



G.A.R.S. Monthly Newsletter

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OCTOBER MEETING

G.A.R.S. will meet October 16, 2006 at The Turner House on Bailey Circle at 7:00 pm for light refreshments and 7:30 for the monthly meeting.

The GARS Web page is up go to www.w4gwd.org and take a look. You can find this newsletter on the web sight each month too.

Club meetings are now listed in the Index Journal on page 2A each month under "Community Calendar". The Index-Journal's Community Calendar is a public reminder of special events and meetings sponsored by civic club, community groups and governing bodies for up to seven days of publication.

WELCOME

New Cub Member

Leo, K4LEO
WM EDWARD HENDERSON
102 AMHERST DRIVE
GREENWOOD, SC 29649

This is results of the Wellness Celebration September 16th at the mall. We had 14 club members to participate; also Governor Mark Sanford visited with our table. It was a good experience to promote amateur radio. Thanks to all volunteers.

RED CROSS REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Red Cross said their national policy requires everyone that works in a Red Cross Shelter to have a background check on file. This includes persons that are signed up at the last minute. The Red Cross has a contract with an on-line company that performs background checks. There is a fee for each background check and the Red Cross is currently picking up the cost. The results are only sent to one local Red Cross office. The Web site is <<http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com/arcvts>> and you must select the state map and then the local chapter.

Unfortunately, in this day and age it is critical that the American Red Cross and other agencies, employers and organizations perform due diligence in researching the people who will represent them. We hope volunteers, who have provided blood, sweat and tears in helping fulfill the mission of the American Red Cross will understand the importance of performing this due diligence.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to backgroundchecks@usa.redcross.org or 1(800)507-3960.

This may significantly impact Amateur Radio operators in the future. ARES membership will not allow you

access to a Red Cross shelter unless you have a background check.

ALERT

BALLOTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE MAIL IN NEXT FEW DAYS FOR ARRL MEMBERS TO VOTE...DON'T IGNORE....YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT...SEE BELOW.

Very Important Announcement for ARRL Members:

Hi, folks, this is to advise you that there is a competitive race for Roanoke Division Vice Director this year. See

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/08/23/4/?nc=1>

Also, I wish to solicit your vote for Les Shattuck, K4NK.

73, Buddy W4DEW

CHAT N' CHEW

Every Friday at 11:30am to 1pm at George's Family Steak House, 713 Bypass 25NE, Greenwood, 223-2707, a group meets to have lunch or sip your favorite beverage and chat for a while, (Dutch treat). Everyone is welcome to join.

WEEKLY NET

Every Thursday night at 9pm on 147.165+, Ms. Alice holds the weekly, Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Net Tell everyone that you see and talk to come by and check in with her. She is doing a fantastic job.

NEW NET On the frequency of 443.900 8pm each Tuesday night. This is an informal net with no net control where everyone just joins in and talks.

Ms. Alice KC4JWM will open the net and keep count of check-ins. Pass the word around for all that has the 440 capability to come and join in.

PRESIDENT'S CONNER

Well guys (and girls), another month and we are still kicking.

As most of you know My XYL and I visited KL7 land last month and had a wonderful time. Glaciers, Eagles etc but no Hams! Most of my old friends have moved or become inactive.

Seems like such a shame, but I know how that can happen. I often see the same thing here in the "Lower 48". That is, hams becoming uninterested and just dropping out. As well as growing and attracting new members, we need to keep our hobby interesting and our club fun if we want to maintain the hobby. Nothing will kill us off faster than a dull club and a flat hobby.

With that said, I want to encourage each member to stay involved in the hobby and our club. There are dozens of areas that are available to us that we often overlook. Things like public service, ATV, digital modes, running Elmer / ham schools and yes good old fashion CW or QRP! There are also jobs in our club that need fresh blood.

I mention this last point because I want you all to begin thinking about the upcoming election of officers in our club. Most of the present officers will have served 2 years in office and that means it's time for a change. Please don't think about who you can nominate for an office, think about what office best suits YOU. New blood isn't just a political slogan, it's a necessity!

So with that said I wish you all a great month and many happy contacts! Hope to see everyone at the club meeting October 16th.

73's
Dave (KL7FO)

UP COMING HAMFEST

14 Oct 2006* Amateur Radio Club of Augusta <http://www.qsl.net/w4dv/>

28 Oct 2006 * Sumter Amateur Radio Association
<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/hamfest.htm>

4-5 Nov 2006 * Georgia Section Convention (Stone Mountain Hamfest and Computer Expo) Alford Memorial Radio Club
<http://www.totr-radio.org>

11 Nov 2006 * South Carolina State Convention (14th Annual GSARC "Beachfest 2006") Grand Strand ARC
<http://www.w4gs.org/beachfest/>

13 Jan 2007 * Greenwood ARS
<http://www.w4gwd.org> Talk-In: 147.165 + (PL 107.2) Contact: Darrell Manning, KI4BST 719 Darlington Street Calhoun Falls, SC 29628-8969 Phone: 864-418-8969 or 864-379-4226 Email: dbmaning@wctel.net
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CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday October
Elaine Dukes KA4PLU October 27

Happy Anniversary October
None

Happy Birthday November
Brandon Smallwood KG4GSF Nov. 2
Gay Willis November 25
Harvey Hill WB4KXE Nov. 26
Betty Ann Cannon KF4BVK Nov.30

Happy Anniversary November
Buddy & Gay Willis November 28

Health Notes

Lets all remember the following people who are recovering from medical procedures:

Alice Taylor KC4JWM
Jewell Mimms
Marion Elledge KC4IAV

CLASSIFIED

For Sale by GARS" Mosley TA-33 beam antenna, 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. This beam is in good shape and

has been stored for years. The boom is missing. Asking \$150.

If anyone has anything they would like to sell or trade, that is Ham radio related, and wants to place it in this column, call me at 864-682-7374 or E-mail kf4bvk@backroads.net.

Next Newsletter Deadline November 13, 2006

HURRICANES FOR 2006

Alberto *
Beryl *
Chris *
Debby*
Ernesto *
Florence*
Gordon*
Helene *
Isaac *
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Michael
Nadine
Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sandy
Tony
Valerie
William

* Names that have already been used this season.

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF.....

1. YOUR WIFE SAID "LET'S GO SEE AUNT ANNA AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID ANTENNA!
2. YOUR WIFE SAID "COULD YOU CUT THE GRASS?" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID POUND THE BRASS!
3. YOUR WIFE SAID "WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO BREAKFAST AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID HAM FEST!
4. YOUR WIFE SAID "SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE CHECK BOOK AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID LOG BOOK!
5. YOUR WIFE SAID "IS MY SEAM STRAIGHT? AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, "IS MY BEAM STRAIGHT?"