



G.A.R.S. Monthly Newsletter

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MARCH MEETING

G.A.R.S. will meet March 20, 2006 at The Turner House on Bailey Circle at 7:00 PM for light refreshments and fellowship 7:30 for the monthly meeting.

Guest speaker will be the Greenwood County Safety Director George McKinney

At the February meeting the nomination for new officers for the year 2006 were Dave Zugsberger for President, Earl Powell for Vice President, Betty Ann Cannon for Secretary, Harvey Hill for Treasurer, and Alice Taylor for Activities. All voted in with no objections.

An updated property list was passed out and reviewed. In addition, it was suggested that we hold off until next month deciding what to do with the surplus items.

The Club voted in and welcome new members Les Shattuck K4NK and his wife Joyce N2PTW
Les K4NK is the ARRL Roanoke Division Vice-Director.

Discussed a new application for membership on Karl Gunn KI4NFK from Cross Hill, Karl was not present at the meeting

Jeremy Manning showed some pictures on his projector of the Graniteville train disaster and of the W4GWD Club web site.

The GARS Web page is up and running, thanks to Jeremy Manning KI4CCZ for the great work
Jeremy has some plans on changes to the web page.

Go to www.w4gwd.org and look.

IMPORTANT ALL GARS CLUB MEMBERS,

The Hamfest Celebration Supper will be 6:30 PM March 17, 2006 at Ryan's on the 72 Bypass in Greenwood, and all club members are invited

President Corner

Hi all,

I talked with Steve McDade at Abbeville EOC this afternoon and he has the manual and test for the Introduction to ICS (ICS 100) for anyone who wants to take the course. I have 5 copies to pass out as needed but I can get more as necessary.

If anyone wants the 100 course, let me know and when you complete it, I can get certificates from Steve since Abbeville County is now an official site for such training. CTC = Certified Training Center.

Also Steve will be giving the ICS 300 course in the future. He said we are all welcome to attend that one at the Abbeville EOC. But this course will entail 16 hours.

He is planning 2 day session, a 4 evening session and a 2 Saturday session to try and accommodate everyone.

The ICS 700 course can only be done via the internet at this time.

Steve also said that there is an ICS 800 course that wraps it all together available on the internet.

In addition Steve is willing to pay for anyone who wants to take the ARRL Com courses so let me know who is interested. ARES/ RACES only please.

It would be easier for Steve if we all sign up at one time so he can write one check for the group.

There is going to be a big exercise in September for sure and perhaps also in June for Abbeville County. I will let everyone know when I know more.

I will be out of town until the 15th so pass this info around to others that don't have e-mail and perhaps in the net or on the newsletter. When I get back we can see who wants to do what.

73's
Dave

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11 & 12 Charlotte
April 15 Catawba Valley Hamfest
May 6 Upstate Hamfest (Blue Ridge)
May 20 Lake Hartwell Hamfest

02-09-06 - A message from Roger Gregory W4RWG:

To our Loyal Dealers, and the ham radio community,

The Union County Amateur Radio Club has decided to cancel their hamfest scheduled for April 1. Higher expenses, declining club membership, and low attendance over the last few years contributed to our decision. We appreciate the loyalty of those that supported us over the years. We have made lasting friendships.

Roger W. Gregory W4RWG

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.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Kenwood TS 570D HF Radio with two microphones. (One is a Heil desk mike \$700.00 Call Alice Taylor KC4JWM at 864-227-9773 for more details.

If anyone has anything 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Do not forget club dues were due January 1, 2006

GARS CLUB MEMBERS,
INPUT TONE OF 107.2 TO ACCESS THE REPEATER ONLY AT TIMES WHEN INTERFERENCE IS CONSTANTLY KEYING THE REPEATER.
THE TONE WILL BE TURNED OFF IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY OR A SCHEDULE NET.
BUDDY WILLIS W4DEW
TRUSTEE W4GWD REPEATER

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday March
Harry Davis WA4DLB March 27
Happy Anniversary March
Mr. & Mrs. Homer Banks March 19
Happy Birthday April
Jimmie Dean Hill April 12
Jewell Mimms April 24

RADIO NEWS

ARRL members may subscribe to The ARES E-Letter by going to the Member Data Page at: <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1>

ARRL members first must register on the Members Only Web Site, <http://www.arrl.org/members/>. You will have an opportunity during registration to sign up for e-mail delivery of the ARES E-Letter, WIAW bulletins, and other material.

It has been about six months since these two articles were announced, but they need to be mentioned again:

CLUB COMMISSION

Because the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society is ARRL Affiliated, the club can retain \$15 from each new membership and \$2 from each Renewal submitted to ARRL Headquarters (regular and senior membership only). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not held membership for two or more years prior to the application submission. A RENEWING member can renew at any time, even before their membership term expires. For NEW ARRL membership, just make check payable to GARS and the treasurer will do the paperwork. For RENEWALS, give your renewal form to the treasurer and make check payable to GARS.

FREE ARRL.NET E-MAIL FORWARDING ADDRESS

If you are an ARRL member, you can get a free ARRL.net forwarding e-mail address and any e-mail that is sent to your ARRL.net address would be

forwarded to your regular address. Your e-mail address would be your callsign@arrl.net. An example would be wa4abc@arrl.net. This can be done by going to www.arrl.org. It is encouraged that all ARRL members do this

Silent Key

Eric Melvin Hughes W4CHQ of 1225 South Main Street, Cross Hill, husband of Chona Cabaltera Hughes, died Friday, March 3, 2006 at Hospice House. He was a secretary/treasurer for the Laurens Amateur Radio Society; was volunteer preparedness coordinator for the Laurens County Emergency Preparedness Agency and was coordinator for the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service.

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Next Newsletter Deadline is April 9, 2006