



***3rd Tuesday of the month Skywarn Zoom Call
July 21, 2026***

Mark, KN4KRZ

NWS Columbia, Midlands Area, Acting Coordinator

Agenda

First up – Our special guest presenter

**Steve LaVoie
NWS Columbia, Meteorologist**

Other Skywarn Midlands Business

Closing

It's Me, Hi!



Name: Steve LaVoie

Hometown: Lowell, MA

Education: BS Meteorology, Lyndon State College
Lyndonville, VT (2008)

MS Geography, Ball State University (2011)
Muncie, IN (2011)

Position: Meteorologist, NWS Columbia, SC

Starting Date: May 2021

Previous Position: International Operations Manager at
Versar Germantown, MD (2018-2021)

Slight revisions to 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays Midlands Skywarn business

2nd Tuesday of the month – FleetTalk (Plus 1 repeater)

3rd Tuesday of the month – Zello monthly, Zoom call Quarterly

Follow this link: <https://ares-sc.org/sc-midlands-ares-training-net/>

	<i>2nd Tuesday of the month</i>		<i>3rd Tuesday of the month</i>						
2026									
January	FleetTalk Net		Zello check-in & Skywarn Zoom call						
February	FleetTalk Net		Zello check-in & Skywarn Zoom call						
March	FleetTalk Net		Zello check-in & Skywarn Zoom call						
April	FleetTalk Net		Zello check-in & Skywarn Zoom call						
May	FleetTalk Net		Zello check-in & Skywarn Zoom call						
<i>June 9th</i>	FleetTalk Net	<i>June 16th</i>	Zello check-in only*						
<i>July 14th</i>	FleetTalk (plus Vance) Net	<i>July 21st</i>	Zello check-in* & Skywarn Quarterly Zoom call, ideally with training topic/guest speaker						
<i>August 11th</i>	FleetTalk (plus 147.210) Net	<i>August 18th</i>	Zello check-in only*						
<i>September 8th</i>	FleetTalk (plus 147.360) Net	<i>September 15th</i>	Zello check-in only*						
<i>October 13th</i>	FleetTalk (plus 146.775) Net	<i>October 20th</i>	Zello check-in* & Skywarn Quarterly Zoom call, ideally with training topic/guest speaker						
<i>November 10th</i>	FleetTalk (plus 145.430) Net	<i>November 17th</i>	Zello check-in only*						
<i>December 8th</i>	FleetTalk (plus Vance) Net	<i>December 15th</i>	Zello check-in only*						
2027									
<i>January 12th</i>	FleetTalk (plus 147.210) Net	<i>January 19th</i>	Zello check-in* & Skywarn Quarterly Zoom call, ideally with training topic/guest speaker						

* Zello check-in - To stay in practice using Zello, at ***some time during the day***, check in to the "SC Midlands SKYWARN" Zello channel by voice, or text, or both.

