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The W4GWD Repeater Network

147.165+ t107.2

Echolink: 584003

443.900+ t107.2

W4GWM/R

145.420- DV

W4DEW/R

146.910- t123.0

WJ4X/R

442.600+ t107.2 / DV

Infrastructure Update

Analog Repeaters are up.

DMR and D-Star is up.

Fusion is up.

Echolink is up.

APRS iGate is up.

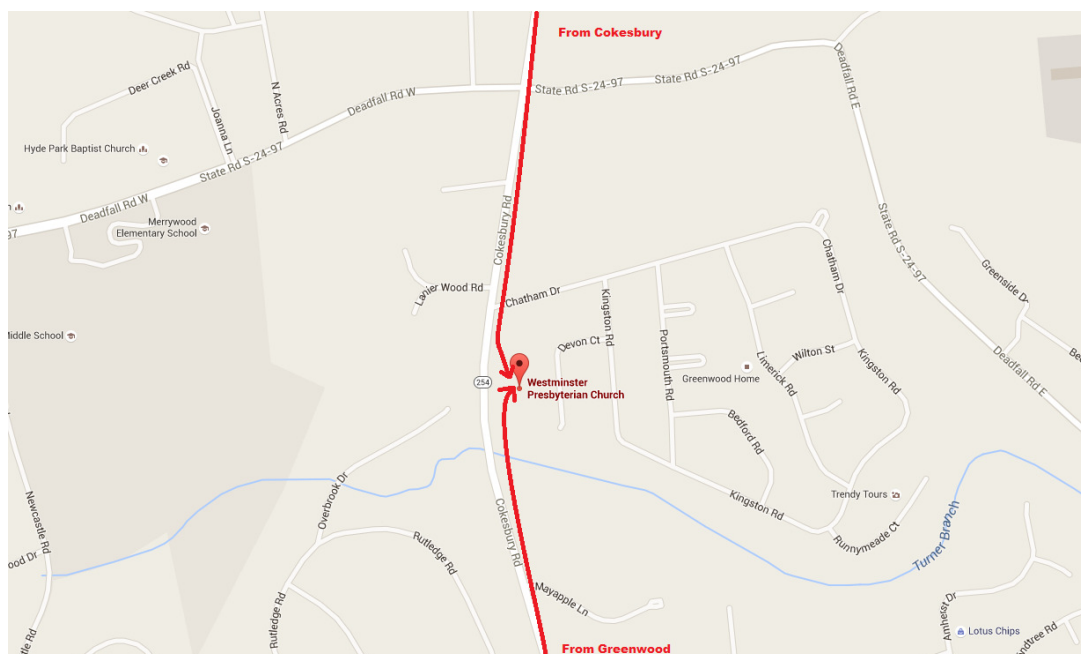
Packet Node is up connected to the Carolinas Packet System. 145.010

Downtown Digi coming soon. (equipment is sourced!)

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

April Meeting

This month's club meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood, SC. The new meeting date is on the 2nd Tuesday, which will be the 11th this month. Meeting starts at 7:30 Sharp.



Society Events:



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If you have any ideas for books you'd like to see in the GARS Library, Contact Mitch K14JGP

Chat 'N' Chew

Every Friday at 11:30am the members of the Greenwood Amateur Radio society meet at a local restaurant. Please check in on radio to hear 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, April 4th 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!

Betsy Russ	Apr. 5
Tedd Davison AI4WN	Apr. 26
Cindy Penman KK4WJQ	Apr. 26

Happy Anniversary!

Homer WB4MLU and Ethel Banks
Mar. 19
Teddy AE4TJ and Ashley Johnson
Apr. 1

Phil's Corner:

Hamisms #912

Remember when assembling Power-poles, use a proper crimper

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>



More Repeaters

What gives the repeater owner the right to tell someone how to operate?

All repeaters have rules. These rules often go beyond Part 97. And, users who refuse to comply with the repeater's rules can be told to stop using the repeaters. This is entirely at the judgment of the repeater trustees. Rule 97.205(e) says, "...Limiting the use of a repeater to only certain user stations is permissible." There are no qualifications – ifs, ands, or buts – to this rule. This isn't just the right to close a repeater. In fact, the ARRL says, "...a repeater does not have to be listed as being "closed" in The ARRL Repeater Directory in order to have a limited access." (Source: The ARRL's FCC Rule Book) The terms "open" and "closed" don't appear in the regulations at all! Listing a repeater as "open" means you don't have to be a member in order to use it. But, you still must follow the rules of the repeater. The FCC supports a trustee's right to control the use of their repeaters. The letter reproduced below is an example. On Dec. 13, 2001, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth wrote to a Mr. Banks because he had not stopped using a repeater when asked. (Reading between the lines it seems that Mr. Banks must have argued that the repeater was "open".) Mr. Hollingsworth explained that a repeater doesn't need to be "closed" for a trustee to require compliance among the users. Banks had to comply or expect FCC enforcement action. Please take time read this letter. The FCC can be reached at 717-338-2502 if you wish to discuss this. "A repeater is not a public utility - you don't have a "right" to use it! When you are using someone else's repeater you are, in effect, a visitor in the owner's station. So, you should conduct yourself accordingly. If you use that station in a manner that the owner finds objectionable, that person has every right to revoke your privilege of using it!" Beyond the FCC minimum requirements, it's up to each repeater owner to set their own operating rules. A repeater user needs to try to fit in. If the rules for the repeaters are uncomfortable for you and do not suit your personal needs or style we encourage you to try other repeaters or even try talking on simplex.

HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

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

Blue Ridge ARS's 58th Annual Hamfest
HAMFEST/CONVENTION
05/06/2017
Start Date: 05/06/2017
End Date: 05/06/2017
Location: Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds
575 Fairgrounds Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Website: <https://www.blueridgears.org/brars/>
Sponsor: Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.610 (No PL Tone)
Public Contact: Robert Webster , WR8RW
3 Beaver Brook Court Taylors, SC 29687
Phone: 864-663-9792
Email: wr8rw@mail.com

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will hold the **45th Annual RARSFest** and **2017 ARRL Roanoke Division Convention** Saturday, April 15 at the NC State Fairgrounds-Jim Graham Building, 1025 Blue Ridge Road. Website: www.rars.org. Talk-in 146.64. VE exams, DXCC/WAS/WAC/VUCC card checking.

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

TS-570DB Hf Transceiver – Mint condition Astron SS30 Power Supply – Mint condition Kenwood Speaker – Mint condition Reduced to \$650 David McCall W4MCC 943-0181

Get into DMR quick and easy! Connect Systems 750, \$200 w/ software and cable 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; 864-445-7574

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