

Skywarn Recognition Day

Friday evening December 2nd at 7:00 will be the beginning of Skywarn Recognition Day. The event will end at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

The SRD is jointly sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service. We will be operating on HF and VHF. The purpose of HF operation is to contact as many NWS office stations as possible and exchange QSL information and weather conditions at your station location. On VHF, our goal will be to test 11 repeaters that comprise our warning system over the 40 county area of WV, VA and NC that the Blacksburg Weather Forecast Office covers. Last year some stations worked all our system repeaters from their home location. Details can be found at <http://www.w4ghs.org/SKYWARNSRD.html>.

Our repeater system for this year will consist of the following repeaters and the approximate schedule.

Location	Freq.	off-set	Tone	Time
Bald Knob	146.805	-	None	Odd hours 00:00 - 00:10
Rocky Mtn	147.330	+	None	Odd hours 00:10- 00:20
Apple Orchard Mtn	146.685	-	100.0	Odd hours 00:20- 00:30
Poor Mtn	146.745	-	107.2	Odd hours 00:30- 00:40
Poor Mtn	146.985	-	107.2	Odd hours 00:40- 00:50
Big Walker	146.895	-	103.5	Odd hours 00:50- 00:60
Fishers Pk	145.130	-	103.5	Even hrs 00:00- 00:10
Phoanix Mtn	147.300	+	103.5	Even hrs 00:10- 00:20
Level Cross	147.255	+	82.5	Even hrs 00:20- 00:30
Potts Mtn	147.210	+	None	Even hrs 00:30- 00:40
Rockingham	147.030	+	None	Even hrs 00:40- 00:50
			Break time	Even hrs 00:50- 00:60

As WX4RND moves from repeater to repeater an announcement will be made as to the next repeater in rotation. A couple of our repeaters may require relay. If WX4RNK is not heard at the scheduled time, some station, local to that repeater should pick up check-ins and relay it to WX4RNK on a repeater that the NWS and the local station can access.

We continue to have a number of open time slots on HF and VHF at the NWS office in Blacksburg. Please contact Phil Benchoff at benchoff@vt.edu and let Phil know what time slot you would like to operate from the NWS station.

Skywarn is an important part of our preparation for emergency communications. We need to keep our skills honed and maintain a good relationship with our emergency groups and the NWS.