OUTREACH - ARRL Field Day at Sesqui State Park with Columbia Amateur Radio Club



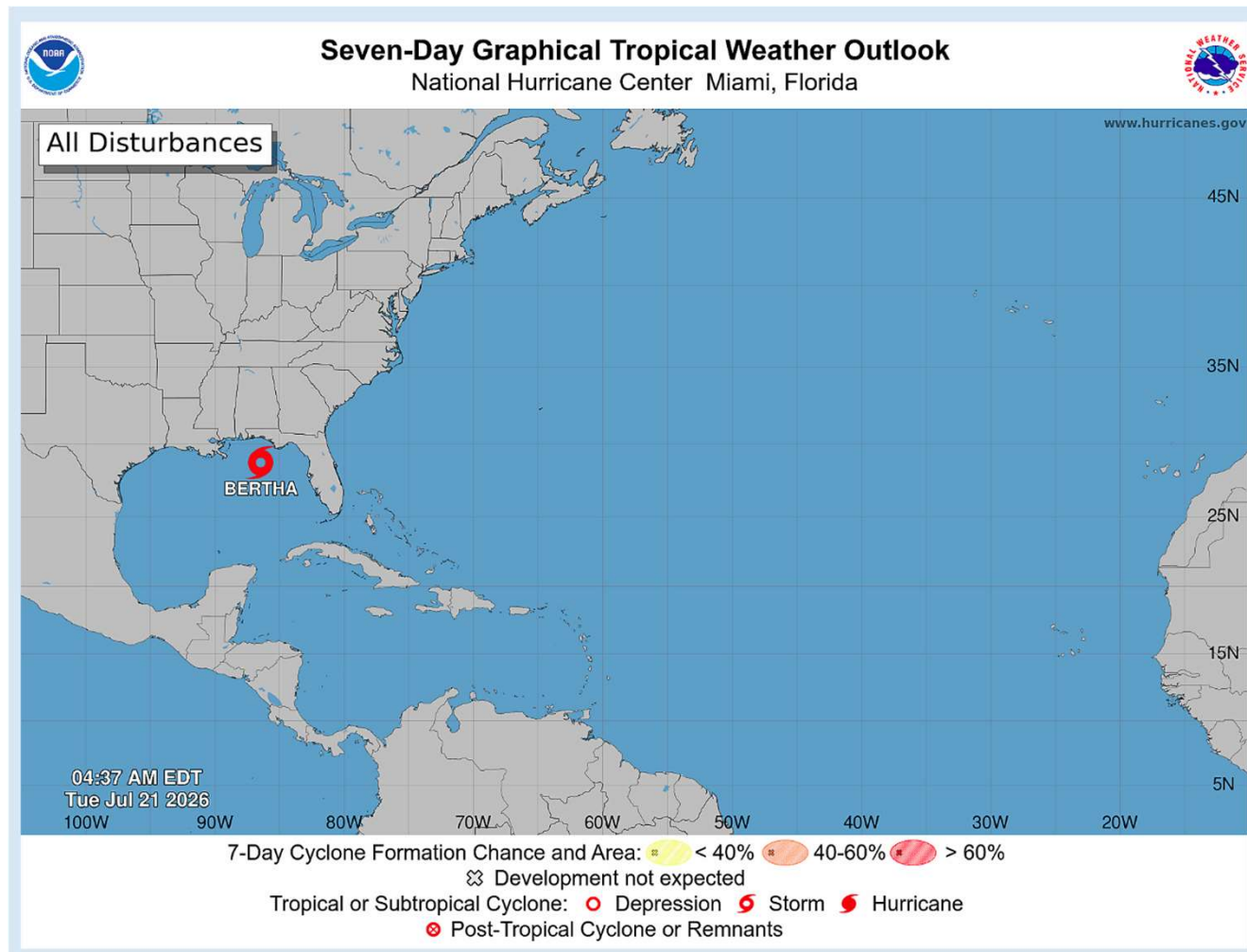
Link to the Skywarn flyer:

[South Carolina Midlands Skywarn Flyer Rev. 4.6.26](#)

