

## 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.

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

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	
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