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The W4GWD Repeater Network

147.165+ t107.2

Echo link: 584003

443.900+ t107.2

W4GWM/R

145.420- DV

W4DEW/R

146.910- t123.0



The 2m (147.165) and 440 (443.900) Analog Repeaters are both up.

The GARS D-Star repeater is up.

Repeater Linking: our 2m and 440 repeaters are not linked during nets but will be during special occasions

November 2023

The next GARS monthly meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood on November 14, 2023 beginning at 7:30 pm. The doors will be open at 7:00 pm for members to have a time of fellowship and setup for the meeting. Hope to see you all there



Greenwood Amateur Society Recurring Events:



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Chat 'N' Chews

Begin gathering at 1115 at different locations each week. Kin KJ4BAK will announce locations on both the Monday and Thursday night nets. 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 nets. If you would like to become a net controller or a backup please contact [Kevan Nason, N4XL](#).

VE Exam Session

The next VE testing session is on December 5, at 7 p.m.. It will be held in the same room as our regular meetings at the Westminster Presbyterian church, 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood SC. Please contact [Tommy Owens, K4XB](#) with any questions. No walk-ins, please preregister with Tommy, K4XB.

Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Al West

KB4RA

Nov. 15

None to report



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Dave KY4GM was net controller for our simplex net on 147.570. It was held on 11-26 immediately after the last Thursday of the months 2 meter net. We had a total of 8 stations check in. I (KA4CSM) could only hear Dave KY4GM. At our next simplex net It would be interesting to know who you could hear.



The iMagine STEAM festival was held in downtown Greenwood on October 21, 2023. GARS participants were: Russ Myrick KN4TUI, Kevan Nason N4XL, George Crane W3RXF, Jack Whitt KN4SIK, David Collins N4WDC, David Davenport KY4GM, Al West KB4RA, Mitch KJ4JGP, Kin KJ4BAK, Stephen KA4PQA, Carlis KG4RIT, Earl KC4AXY, Di N4DLL, and David Collins' son, Sean, who helped with the bead bracelets.

Thank you to all that participated, brought equipment, helped with setup, contributed to making this a big success, and highlighted amateur radio in our community and to Di, N4DLL who put it all together.





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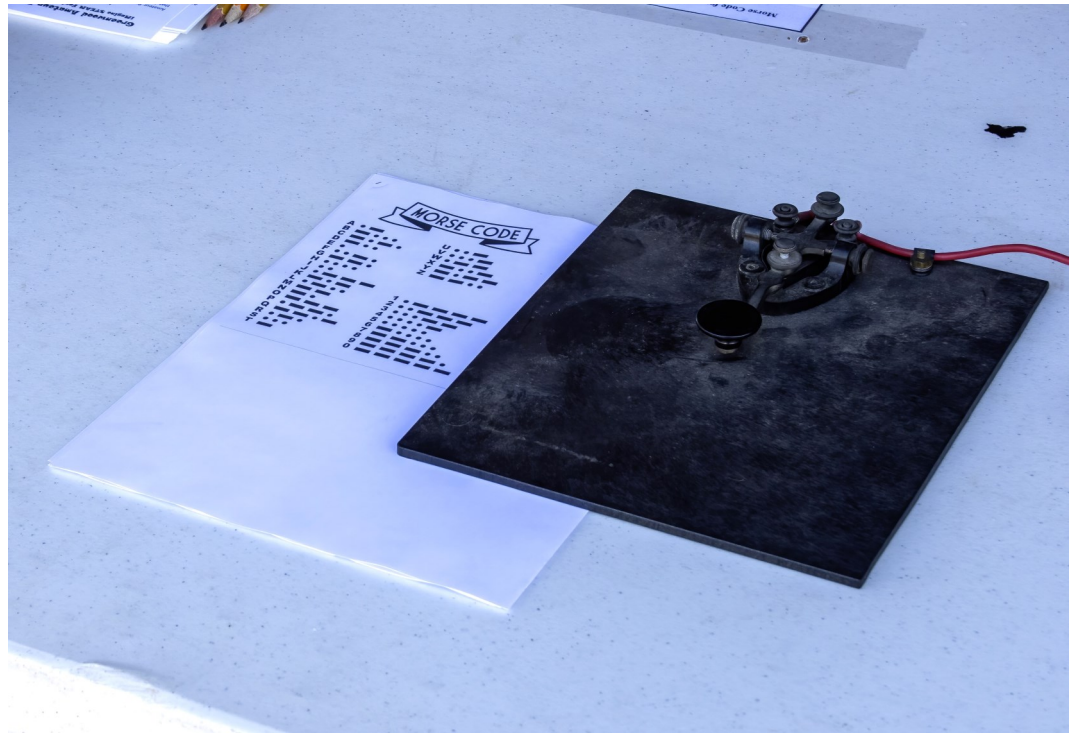
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Difficult to identify above but what you are seeing on the left is a printout of each alphabet character with its corresponding morse code to its right. A morse code keyer is at top of the dark area. Participants then taped out their names on the keyer. Then at several station set up similarly to this (see below,) participants were asked to write their names or something of interest in morse code. Then, using color coded beads strung them and made then into a bracelet.





