

# The Signal Report

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## 2023 CLUB

### OFFICERS

#### President

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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 down, power supply is on order.

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

## January 2024

## Happy New Year



The next GARS monthly meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood on January 9, 2024 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 February 6, 2024, 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!

Joe Suddeth	KK4RVC	Jan 4
Buddy Willis	W4DEW	Jan 7
Christopher Ahlf	KQ4GGG	Jan 8
Kin Maffett	KJ4BAK	Jan 13
Gail Davison	fmly mbr	Jan 21

### Happy Anniversary!

Tommy (K4XB) & Angela Owens	Jan 8
Dave Richmond (AG4DR) & Suzanne Richmond (N4IEO)	Jan 20

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Its nearing 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 [Russell Myrick, KN4TUI](#) if interested. 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, organize activities, publish newsletters, provide material for newsletters, net controllers, presentation givers, VE team etc. *What are you doing for our club?* If you are currently not involved please consider it.





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participating in a Winter Field  
Day on Jan 27/28 2024.



The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society held its annual Christmas Banquet on December 12th at the Outback Steakhouse in Greenwood. President Russell Myrick, KN4TUI, welcomed everyone, said a few remarks, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mitch Litwer KJ4JGP presented the "Golden Mic" award to Mike Wills, KA4CSM for publishing the monthly newsletter for over seven years.

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 SK2021

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

2020 & 2021 No Christmas Dinner held due to COVID

2022 Mitch KJ4JGP & Di Litwer N4DLL

2023 Mike Wills KA4CSM

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Our Christmas/Holiday dinner had a great turnout with over 24 coming. I was honored to receive the Golden Mic award. Had the room noise level not been so loud, I would have thanked Mitch & Di for the selection. I would have said that the newsletter is a culmination of many people submitting articles etc. It would have been much more difficult without their input. Keep your [comments and articles coming](#). Mitch said next year he will look for a quieter venue, perhaps even being catered at the church.

*Mike*





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## Section Traffic Manager, November 2023 reports by Dean, N4AJK

Net / Check Ins / Traffic / Sessions / Reported By

Anderson Radio Club 2m Net / 507 / 27 / 27 / W3SUE

Blue Ridge 2 Meter Net / 1633 / 38 / 30 / W4DJW

C.A.R.E.S. Net / 27 / 1 / 4 / N6WWG

Carolinas Net / 309 / 110 / 60 / AA4MP

FARC / 67 / 16 / 5 / WB6GUC

Greater Pee Dee 2m Net / 886 / 52 / 30 / KK4KSZ

Greenwood ARC 2m Net / 56 / 3 / 5 / N4XL

Greenwood ARC 70cm Net / 32 / 4 / 4 / N4XL

Kershaw ARC 2m Net / 100 / 8 / 8 / KK4RUI

Lancaster County 2m Net / 27 / 0 / 3 / N4WMB

Ridge ARC VHF Net / 122 / 13 / KD4HDR

Ridge ARC HF Net / 12 / 3 / 3 / KD4HDR

SC Statewide ARES HF Net / 79 / 3 / 4 / KN4KRZ

SC Midlands ARES Training Net / 29 / 5 / 3 / KN4KRZ

SC Heart Training Net / 187 / 0 / 4 / KQ4KK

SCSSB Net / 1216 / 95 / 30 / KG4RUE

South Carolina VHF/UHF ARES Net / 283 / 4 / 2 / KI4RAX

Sumter County EmComm Net / 52 / 11 / 4 / KK4HFG

Trident Amateur Radio Club / 49 / 6 / 4 / K4TCP

YCARS / 563 / 0 / 30 / KO4IC

York County ARES / 40 / 0 / 3 / KO4ICI



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## **The passing of Doug Anderson W4NWS**, forwarded by Kevan Nason, N4XL

NWS Columbia's Observing Program Leader (OPL) Doug Anderson passed away Thursday morning after suffering an unexpected serious health condition on Monday.

He grew up in Oregon. Doug enlisted in the Air Force in the early 1980s, served on active duty for 24 years, and retired as a Master Sergeant. His military service included deployments to Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, twice to Korea for Army support, Eielson Air Force Base Alaska, and Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina. His last duty position was as a Detachment Chief and his military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal. Doug served as a DOD technician at Shaw Air Force Base after his retirement to assist service members with the transition to the weather hub concept of operations. He worked in operations for the Columbia Metropolitan Airport after his position was eliminated by the DOD during sequestration. Doug joined the NWS at the Weather Service Office in Bethel, Alaska in 2013 as a Meteorological Technician. He returned to South Carolina in 2015 as a Hydrometeorological Technician at NWS Columbia.

