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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

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145.420- DV

Digital Update

D-Star is temporarily down for service

Echolink is up.

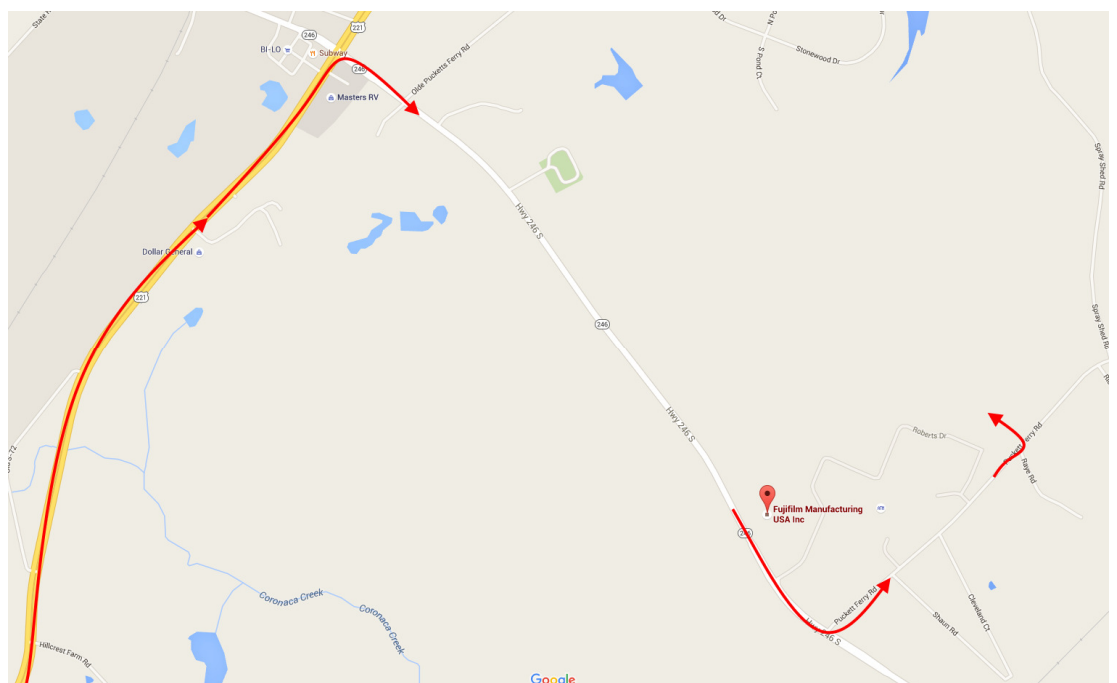
APRS iGate is up

WJ4X-7 Packet Node is up and connected to the Carolinas Packet System. 145.010

Downtown Digi coming soon.

March Meeting

This month's Club Meeting will be held at the Fuji "M" Plant at 7:00pm March 21st 2016. Below is a map to the location. You will need to sign in with the guard at the "K" plant. Please email the newsletter staff if you did not receive emailed instructions to this special meeting.





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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

VE Exam Sessions are on hiatus due to the Red Cross relocation

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 AI4WN@arrl.net

Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Betsy Russ	Apr 5
Jewell Mimms KI4WJO	Apr 24
Tedd Davison AI4WN	Apr 26
Cindy Penman KK4WJQ	Apr 26

Happy Anniversary!

Homer and Ethel Banks	Mar 29
Teddy and Ashley Johnson	Apr 1

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #72

The ANT connector usually goes to the AN-Tenna.

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>



Contest Corner with Kevan N4XL

The Swamp Fox Contest Group is pleased to announce it will be presenting a “Contest Basics” class in Columbia, SC on Saturday April 30th. The course is geared toward any amateur who is interested in contesting, but doesn’t know much about how to actually do it. It will be focused heavily, but not exclusively, on HF contesting. Although equipment and antenna use specific to contesting will be discussed, it is expected that participants will be licensed Amateurs with a working knowledge of radio communications. A two hour session after the course will explore more advanced subjects and include an open Q&A session with experienced testers.

Topics presented during the course will include:

- History of and reasons to add contesting to your ham radio activities
- Types and modes of contesting including HF/VHF/UHF, SSB, CW, and RTTY contests.
- Selection and operation of equipment and antennas used in contesting
- How to effectively “Run” or “Search and Pounce”
- Use of the free N1MM+ logging program
- Preparing for, operating, and post-contest activities.
- Selection of the advanced subject topics is yet to be determined.

The course could help you or your club in upcoming Field Day operations.

South Carolina Educational Television has graciously made the Telecommunications Center in Columbia, SC available to us. We will start at 9 AM and expect to finish by lunch. We will return after lunch for more in-depth discussion for those who desire it. Classroom seating is ample, but limited. Please RSVP Dave Fuseler, NJ4F to reserve your seat.

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Location:
SC ETV Telecommunications Center
1041 George Rogers Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29201

HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

Mark your Calendars! Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College January 2017

05/07/2016 *Blue Ridge ARS Hamfest* Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds 575 Fairgrounds Rd. Spartanburg, SC 29301 <http://brars.org> Blue Ridge ARS Talk In: 146.610- (No PL) Contact: Robert Webster WR8RW 864-663-9792 wr8rw@mail.com

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

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Meeting Refreshments List:

2016

March 2016: George and Betty

April 2016: Open

May 2016: Buddy

June 2016: Open

July 2016: Open

August 2016: Open

September 2016: Open

October 2016: George and Betty

November 2016:

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 on APRS: <http://aprs.fi>

Classifieds:



2 Meter Magnet Mount whip. Would like to trade for a dual band handheld antenna. Contact Stephen Lyda stephenlyda@yahoo.com

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

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