

47th Annual RARSfest
ARRL NC State Convention
April 20, 2019 at NC State Fairgrounds

April 2019

TICK TOCK !!!

The clock is ticking faster and faster as we move toward the 2019 RARSfest this upcoming Easter weekend. The planning committee has been in full forward motion as we confirm our vendors and forums, print the programs, and finalize the table layouts.

Pre-Registration tickets are no longer available but we still have plenty left to purchase at the door for \$10.00. Still a deal for all that we have packed into our one day event.

At 9am you can attend our VE testing for your Technician test, or upgrade your existing license, for only \$14.00. Walk-in's start at 9am and end at 10am and are accessed from outside the Jim Graham Building. A ticket to the event is not needed to take a test but must be purchased if you plan to attend the event afterwards.

Our Forum schedule this year is set with tons of great information.

9:30am – ARRL Open Forum with George Hippisley (W2RU) and Bill Morine (N2COP)

10:45am – Intro into D Star, Fusion, & DMR Voice Mode Tech with Brian Young (KKA9QJT)

11:30am – New Ham Forum with Carl Davis (W8WZ)

12pm – Q&A with the ARRL with Dan Henderson (N1ND)

1:15pm – ARRL NC Section Forum with many of our NC ARRL members

1:30pm – NWS Basic Spotter Training with Virginia (NC4VA)

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We also have Demos, Competitions, and a hands-on building table.

8am - Build A J-pole with Alan Pitegoff (AB4OZ)

9am & 1:10pm – Satellite Demo with John Brier (KG4AKV)

9:45am – Fox Hunt Demonstration with Mark Kilmar (KM4JRH)

10:30am – Fox Hunt Competition with \$30.00 prize for winner

And don't forget to stop by our ARRL & RARS tables for more information and a QSL card check!

All of this and more is held in the Jim Graham building, a 100,000 sq foot building that will be packed with great deals in both our Dealer and Flea Market sections. And rain or shine we are climate controlled!!!!

Hopefully you will be one of the lucky ones to leave the event with one of our great door prizes, and you do not have to be present to win! At 9am we will have our 100.00 cash drawing for pre-registration tickets only. Then at 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 1pm we will have 100.00 cash prize drawings followed by our 2pm grand prize drawing which is a Yaesu FT-891 HF 6m 100w All-Mode Mobile.

Whether it's your first time, or you come every year, you will find tons of deals, fun, and information regarding your amateur radio hobby. We look forward to seeing YOU this weekend!! Need to know more? Then go to our RARSfest page, <https://www.rarsfest.org/>, or check out our FaceBook page.

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RARSfest Chair