

# Davie County ARC

August Meeting

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## Daniel Boone Family Festival

The Daniel Boone Family Festival is coming up in a couple weeks. If we want to set up an information booth for the club we need to pay a \$25 fee to get a space.

We will also need people to man the tent for the day. Considering the heat it will probably be best to have several people taking shift during the

day. That would also allow everyone time to wonder around and check out the other booths and festivities.

We will also need a tent, a table and chairs. If anyone has a tent that can be set up on concrete and we can use it for this let us know. The table should be a 4 to 6 ft long folding table and if anyone has one of those.

## Field Day Operation

The Field Day operation was a success and everyone that took part in it seemed to have a good time. We ended up with 3 stations plus a GOTA station.

Bob N2DMC and Ben K4GHS manned the GOTA station from start up Saturday afternoon until that evening. Since the GOTA station was set up outside we took it down before dark that evening.

Jack NW40 had his battery powered station set up under the shade trees again this year and can be seen laid back in the pictures.

I, John N4QVM, had a digital station set up inside the shop in the air con-

ditioning. Les N4YSB also had an SSB station set up inside. The air conditioning was really nice considering the heat, and operating indoors eliminated any problem with bugs at night.

On one trip outside to get more drink from the truck I got to watch a deer come out of the woods and slowly make her way around the edge of the parking lot.

The QSO count was 94 CW, 16 digital, and 108 SSB. The total score after all bonus points are added in is 896. We managed to work 37 different states and a few Canadian provinces during Field Day. Not a bad day's operating, and a goal to beat next year.

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### Special points of interest:

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- Contact Ben at [bwasilau@triad.rr.com](mailto:bwasilau@triad.rr.com)
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## Daniel Boone Pictures

Here are two possible pictures that could be used for a picture QSL card. The picture on the right may be copyrighted and we would have to find out about that. The picture below is a statue and we could take our own picture so we wouldn't have to worry about copyright infringement for using someone's image without permission. These are just examples, I'm sure more ideas will come up.



## Daniel Boone Special Event Operation

After the Daniel Boone Family Festival last year I mentioned that our club may want to have a Daniel Boone special event operation this year. After some discussion it was decided that we would run a special event station from October 22 until November 2, the two differing dates for Daniel's date of birth. Daniel always said his birthday was Oct 22, but after the calendar was changed years ago his birthday fell on Nov 2.

Since we don't have a permanent club station we will have to adapt. In the past the Rowan County club has operated special events with the members operating from their home stations. To avoid confusion from having two stations operating on the same band and mode at the same time they use a schedule. Each operator will select the days and times they want to operate. It usually works out just fine.

Since this operation is still a couple months off you have plenty of time to decide if and when you want to operate. At future meetings we will create the schedule for operating times and frequencies. A lot of operators like this kind of operation, and it can be a lot of fun.

We will also need to decide on a QSL design for this operation. Everyone is encouraged to submit their ideas or designs. There are a couple example pictures above with notes about each.

## Topics for Discussion at August Meeting

Skywarn training

Treasury Report

Ask Norma for a list of all members current on dues

Discuss the special event for Daniel Boone this year October 22 through November 2, need operators. What bands and modes are people interested in working. Need ideas for QSL card for event

If we going to set up a booth at the Daniel Boone Family Festival this year we need to get our name on the list and pay the \$25.00 fee. Need people to man the booth.

I've included a few pictures of this year's Field Day operation. Although not as many members took part, the ones that did seemed to really enjoy themselves.



Miss Kitty, my companion in the wee hours of the morning.

## Field Day 2007



Ben K4GHS and Bob N2DMC working the GOTA station Saturday.



Jack NW4O working them under the shade tree.



Yep, it's me, John N4QVM working them in the air conditioning.



Les N4YSB and David KO4XV also working them in the air conditioning.

## August Meeting

Davie County Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 516  
Mocksville, NC 27028

Next meeting is 7 August at 7:00 pm at  
the Davie County Hospital

We're on the web at  
[www.daviearc.org](http://www.daviearc.org)  
[www.ki4orw.org](http://www.ki4orw.org)

Monthly meetings are the first  
Tuesday of every month.



The Davie County Amateur Radio Club was formed on August 16, 2005. DCARC was formed for two reasons. First, there was no amateur radio club in Davie County, and second, there was a need and desire to form an ARES group in Davie County.

We would like to welcome any amateurs in Davie County or surrounding counties to attend meetings, and if you are interested, become a member.

Club officers for 2007 are:

President John Dwiggin N4QVM

Vice President Ben Wasilaskas K4GHS

Sec/Treasurer Norma George KI4ADD

## Odds and Ends

Just a reminder that the August meeting will be a Skywarn class. If you haven't taken the class before this is your chance. If you have taken the class before this is a good review.

Everyone should take care not to over exert themselves in the heat we are having now. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids, especially if you are outside. Remember, if you wait until you are sweating to drink water you are already dehydrating.

If at all possible stay indoors, in air conditioning, during the peak heat of the day. If you don't have air conditioning at home and it becomes too hot, go shopping at Wal-Mart or somewhere else that it is cool.

If you have to work outside in the heat one simple way to help beat the heat is to keep a cool, damp rag draped across your neck. You can periodically dip the rag in cool water when it becomes warm. You can also wipe your face with a cool, damp rag, or even spray yourself with water. These are all things I did when I was a crane operator working outside in 95+ temps. Nothing will make it fun, but these methods help more than you might think.