

**ARRL Virginia East of I-95 Newsletters**  
**June, 2026**

**Dear ARRL VA Club Officers,**

**Field Day is almost upon us and I hope the planning stage is going well. I hope to visit a few FD sites in SE VA, so please have your FD posted on the ARRL FD locator board.**

**If your club members are still not receiving section and division newsletters, I copied instructions for receiving these in the text of this newsletter.**

**There is lots of activity East of I-95:**

**NTS and ARES are going to be more coordinated Interested? Go to [arrlva.com](http://arrlva.com) for more information.**

**A scouting cohort is being formed by Keith Oliver KZ4DQ Youth Coordinator, and he will work with Scout leaders to coordinate amateur radio activities.**

**Have a great Field Day!**

**Field Day Media Information**

Thank you for supporting media attention for 2025 ARRL Field Day. We hope you find the enclosed resources are helpful as you prepare to promote Field Day participation in your area through local media, news, and social media outlets.

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What is ARRL Field Day (backgrounder)  
Social Media and ARRL Field Day  
Sample Field Day Invitation Letter  
Sample Proclamation

ARRL and RAC Section check-off sheet; a great visual Field Day logo (full page); additional versions available at [www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)

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[www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)

Photo/Model Release Form (use for minors under 18 years of age)  
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Model%20Release%20/ModelReleaseForm.pdf>



Senator Ted Cruz, [in a strong pre-Memorial Day message](#) publicly highlighted the critical role that Amateur Radio Service volunteers play during disasters, praising and thanking ham radio operators who provide essential communications when storms and emergencies knock out power and cellular networks and communities are cut off. Sen. Cruz observed that in these emergencies it is ham radio operators who step forward, bringing with them the tools, expertise, and the commitment to reconnect people when it matters most. He noted this dedication was clearly demonstrated in 2017 when Hurricane Harvey's catastrophic flooding devastated communities across Texas and that it was demonstrated again more recently in the horrific Camp Mystic floods. He emphasized that as the Nation prepares for yet another summer storm season, ham radio's role remains just as vital as ever.

## Get Your Club In QST!

Clubs are the backbone of the amateur radio community. Whether you're part of a special or general interest club, its members are the community that you serve. In the same way that every ham is different, each club is also different — not every club will offer the same programs and projects to their member community.

*QST*'s "Club Station" is a space for clubs to share their practical ideas about what's helped lead them to their success. If your club has developed a creative way to get around common challenges, we want to hear from you!

If you're interested in writing for "Club Station," please follow the author guidelines that are tailored to this column. Additionally, you'll find a Club Profile Form at the end of the author guidelines, which must be filled out and included with your submission. If this form is missing, your submission will not be considered complete.

**[www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form](http://www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form)**

## NEWSLETTER OPT-IN INSTRUCTIONS

The April 2026 Section newsletter only reached 2,425 out of the 4,273 ARRL Members in Virginia. Many never received the Division/Section electronic newsletters. To receive

ARRL newsletters you must “opt-in” via the ARRL List Serve.

To Opt-in, follow the following steps:

- [Log into the ARRL.org website](#) with your call sign and password
- Click on your name just right of the word “Hello”
- Once at your My Account webpage, under "Communications" on the left-hand side of the webpage, click on E-Newsletters and Notification
- A list of various newsletters generated by the ARRL is displayed (if any)
- Press "Edit" in the upper right side of the Opt In/Opt Out page
- Then click the checkbox for Division and Section News
- The last step: click the "Save" button at the bottom of the edit page to save your change(s).

**Note: If an error message is displayed when attempting to save the changes, try again, and if not successful, email WA8AHZ ARRL org**

**From Mike WA8AHX, Section Manager**

**Speaking of Field Day, and Traffic Management, while at Field Day this year make a point to ask the Field Day stations if they are passing traffic via ARES WinLink or the National Traffic System. If they are, consider asking the operator to send a formatted [ICS-213](#) or [ARRL Radiogram](#) message to one of your ELMERs thanking them for introducing you to the Hobby.**

**We are rebuilding our group of Section Technical Specialists. These volunteers answer technical questions raised by you. Currently our TS are Rich Davis, W4NMH, Rich Kennedy, K3VAT and Corey McCook, W1ZOR. Consider contacting them directly if you have a technical question about the Hobby. Their email addresses are good in QRZ.com. If you'd like to join our TCs, drop me an email.**

**Terry, KA8TNF is our Section Emergency Coordinator (SEM). He and his volunteer staff are refining the monthly ARRL reporting process across the Commonwealth. The [ARRLARES program in Virginia](#) is divided into seven Districts led by seven District Emergency Coordinators (DECs) and their assistants. The districts oversee (currently) 68 Emergency Coordinators (ECs) located in many Virginia cities//counties. Unfortunately, we are missing ECs to fully represent Virginia's Amateur Radio-related Emergency Communication (EmCOMM) needs. If you are interested in applying for a position as an EC, check with the local clubs to see if there is an ARES group, or contact Terry at SEC<dot>VAARES<at>gmail<dot>com**

### Visits by the Assistant Section Manager

I am available to visit and present one of two programs to your club: The Section Manager's State of ARRL Virginia Report or The ARRL Teacher Institute on Wireless Technology. I have already presented to RASON and looking forward to visiting with the Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club and the Middle Peninsula Radio Club in July. Please reach out to me ,Ed Gibbs KW4GF,[beachteach15@yahoo.com](mailto:beachteach15@yahoo.com) or call me at (757)274-5793.

## [SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL HAM RADIO FEST AND SWAP MEET](#)

**August 8, 2026**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

**12742 NETTLES DR**

**NEWPORT NEWS VA**

**Lat: 37° 08865' N Lon: 76° 49548' W**

**Talk-in has been changed and the new Frequency is:**

**146.730 – PL 100.0**

**Admission: Door \$10.00 Tailgate \$5.00**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

## **13 Colonies Special Event 2026**

**As the Nation celebrates the it's 250th birthday, consider hunting for Special Event Stations (SES) for each of the 13 Colonies as well as the bonus stations in Great Britian and France, plus at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Also, be on the lookout for Virginia's activation as K2B. The event is on 1-8 July. If you work a colony station, you are encouraged to spot it for others. We suggest [DX Summit](#). More details at: <https://13colonies.us/>**

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