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The W4GWD Repeater Network

147.165+ t107.2

Echolink: 584003

443.900+ t107.2

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146.910- t123.0

W4GWM/R

145.360- DV

Augusta Repeaters add PL

The Augusta A.R.C. is implementing a PL tone for both encode and decode on all club repeaters. All club repeaters will use a PL tone of 71.9 Hz. The PL tones beginning August 1st to continue through November.

{August 1st 444.950 (+) MHz Repeater, 145.110 (-) MHz Repeater}

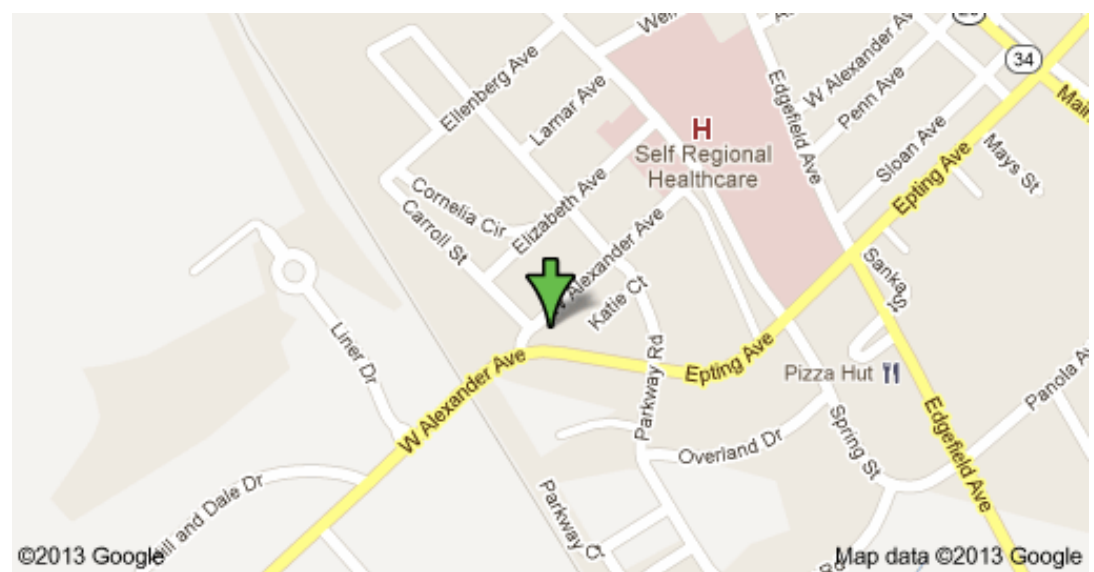
{September 1st 147.180 (+) MHz Repeater }

{October 1st 145.290 (-) MHz Repeater }

{November 1st 145.490 (-) MHz Repeater}

August Meeting

This month's meeting will be Monday, August 18th. 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 October 7th, 2014 7:00pm

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

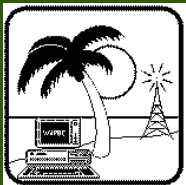
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| Bert Keck | KJ4VJ | August 28 |
| Cole Floyd | KK4RVA | August 29 |
| Warren Wise | W4PY | August 30 |
| Brab Dukes | WB4TRF | August 31 |
| Darrell Manning | KI4BST | August 31 |
| Warn Sullivan | KJ4PSH | August 31 |
| Betty Crane | | September 9 |
| Marion Elledge | KC4IAV | September 11 |
| Tommy Owens | KV4TH | September 13 |
| Patrick Sutton | KJ4MUP | September 25 |
| Margaret Haynes | KJ4HDK | September 26 |
| Earl Powell | KC4AXY | September 27 |

Happy Anniversary!

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| John KJ4RYB and Gail Sullivan | August 6 |
| Marion KC4IAV and Edna Elledge | August 17 |
| Warn KJ4PSH and Teresa Sullivan | August 24 |
| Phil WW4I and Jo KC4UU Henry | August 30 |
| Dan KK6AA and Jean W4KKA Farmer | Sept 3 |
| Al KB4RA and Jane West | September 8 |
| Jim W3COX and Karla WB3LNX | Cox September 16 |

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #2498



Out to lunch.

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.

Dit dah dit (via Kevan N4XL from ARRL)

Here's a cross-mode contact made during the IARU HF Championship that was definitely out of the ordinary - right in the middle of the contest while operating as N3BUO, Gary WA5FWC copied a CW SOS call in the SSB band on his CQ frequency and dropped the contest to render help! "During the Saturday evening of the IARU I received an SOS in CW in Spanish about a ship in distress. The message said they were in danger of ditching in a raft as the ship was losing power and the air time was short. I received what I perceived to be coordinates off the Argentine coast about 565 miles. I copied the info and a Mexican station translated and relayed this information to the Maritime Mobile net which then contacted the Argentine Coast Guard and Argentine authorities rescued the passengers." Strong work! (Thanks, Dave N3BUO and Gary WA5FWC)

Whatcha runnin'? (via Kevan N4XL from ARRL)

The World Radiosport Team Championship 2014 was held last month during the IARU HF Contest. This championship brought what the contest community views as the top contesters from around the world together to compete. They had identical stations in regards to site selection, antenna's and supporting hardware, but were allowed to bring their favorite radios. The competitors knew they needed radios that would perform well in crowded heavy RF environments and still be able to pull out weak signals in order to be effective competitors. There were 59 teams, each having two people for a total of 118 radios. What did they use?

K3	75	63.56%
IC7600	6	5.08%
TS590	7	5.93%
FTdx5000	8	6.78%
FT1000MP	6	5.08%
IC7800	4	3.39%

FT1000D	2	1.69%
IC756-3	4	3.39%
IC7700	1	0.85%
FT3000	2	1.69%
TS850	1	0.85%
ORION II	2	1.69%

HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

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

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

10/11/2014 *Augusta, GA Hamfest* Blythe Area Community Center 3129 Highway 88 Blythe, GA 30805 <http://www.theamateurradioclubofaugusta.org> Amateur Radio Club of Augusta Talk In: 145.490 Contact: Douglas Pugh, KE4JSJ 1806 Birch Drive North Augusta, SC 29860 803-279-6725 doug9933@gmail.com

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

2014

August: Tyrone

September: Buddy & Theaster

October: George & Betty

November: Dan & Jean

Jan 2015: Open

Feb 2015: Open

March 2015: Open

April 2015: Open

May 2015: Open

June 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>
- ◆ Track us: <http://aprs.fi>

Classifieds:



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