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## 2014 NEWS CALENDAR:

April 11-13 - [Eastern VHF-UHF Conference](#)

April 15, 1900-2300 Local - [222 MHz Spring Sprint](#)

April 20 - Lyrids meteor shower

April 23, 1900-2300 Local - [432 MHz Spring Sprint](#)

April 25-26 - [Southeastern VHF Society Conference](#)

May 2-3 - [New England Amateur Radio Festival - Deerfield, NH](#)

May 3, 0600-1300 Local - [Microwave Spring Sprint](#)

May 10-11, 2300-0300Z - [50 MHz Spring Sprint](#)

May 16-18 - [Dayton Hamfest](#)

June 14-16, 1800Z-0300Z - [ARRL June VHF QSO Party](#)

June 28 - [Rochester NY RARA Hamfest](#)

July 12, 11AM - 4PM - [N.E.W.S. Group Picnic](#)

July 19-20, 1800Z - 2100Z - [CQ Worldwide VHF Contest](#)

August 2-3, 1800Z - 1800Z - [ARRL UHF Contest](#)

August 9, 2000-0000 UTC - [50 MHz Fall Sprint](#)

August 11-12 - Perseids meteor shower

August 16-17, 6AM - 11:59:59PM - [ARRL 10-GHz & up Cumulative Contest](#)

September 6, 1PM - 4PM - [N.E.W.S. Group Meeting](#)

September 13-15, 1800Z-0300Z - [ARRL September VHF QSO Party](#)

September 20-21, 6AM - 11:59:59PM - [ARRL 10-GHz & up Cumulative Contest](#)

September 22, 1900-2300 Local - [144 MHz Fall Sprint](#)

September 26-28 - [Mid-Atlantic VHF Conference](#)

October 1, 1900-2300 Local - [222 MHz Fall Sprint](#)

October 9, 1900-2300 Local - [432 MHz Fall Sprint](#)

October 10-11 - [New England Amateur Radio Festival - Deerfield, NH](#)

October 11, 0700-1300 Local - [Microwave Fall Sprint](#)

October 12, 8AM-2PM - [Nutmeg Hamfest & ARRL CT State Convention](#)

October 17-18 - [Microwave Update - Rochester, NY](#)

November 16 - Leonids meteor shower

November 22, 1PM - 4PM - [N.E.W.S. Group Meeting](#)

December 11 - Geminids meteor shower

## 40th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference

<http://www.newsvhf.com/vhfconf.html>

The aim of the Conference is to share with our fellow VHFer's and above technical achievements in the field of communication and experimentation. You are all invited to participate by presenting a technical paper or submitting one for publication in the Conference Proceedings CD. Just your attendance is also welcome and we have a full program scheduled once again this year. If you are interested in presenting a paper at the conference or submitting one for the Proceedings please contact: Paul Wade, W1GHZ at [W1GHZ@arrl.net](mailto:W1GHZ@arrl.net)

For the technical presentations, PowerPoint presentations are preferred, but not required. The conference will provide an LCD projector, screen and wireless microphone for use by its participants. If your presentation requires a different format such as a slide projector, please contact me prior to the conference and I will arrange for it. A Conference Proceedings will be published on CD. You do not need to be a speaker to have your material included in the proceedings, just interested in sharing with your fellow radio enthusiasts, so please send it along before APRIL 1, 2014. In addition to our technical presentations we'll have a Manufacturers Demo open Saturday afternoon. We'll also have Greg Bonaguide, WA1VUG of Rohde & Schwarz America to manage the preamp noise figure and gain measurement Lab Session (10MHz-50GHz). This year we'll be able to measure power from DC to 110 GHz, Spectrum Analyzer for DC to 50 GHz, Phase noise to 50 GHz, and Noise Figure to 18 GHz. 2 Vector Network Analyzers: 10 MHz to 70 GHz, and 100 kHz to 8.5 GHz. We encourage you to bring equipment you'd like to have tested. Mark Casey, K1MAP will head up the Sunday morning flea market. Michele Clement W1MKY and Tom Filecco W1WSO will be handling the Door Prize Donations. This years' VHF-SHF Trivia Quiz will be hosted by Dave Olean, K1WHS. The Proceedings CD with the event schedule and many interesting articles is included with your conference registration fee and will be presented to you when you arrive. Hope to see you soon!