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Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served

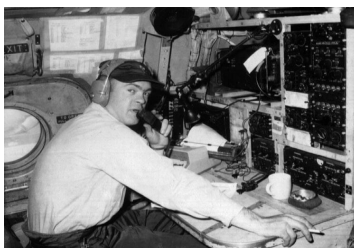


Veterans Day is November 11, 2023 . It is a time to remember our veterans and the many sacrifices they made during their service to our country. Some of you have served our country in many different ways. For one reason or another you have chosen not to have your names listed here. The time you spent as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, whether it be in peacetime or in harms way, is something you should be proud of; your Nation is. Thank you and for you Vietnam Vets; Welcome Home.

Dave Russ, K4DWR, LTC (ret), Medical Service Corps, AIRBORNE!!!, Some highlights of my Army career was the time spent in the 5th Special Forces Group April 73 and the 82nd Airborne Division as a Medical Platoon Leader at Fort Bragg NC. My last assignment was as a Medical Administrative Officer at Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR with the 2/508 Parachute Inf. Regiment. I retired in May 2000

Kevan Nason, N4XL, MMC(SS) ret. Assignments included Engineering & Watch Supervisor on two Ballistic Missile submarines, member of commissioning crew for a new construction Fast Attack boat, Lead Nuclear Planner on a destroyer Tender, Reactor Plant Technology Instructor, and Nuclear Prototype Instructor.

Michael Wills, KA4CSM, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) ret. US Army, 1969-1993, Vietnam 70-71, started career as a turbine engine repairman and served the next 20 years in the Field Artillery mostly on 105mm and 8" howitzers. Retired as a Brigade CSM.



Allen West, KB4RA, United States Navy 1962-1966, ATN2. This picture was taken in 1964 or 65 over the North Atlantic at about 5000 feet which was our working altitude. Bumpy rides most of the time at that altitude. Served as an airborne radio operator and technician in VW-11 for two years. Based in Argentina, Newfoundland, and Keflavik, Iceland. Crewmember on EC-121-K Lockheed Super Constellations in the North Atlantic as an airborne extension of the Dew Line radar defense during the Cold War era.. Tracked the Russian Bear aircraft flying down the Atlantic supporting Cuba. See Bio. of VO1NWP on QRZ.com for

