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ARRL President To Be Featured Speaker At West Virginia Hamfest



ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, will be the keynote speaker at the West Virginia State Convention on Saturday, August 25th at the West Virginia University's Jackson's Mill conference center complex. "Being able to address the Hams of the Mountaineer state is an honor for me", said Roderick. "West Virginia has and continues to be home for many of America's greatest operators."

The West Virginia State Convention is held

at the scenic Jackson's Mill center in Weston, WV, and is sponsored by the West Virginia Amateur Radio State Council (WVSARC). Details on the event can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>

"Having President Roderick come to The Mill is a special privilege", said long time WVSARC President Bob West, WA8YCD. "Rick can expect a hearty Mountaineer welcome", added West Virginia Section Manager Dan Ringer, K8WV.

Karl Bowman, W4CHX, Named 2018 Roanoke Division Service Award Winner

North Carolina Section Manager Karl Bowman, W4CHX, is the recipient of the 51st annual Roanoke Division Service Award. Begun in 1968, the award recognizes an ARRL member in the four states of the Roanoke Division who exemplifies positive spirit and contributions to Ham Radio operators throughout the region. Voting for nominees is done by previous award recipients.

"Karl is enormously deserving of this honor", said Roanoke Division Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, "because he typifies the leadership qualities for which Roanoke Division operators are known." Karl received a plaque of recognition before his home club, the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS), at its Friday night dinner before the RARSFest hamfest.

Karl has been North Carolina Section Manager since 2014, and is a past president of RARS. He holds a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), and is a retired faculty member of the School of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University where he specialized in large animals. Karl's wife Gale, K4GGB, is also a DVM in private practice. Their son Sean is KJ4EGT.

Since becoming Section Manager, Karl has focused on raising standards for emergency response capabilities through ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Services® (ARES®) and its coordination with AUXCOMM, a Dept. of Homeland Security initiative. You can hear Karl as Net Control Station for the Tar Heel Emergency Net on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM on 3.923 MHz.



Karl Bowman, W4CHX (L), receives the Roanoke Division Service Award from Division Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, at RARSFest dinner on March 30

Large Hamfests Kick Off 2018 In Roanoke Division



Clockwise from top: Roanoke Div. Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, addresses ARRL Forum at Charlotte Hamfest; flea market at RARSFest in Raleigh; Charlotte Hamfest sign at Cabarrus Arena; bottom panoramic shot of Charleston WV hamfest; directly below FrostFest at Richmond Raceway.

The Winter/Spring Hamfest season in the Roanoke Division is so busy that on February 3rd, Division Director Dr. Jim, N2ZZ, covered the Charleston SC Hamfest, while Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, represented ARRL at FrostFest in Richmond, VA. All four Roanoke Division sections — North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia— had major section wide hamfests in February and March.



South Carolina Single Sideband Net Celebrates 60th Anniversary



All sections in the Roanoke Division have nets which have been around for decades. The latest to celebrate a milestone is the South Carolina Single Sideband Net, which began April 14, 1958. 60 years to the day, Hams across South Carolina gathered in Lexington SC for a luncheon to mark the occasion.

Coordinating the social activities for

SC SSB is Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ (above 5th from left). SC SSB bestows its "Sidebander Of The Year" annually to a Palmetto state Ham who has shown extraordinary contributions to the net and to all South Carolina operators. The 2018 recipients are a couple, shown above receiving their awards. They are Sue N9ZG and Steve WA5KSC Sabin. Past Sidebander winners include Roanoke Division

Director Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ (above 4th from left) and native South Carolinian, former FCC official and current Atlantic Division Vice Director Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH.

The SC SSB maintains an active and informative website at www.scssb.net, and it has a Facebook page. All are welcome from anywhere to check into its nightly net at 7:00 PM local time at 3915 KHz.



Feel free to post any pictures and news you have of your Roanoke Division club activities to our public division Facebook page. Look for **ARRL Roanoke Division**. And for your best photos, please send them along to our webmaster Woody Woodward, K3VSA, at k3vsa@arrl.net. We will post the best on the Division's website at

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