

CARC Meeting – June 1, 2026 – 7:00 PM – SCETV Idea Lab Room

The meeting started at 7:00p.

Introduction

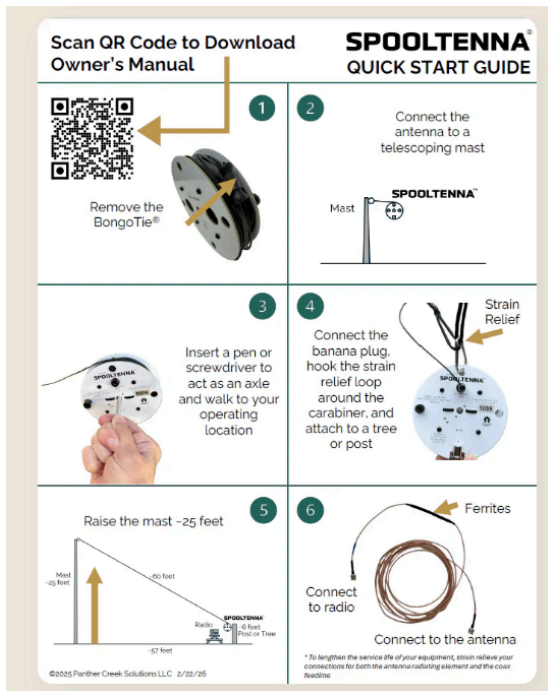
Summer Field Day 2026

1. Will be about the club and focusing on the 250th birthday of USA.
2. Less structured – just come out and operate like “ham hang out” at Sesquicentennial Park.
3. Still working out lunch catering. Come out on Friday to start setting up. You can camp out if you want.
4. June 23, 2026 to the following Monday we have the camp site to ourselves.
5. Be sure to join the planning call via Zoom when announced so you will know what’s going on.
6. VE Testing will take place at SFD 2026.
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Presenters

Robert from SchoolTenna KO4HUI

robbowser@spooltenna.com

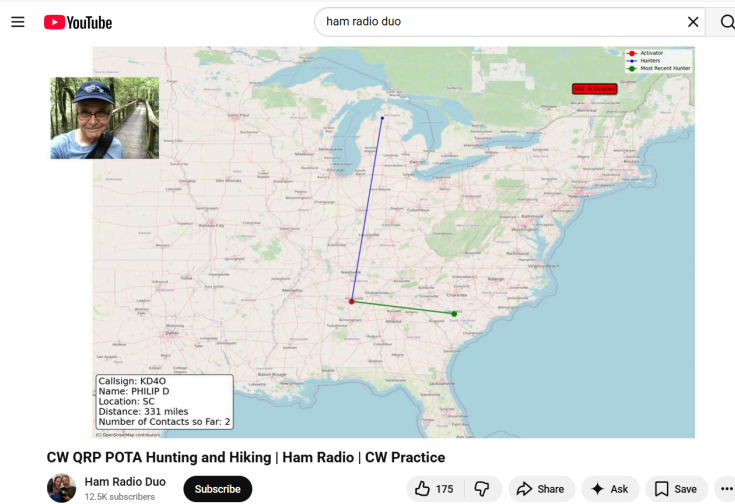


1. Robert Bowser, K04HUI from Spool Tenna presented tonight on the designing of the Spool Tenna antenna.
2. <https://www.spooltenna.com/>
3. New “stealt/tactical” looking Spool Tenna is being released in the future.
4. robbowser@spooltenna.com
5. Cost: Parks model = \$149; Ultra Model - \$169 – rationale – smaller device uses more expensive wire for strength being a smaller antenna spool; wire is made in the USA; smaller unit more expensive also due to more complex assembly processes.
6. These antennas are designs for temporary/portable use – not waterproofed

David Lauten, KF4HAW

“Modern Tools for CW Training”

1. David did a presentation of CW training.
2. Provided information on different apps for smartphones to practice/learn CW as well as online resources.
3. learnmorsecode.org is a good place to start.
4. Learn Morse Code Online: <https://lcwo.net>
5. CW Academy: <https://cwops.org/cw-academy/>
6. The above are just to name a few resources. David provided the club with printed handouts with more resources on how to learn/practice CW.
7. David emphasized learning the code by sound – not looking at a chart.
8. Remain in the learning zone.
9. David emphasized getting on the air and practice – and embrace your mistakes – we all make mistakes when learning CW.
10. “We do not get good to get on the air - we get on the air to get good.”
11. Ham Radio Duo YouTube channel is another great resources — this is a husband/wife group <https://www.youtube.com/@HamRadioDuo/videos>
12. At 6:39, CARC’s own Phil is highlighted on this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gOCXFuHWdM>



Other Club Business

Future Presentation Topics

1. Jim Lathan discussed other future presenters coming up throughout the remainder of 2026.
2. Linux in the Ham Shack and Digirig have committed so far.

Lake Murray Ride of Champions

June 13, 2026

1. Need more volunteers for this event.
2. Jim discussed what we do and do not do at these events where we provide communications for special events in the community.
3. We will be using 147.330 MHz repeater and ICS213 and ICS214 forms for our communications plan.
4. Net Control will be at 659-503 Ball Park Rd. Lexington, SC 29072 33.968723, -81.283546
5. No personal information over the net during this event for privacy reasons.

Treasurer Report

1. A little over \$7,000 in the bank.
2. Goals: grants
3. Mark Goodard asked about grants for a CARC club house.
4. Noah Bergevin – showed his end fed antenna with 3D Printed enclosure. Noah said you are interested in plans to contact him.
5. John Kiselica showed a 3D printed slingshot antenna launching device.
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Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 8:55p