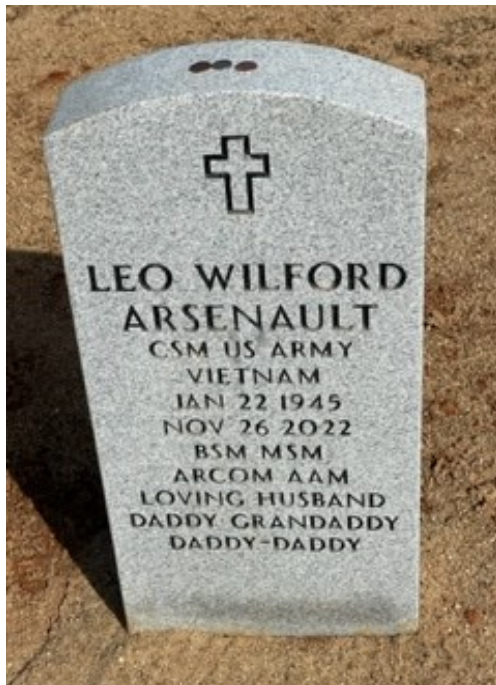
more information. During my tenure I had the pleasure of watching an island being born off the coast of Iceland, now called Surtsey, (See Wikipedia.) The volcano that built Surtsey is now dormant but I saw it before it broke the surface as a hole in the ocean.

Ken Trapnell, KQ4RB Army Veteran who was on active duty from 1968-71.



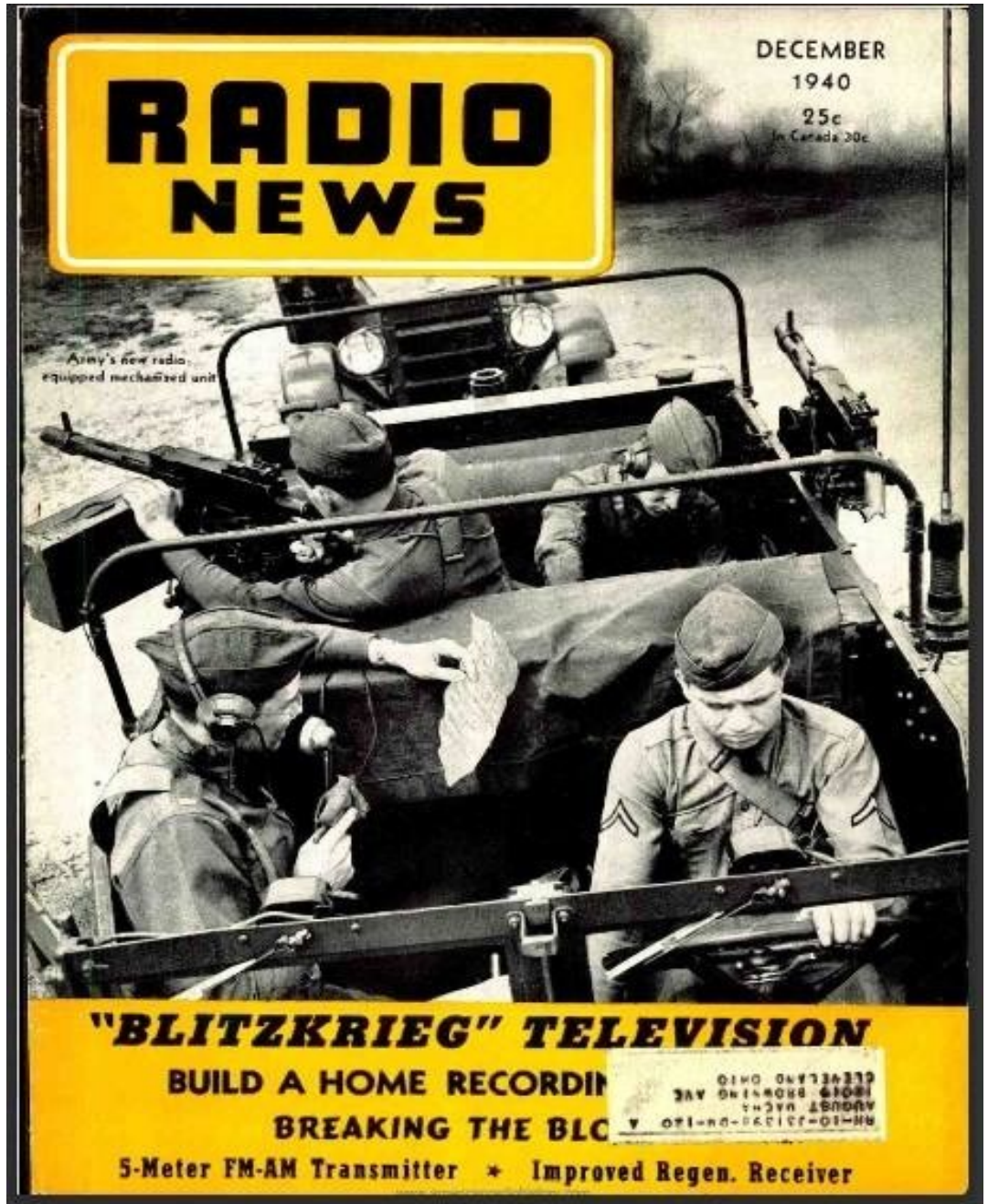
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A Patriotic song by Sailor Jerri, titled "Hallelujah— Veterans version"

