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UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAMFESTS

13 Oct 2007
Amateur Radio Club of
Augusta
Evans, GA

14 Oct 2007
Maysville Hamfest Club
Maysville, NC

20 Oct 2007
Al Brock Memorial
Hamfest/Computer Show
Rome, GA
www.w4vo.org

20 Oct 2007
Pfafftown Swapfest
Pfafftown, NC
www.w4nc.org

20 & 21 Oct 2007
Savannah Lakes MS Bike
Ride
McCormick, SC

October Meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Turner House on Bailey Circle in Greenwood at 7pm for light refreshments and 7:30pm for the meeting.

The club meetings are now listed in the Index Journal on page 2A each month under "Community Calendar".

New Hams

Everyone please congratulate the following for a job well done during the recent GARS license exam:

KI4ZSW - Jimmie Canfield, Jr

KI4ZSX - Emma Farmer

KI4ZSY - Stephen Lyda

KI4ZSZ - George Rambo III

KI4ZTA - Jeff S. Roper

Thanks also to "Kevan & Crew" for a much needed and successful licensing class...well done!!

Chat N' Chew

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

Weekly Net

Every Thursday night at 9pm on 147.165+, The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society holds the weekly 2 meter net. Help spread the word to check into the Net.

If you would like to fill in or be a backup net control please let Buddy Willis, W4DEW know.

Savannah Lakes MS Bike Ride

Unless Ham Volunteers have been instructed otherwise...Ham Volunteers for the bike ride will be meeting at Savannah Lakes Resort (101 Village Dr, McCormick, SC on Saturday (20th). Check-in is from 6AM to 8AM. The ride will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Bike participants will travel a different route each day. For more info contact Joe Mimms(864-746-9517) or Buddy Willis(864-445-7574).

27 Oct 2007
Sumter Amateur Radio
Assoc
Sumter, SC
[www.geocities.com/
capecanaveral/2695/sara.htm](http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/2695/sara.htm)

?? Nov?? 2007
Tour of Abbeville Bike Ride
Abbeville, SC

3-4 Nov 2007
Georgia Section Convention
(Stone Mountain Hamfest &
Computer Expo)
Lawrenceville, GA
www.totr-radio.org

10 Nov 2007
BeachFest 2007
Grand Strand Amateur
Radio Club
Conway, SC

1 Dec 2007
GAARC Swap-Fest
Gastonia, NC
www.gaarc.com

12 Jan 2008 + Greenwood
ARS
Greenwood Civic Center
1610 Hwy 72E
www.w4gwd.org

Happy Birthday October

October 27 Elaine Dukes, KA4PLU

Happy Anniversary October

NONE

** Please let us know if we've missed anyone...

Thoughts

We want to wish Paul(KA4OPC) a speedy recovery from recent surgery. Paul is recovering at home and we look forward to seeing him soon at our GARS club meetings.

Wellness Celebration

Harvey(WB4KXE) & Earl(KC4AXY) wish to thank all of the 18 volunteers who helped at the recent Wellness Celebration held at the Greenwood Mall. A job well done!

Crime Stoppers

The ARRL Letter
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* Florida Hams Help Nab Burglary Suspects: Some hams in Florida got an earful when they heard what turned out to be teenagers planning various robberies over the Jupiter Farms 444.400 MHz CERT repeater. On September 8, Al Moreschi, AG4BV, of Jupiter, and John Levey, KI4HTL, a retired police officer, of Palm Beach Gardens, overheard, according to Moreschi, "what sounded like men talking about committing a burglary and we were monitoring them on one of the local ham repeaters." Moreschi said he and his fellow hams notified local law enforcement agencies of the break-in, but the alleged thieves "didn't describe the house well enough to get the exact address." The amateurs kept listening for the vandals to show up again on the repeater. On September 21, they were in luck. This time the hams were ready and had set up recording devices to capture the break-in as it transpired. Moreschi said he and his fellow hams recognized the voices and started recording; they also called the police. The last transmission heard over the air by the suspects was, "Code Red, Code Red, Code Red. There are cops everywhere, dude!" Three suspects were captured and arrested: one at the scene, one who was walking down a nearby road and one at a local grocery store. An official with the local sheriff's office said that the suspects were charged with burglary for the two break-ins; the three are suspects in other local robberies, as well. The tapes made by the hams are in the custody of the sheriff. Moreschi said that the suspects might also be facing charges from the Federal Communications Commission for operating without an amateur license. "We don't know how these kids got hold of the ham radios. Their transmissions came right over the CERT repeater, and that has a special tone and you have to have a special tone to key it up," Moreschi said.

Classified

Hygian 203, 3 element 20 meter monoband antenna. On tower for 1 year. \$175. Call Kevan Nason, N4XL, 864-943-1740, knason@emerald.com

Shorty Forty ó Force 12 EF-240S \$350.. Never fully assembled.
Call Kevan Nason, N4XL, 864-943-1740, knason@emerald.com

Short Wave Receiverí Sony IC SW55í . Good conditioní make offer.
864-980-7177, email: dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

Wantedí . Rotator for HF beamí
Contact: Adam Shirleyí Email: KI4WQD@arrl.net

If anyone has any Ham radio stuff to sell or trade... list it in this column by calling Betty Ann, KF4BVK at 864-682-7374, kf4bvk@backroads.net or David, KG4BJX, 864-943-4311, davidm@nctv.com

GARS Website

Jeremy, KI4CCZ has updated our website and has added pictures from the 2007 Hamfest. Go to www.w4gwd.org and take a look. Jeremy adds the newsletter to the website each month

Greenwood State Park

The South Carolina 2007 Half-Ironman Triathlon was held Sep 30th at the State Park.

There were 520 race participants who competed in 3 events: 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride, and 13.1 mile run.

I would like to thank each of these Amateur Operators for their time and skills in radio communications support for the Greenwood Half Man Triathlon thru Newberry and Saluda counties Sunday September 30, 2007.
Jimmie Dean Hill KI4VFQ, Harvey Hill WB4KXE, David McCall KG4BJX, Earl Powell KC4AXY, Gay Willis W4GSW.

Thanks for a job well done

Dewey "Buddy" Willis W4DEW
Emergency Coordinator
Saluda County, SC

Tech Q&A

1. What is the grace period during which the FCC will renew an expired 10-year license without re-examination?
 - A. 2 years
 - B. 5 years
 - C. 10 years
 - D. There is no grace period(Answer at bottom)
2. When is an amateur station authorized to transmit information to the general public?
 - A. Never
 - B. Only when the operator is being paid

- C. Only when the transmission lasts more than 10 minutes
 - D. Only when the transmission lasts longer than 15 minutes
- (Answer at bottom)

Tech Q&A Answers

1. A.

If you do forget to renew your license, you have up to two years to apply for renewal without having to take the exams again. After the two-year grace period, you will have to retake the exams. **Your license is not valid during this two-year grace period, however, and you may not operate an amateur station with an expired license.** All that the grace period implies is that the FCC will renew the license if you apply during the period.

2. A.

Amateur Radio is a two-way communications service. Amateur Radio stations may not engage in broadcasting.

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