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### The W4GWD Repeater Network

147.165+ t107.2  
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146.910- t123.0

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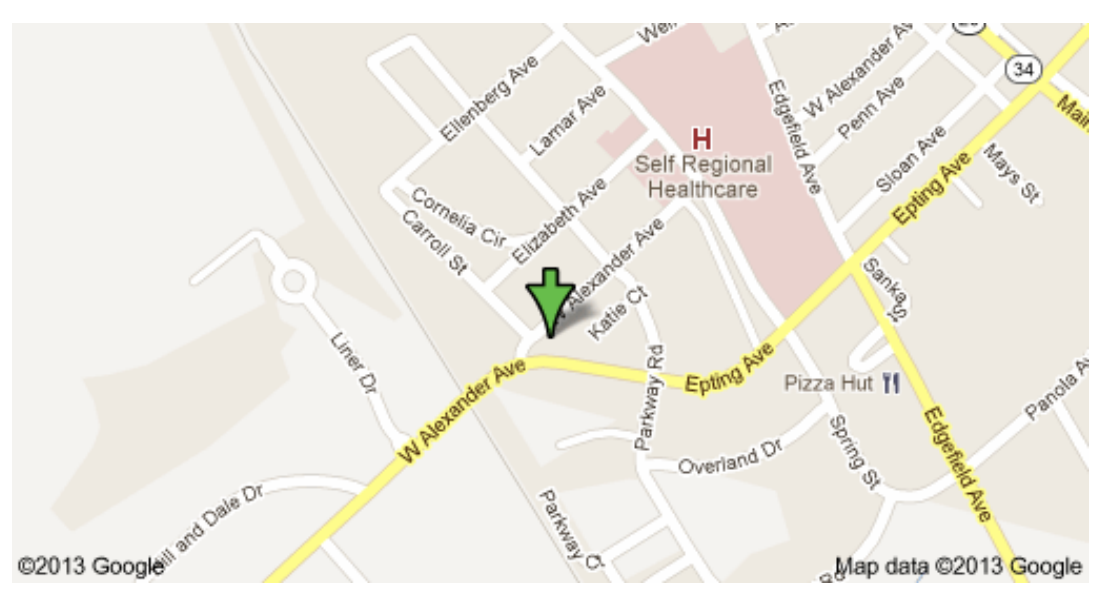
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## Winter Weather

As many of you know, we are currently experiencing a Winter Storm Warning. We here at The Signal Report would like you to remain safe, and if you can, monitor the local repeaters. Folks may venture out and only have Amateur Radio as contact. Stay safe and warm out there!

## February Meeting

This month's meeting will be Monday, February 17th. month's meeting, new society officers will be elected. The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society now meets at the American Red Cross building, 520 Epting Ave. Greenwood, SC. Please join us at 7 for light refreshments, the meeting starts at 7:30 sharp.





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## Society Events:

### Chat 'N' Chew

Every Friday at 11:30am the members of the Greenwood Amateur Radio society meet at **Ryan's**, Bypass 25 NW, Greenwood.

Everyone is welcome to have lunch or sip your favorite beverage and chat for a while.

*(Dutch treat).*

### VE Exam Session April 1st, 2014 7:00pm

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, February 4th at The American Red Cross Building 520 Epting Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

### Weekly Net

Each Thursday night at 9pm on the 147.165+ machine, The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society holds our weekly 2 meter net. Help spread the word for everyone to check-in to our net. If you would like to fill in or be a backup net control please let Buddy Willis, W4DEW know.

## Congratulations

### Happy Birthday!

Dan Farmer	KK6AA	Feb 16
David McCall	W4MCC	Feb 20
Ronald Miller	KJ4OBY	Feb 21
Nelson Henry	KG4ZLU	Feb 24

### Happy Anniversary!

Kevan N4XL and Elizabeth Nason	Feb 14
Buddy W4DEW and Theaster Willis	Feb 25
Homer WB4MLU and Ethel Banks	Mar 19

Phil's Corner:

### Hamisms #1

You're in need of a good radio to make good contact.