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Friday, April 11, 2014

PM

1:00 Early Arrivers LUNCH - meet in Baymont Lobby with K1MAP

2:00 Meeting room opens for early arrivers to Amplifier Roundtable

3:00-5+ ROUNDTABLE SESSION – Solid-State Power Amplifiers -N1JEZ, K1WHS, N1DPM

6:00-10 HOSPITALITY in the Baymont Meeting Rooms-Mark Casey, K1MAP

6:00-9 Inside Swap 'n Sell Buy and Sell VHF-UHF-Microwave gear

Saturday, April 12, 2014

AM

7:00 Continental BREAKFAST for those staying at the Baymont

7:30 REGISTRATION Starts Ron Klimas, WZ1V

8:15 WELCOME! Paul Wade, W1GHZ

8:30 PROGRAM BEGINS

8:30 \*\*W3SZ, Roger Rehr - Aircraft Scatter 2014

9:15 \*\*N1DPM, Fred Stefanik - A Fresh Approach to a Multiband Microwave Station

10:00 AUCTION! and Hospitality BREAK

10:25 \*\*KB1VC, Matt Reilly - SoDa - A Multimode VHF/UHF Software Defined Radio

11:15 \*\*K3TUF, Phil Theis - Advances in SmartSDR Operations

11:35 \*\*WA1ZMS, Brian Justin - The Facts of 2m Trans-Atlantic Propagation, and What We Do and Don't Know

12:00 LUNCH (choose one of our fine local restaurants)

PM

1:00 TEST LAB begins Greg Bonaguide, WA1VUG of Rhode & Schwartz

1:15 \*\*Jon Wallace - Microwave Antenna Demonstrations Based on the IEEE Presentation by John Kraus

2:00 \*\*N1JEZ, Mike Seguin - LDMOS Amplifier Linearization using PowerSDR mRX Pure Signal

2:45 \*\*K3TUF, Phil Theis - Solar Photo Voltaic Power

3:05 BREAK

3:15 \*\*N1RJX/G6YZC Paul Newcombe - Larc Amplifier Conversion

3:35 \*\*N1ZN, Jim Savage - How Hardline is Made

3:55 \*\*W1GHZ, Paul Wade - VHF, UHF, and Microwave Filters and Amplifiers in Altoids tins

4:15 AUCTION

4:20 \*\*AF1T, Dale Clement - An Illuminating Introduction to Antenna Stacking and Phasing

5:20 NEWS meeting

5:30 Pre-Banquet HOSPITALITY Room

7:00 BANQUET

Tom Kirby Memorial Award

Trivia Quiz

Banquet Speaker

Door Prize Extravaganza

Sunday, April 13, 2014

AM

7:00 Continental Breakfast for those staying at the Baymont

8:00 SWAP 'n SELL

Buy and Sell VHF-UHF-Microwave gear in the Parking Lot-K1MAP

Any Questions?-Problems?-Need Info during the Conference?

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## **ARRL National Centennial Convention 2014**

Thursday, July 17, 2014 - Saturday, July 19, 2014

<http://arrl2014.org/>

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Thursday, July 17, 2014

All-Day Training Tracks: (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) public service, technology, radiosport, and more!

Lunch with special guest speaker

International Guests "Welcome" Reception

Short bus trip to tour ARRL headquarters and W1AW

Friday & Saturday, July 18-19, 2014

Exhibit Hall featuring ARRL program representatives, Amateur Radio manufacturers, equipment sellers, and an indoor flea market. Hours: Friday 9 AM to 5 PM; Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM

Dozens of forums and presentations

Friday night ARRL Centennial Banquet with keynote speaker, FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, KK4INZ.

ARRL Wouff Hong Ceremony, Friday 11:30 PM

Short bus trip to tour ARRL headquarters and W1AW

Saturday morning Presidents Breakfast

Closing ceremony Saturday evening

Sunday, July 20, 2014

No Convention Center activities

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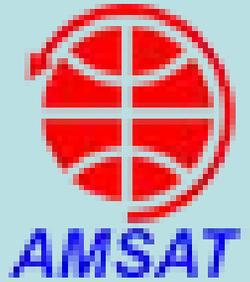
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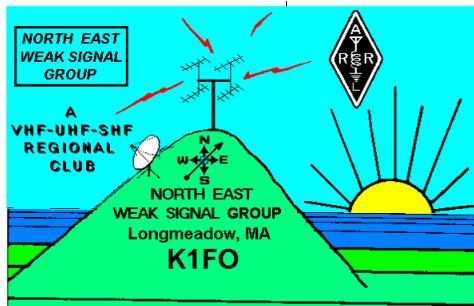
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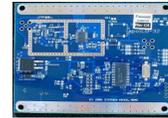
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