<https://youtu.be/msYPbjFC50w>

Walkie talkies & Operation Gold Rush

[https://www.army.mil/article/255952/
walkie_talkies_and_operation_gold_rush?dmd&linkId=165386472&fs=e&s=c1](https://www.army.mil/article/255952/walkie_talkies_and_operation_gold_rush?dmd&linkId=165386472&fs=e&s=c1)



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Using spots to work HF stations? By Kevan, N4XL

This screen shot from DX Summit was in a post to the CWOPS reflector:

Oh brother.....
de Doug KR2Q

NO3K	18085.0	E2C	00:16 20 Oct	up 1	Thailand
E20HHK-@	18085.0	T2C	00:13 20 Oct	cq up gud sig few taker	Tuvalu
K3FGO	18085.0	E2C	00:07 20 Oct		Thailand
WB6CJT	18085.0	T2C	23:45 19 Oct	correct CALL!	Tuvalu
W9DX-@	18085.0	T2C	23:43 19 Oct	CW, up 1	Tuvalu
KA2D	18085.0	T2C	23:42 19 Oct	QSX 18086 up	Tuvalu
WG5G	18085.0	E2C	23:41 19 Oct	wked qrp up 1 kc	Thailand
T2C-@	18085.0	T2C	23:30 19 Oct	up1	Tuvalu

This problem isn't limited to DX Summit. It happens on every platform that provides spots. Lesson learned is never trust spots. Always listen to the actual call before logging a contact.

If you aren't sure what's wrong, look closer at the callsigns E2C and T2C. What are the odds two stations with similar calls are on the same frequency at the nearly the same time? An experienced HF operator would also question if propagation would likely be available to both Thailand and Tuvalu from United States regions K2, K3, K5 and K9 at the same time. Thailand is usually difficult to hear. (Although US callsigns are no longer assigned by region you still generally find the number represents geographical area more times than not.) There will undoubtedly be some disappointed Hams wanting QSL confirmation with Thailand. T2C is a DXpedition in Tuvalu at the time the spots were generated. It is very very unlikely E2C is a valid call.

Radio at War—undated

[WSGN-Birmingham-Radio-at-War.pdf](#)

Please contact [Jack](#) Witt KN4SIK if you have any comments or suggestions the GARS library. It is there for GARS members use. The Wall locker is unlocked. If you'd like to checkout a book, find one you like and take it, then email Jack your name and its title.



HAMFESTS & EVENTS

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Hamfest, James Medford Center at Piedmont Tech, January 13, 2024 **Regrettably our hamfest has been canceled, details to follow.**

CLASSIFIEDS

Nothing submitted



- * The American Radio Relay League protects our rights as Amateur Radio Operators <http://www.arri.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>



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

Mike



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Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Silent Key Memorial

Established in Memory of all Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Radio Operators who were club members and are now Silent Keys. They were friends, family, & fellow hams and all are missed. Page 1 of 2

