX)

As no one stepped up to the plate I have resurrected the newsletter again myself, albeit from 200 miles away from the ACARC home base. I REALLY want to keep this going as a means of communication amongst the ACARC membership.

PLEASE...PLEASE help me keep it alive. Submit pictures. Submit articles. Submit ideas for articles. Submit events, birthdays, milestones achieved. ANYTHING! I want this newsletter to reflect YOUR voices.

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