

This years conference was held in Charlotte NC April 28 & 29, 2017

A copy of the conference proceedings is here for viewing.

Many pictures were taken at the conference (and earlier ones) by Dexter W4DEX and posted at:
<http://www.w4dex.com/gallery/Southeastern-VHF-Conference-Albums>

A very nice video interview occurred at the conference. Gary KN4AQ interviewed our Antenna Range Chairman, Al Tirevold WA0HQQ who has been running the antenna range at the conferences for many years. The video explains everything about the antenna range and much about the conference. It is posted at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HamRadioNow/videos> look for episode 318. (He also has some videos from Dayton this year.)

2017 ARRL June VHF Contest preliminary report by W4ZST

The W4NH Fourlanders operated from MileHigh Campground between Cherokee and Maggie Valley NC for the contest June 10th and 11th. The grid locator is EM85jm. We had 10 operators, 7 trailers and were on 6m, 2m, 222 and 432 bands for the contest. Our entry category is 'limited multi-operator' with the four bands. We got there and started setting up Friday afternoon about 2:30 PM and quickly got all the antennas in the air with no problems. We had supper (Brats, Mac&Cheese and slaw) and then set up the stations in the trailers. Most stations were on the air just after dark. A highlight was Kos N4NIA our 2m band captain working North Dakota on Meteor Scatter using the new WSJT MSK-144 mode. Never to be without problems, several stations weren't on the air at the beginning of the contest at 2PM on Saturday, various Murphy problems with sound cards, computers, radios, etc. All eventually got on and started making contacts. Conditions were very good for this contest. Six meters especially was open for long periods and nice pileups, both CW and SSB. We had to use our back-up 6m radio as we just couldn't get the new Flex 6500 working properly, even though band captain Johnny K4SQC had it working 100% both at his home and the W4ZST shack earlier. We also had a 6m amp failure and put a backup amp in for it. It later also had a High-Voltage arc which took out a sound card but the amp kept working. The other bands were in pretty good shape but when Six is open most of the single op stations stay there and don't get on the higher bands. We have experienced that many times over the years. Worth mentioning also is Jerry W5TDY who brought a portable smoker and cooked briskets all day long on Saturday for our evening meal. That alone would have been worth the trip! Our call phonetics of "Never Hungry" are very suiting for the club. He topped it off with Texas style beans, smoked sausage and Potato Salad. Preliminary results were 202,444 points, which is a good normal June score for us. 659 Q's, 122 grids on 6m; 115 Q's, 46 grids on 2m; 36 Q's, 22 grids on 222 and 50 Q's, 24 grids on 432. The operators were Johnny K4SQC, Kos N4NIA, Bob W4ZST, Ron WW8RR, Jim W4KXY, Jim WE8W, Bill KI4US, Kim WG8S, Jerry W5TDY and Sherman W4ATL. We got back to the W4ZST QTH with all the trailers about 2:30 Monday afternoon.