



**Richmond County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Website: <http://www.k4rnc.org/>**

**May 2018**

**February Contest CORRAL:**

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/2018/May%202018%20Corral.pdf>

**Dxpeditions:** <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

**Saturday – 04/12/2018** Club Meeting - 09:30 - Richmond County Library

**Thursdays:** RCARC Net & rag chew @ 8 PM - 146.955 88.5 tone

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Web site has been back up and running and all meeting minutes and newsletters have been uploaded.

VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DX-expedition is preparing for Oct/Nov, 2018 operations. More details are available on Qrz.com.

The absence of sun spots for longer periods has predicted the current cycle to continue to decline for two more years with 160, 80, and 40M the better bands. If the cycle does start to swing back with increased sun spots in the next 12 - 24 months, the prediction for the next cycle is that it will be much better than the current cycle. If the upswing is delayed longer than 24 months the projection is that the next cycle will not be as good as the outgoing cycle.

ARRL has filed a petition with the FCC seeding to expand privileges for Technician Class licenses on the 80, 40, and 15 meter bands. The proposal adds digital privileges in these bands and 275kHz for HF phone privileges. See [www.arrl.org/TechnicianEnhancement](http://www.arrl.org/TechnicianEnhancement) and comments are being accepted.

Max N4CGC and Butch N4AWP are working on having a 15 - 20 minute video program dealing with Ham radio subjects at each meeting. Max has ordered a HDMI/Serial lap top interface that, hopefully, will allow You Tube videos to be projected onto a wall during our regular monthly meetings. More details later.

Ben WA4BCS underwent spinal surgery this morning at Moore Regional. Latest update from Glenda is that he is recovering satisfactorily in room 2326. He is also scheduled for another surgery on a different area on Thursday. No time frame on when he will be coming home.

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