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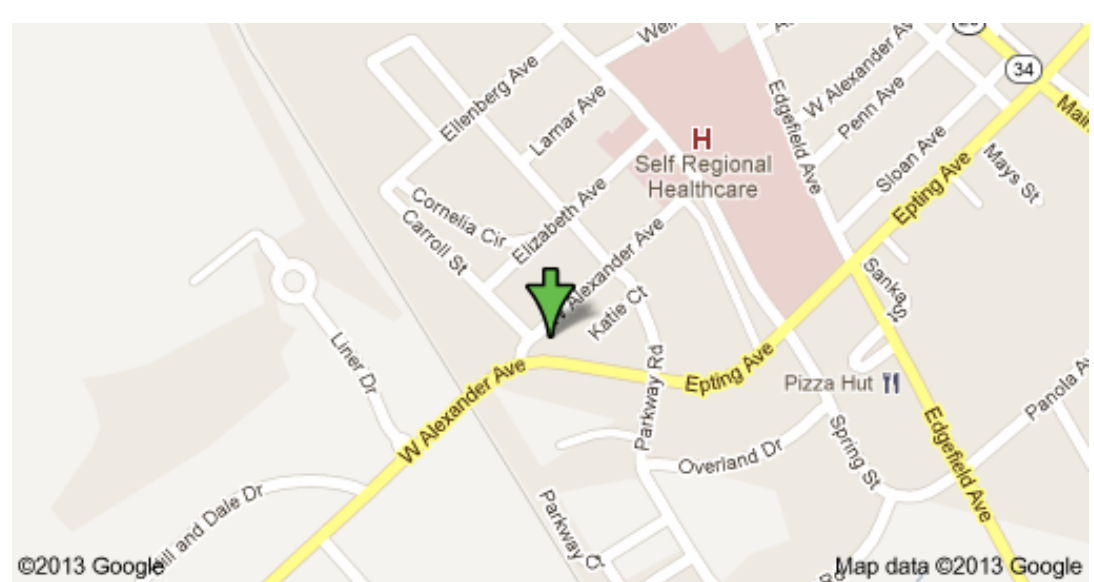
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Summer Season

Make sure that you stay well hydrated during your Summer amateur radio projects. It's best to stay out of the sun as much as possible during the hottest part of the day. Sun stroke is a very real threat. Stay safe out there!

April Meeting

This month's meeting will be Monday, April 21st. This month's meeting, we will discuss the LPGA event, Field Day, and upcoming Hospital drills. 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 June 3rd, 2014 7:00pm

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, June 3rd 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!

Betsy Russ		Apr 5
Jewell Mimms	KI4WJO	Apr 21
Tedd Davison	AI4WN	Apr 26
Cindy Peak	KK4WJQ	Apr 26
Alice Taylor	KC4JWM	May 9
Theaster Willis-Ward		May 10
Elizabeth Meadows	W2LIZ	May 26

Happy Anniversary!

May 14
David AJ4PU and Margaret KJ4HDK Haynes

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #3251

Hello? Is there anybody out there?

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.

Field Day and You, from the ARRL

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walkathons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.



HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

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

05/03/2014 South Carolina Section Convention Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds 575 Fairgrounds Road Spartanburg, SC 29301 <http://www.brars.org> Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society Talk-In: 146.610 Contact: Rodney Taylor, KK4HXA 864-263-0237 kk4hxa@gmail.com

08/30-31/2014 Shelby Hamfest Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 East Marion Street Shelby, NC 28150 <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org> Shelby Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.880- Contact: Ben Melvin, KM4C 902 Henry Street Kings Mountain, NC 28086 980-295-5151 km4c@me.com

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

2014

April: Scott

May: Phil & Jo

June: Joe & Jewell

July: Tedd & Gail

August: Open

September: Open

October: Open

November: Open

Jan 2015: Open

Feb 2015: Open

Let's fill those open slots!

Send an email to 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:

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

Classifieds:



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