He received an on station promotion to the OPL position in 2020. He led one of the best OPL programs in the NWS with multiple Holm and Jefferson Award recipients, experimental observing platform demonstrations, and was consistently near the top in paperwork scores. He also served as a workplace violence advocate and received formal recognition from NOAA for his accomplishments and advocacy. Doug served as NWS Columbia's NWSEO Union Steward from 2018 to 2023. He provided essential support and partnership to his Meteorologist-in-Charge during and after the COVID pandemic. He helped address the concerns of employees regarding workplace changes, extensive telework, vaccine mandates, and the return to the office in 2022.

Doug was an avid amateur radio operator and led the office's SKYWARN Spotter Program. His last day in office was hosting volunteers during the annual SKYWARN Spotter Appreciation Day with more than thirty participants, static exhibits, and multiple tours and presentations.



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The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) VE team led by Tommy Owens K4XB held a Ve testing session on December 5, 2023.

They had three candidates take and pass the Technician exam. Unfortunately none were from our club. Of those all three took the General with one passing. That one also took the Extra exam and passed. Making for a clean sweep, he came in without a license and 2 hours later left with an Extra class. **You can do it too.**

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Two free Ham Radio Classes will be taught this Winter online using Zoom. Forwarded by Kevan, N4XL

An Extra Class will start on January 9th and run through April 30th (16 weeks). The class meets on Tuesday nights, from 6:30 to 8:30PM. The class will use the ARRL Extra Class License Manual, Twelfth Edition.

The class is free. The class will be taught virtually, using the Zoom software. Class size is limited to 25 students. This class will also be streamed live and recorded for later viewing on the W4EEY YouTube channel.

A Technician Class will start on January 10th and run through March 13th (10 weeks). The class meets on Wednesday nights, from 6:30 to 8:30PM. The class will use the ARRL Ham Radio Technician License Manual, Fifth Edition.

The class is free. The class will be taught virtually, using the Zoom software. Class size is limited to 25 students. This class will also be streamed live and recorded for later viewing on the W4EEY YouTube channel.

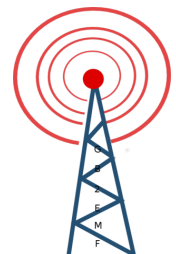
Instructors will be Gary W4EEY and Dave KE4EA.

To register for one of these free classes or for more information please contact Gary W4EEY by email at: [w4eey@arrl.net](mailto:w4eey@arrl.net)

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## Brief History Of The Radio From 1900 To 2023 Evolution

<https://www.radio4all.org/history-of-the-radio/>





### Tips on getting or upgrading your license

<http://www.qsradio.com/pass-your-test.html>

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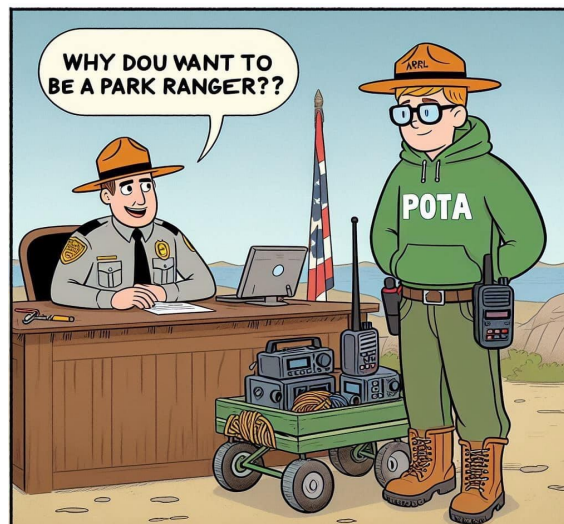
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Please contact [Jack Witt KN4SIK](#) if you have any comments or suggestions the GARS library. It is there for GARS members use. The Wall locker is unlocked. If you'd like to checkout a book, find one you like and take it, then [email Jack](#) your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



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## HAMFESTS & EVENTS

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Hamfest, James Medford Center at Piedmont Tech, January 13, 2024 **Regrettably our hamfest has been canceled for this year only**

[HamCation.com](#) 2-9-11, 2024, Orlando, Florida

[Dalton Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#), 2-24-24

[Charlotte Hamfest](#), 3-8-24

[Ridge Amateur Radio Club](#) Tailgate party, 4-6-24

[Raleigh Amateur Radio Society Hamfest](#), 4-6-24

## 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](mailto: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