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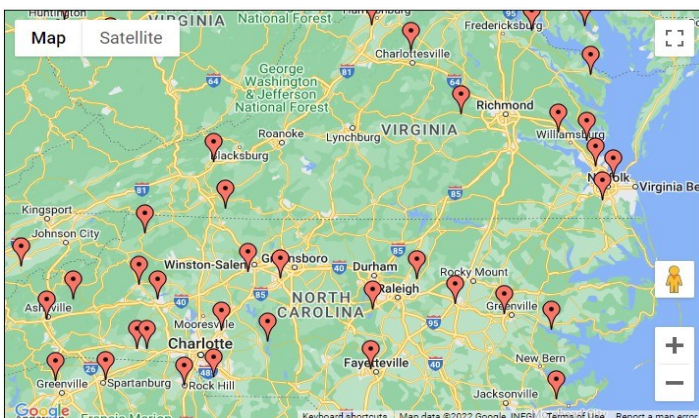
# ARRL-ROANOKE DIVISION

North Carolina · South Carolina · Virginia · West Virginia

SPECIAL FIELD DAY 2022 EDITION

## *Clubs Gearing Up For Field Day After Pandemic Restrictions*

After two long years with limited gatherings, clubs across the four states of the Roanoke Division are already making plans to bring Field Day 2022 back to its former strength. Rule changes in 2020 which permitted home based stations (Class D) have been extended for 2022, but many club members want to get back outside in the same spirit with which Field Day was founded in 1933. Field Day is the perfect opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio in your community, and to welcome new Hams, returning Hams, elected and appointed government officials, served agency representatives, media reporters and curious members of the general public. To help them find you, don't forget to put out road signs, and be sure to list your public Field Day site on ARRL's Field Day locator webpage at [www.arrl.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator) (screenshot sample below). In recent years over 160 Roanoke Division clubs listed their public FD sites on this map. Be sure to list yours!



Bonus categories are always a fun way to garner points while using some ingenious applications and methods. For the media category, invite an elected official to help kick off your Field Day at 2:00 PM by cutting a ceremonial piece of coax cable, then encourage him or her to make the first QSO. Take pictures and a video to send to your local newspaper and TV news operation. Mix up your NTS messages by using both Radiograms and sending a few by Winlink. Be creative and show the innovative spirit behind Field Day. Above all, welcome all guests who visit you. Designate someone to greet everyone who comes, and don't forget to monitor your Talk-In frequency in case a Ham wants to join you. ARRL officials will be visiting many FD locations so keep an eye out for them. Have a safe and happy Field Day 2022!

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FIELD DAY !!**

## *Tom Brown N4TAB Gets 54th Roanoke Division Service Award*

ARRL North Carolina Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and NC state AUXCOMM Coordinator Tom Brown, N4TAB, received his long overdue 2019 Roanoke Division Service Award recognition at the Raleigh hamfest (RARSfest) in April. Congratulating Tom (L) was ARRL Roanoke Division Director Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ. Presentation of the award to Tom had been delayed because of the number of canceled hamfests from the pandemic.



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Since 1968, the Roanoke Division Service Award has been given to an ARRL member from one of the four sections in the division who has consistently demonstrated activities which have benefitted Hams in our region. Shortly after his appointment as SEC in 2010, Tom introduced AUXCOMM training, a standard now embraced by NC Emergency Management. His model has served as a case study recognized nationally. Tom serves on the NC Statewide Interoperability Executive Council and has been a consultant and resource in EmCOMM response to other state agencies. Look for invitations to nominate a deserving Ham for the service award later this year.



## *Election News—One New Section Manager and One Returning*

On April 1, new terms of office began in the Virginia and North Carolina sections after two contested races. Elected as the new Section Manager for the Virginia section was Jack Smith, KE4LWT (L) who won over contender Terry Buzzard, KA8TNF. Jack replaced Carl Clements, W4CAC, who had served



as interim Section Manager after the untimely death of Joe Palsa, K3WRY. A retired Army veteran, Jack has been active in Virginia emergency communications. Re-elected as North Carolina Section Manager was Marv Hoffman (R), WA4NC. A retired political science professor at Appalachian State U., Marv prevailed over opponent Tony Jones, N4ATJ. Marv is a certified AUXCOMM instructor and is active in North Carolina Emergency Management.







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## ***SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH MAKES FRONT COVER OF ARRL PUBLICATIONS***

Anna Matson, KN4IVD, from Aiken, SC is featured on the cover of the 12th edition of ARRL's Operating Manual. She also appeared on the cover of the October, 2021 issue of QST. General class licensee Anna has participated in many School Club Roundup events and is active in ARES. Showing off her photo on the right with pride at the ARRL Expo booth at Dayton Hamvention this year was fellow Aiken resident Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division Director. On left is native South Carolinian and retired FCC official Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, head of ARRL's Volunteer Monitoring Program.

## ***FCC FEES AND VEC UPDATES***

- ♦ The ten-year \$35.00 licensing fee applies in only three situations— 1) applicants after successfully passing their test, 2) renewal at the end of your license term if it has not lapsed, usually ten years, 3) application for a vanity call. A \$35.00 charge applies for each vanity call for which you apply, and no refunds for any vanity call signs not issued. License upgrades and administrative changes like address and phone number changes are not subject to the \$35.00 fee.
- ♦ Applicants who successfully pass their exams will receive an invoice by email from the FCC for \$35.00. Applicants then have 10 business days to remit payment online. If want to pay faster, log into your FCC account using your FRN (FCC Registration Number) to see if the status of your license is "pending". If yes, you can pay on line using the FCC's CORES system (Commission's Registration System) and not have to wait for an invoice to be sent to your email address.
- ♦ FRN numbers are required on every FCC 605 application form. Social Security numbers are no longer accepted.
- ♦ The FCC requires an email address for each application. No more physical delivery by USPS.
- ♦ A copy of your license is no longer mailed to you. To get a copy you must log into your FCC account using your FRN. If you forget your FRN number, an easy way to find it is to go to your call sign listing on QRZ.com and look under the tab called "Detail".



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And visit our website: <http://arrrl-roanoke.com>

***A Safe and Fun Field Day to all from***

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