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AUGUST MEETING

G.A.R.S. will meet August 21, 2006 at The Turner House on Bailey Circle at 7:00 pm for light refreshments and 7:30 for the monthly meeting.

Les Shattuck K4NK, will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting.

The GARS Web page is up and running, thanks to Jeremy Manning KI4CCZ for the great work. Go to www.w4gwd.org and take a look. You can find this newsletter on the web sight each month too.

The club meetings are now listed in the Index Journal on page 2A each month under "Community Calendar". This might be a good reminder for some. 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.

SYMPATHY

The GARS Club extends deepest sympathy to B.J. (W4BJJ) Johnson in the death of his daughter, Mia Johnson Cummins, who passed away July 11.

Also the club extends deepest sympathy to Betty Ann Cannon KF4BVK and family in the target death of her brother in law, Jimmy Gentry of Ninety Six, who was killed August 7.

Also the club extends deepest sympathy to the family of Bubba May KE4CJM of the Augusta Ga. Club, who passed away Friday August 11.

If I have missed anyone in this column please forgive me and get the information to me and I will include it in the next news letter.

UP COMING HAMFEST

Sept. 2-3 Shelby ARC Hamfest, Shelby NC

October 7th Rock Hill Hamfest and Computer Expo, Rock Hill, SC.

October 14th Augusta Radio Club Hamfest, Augusta, GA.

October 28th Sumter Hamfest Sumter, SC.

November 11th Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club Beachfest and SC State Convention. Myrtle Beach, SC.

January 13, 2007 Greenwood ARS
Greenwood, SC

THE MS SOCIETY "SAVANNAH RIVER BIKE RIDE"

The MS Society is having a 150 mile bike ride in McCormick, SC area on August 19th and 20th. This is the first ever "Savannah River Ride" and they're expecting around 300 cyclists. We have been asked to help with this race.

The ride will be in a rural area and amateur radio will be critical to its success. The ride is being managed by the Charlotte-based chapter.

THE IS-100 and IS-700 FEMA COURSE

On July 10th seven people met at Alice Taylor's house and studied and passed the IS-100 and IS-700 FEM A Courses. They were Alice Taylor, Bert Keck, Brab Dukes, Elaine Dukes, Joe Mimms, Earl Powell, Buddy Willis, Harvey Hill, David McCall and Bill Yoder.

BASIC WEATHER SPOTTERS CLASS

A Basic Weather Spotters Class was conducted by Vince DeCarlo, Warning Coordination Forecaster. This was conducted at the CPW building on Hwy 225 bypass. The 15 that attended was David McCall, Harvey Hill, Dave Zugsberger, Joe Mimms, Bert Keck, Earl Powell, Brab Dukes, Don Finlayson, Eldora Keck, Elaine Dukes,

Jimmie Dean Hill, Alice Taylor, Gay Willis, Steven Lyda and Jennifer.

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.

The Repeater Committee is doing an outstanding job in keeping the equipment maintained. Keep up the good work.

CLASSIFIED

Looking for Radio
Rick DeWitt is looking for a 2meter.
Call 864-923-2697.

Also FOR SALE by GARS

Item #1 Hy-Gain beam antenna, 10, 15, 20 meters. Might need some waterproofing on the traps. \$50.
Item #2 Mosley TA-33 beam antenna, 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. Needs a boom section. \$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.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday August

August 21 Bert Keck KJ4VJ
August 31 Brab Dukes WB4TRF
August 31 Darrell Manning K14BST

Happy Anniversary August

August 17 Marion KC4IAV and Edna Elledge

Happy Birthday September

Marion KC4IAV Elledge Sept. 11
Les K4NK Shattuck Sept. 14

Marge Zugsberger Sept. 25
Earl KC4AXY Powell Sept. 27
Carlis KG4RIT Myers Sept. 28

Happy Anniversary September

Les K4NK and Joyce N2PTW Shattuck
September 3.

FROM THE LARS CLUB

The LARS web page continues to expand and build more sections. If you have not visited the web page recently go to www.k4lsc.org

There is a section that will take you to free online ham exams if you are ready to upgrade your licenses. Our South Carolina ARRL page built by Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, (Section Manager) and Charlie Miller the State EC Manager is also there. This page should be viewed often to see what is going on with Amateur Radio in SC
73,
Glenn Scott WA4AOS
Laurens County EC
LARS Secretary

NOTE FROM EDITOR

I hope that I haven't left anything out of great importance this month. I have been sick in the hospital and not doing good at all. I am waiting for the heart doctors appointment to see when I have to go to the hospital for a heart cauterization or heart surgery.

We have had other fellow hams that are very sick and waiting on test results to see what can be done for them. One being George Merchant W4GWM, of Joanna. Please keep him in your prayers.

I know there is others, but don't have a report on who, but just remember everyone and send up special prayers for all of your fellow hams.

I am asking all of the club members to try and think of some things that we need to add to our newsletter and sent them to me, or call me and tell me about them so I can add more stuff to it. I don't like having a DULL Newsletter; I want to make it more useful and exciting. So gang get in there and dig some good stuff out of the cob webs and

bring it back to life and send it to me and lets get it in our paper.

Also other hams that are out there if you have any input let me have it.

Our Newsletter has gotten boring this past months and I want to make it better, If I can't do better I will have to get someone else to try it.

Give me some ideas !!!!!!!!!!!

I will have some valuable information for everyone that attends the meeting this coming Monday night. This will help all you weather watchers with the hurricanes that will be making way off shore. I found these things while I was in Florida and my friends and I really went to great lengths to get these helpers for us. But they will be great use to us.

Newsletter Deadline

**September 8, 2006 for the
September newsletter.**

PRESIDENT'S CONNER

New Blood:

Most of you know that we have continued to be a busy club. My thanks to all who work so hard to keep our club growing in both numbers and activities. The more we do, the more we have to offer each member and also to attract new members.

With that in mind, we will soon welcome Bill Yoder KI4QHQ as a new member and well as a new ham. I think it behooves us all to seek new members and new activities for our club.

Joe Mimms (K4GBH - EC McCormick County), will be heading up a MS Charity Bike Ride and many of our members will be helping. Having Joe, as a new EC, run the show is a wonderful growth event for both Joe and our club.

Keep Vigilance:

So far another month has passed and we have not had any significant disasters, either natural or man made. Thank God and lets all hope and pray

that we can continue on with such good fortune.

We must be ready, however, for all this can change in a heartbeat. We should remember the Boy Scout motto and "BE PREPARED". I encourage everyone to keep this in mind as you go about your day to day activities and always keep in mind that America went from a fairly peaceful safe place to a country where we have to take our shoes off to catch a plane in the matter of two hours after 9-11-01.

73's

Dave (KL7FO) GARS President