**Are you an ARRL Member? Joining ARRL helps protect our rights as Amateur Radio Operators as well as providing education, QSL Bureau, technical advise, and the ARRL VEC. <http://www.arrl.org>**

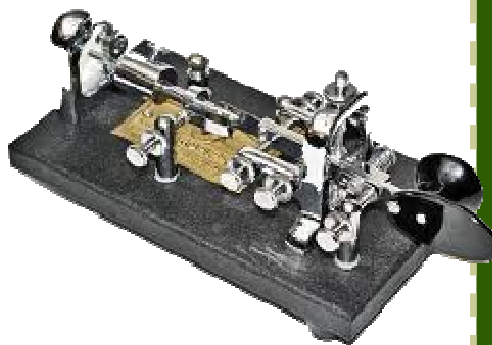


## Echolink & DStar Update

Echolink is Running 100%. D-Star is up, and regularly connected to Reflector 30C.

## Work the World this Weekend on CW!

The CW weekend of the ARRL International DX Contest is February 15-16 (UTC). One of the premier events on the contest calendar, this event aims to encourage participants to expand their knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, and to improve operating skills and station capability by creating a competition in which DX stations may only contact stations in the US and Canada.



W/VE amateurs work as many DX stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters DX stations work as many US and Canadian stations in as many of the 48 contiguous US states and Canadian provinces as possible.

US and Canadian stations send a signal report and their state or province abbreviation. DX stations send a signal report and output power. There are entry categories for individual operators and multi-operator teams as well as a choice of power levels in each category.

Even contest newcomers and low-power or QRP operators will find a niche in the ARRL International DX Contest. It's a terrific opportunity to boost DXCC totals too. The ARRL International DX Contest phone weekend will take place March 1-2, 2014.

# HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

**Mark your Calendars! Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College January 2015**

02/22/2014 **Dalton Hamfest** North Georgia Fairgrounds 500 Legion Drive Dalton, GA 30719 <http://daltonhamfest.com> Dalton Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 145.230- Contact: David Stanley, WI4L 706-537-5090 [w4drchamfest@yahoo.com](mailto:w4drchamfest@yahoo.com)

03/07-08/2014 **Charlotte Hamfest** Cabarrus Arena & Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North Concord, NC 28025 <http://www.charlottehamfest.org> Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society Talk-In: 146.655-146.940- t118.8 Contact: Andrew Hawkins, K4GKK 704-537-7891 [andyk4gkk@gmail.com](mailto:andyk4gkk@gmail.com)

## Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

2014

Feb: Kin

Mar: Buddy & Nora

April: Scott

May: Phil & Jo

June: Joe & Jewell

July: Tedd & Gail

August: Open

September: Open

October: Open

November: Open

Let's fill those open slots!

Send an email to [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net) to reserve your spot!

We will ask for volunteers for the refreshments list over the next few weeks, so be thinking of what month you'd like to volunteer!

## Packet Cluster:

- ◆ Callsign info <http://www.ae7q.com>
- ◆ Remember your local and regional interest clubs!
- ◆ The American Radio Relay League protects our rights as Amateur Radio Operators <http://www.arrl.org>
- ◆ Spread The Word! 147.165 Net Thurs. 9pm
- ◆ Support for SERA supports proper coordination! <http://www.sera.org>
- ◆ Southeast DX Club <http://www.sedxc.org>

## Classifieds:



HyGain 2BDQ-S Trapped Dipole for 40 & 80 Meters - \$100.00 Jim Cox – W3COX 108 Amherst Drive Greenwood, SC 29649 [jimcox@gwdsc.com](mailto:jimcox@gwdsc.com) P:(864) 223-6344 F:(864) 223-9688

Kenwood D-710 VHF/UHF radio. Built in TNC, Voice Chip, ready to go for APRS. \$400. Adam Shirley WJ4X [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net)

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