



The Microphone Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society



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From The Secretary's Desk....

2024 ARRL Field Day Theme: Be Radio Active

03/15/2024 ARRL

The theme for 2024 ARRL Field Day is "Be Radio Active." The event will run on June 22 - 23, and it will be one-part contest, one-part emergency communications exercise, and one-part open house -- and a great time. The theme encourages radio amateurs to take advantage of the peak of Solar Cycle 25, which we are nearing. Activity this year is likely to be extremely high thanks to favorable solar conditions. The upper HF bands, such as 15 and 10 meters, should benefit most from the Cycle's peak.

There are resources available already for clubs and individuals to make their Field Day plans. ARRL will publish more information and tools so that hams can make the most of the event as it draws near. Amateurs interested in learning more are invited to join the [Field Day Facebook](#) group to connect with others who are planning for the big weekend.

Find links to all of the resources on the ARRL Field Day web page at www.arrl.org/field-day.

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Upcoming Dates of Note:

The North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro will be having VE testing on May 11th at 9am.

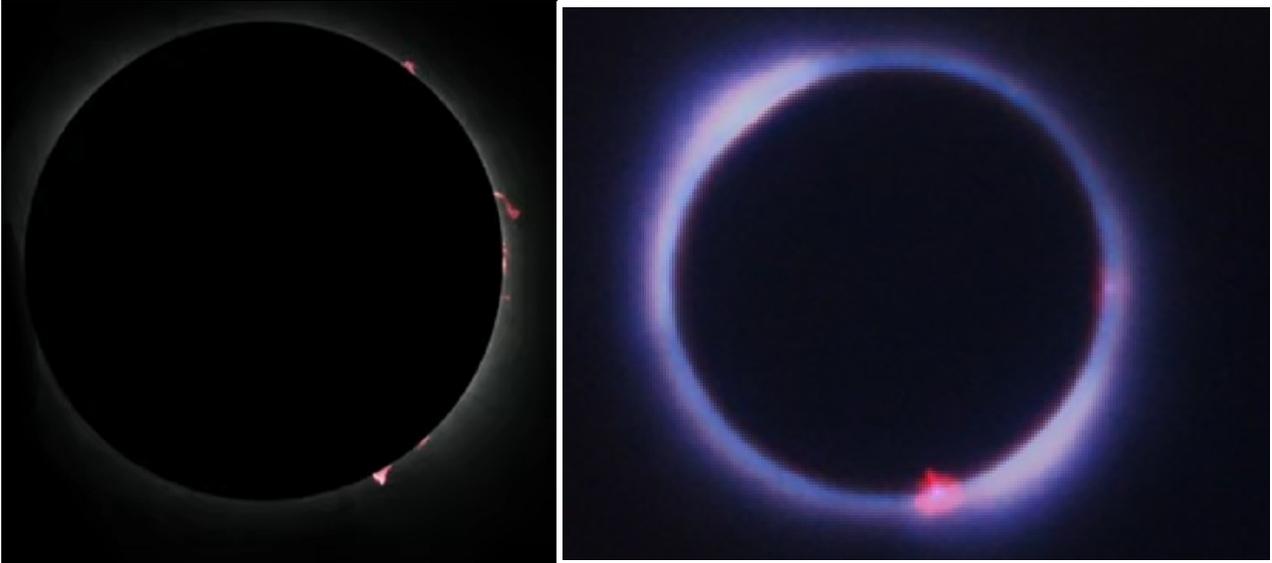
Next LWARS meeting
May 18th Whitney Library at 10 AM

Posible Time and Date for the LWARS Pic Nic at Solder Bluff Park could l be after the Next LWARS Meeting on Sat 18th Aprrox 11am. Look for an email and FB posting for final descision.

2024 ARRL Field Day is June 22-23

2024 Eclipse!

Our very own Ronald Smith (NT5B) had a great setup at Whitney State Park and took many great pictures. Here are two he picked out to share.



LWARS Field Day Committee Has Been Formed.

Headed up the 2024 LWARS Field Day Committee is Tim Hutchings (N5TCH) with Jim Elms (KJ5DUL), Ken Ezzell (KE5EZZ) and Kendy Weldon (Pending) helping out. Expect an update on logistics at our next meeting.

FCC to Require Two Factor Authentication for CORES Users

03/22/2024 ARRL

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced an upcoming change to the Commission Registration System (CORES) that licensees use to pay any application or regulatory fees, manage or reset a password on an existing FRN, or request a new FRN. Beginning March 29, 2024, multifactor authentication will be implemented. Users will be prompted to request a six-digit secondary verification code, which will be sent to the email address(es) associated with each username. The user will then need to enter the code into CORES before they can continue.

In a public notice, the FCC said this change will make the system more secure. "This additional layer of security will further safeguard against unauthorized

access, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of information contained within the CORES system and improving the security of user data," it read.

The FCC recommends that users confirm they have access to their username account email and to add a secondary email address, if need be.

Resources are available for those who need assistance with the system. For inquiries or assistance regarding the implementation of multifactor authentication on CORES, submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp>, or call the FCC at 877-480-3201 (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM ET).

1. Renew via mail.

You can renew by mail by sending FCC Forms 605 and 159 directly to the FCC. Download Form 605 for the renewal by going to <https://www.fcc.gov/fcc-form-605> and fill it out. You also will need to include Form 159 for your payment. Download Form 159 and its instructions here: <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/fcc-remittance-advice-for-m-159>. Form 159 must accompany your \$35 payment for the renewal. Include your check with both forms and mail to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. Note that it may take the FCC several weeks to process your change or renewal.

Filing Electronically using the Universal Licensing System

Renew your license through the Universal Licensing System (ULS) at any time within 90 days of the expiration date for the license and up to two years after the license expires.

To renew, go to the ULS Home, select Online Filing, and follow the instructions below.

1. Login to the ULS License Manager with your FCC Registration Number (FRN).
2. From your License At A Glance page, choose the Renew link in the right hand menu called Work on this License. When your license is within the renewal period of 90 days before the expiration date until the expiration date, or within the 2 year grace period allowed there after the Renew link will appear. If your license is not eligible for renewal the link will not appear.
3. On the Select Updates page, review the licensee information displayed beneath the table of license information. If any of the data is missing or out of date you must update it. Click on the box to the left of the Licensee Information heading to insert a checkbox and select it.

4. When ready click Continue.
 5. Answer the questions on the Applicant Questions page, and click Continue when ready.
 6. On the Licensee Information page, review and update all of your licensee information. Make any corrections that are necessary.
 7. On the Summary page review the information you have entered. If you wish to make additional changes, click the Edit button next to the section of your application you wish to Edit. You will be able to return to that page of the application. Make the desired change and select the Return to Summary button.
 8. When ready to submit your update to the Commission, choose the Continue to Certify button.
 9. After reading the certification, enter your first and last names in the boxes at the bottom of the page. You **MUST** sign the application. When finished choose the Submit Application button.
 10. From the ULS Confirmation screen, we recommend you print a copy of your application and/or the Confirmation screen itself from your web browser.
- Note:** The address and contact information you have entered in CORES registration will not be automatically associated with your licenses. To change the address or other contact information on your license, you must update your information in ULS.

Renewing Ham Radio License Through the ARRL

Only ARRL members can use this method. All you need to do is submit Form 605 NCVEC to ARRL VEC, which is entirely free for ARRL members.

You may have to wait a few days for your license renewal request to be processed.

Note: It is possible to renew the license even if it has expired. However, you need to make sure that your license has not expired for more than two years.