

Hamfests

03/26/2022 - DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club Tailgate

Location: Fort Payne, AL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w4dgh.org/tailgate.htm>

03/18/2022 - 03/19/2022

The 52nd ANNUAL PARC Hamfest

Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: W4ZBB.Org welcomes you back to the panhandle for the 52nd Annual Show!

Website: <http://w4zbb.org/w4zbborg/index.php?page=Hamfest>

04/23/2022 - Mobile Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Hamfest

Location: Mobile, AL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Mobile Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

Website: <http://www.w4iax.com>

Special Events

03/12/2022 | USS Midway Special Event: Launching of USS Midway

Mar 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 (PSK31) DSTAR (Papa Sys Rept). QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

03/18/2022 | HamSCI 2022 Conference

Mar 18-Mar 20, 1400Z-0400Z, NN4SA, Huntsville, AL. HamSCI and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center ARC. 14.245 7.245 14.074 7.074. QSL. NASA MSFC ARC, c/o Matt McDougal, PO Box 12804, Huntsville, AL 35815. HamSCI and NASA MSFC ARC will operate from HamSCI Conference venue near Space and Rocket Center. Will be operating various bands and modes. Check spotting networks for frequencies and modes. Event info at hamsci.org and nn4sa.org. Send SASE for special QSL card. www.qrz.com/db/nn4sa

03/18/2022 | National Viet Nam War Veterans Day

Mar 18, 1800Z-2200Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 ART. 7.275mhz +/- 5 khz. QSL. American Legion Post 275 ART, 8201 Martin Luthor King Jr. Hwy, Lanham, MD 20706. wa3dvo@verizon.net

03/19/2022 | Cherry Blossom Special Event Station

Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.225. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208-4862. w4bkm.org

03/19/2022 | Scouts BSA WHOA weekend

Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council, Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.115 14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, WA1HRH, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. Monthly seasonal outdoor activities for Scouts and the general public including "ham radio in the woods." Paper logging. QSL via SASE and eQSL.

03/22/2022 | Honoring World War II Gunners at Buckingham Airfield

Mar 22-Mar 24, 1400Z-2100Z, W4LX, Fort Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club. 28.360 21.360 14.270 146.685. Certificate & QSL. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 61183, Fort Myers, FL 33906. <https://fmarc.net>

03/26/2022 | Commemoration of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend

Mar 26, 1400Z-2200Z, K4YWE/N4H, Alexander City, AL. Lake Martin Amateur Radio Club. 7.240 14.240. QSL. Michael Courtney, KK4AUP, 80 Herren Hill Road, Suite F, Tallassee, AL 36078. mikecourtney@charter.net

03/29/2022 | National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 29, 1600Z-2130Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250. QSL. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Operation aboard the USS KIDD (DD-661). WW II Fletcher class destroyer. qrz.com/db/w5kid

ARES has been requested to provide communication assistance with the Hattiesburg half marathon and the Farm to Fork ride and run. I'M REACHING OUT TO ALL SURROUNDING DISTRICTS AS I AM WELCOMING ALL HAM RADIO OPERATORS WHO ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP OUT WITH THESE GREAT EVENTS

The Hattiesburg half marathon will be April 2nd.

The Farm to Fork will be April 30th.

I am asking all of the emergency coordinators to please get with your groups and start letting people know about the event and as soon as possible I will be having some signup sheets for people to sign up and as we get closer we'll be starting to do station assignments I know this is early but what this type of event sometimes early isn't early enough.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me at strmspotter@gmail.com or at 601 549 9940. Please help get the word out these are both great events for a great cause and

requires a good amount of operators to provide safety communications along the course. If you are a new ham and want to participate that is great and we welcome you no experiences needed just a minimum of a technician class license and a handheld or mobile rig. Even if you don't have a radio please let me know I'm sure we can find somebody who would be willing to lend one for you to use.

QSO

Listed are the QSO parties. Please click on the state's name for more information on each party.

[2022 Mississippi QSO Party](#) [1400Z April 2 - 0200Z April 3](#)

	3/12/2022	1500Z	3/13/2022	0200Z	Oklahoma QSO Party	
	3/12/2022	1900Z	3/13/2022	1900Z	Idaho QSO Party	
	3/13/2022	1500Z	3/12/2022	2100Z	Oklahoma QSO Party	
	3/13/2022	1800Z	3/14/2022	0100Z	Wisconsin QSO Party	
	3/19/2022	1400Z	3/20/2022	0400Z	Virginia QSO Party	

	3/20/2022	1200Z	3/20/2022	2400Z	Virginia QSO Party
	4/2/2022	1400Z	4/3/2022	0200Z	Louisiana QSO Party

Sun Spot Observations

Solar activity was weaker this reporting week (February 24 through March 2) with average daily sunspot numbers weakening from 54.3 to 44, but average daily solar flux rising slightly from 95.4 to 98.5.