Call	First name last name	Date of Death
KK4WJQ	Cynthial Penman	Saturday, February 25, 2023
WB4KXE	Harvey Hill	Friday, October 07, 2022
W8PC	Bob Skutt	Friday, July 22, 2022
N2OEE	Bob Wiener *	Tuesday, April 12, 2022
AJ4PU	David Haynes *	Friday, November 26, 2021
KB4YON	Eldora Keck	Thursday, October 14, 2021
WD4BWK	Franklin Mitchell	Saturday, September 25, 2021
KE4NL	Bill Sargent	Sunday, August 29, 2021
W3COX	Jim Cox *	Friday, July 16, 2021
KC4JUC	John March	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
KI4WJO	Jewell Mimms	Tuesday, July 14, 2020
AK4EK	Jim Gresham *	Tuesday, July 07, 2020
WB4MLU	Homer Banks	Sunday, June 07, 2020
KC4UU	Jo Henry *	Sunday, October 06, 2019
WW4I	Phil Henry *	Tuesday, January 01, 2019
KJ4VJ	Bert Keck *	Tuesday, October 23, 2018
AD4XA	Charles Pruitt	Saturday, October 06, 2018
KG4WRC	Don Finlayson	Monday, March 13, 2017
N4IDL	Jack Wheless	Tuesday, January 17, 2017
KN4D	Max Sisson	Saturday, November 12, 2016
K4GBH	Joe Mimms *	Tuesday, December 29, 2015
KV4IAV	Marion Elledge *	Sunday, December 27, 2015
KC4JWM	Alice Taylor *	Friday, December 11, 2015
K4FPF	Paul Valentino	Saturday, May 23, 2015
KC4KZ	Don Henderson *	Friday, April 03, 2015
W4PY	Warren Wise *	Saturday, February 14, 2015
KD4YPI	Todd Hendrix	Saturday, March 08, 2014
KD4BKV	Margaret Fort	Monday, September 16, 2013
KF4Y	Jim Long	Thursday, November 10, 2011
WA4DLB	Harry Davis	Thursday, November 11, 2010
W4GSW	Gay Willis *	Wednesday, August 11, 2010
K4DOK	Morton Sanders	Tuesday, June 15, 2010
W4LS.	George Miller	Thursday, August 13, 2009
W4JAK	Allen Kennemore	Monday, June 29, 2009
KC4IEL	Brenton Bailey	Friday, May 15, 2009



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KE4QQS	Stanley Green	Saturday, September 27, 2008
WA4TNO	George Fort	Tuesday, June 10, 2008
KA4OPC	Paul Savage *	Thursday, January 10, 2008
KD4BBZ	Richard Gillian *	Friday, February 02, 2007
K4HAN	Ancel Ouzts	Wednesday, June 21, 2006
KB4CK	Guy Copland *	Monday, April 17, 2006
K4HIH	Richard Addison	Saturday, April 15, 2006
KG4LEZ	James Shiles *	Sunday, January 01, 2006
KC4GZV	Walter Davis	Sunday, May 16, 2004
KA4PQA	Odel Lyda *	Thursday, September 25, 2003
WA9FWO	Franklin Kolar Jr *	Saturday, August 09, 2003
WD4JOU	Walt Spearman *	Monday, June 30, 2003
W4WQM	Margaret Duchett	Thursday, June 19, 2003
KC4MQA	Elbert Shirley	Sunday, January 12, 2003
KB4BUR	Nell Spearman *	Sunday, November 17, 2002
KC4CMF	Fred McKinney *	Thursday, April 04, 2002
K4QMY	Dan Hammett	Friday, September 28, 2001
KC4ZJP	Cecil Sutton *	Thursday, January 25, 2001
WA4JOS	Robert Buffington	Saturday, August 12, 2000
WV4B	Glen Jennings	Friday, January 14, 2000
K4VIA	Earle Gillian *	Monday, January 12, 1998
KC4JWL	James Taylor *	Monday, January 13, 1997
KC4LSN	JR Labron Jones *	Thursday, March 21, 1996
WA4TME	Brenda Fort	Tuesday, October 25, 1994
KD4EHP	Anne Miller	Thursday, March 24, 1994
W8MID	Jack Mc Guffee	Monday, September 07, 1992
N4LTL	James Wellmaker	Tuesday, February 05, 1991