



**Richmond County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Website: <http://www.k4rnc.org/>**

**February, 2017**

**Suggestions and comments are always welcome!**

**ARRL February Contest CORRAL:**

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/February%202017%20Corral1a.pdf>

**Dxpeditons:**            <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

**Saturday - 02/11/17**            **RCARC meeting - 09:30 - Library**

**Thursdays:**                    **RCARC Net & rag chew @ 8 PM - 146.955 88.5 tone**

The Richmond Country Amateur Radio Club website, [www.k4rnc.org](http://www.k4rnc.org), has been reorganized and updated by Butch and Scott. Many thanks to them for their work. As you know, Butch has already sent out a update to all members advising them of the login/password procedures. Past newsletters and meeting minutes have also been posted in the appropriate folders for anyone to read. The Contact folder will have the club officers listed along with their contact information.

SKCC - Straight Key Century Club - <http://www.skccgroup.com> had a busy and successful month-long program with many SKCC members serving as K3Y/ control stations to provide members the opportunity to contact them and get credit for working the particular section (/0 thru 9 and EU, AS, SA, AK) during published scheduled time slots.

Congrats to Mark Gibson N4MQU for logging his first SKCC Qso in Skcc Logger with Butch N4AWP. Also, understand Ted Lathan KB4CIT got on 40m one night and had a cw Qso on 7.050. Way to go guys! Today one Qso. . tomorrow a 2nd. . .then a 3rd. . . . You get the idea! :)

Please see the attached sheet for info on a funky speaker audio enhancer if you have a top-firing speaker.

73 all es gud DX

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**This is a 3" diameter 45 degree PVC Elbow fitting that, don't ask me how, really enhances both CW and SSB reception. The signals are more resonate, richer, and seem to pull reception thru the noise level better and are directed directly toward the opr. If you have a top-firing speaker with a 3" speaker under the grille this will fit over the grille perfectly. By testing different sizes, i.e. 4" (too big to fit under my stand) 3" 90 with flange on both ends ( not as resonate, probably due to shorter throat) and 3" elbow with no flanges was the worse of all. IMHO, I think the longer throat of the 45 enables better enhancement. \$4.00, or so, at Lowe's . . . . I've disconnected my little external speaker and also stopped using my computer speakers with my radio (too much drive, I think). Gud Luck!**