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### The W4GWD Repeater Network

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.

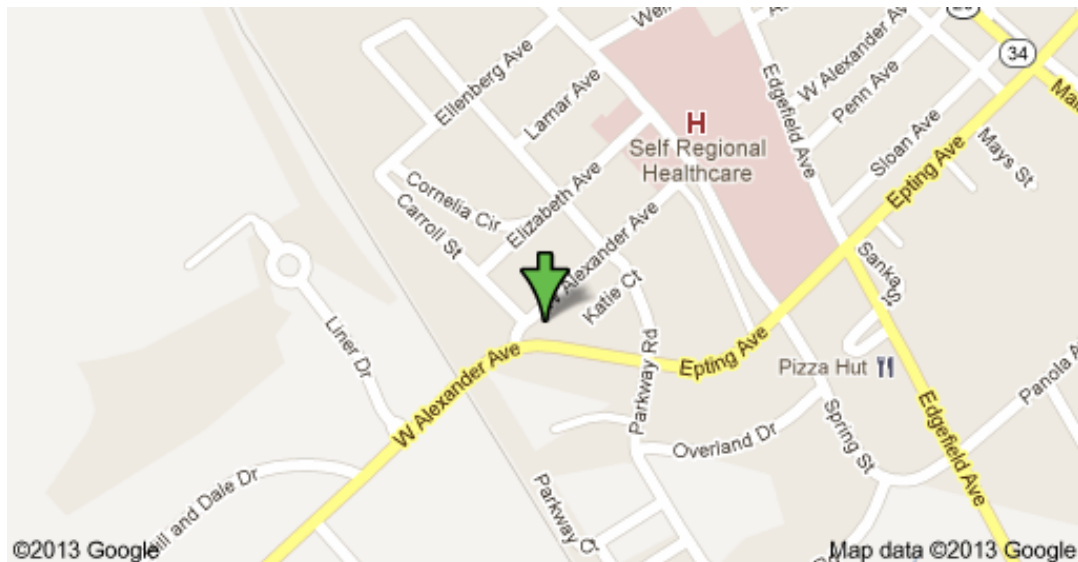
APRS iGate is up

Downtown Digi coming soon.

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

## November Meeting

This month's meeting will be November 16th. 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. This Month's meeting will feature discussion of the Holiday Meal, and final prep for our Hamfest.





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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 December 1st, 2015 7:00pm

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, December 1st 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. Our UHF net on 443.900+ is held Mondays at 8pm

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 contact Tedd Davison A14WN@arrl.net

## Congratulations

### Happy Birthday!

Phil Henry	WW4I	Nov 6
John Sullivan	KJ4RYB	Nov 7
Al West	KB4RA	Nov 15
Jo Henry	KC4UU	Nov 21
Jean Farmer	W4KKA	Dec 24
Jim Gresham	AK4EK	Dec 31
Eldora Keck	KB4YON	Dec 31

### Happy Anniversary!

Patrick KJ4MUP and Lynne Sutton	Nov 22
Jim AK4EK and Berry Gresham	Nov 26
Darrell AF4E and Dena Manning	Dec 3
Bert KJ4VJ and Eldora KB4YON Keck	Dec 22
Cole KK4RVA and Jackie Floyd	Dec 24

Phil's Corner:

### Hamisms #4184

Support your local and regional Amateur Radio Clubs.

**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>**



## Do you 5 2? Various sources

Do you listen up on 146.520? This simplex channel should be a part of your scan list and is known as the “US Calling Frequency”. Many travelers have this in their radio as they travel place to place, and will call from time to time to see if anyone’s listening. It’s also good to be familiar with operating simplex in case you’re out of range of a repeater or the repeater is busy or having trouble. There are other calling frequencies and simplex frequencies that are suggested by the South East Repeater Association, SERA. The band plans are easily printable at <http://www.sera.org/frequency-utilization-plans-band-plans.html> (click link)

Another interesting tidbit is that now the calling frequency is legal for contest use. "At its July 16 meeting, the Programs and Services Committee unanimously accepted and approved a recommendation from its VHF and Above Revitalization Committee to remove the prohibition of making contest contacts on 146.52 MHz simplex. This rule, as we understand it, originated back to when 2-meter radios were mostly rock-bound and the use of 146.52 MHz was commonplace. The VHF and Above Revitalization Committee's research concluded that the 146.52-exclusive restriction is unnecessary today. It was also reviewed by the ARRL Executive Committee at its October 2015 meeting.

Permitting the use of 146.52 MHz would allow new/curious contesters possessing only FM mode radios to stumble on more contacts, increasing the chances that they will be drawn further into VHF+ contesting, which is the primary aim of the Revitalization committee. Word of the Revitalization committee's recommendation and PSC's subsequent approval was floated at last July's Central States VHF Conference and met with great enthusiasm.

This rule change eliminates Rule 1.8 in the "General Rules for ARRL Contests Above 50 MHz", with the subsequent sections of Rule 1 being renumbered accordingly. It becomes effective with the 2016 ARRL January VHF Contest and subsequent ARRL VHF Contests. It also will be incorporated into the ARRL Field Day rules."

Add these frequencies into your radio and scan them often. You’ll never know what you’ll find. (One of my favorites for “hidden” traffic is 146.55 –Ed.)

# HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

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

**1-9-2016 Greenwood Hamfest** Piedmont Technical College James Medford Family Event Center  
620 North Emerald Road Greenwood, SC 29646 <http://www.w4gwd.org> Greenwood Amateur Radio Society  
Talk In: 147.165+ t107.2 Contact: Adam Shirley WJ4X 843-361-5855 [wj4x@arrl.net](mailto:wj4x@arrl.net)

**09/03-04/2016 Shelby Hamfest** Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 East Marion Street  
Shelby, NC 28150 <http://shelbyhamfest.org> Shelby Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.88 (no pl)  
Contact: Ben Melvin, KM4C 704-477-1813 [km4c@me.com](mailto:km4c@me.com)

## Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

### 2015

November 2015: Phil & Jo

January 2016: Open

February 2016: Open

March 2016: Open

April 2016: Open

May 2016: Open

June 2016: Open

July 2016: Open

August 2016: Open

September 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

2 Meter Magnet Mount whip. Would like to trade for a mobile scanner antenna. Contact Stephen Lyda [stephenlyda@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenlyda@yahoo.com)

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)

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