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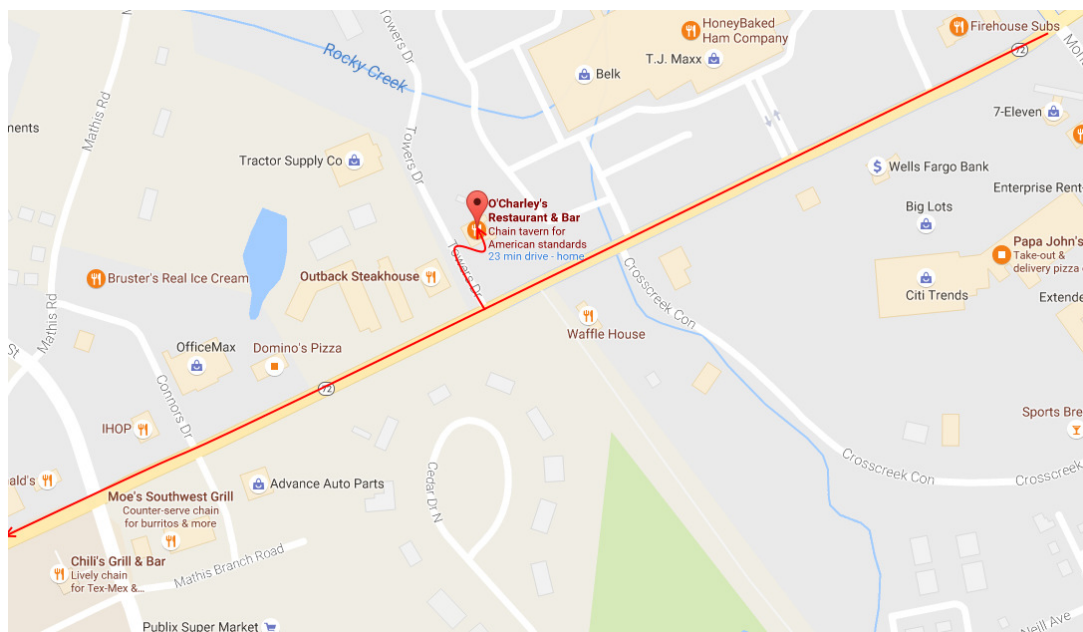
DECEMBER

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December Meeting

This month's club meeting is replaced with our annual Christmas Dinner. This will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM at O'Charley's on the bypass in Greenwood



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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

Infrastructure Update

Analog Repeaters are up.

DMR and D-Star is up.

Fusion coming soon!

Echolink is up.

APRS iGate is up.

Packet Node is up connected to the Carolinas Packet System. 145.010

Downtown Digi coming soon. (equipment is sourced!)

Repeater Linking Project coming soon! (equipment is sourced!)

Society Events:



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Chat 'N' Chew

Every Friday at 11:30am the members of the Greenwood Amateur Radio society meet at a local restaurant. Please check on the radio to see the new location. Everyone is welcome to have lunch or sip your favorite beverage and chat for a while. **Dutch treat.**

Weekly Nets

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

VE Exam Session

The GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, February 7th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The address is 2330 Cokesbury Rd Greenwood SC 29649-9515 We hope to see you there. Please contact Buddy Willis W4DEW w4dew@arrl.net

Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Athur Gillespie KJ4UAU	Dec 7
Fred Pinson K9PIN	Dec 10
Jim Gresham AK4EK	Dec 31
Eldora Keck KB4YON	Dec 31
Joe Suddeth KK4RVC	Jan 4
Buddy Willis W4DEW	Jan 7
Kin Maffett KJ4BAK	Jan 13
Tyrone Sullivan KJ4FWM	Jan 13
Gail Davison	Jan 21

Happy Anniversary!

Darrell AF4E and Dena Manning
Dec 3
Bert KJ4VJ and Eldora KB4YON Keck
Dec 22
Cole KK4RVA and Jackie Floyd
Dec 24
Tommy KV4TH and Angela Owens
Jan 8

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #8593

When using zip ties, cut them flush so you don't hurt yourself on the sharp edge later.

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>



Want to Get Your Community Involved in Amateur Radio?

Get Involved in Your Community!

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I often hear hams lament that their communities show little interest in amateur radio. While this may be true, hams have to realize that community involvement is a two-way street. To get communities involved in amateur radio, amateur radio needs to be involved with the community.

Let me give you an example.

In early 2006, I decided to become more involved in community service. On a road trip to the Marshall Hamfest, one of the guys in our club—Jack, WT8N—mentioned that he was a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club. I told him that I would be interested in joining, and he agreed to sponsor me.

I joined the club in March 2006. Shortly after I joined, the executive director of the [Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum](#) spoke to our Rotary Club. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is a science museum that gives kids (and adults, too) real, hands-on experience with science and technology. There are, for example, exhibits that help kids learn about electricity, springs, weather, and other topics in science and technology.

As the director was speaking, the thought occurred to me that the museum would be a great place for an amateur radio station. I discussed my idea with Jack, and he agreed to work with me on the project. We then approached the museum director, who is also a Rotary Club member, and met to discuss our idea.

As we discussed the idea, he became very enthusiastic about the possibilities. Our original idea was to set up a permanent station there, but as they were in the process of remodeling, this wasn't immediately possible. Instead, we operated a series of special events throughout the fall of 2007 and into 2008. These events were very successful, so work began on establishing the permanent station. Working with the museum staff, we applied for and were granted a \$10,000 grant from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for the permanent station. In October 2008, we moved into the station and have been operating from there ever since.

We even have a vanity call sign for the station—WA2HOM. A2 stands for Ann Arbor; HOM stands for Hands-On Museum. Look us up on QRZ.Com.

I'm sure that my involvement with the Rotary Club was a big part of the enthusiastic response to our proposal. Membership in the Rotary Club, and other community service clubs, such as Kiwanis or the Optimists, give one, if not instant credibility, at least some measure of it. There's no doubt in my mind that my involvement with the Rotary Club was a factor in the museum deciding to become involved with amateur radio.

HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

Mark your Calendars! Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College January 2018

01/14/2017

Greenwood Hamfest

Piedmont Technical College,

James Medford Family Event Center

620 North Emerald Road Greenwood, SC 29646

<http://www.w4gwd.org/>

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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 whip antenna for sale, Best Offer. Contact Stephen Lyda KI4ZSY stephenlyda@yahoo.com

If you have any ideas for books you'd like to see in the GARS Library, Contact Mitch KJ4JGP

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