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Summer  
2008

West End Volunteer Rescue Squad is registered with the **Ukrop's Golden Gift** program. Mail certificates to: WEVRS / Attn: Treasurer PO BOX 11144 Richmond, VA 23230



## Upcoming Events

*Special Olympics—June 6-7*  
*Volunteers? Go to rats.net*

*Manassas Hamfest—June 8*  
*www.w4hvb.net*

*W4PW VE License Testing*  
*June 14 — www.w4pw.us*

*Monthly Meeting—June 20th*  
*7:30pm-- Field Day Prep by*  
*W4BNO—DXpedition presentation*  
*by KF6CUE & KG6GCQ*

*Field Day 2008—June 28-29*

*RARC-Club VE License Testing—July 12*  
*www.rarcclub.net*

What does your donation for the 2008 "Emergency Preparedness" Fundraiser make possible?

- Separate backup UHF & VHF antennas
- Expanded APRS coverage
- UHF 9600 digital packet
- Future "off-grid" power backup



## New Kent APRS

The New Kent digipeater is on the air as of May 30th. Special thanks to Mr. Thomas Hicks of New Kent Fire & Rescue for arranging the location. The digi was assembled & tested by Peter Martin(KF4VIZ). Brad Price(KI4BWJ) and Rob Turner(KG4YJB) installed the antenna and feedline. Check APRS.RATS.NET for more information.

## 2008 "Emergency Preparedness" Fundraiser

WCVE Channel 23 has donated 2 feedlines to help bolster redundancy in the repeater system and enable APRS and 9600 digital operation at the repeater site.

You can make this happen! \$3500 in club funds have been allocated, members are asked to help raise the remaining \$3500 through donations.

Donate online through the secure website at RATS.NET with a credit card or mail a check to:

RATS  
c/o 2008 Fundraiser  
PO Box 14828  
Richmond, VA 23221



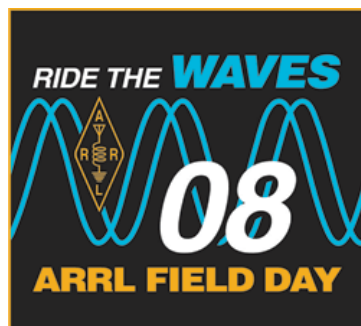
## Volunteers needed for grounds-keeping duties

The RATS APRS network is now the largest in the state of Virginia. Our largest blocks of coverage are made possible with "free leases" at several commercial tower sites. Volunteers are needed to visit each

site every 2 months  
Contact Peter Martin at 402-1300 (or email pmar-tin@westburypharmacy.com) if you own a small lawnmower or string-trimmer and have time to volunteer.

The club and several members have provided the manpower and funding to build-out the network, everyone's help is needed to keep APRS on the air in Central Virginia

## Mark your calendars for Field Day!



Robert Orndorf W4BNO will be reviewing the club's Field Day plans at the next meeting.

This year we will be offering instruction for the Radio Merit Badge for local Boy Scout troops. If you know of a scout

who needs an extra merit badge, this is the place to be.  
June 28-29, 2008

Laurel Park Recreation Center  
10301 Hungary Spring Rd  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

# Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society

RATS

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## ADDRESS ZONE



### *What's new at RATS?*



"Well it all started when I was a child...I felt that I had difficulty communicating with people..."

**BOARD VACANCY FILLED!**  
Charles John KI4WCK has joined the board. Licensed since 2007 and currently a General class operator, Charles works as a Unix Systems Administrator.

The RATS.NET website has some new features.

- Forums area  
<http://www.rats.net/forums>
- Membership renewal with secure payment
- Member listing with "RATS Messaging", click the link and send an email to another members.
- Send an email to [kf4viz@rats.net](mailto:kf4viz@rats.net) if you wish to

have your email address added to your membership profile. Your email address is not revealed to protect against junk-mail and spamming.

- APRS pages with node locations, user instruction and guides for other digi operators.

<http://aprs.rats.net>

- Interactive map and guide to IRLP

<http://irlp.rats.net>

***Please donate to get our new antennas mounted on the Channel 23 tower. \$50 from every member will make this a reality.***