

Hamfests

03/04/2022 - 03/05/2022

BirmingHamfest

Location: Trussville, AL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Birmingham Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://birminghamfest.org>

03/18/2022 - 03/19/2022

The 52nd ANNUAL PARC Hamfest

Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: W4ZBB.Org welcomes you back to the panhandle for the 52nd Annual Show!

Website: <http://w4zbb.org/w4zbborg/index.php?page=Hamfest>

04/23/2022 - Mobile Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Hamfest

Location: Mobile, AL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Mobile Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

Website: <http://www.w4iax.com>

Special Events

03/01/2022 | 100th Anniversary of WWL 870 AM

Mar 1-Mar 31, 0000Z-2359Z, W5WWL, New Orleans, LA. WWL Amateur Radio Club. 3.900 7.235 14.285 7.025. QSL. WWL ARC, 127 Highway Drive, New Orleans, LA 70121.

03/01/2022 | 80th Anniversary Avro Lancaster - 1st Operational Sortie

Mar 1-Mar 28, 0001Z-2359Z, GB80LAN, Luton, UNITED KINGDOM. Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society. 14.270 14.055 14.074 3.710. QSL. See website, for QSL information, RAF Waddington, RAF Halton, RAF Cosford, RAF East Kirkby, ENGLAND. The call will be active from four different locations at three Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Club Stations Waddington, Halton, Cosford and ex RAF East Kirkby (home of Lancaster "Just Jane"). Hopefully the call will be active on all bands and modes 160m - 70cms during the event. More info on qrz.com and rafars.org. VK80LAN & VE80LAN are also hoped to be on the air. www.qrz.com/db/gb80lan

03/01/2022 | Battleship Texas Birthday # 108

Mar 1-Mar 15, 0000Z-0000Z, W5T, Cleburne, TX. Club KC5NX. 14.255 14.045 7.240 7.235. QSL. Club KC5NX, 9200 Summit Court West, Cleburne, TX 76033-8212. Club KC5NX will again be on the air the first week of March to celebrate the Birthday of the Battleship Texas.... We have 500 QSL cards on hand now and waiting to say Howdy to Y'All.... come help us celebrate.... see QRZ.COM and or set up a time to work us..... 73

03/12/2022 | USS Midway Special Event: Launching of USS Midway

Mar 12, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 (PSK31) DSTAR (Papa Sys Rept). QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

03/18/2022 | HamSCI 2022 Conference

Mar 18-Mar 20, 1400Z-0400Z, NN4SA, Huntsville, AL. HamSCI and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center ARC. 14.245 7.245 14.074 7.074. QSL. NASA MSFC ARC, c/o Matt McDougal, PO Box 12804, Huntsville, AL 35815. HamSCI and NASA MSFC ARC will operate from HamSCI Conference venue near Space and

Rocket Center. Will be operating various bands and modes. Check spotting networks for frequencies and modes. Event info at hamsci.org and nn4sa.org. Send SASE for special QSL card. www.qrz.com/db/nn4sa

03/18/2022 | National Viet Nam War Veterans Day

Mar 18, 1800Z-2200Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 ART. 7.275mhz +/- 5 khz. QSL. American Legion Post 275 ART, 8201 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy, Lanham, MD 20706. wa3dvo@verizon.net

03/19/2022 | Cherry Blossom Special Event Station

Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.225. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208-4862. w4bkm.org

03/19/2022 | Scouts BSA WHOA weekend

Mar 19, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council, Scouts BSA. 7.190 10.115 14.060 14.290. QSL. Tom Barker, WA1HRH, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598. Monthly seasonal outdoor activities for Scouts and the general public including "ham radio in the woods." Paper logging. QSL via SASE and eQSL.

03/22/2022 | Honoring World War II Gunners at Buckingham Airfield

Mar 22-Mar 24, 1400Z-2100Z, W4LX, Fort Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club. 28.360 21.360 14.270 146.685. Certificate & QSL. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 61183, Fort Myers, FL 33906. <https://fmarc.net>

03/26/2022 | Commemoration of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend

Mar 26, 1400Z-2200Z, K4YWE/N4H, Alexander City, AL. Lake Martin Amateur Radio Club. 7.240 14.240. QSL. Michael Courtney, KK4AUP, 80 Herren Hill Road, Suite F, Tallassee, AL 36078. mikecourtney@charter.net

03/29/2022 | National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 29, 1600Z-2130Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250. QSL. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Operation aboard the USS KIDD (DD-661). WW II Fletcher class destroyer. qrz.com/db/w5kid

ARES has been requested to provide communication assistance with the Hattiesburg half marathon and the Farm to Fork ride and run. I'M REACHING OUT TO ALL SURROUNDING DISTRICTS AS I AM WELCOMING ALL HAM RADIO OPERATORS WHO ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP OUT WITH THESE GREAT EVENTS

The Hattiesburg half marathon will be April 2nd.