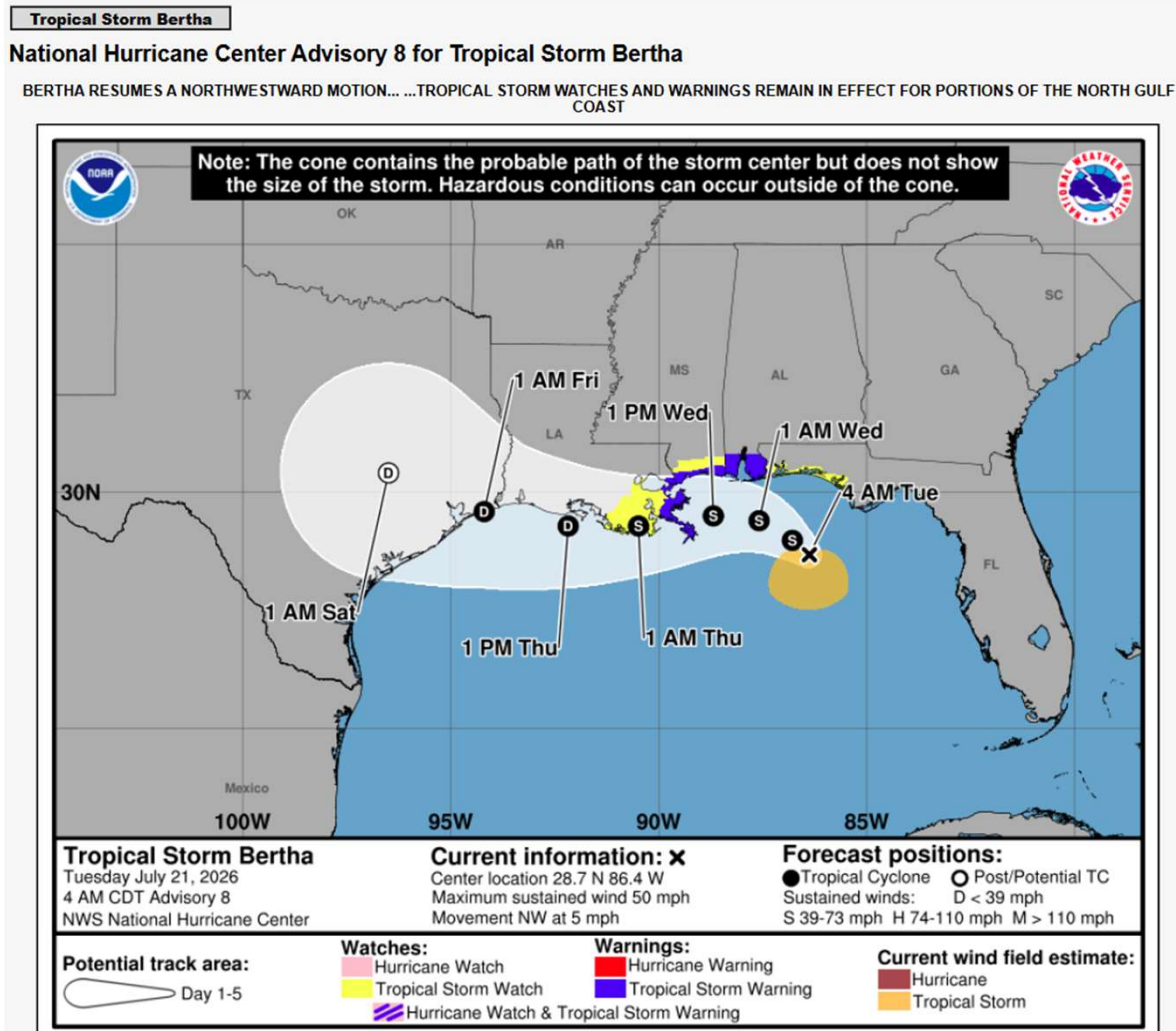
Manning the Richland County Emergency Communications booth during 2026 ARRL Field Day are *(Left)* Gary Hester, W4GWH, and *(Right)* CJ Hamrick, KC4RKQ.

Manning the Skywarn booth and taking photos, Mark, KN4KRZ.

Follow this link: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atl&fdays=7>



Follow this link: <https://www.weather.gov/cae/tropical>



7.14.26 Skywarn Midlands FT Repeater Net (plus Vance)

Check-ins – Ordered by County

NetLogger 3.1.7 - STANDALONE

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Net Status and Control

NetLogger Mode STANDALONE Net Skywarn Midlands FT Repeater Net Profile YLsystem Timeout

Operator KN4KRZ-MARK Frequency Various Mode Various Band Various NCS K4RHK Logger KN4KRZ