Geomagnetic numbers were moderate. Average daily planetary A index declined from 9.6 to 7.3, and middle latitude index from 7.3 to 5.6.

Predicted solar flux is 110 on March 4, 108 on March 5-7, then 106, 104 and 100 on March 8-10, 99 on March 11-13, 98 on March 14, 95 on March 15-16, then 96, 97, 98 and 99 on March 17-20, 100 on March 21-22, then 101 and 100 on March 23-24, 102 on March 25-26, then 99 and 102 on March 27-28, 105 on March 29-31, 102 on April 1-2, 101 on April 3-4, then 100 on April 5-6, and 99 on April 7-9.

Predicted planetary A index is 12 on March 4-6, 10 on March 7, 5 on March 8-10, then 10, 12, 8, 5 and 8 on March 11-15, 5 on March 16-17, 10 on March 18, 15 on March 19-21, 7 on March 22-24, then 5 and 10 on March 25-26, 12 on March 27-28, 8 on March 29-30, 12 on March 31, 15 on April 1-2, then 5 on April 3-6, then 18, 15 and 8 on April 7-9.

On the Air

TOGO, 5V. Andy, KB9IJI is QRV as 5V7JA and has been active using FT8 on 30 and 20 meters, typically around 2100z to 0230z. QSL to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ will be QRV as 5X1XA from Kampala from March 7 to 14. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters with a focus on the RSGB Commonwealth Contest. QSL direct to home call.

MALAWI, 7Q. Dan, K6ZO is QRV as 7Q6M until March 13. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

BARBADOS, 8P. Charles, 8P6ET will be QRV as 8P1W in the ARRL International DX SSB contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. He plans to also be active in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL via KU9C.

CHILE, CE. Luis, CE2ML plans to be in the ARRL International DX SSB contest as a Single Op/Single Band entry on 10 meters. QSL to home call.

CUBA, CO. Members of the radio club of Sancti Spiritus and the radio club of Trinidad and Cabaiguan will be QRV as T46SB from March 8 and 9 to activate a SOTA reference in the La Sabina-Banao Reserve. Their activity is to celebrate the first radio broadcast from Tuinicu 99 years ago and also International Women's Day. QSL via

RW6HS.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Look for D4K to be QRV in the ARRL International DX SSB contest. There may be some 6 meter activity before and after the contest as well. QSL via IZ4DPV.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Special event station DA22WARD is QRV until April 30 to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day, which is on April 18. QSL via bureau.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Philippe, EA4NF is QRV as EA8/EA4NF from Hierro Island, IOTA AF 004, until March 6. Activity is on various FM and Linear LEO satellites from very rare Grid Squares IL07 and IL17. QSL via LoTW.

ST. BARTHELEMY, FJ. Andreas, DK6AS is QRV as FJ/DK6AS and has been active on 40, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW generally from 1100 to 2330z. QSL direct to home call.

AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO. Jacek, SP5EAQ is QRV as FO/SP5EAQ from Rimatara Island, IOTA OC-050, for four weeks. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. This includes being active as TX5AQ in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

CURACAO, PJ2. Andy, DK5ON is QRV as PJ2/DK5ON until March 17. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. He will also be active in the ARRL International DX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Frank, K3TRM will be QRV as PJ5/K3TRM from Sint Eustatius, IOTA NA-145, from March 6 to 12. He will be active on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and on various satellites. QSL to home call.

ANTIGUA, V2. Bud, AA3B is QRV as V26K until March 10. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. This includes being active as a Single Op/High Power/All Band/Unlimited entry in the ARRL International DX SSB contest. QSL via LoTW.

BELIZE, V3. Bill, K4XS will be QRV as V3X in the ARRL International DX SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Dave, K0KQ will be QRV as VP5/K0KQ from Grand Turk Island, IOTA NA-003, from March 7 to 21. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL International DX SSB Contest, NCCC RTTY Sprint, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Novice Rig CW Roundup, Wake-Up. QRP CW Sprint, UBA Spring 80-Meter CW Contest, NSARA Contest, SARL Hamnet 40-Meter Simulated Emergency Contest and the WAB 3.5 MHz Phone will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The OK1WC Memorial, RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, ARS Spartan CW Sprint, RTTYOPS Weeksprint, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW and Mini-Test 80 CW are all on tap for March 7 to 9.