

## FrostFest, 2 Feb 2019 - Richmond Virginia

ECARS was again represented with a table at the 2019 Frostfest in Richmond VA. WA4THR, Vic, and N4HCI, Bob, manned the table, which proved to be a rallying point for current and former ECARS



members and hams who just liked to talk about the hobby. See the list for people who stopped by the table and 'signed in' with ECARS. Note that KB3SBC, Walt Skavinsky, from the Education Alliance for Amateur Radio stopped by to thank ECARS for the grant that we awarded to them a couple of years ago. He said that that gift keeps on giving as they are still using the equipment that they got with that grant to train up the next generation of young Hams.

This year's Frostfest was a very nice, notable for the variety of things available, reasonable prices. There were no major vendors (Yaesu, Kenwood, Flex, Elecraft, Heiberling, etc.) represented but there were tables of new equipment offered by QuckSilver and MFJ. A Newport News, VA hobby shop had a table of new equipment that was being sold at 50% off as he was closing his store. There were two tables of vendors hawking ham accoutrements (hats, coffee mugs, shirts, mouse pads, etc.). The Morse KOB group, dedicated to keeping the knowledge and traditions of American Morse telegraphy alive, also had a table. One table had an unopened Heathkit 2500 tuner for sale, ready for some new ham to jump back in time and enjoy the 'Heathkit experience' many of us had in our early years. One table was selling off an SK's Ham equipment. N4HCI thought that this fest had an unusually large number of high quality vintage commercial radios, many of which looked to be 'nearly new'.

We were not able to tell the 3 or 4 people who stopped by the table and asked us where Duffy (AD4VA) was, but we ultimately learned that Duffy was in an accident on the way to the Frostfest and by the time that got resolved they just turned around and went back home.

ECARS 2019 Frostfest Check-In List

| #  | Name                     | Callsign | ECARS Mbr | ECARS # | Comment                                |
|----|--------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|--|
| 1  | Brian Gray               | KD4FUN   | Yes       | 40053   | (expired Dec 2018)                     |
| 2  | Ray Albert               | W3BFC    | Yes       | 30417   | (expired Jan 2017)                     |
| 3  | Don Smith                | K1FON    | Yes       | 4939    |  |
| 4  | Bill "Smiley" White      | WB4EDB   | Yes       | 4871    |  |
| 5  | Allan Johnson            | WA3J     | Yes       | 30374   |  |
| 6  | Ricky Patterson          | K4BKT    | No        |         | USAF MARS                              |
| 7  | Walt Skavinsky           | KB3SBC   | No        |         | Educational Alliance for Amateur Radio |
| 8  | Alex Walker              | W4ALX    | Yes       | 4995    |  |
| 9  | Stephen Pederson         | KN4IOU   | No        |         | School club WA4RMA                     |
| 10 | William F. "Bill" Gandel | WA4QFP   | Yes       | 4986    | Thanks for being here! '73'            |
| 11 | Bob "BJ" Jenkins         | NC4BJ    | Yes       | 4917    | Thanks                                 |
| 12 | Dan Atchison             | N3ND     | No        |         | SCARS Member                           |
| 13 | Kevin Ward               | K4BDR    | No        |         | Thanks!                                |
| 14 | Dave Maples              | WB4FUR   | Yes       | 4093    | (expired Jan 2013)                     |
| 15 | Jerry Williams           | KJ4IT    | Yes       | 4780    | Lifetime Member                        |
| 16 | Joe DeRyder              | KK4PAB   | Yes       | 4963    |  |
| 17 | John R. Norman           | WA4JN    | No        |         |  |
| 18 | David Jordan             | WA3GIN   | Yes       | 3243    |  |
| 19 | Blair McGuinness         | K4YOF    | Yes       | 40088   | Thanks                                 |
| 20 | Tom Lint                 | N1TL     | No        |         |  |
| 21 | Jerry Glass              | KE4URB   | No        |         |  |
| 22 | Ray Stutts               | WD4EIB   | Yes       | 4272    | Lifetime member                        |
| 23 | Richard Mars             | KG4ZYY   | Yes       | 4754    |  |
| 24 | Darryl Cheek             | N9LDS    | No        |         | AEC Prince George Emergency Comms      |
| 25 | Burt Vander Clute        | N4ERM    | Yes       | 4055    |  |
| 26 |                          |          |           |         |  |

Pictures of some of the visitors to the table can be seen below.

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