Select Net Create Net Add Window View Monitors Log Contact

Check-ins

#	Member Id	Call Sign	State	M/P	Remarks	QSL Info	City	Status	RST Rcvd	RST Sent	County	Name	Grid Square
16		N4JWL	SC		(no club info)		SUMMERVILLE				Calhoun	James W Lewis Sr	EM93op
18		WB6GUC	SC		(no club info)		MCBEE				Chesterfield	Gordon N Cole	EM94uk
17		N4JOM	SC		(no club info)		Manning				Clarendon	James O Mason	EM93vn
10		KR4MEK	SC		(no club info)		Elgin				Kershaw	Zachary Y Grimmig	EM94oe
19		KQ4FNT	SC		(no club info)		Bishopville				Lee	Douglas E Watson Jr	EM94wg
1		K4RHK	SC		(no club info)		Swansea				Lexington	Timothy E Starr	EM93lr
2		KX4TKO	SC		(no club info)		Irmo				Lexington	Michael R Connelly	EM94jc
3		KD4VH	SC		(no club info)		Batesburg				Lexington	James L Dedonis	EM93gu
4		W1MRC	SC		(no club info)		Lexington				Lexington	Matthew R Crook Sr	EM93iw
5		NA4BE	SC		(no club info)		Lexington				Lexington	Leland Lewis	EM94ia
6		KQ4FOB	SC		(no club info)		Chapin				Lexington	Richard S Senkowsky	EM94hd
7		W4SFX	SC		(no club info)		Columbia				Richland	John N Kiselica Jr	EM94kb
8		KD4BP	SC		(no club info)		BLYTHEWOOD				Richland	William L Poston	EM94me
9		KR4EFQ	SC		(no club info)		Columbia				Richland	Richard B Ocain	EM93mx
11		KM4RCN	SC		(no club info)		BLYTHEWOOD				Richland	Henry J Younts	EM94mf
25		KN4KRZ	SC		(no club info)		COLUMBIA	(op)			Richland	Mark W Goddard	EM93mx
12		N4QAA	SC		(no club info)		DALZELL				Sumter	Quincy A Alston	EM94ra
13		N4RSM	SC		(no club info)		Sumter				Sumter	Richard S Marks	EM93tw
14		N4VBV	SC		(no club info)		Sumter				Sumter	Mike J Majority	EM93tw
15		K4FYR	SC		(no club info)		Dalzell				Sumter	David W Shillibeer	EM94sa
20		N4RSM *			NCS taking chck-ins on Vance								
21		N4JWL *											
22		N4VBV *											
23		KD4BP *											
24		K4FYR *											
26													

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Midlands Counties

Lancaster
Newberry
Fairfield
Kershaw – 1
Saluda
Lexington – 6
Richland – 5
Sumter – 4
Calhoun – 1
Orangeburg
Clarendon – 1

Midlands total – 18

Pee Dee Counties

Chesterfield – 1
Lee – 1

Pee Dee total – 2

Grand Total – 20

Plus

Vance – 5 (all duplicates)

Opportunities/Recap

Training

I'm not aware of any near-term NWS scheduled training. You can, however, find oodles of weather content online. For example, NWS Columbia has a YouTube channel with 96 posted videos, available here: <https://www.youtube.com/NWSCAE>

Spotter engagement

Continue to explore outreach opportunities with Amateur radio clubs, ARES groups, County EMs/EOCs

PACE *

Primary – Zello – We practice Zello regularly, during monitoring/activations and on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Alternate – FleetTalk – We practice FleetTalk regularly, during monitoring/activations and on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month.

Contingency – ***Skywarn designated repeaters – We have a rotation in place. We're working with repeater owners and trustees to update the NWS sketch.***

Emergency – Suggestions for HF practice

SC Statewide ARES HF Net – Tuesdays, 6:00 PM on frequency 3.990 (+/-) LSB

SC SSB (NTS) – Daily, 7:00 PM on frequency 3.915 LSB

NWS Columbia – Continue efforts to restore radio capabilities. Tentative revisit date, ***TBD***.

****Details of the PACE plan are available on Page 2 of this document: [Methods available to submit reports to NWS Columbia Rev. 5.23.26](#)***