The Farm to Fork will be April 30th.

I am asking all of the emergency coordinators to please get with your groups and start letting people know about the event and as soon as possible I will be having some signup sheets for people to sign up and as we get closer we'll be starting to do station assignments I know this is early but what this type of event sometimes early isn't early enough.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me at strmspotter@gmail.com or at 601 549 9940. Please help get the word out these are both great events for a great cause and

requires a good amount of operators to provide safety communications along the course. If you are a new ham and want to participate that is great and we welcome you no experiences needed just a minimum of a technician class license and a handheld or mobile rig. Even if you don't have a radio please let me know I'm sure we can find somebody who would be willing to lend one for you to use.

QSO

The Idaho QSO Part March 12 -13, 2022

Oklahoma QSO Party 2022 - March 12 and 13 – 2022 OKQP Just for the fun of it.

[2022 Mississippi QSO Party](#)

[1400Z April 2 - 0200Z April 3](#)

[Rules and more info on the QSO Party Page](#)

Sun Spot Observations

Although solar activity was generally lower this week, new sunspots appeared. A sunspot group emerged on February 10, two more on February 11, two more on February 14 and three more on February 16, when the daily sunspot number rose to 111, the highest value for this reporting week and well above the weekly average, which was 75.3. The average for the previous week was 83.9. On February 17 another new sunspot region emerged, but the daily sunspot number declined from 111 to 103.

The 111 sunspot number was the highest since the end of 2021, when sunspot numbers went as high as 147 following a few days of no sunspots at all.

Predicted solar flux over the next month was downgraded from February 16-17 forecasts, and is 95 on February 18-19, 98 on February 20, 102 on February 21-23, 105 on February 24, 108 on February 25-27, 110 on February 28, 115 on March 1-2, 112 and 110 on March 3-4, 108 on March 5-8, 105 on March 9-11, 103 on March 12-13, 100 on March 14, 98 on March 15-16, 102 on March 17-19, 104 on March 20-22, 108 on March 23-26 and 110 on March 27

On the Air

TUNISIA, 3V. Ash, KF5EYY will be QRV in the ARRL International DX CW contest as 3V8SF as a Single Op entry on 80 meters. QSL via LX1NO.

AZORES, CU. Henning, OZ2I will be QRV as CQ8EE from Sao Miguel Island, IOTA EU-003, in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Oliver, DJ5QW will be QRV as D44DX and D4CW from Sal Island, IOTA AF-086, from February 19 to March 2. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

HAWAII, KH6. Fred, NA2U will be QRV as KH7M from the Pu'u O'o Radio Club station during the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op entry. QSL via LoTW.

US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. Operators WP3A, AD4Z and NK4DX will be QRV as KP2B in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via EB7DX.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Members of VERON's section of Mid and North

Limburg are QRV with special call sign PI75LIM during all of 2022 to celebrate their 75th anniversary. QSL via bureau.

CURACAO, PJ2. Andy, W9NJY is QRV as PJ2/W9NJY until February 21. Activity is mainly on 30, 17 and 12 meters using CW. This includes being QRV as PJ2T as a Multi/Multi entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL PJ2/W9NJY via LoTW and PJ2T via W3HMK.

SURINAME, PZ. Markus, DJ4EL and Joerg, DJ1JB plan to be QRV as PZ5G from Papegaaen Island, IOTA SA-092, from February 23 to 26. Before and after this activity, they are QRV as PZ5GE and PZ5GL, respectively, from the mainland until March 1. QSL to home calls.

TURKEY, TA. Rolf, DL6RO is QRV as TA4/DL6RO near Antalya until March 15. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. A group of operators will be QRV as V3T in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Bill, W3UL is QRV as V47UM from Nevis, IOTA NA-014. Activity is on the HF bands. He will also be active in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Jim, K4QPL is QRV as VP5/K4QPL. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW and SSB. He will be QRV as VP5M in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/Low Power/Unassisted entry. QSL direct to home call.

NEW ZEALAND, ZL. Operators Mark, ZL3AB, Geoff, ZL3GA and Phil, ZL3PAH will be QRV as ZL3X in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Multi 2 entry. QSL via LoTW.