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Greetings from the High Country.

Before I bring you up to date about the weather up here in the High Country, I want to apologize for not being in contact with you for some time while I have dealt with some health-related issues.

Without going into details, since my most recent newsletter I have spent five days in the hospital and additional time in skilled nursing facilities where I completed daily physical therapy designed to help me regain my strength.

While I was laid up, some of my DMR network connectivity failed, making it difficult to hold our weekly Digital High Country UHF Net plus I could not access the system while in the hospital.

I hope that someone on my mailing list may be interested in serving as Alternate Net Control on Tuesday evenings at 8 pm.

Please contact me i=If you are located with range of one of the DMR repeaters located west of I-77. The repeaters are listed athttps://ncprn.net/?page_id=12. I need to recruit someone to cover the dmr net when I am unable to serve as Net Control.

Although you may not be able to access one of the linked repeaters for the Tuesday night 8pm Net., the webpage cited above lists all of the PRN repeaters in North and South Carolina, including their frequencies and the talkgroups used on the PRN system.

I do not yet know what the near-term future holds for me but I am glad to report that I have the desire to resume my NC ARRL newsletters.

HIGH COUNTRY WEATHER

On this past Friday and Saturday mornings, I woke up to see that light snow had fallen overnight while I slept. Although snowfall here at 3850 Ft AMSL amounted to about .75 inches, there was real snowfall accumulations up on Beech Mountain and on Sugar Mountain.

In the past few days, we have recorded lows down to 25 degrees and chill factors as low at 17 but once the sun comes out things warm up pretty quickly.

Resortcams dot com provides real-time video of several locations so that you can see the conditions. You may want to look at these sites:
a. Beech Mountain Pinnacle, available at
https://www.resortcams.com/webcams/beech-base-cam/

b. Sugar Mountain, streaming video available at
https://www.resortcams.com/webcams/sugar-ski/

c. King Street in Downtown Boone can be viewed at

https://www.resortcams.com/webcams/king-street-boone/

d. Downtown Blowing Rock video can be found at
https://www.resortcams.com/webcams/blowing-rock/

For those who may be interested, Resort Cams has real-time video showing current weather conditions in a variety of locations in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and some locations in Virginia.

TRAFFIC REPORT

Each month, Dave Roy (W4DNA), NC Section Traffic Manager, compiles a report that shows the numbers of messages passed over the various ham nets.

Thanks go out to Dave, the various Net Managers and those net participants who initiate the traffic passed over the National Traffic System.

An abbreviated version of his report is set out below. His complete report for October 2026 is posted at ncarrl.org.

W4DNA - NC Section Net Report - OCTOBER 2026

NET NMGR QNI LISTED PASSED TIME SESSIONS TFC %

SECTION NETS
CN AA4MP 481 92 90 641 62 97.83%
CSN KI4KZS 170 23 23 726 31 100.00%
NCEN WK4WC 457 99 97 469 31 97.98%
NCMN W3OJO 275 157 156 482 31 99.36%
THEN N3LTV 479 0 0 528 28 N/A

LOCAL TRAFFIC NETS
CWTN KJ4JWC 495 106 106 605 31 100.00%
ENCTN W4DNA 298 8 8 272 26 100.00%
PCTN N2RTF 131 47 47 214 31 100.00%

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NETS
C-MNN KI4FAQ 479 0 0 377 31 N/A

TOTAL 4152 532 527 4314 302 99.06%

NOTE: C-MNN = Metrolina (Charlotte-Mecklenburg) Nightly Net

ARRL MATTERS

• The ARRL is governed by a Board of Directors and various officers. Information on the members of the Board and their involvement with various Board Committees can be found at
http://www.arrl.org/board-committees

• ARRL has 15 Divisions which encompass the area of the United States. Each State is located on one of the Divisions which are the basis for electing Directors and Vice Directors which comprise the ARRL Board of Directors. A map showing the Divisions and information about the Directors and Vice Directors for each Division can be found at
http://www.arrl.org/divisions

• Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee can be found at http://www.arrl.org/board-meetings

• The most recent ARRL Organization Chart showing how the ARRL HQ staff is organized is publicly available and can be viewed at
https://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Organization%20Structure/PUBLIC%20View%20ARRL%

20Management%20Org%20Chart%2010_15_26.pdf

• The duties of various Field Organization official and appointees (including Section Manager and staff who report to each Section Manager) is posted at https://www.arrl.org/field-organization

• Each year, ARRL published its ARRL Handbook which is a comprehensive reference book about the many activities and the technical aspects, including topics that are quite advanced,, are found in the Handbook which may be ordered at ARRL Headquarters (1-888-277-5289).

CLUB MATTERS

As we approach the end of 2026, many clubs will be having a holiday party along with choosing officers for their club for 2027. Clubs rest on active members who care about ham radio and the opportunities to work together. Remember to be active in your local club!

CLOSING COMMENT

As we prepare to celebrate the Holidays, first with ThanksgIving, then Christmas and then New Year's, we should all take time to reflect on the many things for which should be grateful. Freedom, the ability to befriend others, including those with differing religions, political orientations and life experiences are actually quite rare and far from assured and have precarious their existence is in many parts of the world.

Many people have reached out to me as I have dealt with my significant health issues. I am grateful to the doctors, nurses and support staff . Thank you to each of you.

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