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SEPTEMBER MEETING

G.A.R.S. will meet September 18, 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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elaine Dukes KA4PLU on upgrading to Tech Plus at the Shelby Hamfest. We want to hear you on the radio now.

SYMPATHY

The GARS Club extends their deepest sympathy to Earl Powell KC4AXY in the death of his Uncle Raymond Leo Rodgers 78, of 113 Little Country Road, Ward, S. C. died Thursday, August 31, 2006, in Lexington Medical Center.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, business and schools. This year, ARRL is once again a coalition member. National Preparedness Month 2006 is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The agency will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family

emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation. More information is available at <http://www.ready.gov>. The August issue of ARRL's "CONTACT" features a wealth of information on September's National Preparedness Month and how to promote ARES in local media outlets. See <http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact#current>.

AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS DAY IS SEPTEMBER 16

September 16, is Amateur Radio Awareness Day. For the third straight year, the ARRL and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups across the US will join a coalition of more than 200 national, regional, state and local organizations taking part in Preparedness Month activities. ARES Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, WIAGP, says local ARES groups and clubs will be making presentations to civic organizations, at schools and at regional fairs to showcase Amateur Radio. More than 4000 ARRL "Hello" campaign brochures have gone out in the past few weeks alone to prepare for the month-long initiative. To Highlight Amateur Radio Awareness Day, ARRL public information officers will promote the Department of Homeland Security's "Tips for Emergency Preparedness" http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0711.xml to attract news media coverage. Some tips on promoting National Preparedness Month are on the ARRL public relations Web pages <http://arrl.org/pio/contact/2006/08/SEPTEMBER>.

WELLNESS CELEBRATION

Wellness Celebration. Sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006 from

10:00am to 2:30pm at The Greenwood Mall. The GARS Club will have tables set up at the Belk end of the mall to distribute Ham Radio information out, and demonstrate how the radio works. Also the GARS Emergency Trailer will be outside of the mall for all to see.

Anyone that would like to help please notify Harvey WB4KXE or Earl KC4AXY. They need some volunteers.

UP COMING HAMFEST

Oct 7, 2006 + York County ARS

<http://www.RockHillHamfest.com>

Talk-In: 147.030 (negative offset)

Contact: Sheila Parrish,

KG4CDF

2358 J P Dirt Road

Edgemoor, SC 29712

Phone: 803-328-5983

Email: coy@cetlink.net

Rock Hill, SC

American Legion Post 34

199 South Cherry Road

Div: Roanoke

Sect: South Carolina

14 Oct 2006 + Amateur Radio Club of Augusta

<http://www.gsl.net/w4dv/>

Talk-In: 145.490

Contact: Doug Pugh, KE4JSJ

1806 Birch Drive

North Augusta, SC 29860-8917

Phone: 803-279-6725

Email: doug9945@yahoo.com

Evans, GA

Evans Middle School

4781 Hereford Farm Road

Div: Southeastern

Sect: Georgia

28 Oct 2006 + Sumter Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/hamfest.htm>

Talk-In: 147.015 (PL 156.7)

Contact: Carl Ecabert, AA1MD

6105 Dubose Siding Road

Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: 803-469-0113

Email: aa1md@ftc-i.net

Sumter, SC

Sumter Jaycee Hut

314 Pine Street

Div: Roanoke

Sect: South Carolina

4-5 Nov 2006 * Georgia Section Convention (Stone Mountain Hamfest and

Computer Expo)

Alford Memorial Radio Club

<http://www.totr-radio.org>

Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 107.2)

Contact:

Randy Bassett, KR4NQ

PO Box 1282

Stone Mountain, GA 30086-1282

Phone: 770-978-9181

Fax: 770-978-9181

Email: Hamfest@totr-radio.org

Lawrenceville, GA

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds

2405 Sugarloaf Parkway

Div: Southeastern

Sect: Georgia

11 Nov 2006 * South Carolina State Convention (14th Annual GSARC "Beachfest 2006")

Grand Strand ARC

<http://www.w4gs.org/beachfest/>

Talk-In: 145.110 MHz

Contact: Bob Gagliardi, N4XML

4365 Hunting Bow Trail

Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Phone: 843-236-7889 (evenings only)

Fax: 843-236-7889

Email: n4xml@w4gs.org

Conway, SC

Conway National Guard Armory

1621 16th Avenue

Div: Roanoke

Sect: South Carolina

13 Jan 2007 + Greenwood ARS

<http://www.w4gwd.org>

Talk-In: 147.165 + (PL 107.2)

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KI4BST

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Greenwood, SC

Greenwood Civic Center

1610 Highway 72 East

Div: Roanoke

Sect: South Carolina

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, at 8pm each Tuesday night. This is an informal net where everyone just joins in and talks. Ms. Alice KC4JWM is the net controller. Pass the word around for all that has the 440 capability to come and join in.

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

1. One Panasonic Impact Dot Matrix Printer and half box of tractor feed paper. Two IBM computers, one keyboard, one monitor (about 15 inch). Someone might put together a RTTY/PSK31 station. To be sold as one package. (25)

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 kf4byk@backroads.net.

CELEBRATIONS

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.

Happy Birthday October

Elaine Dukes KA4PLU October 27

Happy Anniversary October

None

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

PRESIDENT'S CONNER

Well once again we dodged another hurricane (Ernesto) but by the time this newsletter is out perhaps another may be on our doorstep so "be prepared", as the Boy Scouts say.

As well as dodging hurricanes it's been a been another busy month for most of us, what with the Wellness Celebration, the MS Bike ride, and the Shelby Hamfest. It seems like we are all really busy and enjoying our hobby. There are so many aspects to ham radio that it's like being involved in a hundred different hobbies but I always want our main goal to be enjoying the hobby.

Without enjoyment we might as well go fishing or something else we want to do. I must seem like a broken record when I say this over and over but whenever our hobby becomes a task instead of enjoyment we **will** find something else to do. So find one (or more) of the things you like to do in ham radio and **DO THEM!**

I'm off to KL7 land this month and hope to look up old friends and see the old homestead. I guess we all like to visit places we once lived and remember the times past. Alaska was a great place to live and I will always remember my experiences as a ham operator on the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Nothing like putting up a 40 meter dipole at 30 below - it builds character. Also I remember the night I was tasked with rounding up the dropped off dogs to ship back via

plane. It seems that the person responsible for rounding up the dogs became "ill" at the local bar. Tying up sled dogs with 18 gage wire was a real challenge. Still it was a great time and as one of my old pastors used to say - we were building memories.

Have a great month and God Bless,
73
Dave

Newsletter Deadline

October 6, 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.