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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 are up.

Fusion is up.

Echolink is still down, undergoing technical evaluation.

APRS iGate is up.

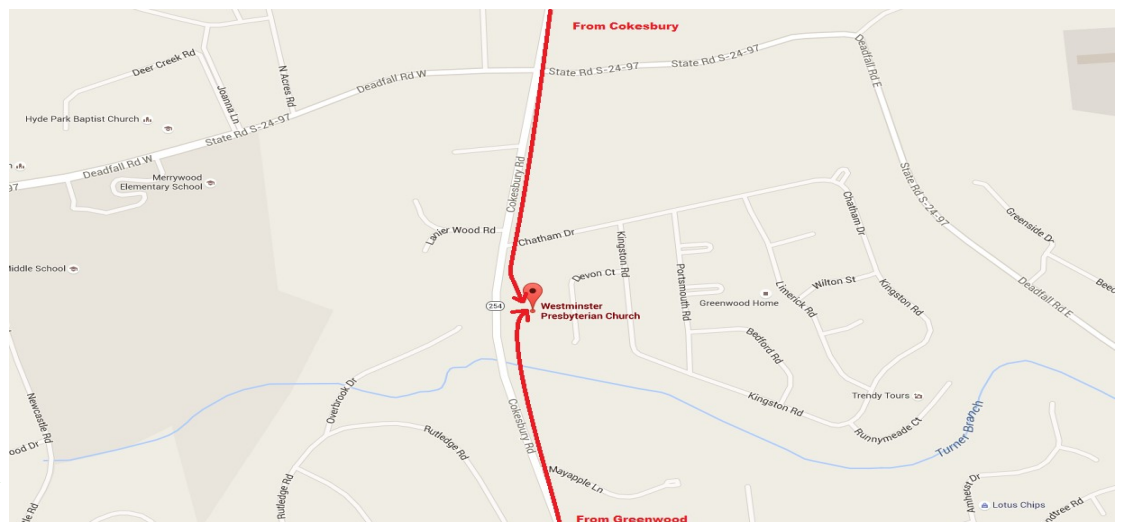
Packet Node is down, when up it is connected to the Carolinas Packet System at 145.010

Downtown Digi is up and operational

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2020 Meeting

Our Club meets at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood, SC. We normally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month making our January meeting on the 14th.



Greenwood Amateur Society Recurring 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 in to our Monday or Thursday radio net weekly, as locations change. 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

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

VE Exam Session

The GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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

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

Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Buddy Willis	W4DEW	Jan. 7
Kin Maffett	KJ4BAK	Jan. 13
Gail Davison	Family mbr	Jan. 21

Happy Anniversary!

Tommy (K4XB) & Angela Owens
Jan. 8

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>





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The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society held its annual Christmas Banquet on December 10th at Fat Daddy's BBQ. Twenty one people attended, three less than last year, all had a great time talking and eating good BBQ. President David Russ, K4DWR, welcomed everyone, said a few remarks, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mike Wills, KA4CSM, presented the "Golden Mic" award to Kin Maffett, for his support of the club.

The Golden Mic Award was created by Adam Shirley, WJ4X, in 2008. Quoting Adam, "It started out as me playing a joke on David, AJ4PU. David had a very bad habit of timing out the repeater. He did it a lot. So to fun him a little bit at the Christmas Dinner that year I had the plaque made by the "Sign Man" and gave it to David in honor of having a *Golden Mic*. Well David, being the kind of fella he is, decided to pass it on to another person the next year and it evolved into more of an appreciation award. The person who receives it decides who will get it and the criteria for which it is given at the next Christmas Banquet

2008	David Haynes	AJ4PU	
2009	Gay Willis	W4GSW	SK2010
2010	Jean Farmer	W4KKA	
2011	Joe Mimms	K4GBH	SK2015
2012	Buddy Willis	W4DEW	
2013	Tedd Davison	AI4WN	
2014	Adam Shirley	WJ4X	
2015	Tommy Owens	KV4TH	
2016	Fred Pinson	K9PIN	NOW K4RM
2017	George Crane	W3RXF	
2018	Mike Wills	KA4CSM	
2019	Kin Maffett	KJ4BAK	

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**Billy has 7 ham radios.
He just bought 2 more.
What does Billy have now?**



Happiness. Billy has Happiness.

An Ode To the Code

In days of old, when ops were bold,
And sideband had not been invented,
Words were passed by pounding brass,
And all were quite contented.

Unknown



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Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Hamfest

January 11, 2020 will be here before you know it. Plan on attending your clubs annual Hamfest at Piedmont Technical College in The James Medford Family Event Center. Bring your family and invite all your friends. On Friday January 10 the venue will be open and available for vendors to set up their tables from 2-5 p.m. If you are looking for a way to contribute something to the club this would be a good opportunity. Help is always needed in setting up, assisting vendors and in the parking lot. Tables are available for \$10.00 per with an additional \$10.00 if 117VAC power is needed. All vendors, retail and others, may only setup at designated areas inside the building venue.

