



SPECIAL BULLETIN

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SHARC Meetings

Moved to Fridays

At the club's last meeting I mentioned changing the club's meeting from Saturday to some other day of the week and during daylight hours so we wouldn't have to drive at night. Having the meeting on Saturday from 11 AM to 1 PM pretty well "shot" the day for any other activity like going to hamfests, an afternoon show, visiting with other friends, playing golf, fishing, etc., etc. Therefore, the board of directors has decided that we will move the meeting day and time to **FRIDAY afternoon from 3 PM to 5 PM.** (Wednesday was not available) This will allow those of you who like to go out on Friday evening to still accomplish it while supporting your club at the same time. I personally feel that this will allow those members who do not attend our Saturday meetings because of other commitments to do so. In fact, it may also attract new members to join our club.

As for other special events like the upcoming **ARMAD** (May 28th) and **ARRL Field Day** (June 25-26) they still would be held on Saturday. Our meeting place does not change and is at the Whispering Pines Park Recreational Building in Inverness. Our April meeting and picnic will now be on **FRIDAY, April 22nd.**

Past President Chad Johnson - W4CJ

Chad called today to report that in addition to the removal of a cancerous portion of his lung come Monday, April 4th in Gainesville, he will also undergo additional cancer removal of the *parotid gland* on May 11 at the same facility!! The problem with the latter is that a facial nerve can not be saved. Apparently this nerve runs directly through affected area - so it will suffer. This will cause certain facial attributes to change.

For example, he will not be able to close his left eyelid... he'll have to manually close it... and probably be required to wear a patch - at least while sleeping. He also stated that the left side of his face will be pretty much paralyzed. Judy will keep us informed of all aspects, and I'll do my best to translate whatever is presented to us. Recovery is expected to be lengthy.... well into winter... he will be taking the usual therapy (chemo, etc.) procedures. (Dick Bromley - W1XJ)

SHARC By-Laws Ready for Review

You can download and print them for your personal review. Those members who do not have Internet access will receive their copy in the mail.

A New Contest

2 Meter 6 Meter and 70 cm

Since the sky-waves may be acting in favor of some **Sporadic Es** for 2-6 Meters in June, we have decided to have another contest. This one would run for 12 hours in order to take advantage of any "ducting" that would (or may) occur during the evening and late hours of the night for the VHF bands. The contest time would run from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM (a full 12 hours! - - keep that coffee, hot chocolate, milk and snacks a'comin! Hi, Hi) on **June 11th** and include all available 2 - 6 meter frequencies rather than restricting it to only a few as we did during the past 2 Meter contest. The contest would also include the 70cm band (kind of a "bonus" point band) for those who wish to give it a try.

So start planning now and the new contest rules, entry forms, logs and stuff will be up on the website soon.

NOTICE

Picnic Date Change

April is here and so is our **ANNUAL PICNIC** which is now scheduled for **FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd** in lieu of Saturday the 23rd.

We ask those attending to bring a covered dish. The club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, diet soda, etc. *Let's make this a fun event!*