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147.165+ t107.2

Echolink: 584003

443.900+ t107.2

### W4DEW/R

146.910- t123.0

### W4GWM/R

145.420- DV

## Digital Update

D-Star is up, and regularly connected to Reflector 30C.

Echolink is up.

APRS iGate is up

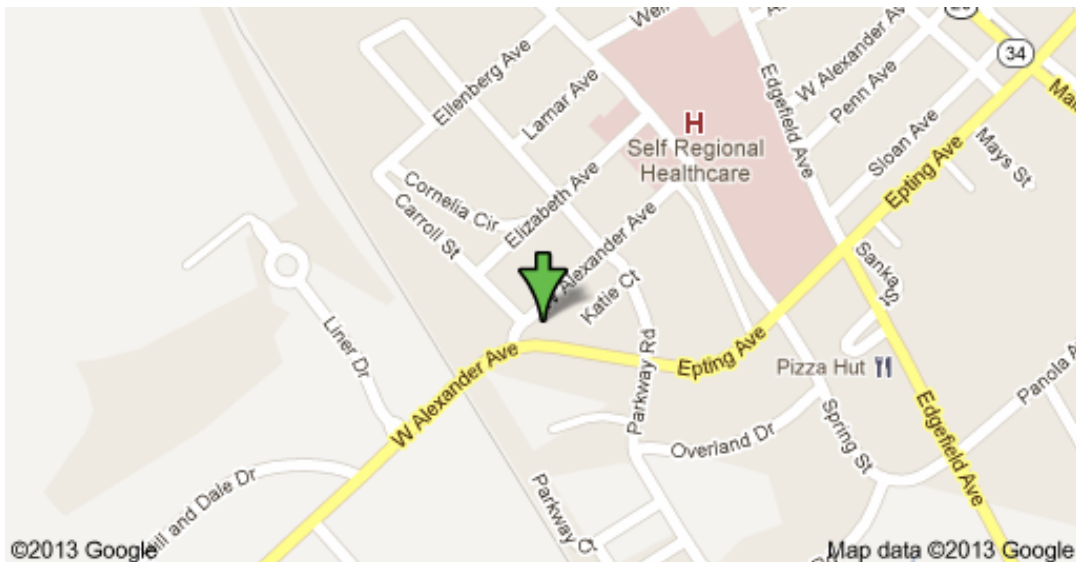
Downtown Digi coming soon.

WJ4X-7 Packet Node is up and connected to the Carolinas Packet System.

**NEW!** Make sure you check in with the Coastal Carolina D-Star Net, Saturday 7:30pm Reflector 61B

## August Meeting

This month's meeting will be August 17th. 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 6th, 2014 7:00pm

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, October 6th 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 Tedd Davidson AI4WN know

## Congratulations

### Happy Birthday!

|                 |        |         |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Bert Keck       | KJ4VJ  | Aug 28  |
| Cole Floyd      | KK4RVA | Aug 29  |
| Brab Dukes      | WB4TRF | Aug 31  |
| Darrell Manning | AF4E   | Aug 31  |
| Warn Sullivan   | KJ4PSH | Aug 31  |
| Betty Crane     |        | Sept 9  |
| Marion Elledge  | KC4IAV | Sept 11 |
| Tommy Owens     | KV4TH  | Sept 13 |
| Margaret Haynes | KJ4HDK | Sept 26 |
| Earl Powell     | KC4AXY | Sept 27 |

### Happy Anniversary!

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| John KJ4RYB and Gail Sullivan   | Aug 6   |
| Marion KC4IAV and Edna Elledge  | Aug 17  |
| Warn KJ4PSH and Teresa Sullivan | Aug 24  |
| Phil WW4I and Jo KC4UU Henry    | Aug 30  |
| Al KB4RA and Jane West          | Sept 8  |
| Jim W3COX and Karla WB3LNX Cox  | Sept 16 |

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #2539

Coming Soon:  
More Linked Repeater Activities

UHF Net  
443.900+ Mon-  
day Night 8pm

**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>**



## GARS UHF Net

If you haven't noticed, The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society has been holding a net on the 443.900+ t107.2 machine on Mondays. The new net has been a great success in getting folks to branch out and utilize the UHF machine more often. The new weekly net features both a swap net, and also a rag chew that can feature technical question and answer. If you are interested in calling this net, please let any of the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society net controllers know, and they will get you fixed up!

## Chasing DX with Kevan, N4XL

Many people like to chase DX. Some of the really rare ones may only come available every few years – such as Navassa Island which was active for the first time in 20 years this past summer.

It isn't expected to be available again for another 10 or more years. Knowing when someone plans to activate a DX entity can easily mean the difference between working that country during your lifetime or missing it completely. Don't lose out simply because you didn't know to look for them on a certain week or band. You should grab them when you have the chance rather than saying later on "I wish I would have worked them back in 2015."

Although there are many sources for DX operations, the following link provided by NG3K is used by many Hams across the world. <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxod.html> .

Some upcoming DXpeditions of note on his list right now include 3Y0F(Bouvet), VK0EK (Heard Island), and KH5 (Palmyra and Jarvis Islands) which are all on the Top 10 most wanted DXCC entity list. Even more rare, having been in the number one most wanted spot for many years, is P5 (North Korea) which may be available to us early in 2016. See the web page for further information on those and many other activations.

Get in the habit of checking it every now and then as things are constantly being added or removed.

# HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

Mark your Calendars! Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College January 9, 2016

**09/05-06/2015** *Shelby Hamfest* Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 East Marion Street  
Shelby, NC 28150 <http://shelbyhamfest.org> Shelby Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.880  
Contact: Ben Melvin, KM4C 980-295-5151 [km4c@me.com](mailto:km4c@me.com)

**11/07-08/2015** *Stone Mountain Hamfest* Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30042 <http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com> Alford Memorial Radio Club Talk In: 146.760 t107.2 Contact: Chris Balch, KS4MM 855-786-8643 [hamfest@stonemountainhamfest.com](mailto:hamfest@stonemountainhamfest.com)

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

## 2015

August 2015: Buddy

September 2015: Tyrone & Warn

October 2015: George & Betty

November 2015: Phil & Jo

January 2016: Open

February 2016: Open

March 2016: Open

April 2016: Open

May 2016: Open

June 2016: 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:

- ◆ 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 on APRS: <http://aprs.fi>

## Classifieds:



**Kenwood TM-D710A Dual Band Dual Receive VHF/UHF. Built in TNC for APRS and other digital modes. \$400 Contact Joe Mimms K4GBH [k4gbhjoe8@gmail.com](mailto:k4gbhjoe8@gmail.com) 864-746-9517**

**Do you have an old MFJ TNC you want to use on packet but it's broken or misbehaving? MFJ will repair older TNCs (1270,B or C models, 1278, etc.) The cost to troubleshoot is \$20 and repair which includes calibration and alignment usually runs \$45 to \$50. Please contact Adam WJ4X [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net) for more info.**

**Kenwood TS-2000 All mode, All Band, complete shack in a box. Built in TNC, sub receiver for V/UHF and packet. \$1100; Contact Adam WJ4X [adam@wj4x.net](mailto:adam@wj4x.net)**

If anyone has any Ham radio stuff to sell or trade... list it in this column by calling Buddy, [w4dew@arrl.net](mailto:w4dew@arrl.net), 864-445-7574

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