On January 11, the venue will be opened for vendor setup from 7-9 a.m. At 9 a.m. the doors will be opened to the public. Adult admission is \$8.00, club members and children 12 and younger are free. People coming for the VE license exam are not required to pay an admission fee unless they will be attending the Hamfest, in that case they will pay the \$8.00.

The point of contacts are Tedd Davison, at AI4WN@ARRL.net and Buddy Willis, at W4DEW@ARRL.net

See you there!!

We are doing something a little different this year in that our hamfest is our sole fund raising event of the year. Wouldn't it be great if many of our members would donate a piece of ham related equipment. Please bring it in and leave it at the club table. All proceeds will go into the club's account.

Thank you, Tedd AI4WN

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Its that time of the year again. If you are interested in volunteering for the nomination committee , should one be needed, now would be a good time to do so. Please contact Dave Russ , k4dwrsc@gmail.com. Our club couldn't continue to operate if it weren't for those members who step up and volunteer. In addition to our club's officers there are many "unsung hero's" who operate behind the scenes and do things like maintain our repeaters, cut grass, organize activities, net controllers, presentations givers etc. *What are you doing for our club?* If you are not involved please consider it.



Pease mark your calendars. Annual dues for the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) are due to Tedd Davison AI4WN, by April 1. \$25.00 per individual membership, plus \$2.00 for spouse, plus \$2.00 more per student.



A big shout out to Tommy, K4XB for programing and getting me talking on my Nex-Gen Commander hot spot.

Mike

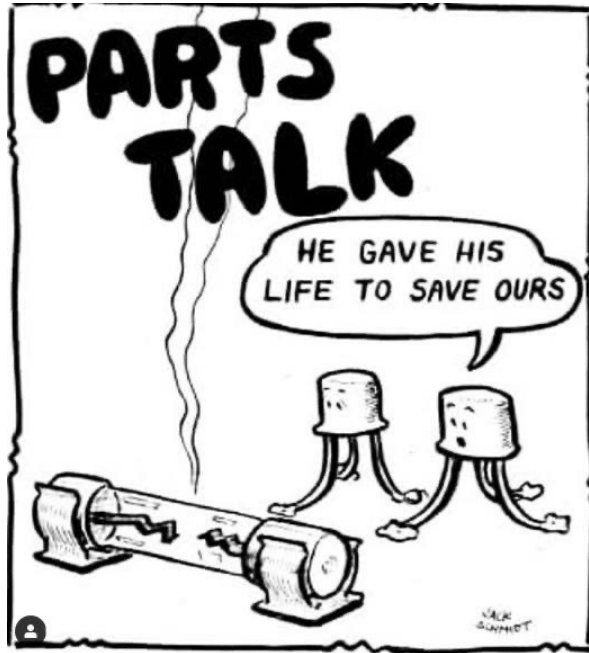
Interesting link from Radio News, Amateur's Handibook, Volume 1, 1924

<https://www.americanradiohistory.com/Archive-Radio-News/Radio-News-Amateurs'-Handbook-1st-1924.pdf?sfns=mo>



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Interesting article about one of our own, Tom Blease, KO4CM and his nephew.

<http://saludastandard-sentinel.com/index.php/latest/625-championship-goes-worldwide>

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Whats so funny, AF5NP



Something new hams need to be aware of is a less-than-obvious bit of old-timey ham-speak still in use.

You may hear a ham say, “hi” or “hihi” over the air or in person or in writing, and, curiously, their particular use of the term, “hi” is not in context of a greeting.

In ham-speak the term “hi” means laughter. Often doubled (hihi), it’s a ham’s way of expressing a humorous response. So when a ham says, “hi” (s)he is laughing at something. Kind of like saying LOL in a text message or web post.

Where did this come from? In the early days of amateur radio, CW was the only mode so all communications were in Morse code. The word HI in Morse is dit-dit-dit-dit dit-dit, (•••• ••) which sounds like an electronic chuckle. Quickly adopted, hams have been using “hi” for laughter decades after voice and other modes were added to our radio amateur repertoire.

We’ll wrap up with a ham joke: *Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent.* Hihi

HAMFESTS & EVENTS

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Hamfest
January 11, 2020 Piedmont Technical College,
POC [Tedd Davison](#), AI4WN

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- * 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 GARS weekly nets: 147.165 2m Net Thursdays 9 p.m.
443.900 70cm Net Mondays 8 p.m.
 - * Callsign info <http://www.ae7q.com>*
 - * Track us on APRS: <http://aprs.fi>,
 - * Swamp Fox Contest Group <http://swampfoxcontestgroup.com>

Classifieds:

Classifieds will be run for 3 consecutive months then removed. They may be may be posted again after a 3 month period. 3 on then 3 off.

No classifieds submitted.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. Please contact me at Mike31406@gmail.com with any ideas/comments/suggestions etc.

Mike