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UPCOMING

EVENTS

AND

HAMFESTS

?? Nov?? 2007
Tour d' Abbeville
Bike Ride
Abbeville, 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

November Meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, November 19, 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".

GARS Christmas Dinner

The GARS Christmas dinner 6:00pm December 17, 2007 at Ryan's in Greenwood.

New Members

Please welcome all new GARS members:

Bonnie Henderson, N4GEZ
Don Henderson, KC4KZ
George Aitken, Associate

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.

Happy Birthday November

November 30 Betty Ann Cannon, KF4BVK
November 21 Jo Henry, KC4UU
November 6 Phil Henry, WW4I
November 26 Harvey Hill, WB4KXE
November 2 Brandon Smallwood, KG4GSF
November 25 Gay Willis, W4GSW

Happy Anniversary November

November 28 Gay(W4GSW) & Buddy Willis(W4DEW)

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

Classified

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

Short Wave Receiver... Sony IC SW55.... Good condition... make offer.
864-980-7177, email: dieterzimmerer@hotmail.com

Wanted.... Rotator for HF beam...
Contact: Adam Shirley...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

Letter from BettyAnn

To the Ham Radio Club Members,

I am sorry that I had to step back as quickly as I did with out any warnings, but I tried for months to handle things with out telling anyone the problems I had here at home and found out it was impossible to do both.

I had to step back from my Ham Radio and other things that I was involved in because of some personal matters and a family matters. No one in the club or anywhere else has made me mad, it's just that I have this I have to deal with at time.

Please remember me and my 93 year old Nanny in your prayers.

And maybe I can be back before you know it. I miss everyone, all of you have always been so nice to me and I do miss being involved in the Club.

And to the rumor that I had moved away, that is not true, I am still at the same place I have been for the past30 years. Not going anywhere as I know of no time soon.

Thank you,
BettyAnn Cannon KF4BVK

Grendel Crime March Oct 18th

Several GARS members supplied communication & traffic support for this recent event.
Thanks to everyone who helped the Grendel Community in their fight against drugs and crime in their community.

The Grendel neighbor association wishes to thank the nine Greenwood Amateur Radio Society club members for their help with the March against Drugs and Crime October 18, 2007





MS Ride

**Over 200 turn out for National MS Savannah River Ride
October 20, 21**

McCORMICK -- By 8 a.m. Saturday, more than 200 people were primed and ready at the starting line at Savannah Lakes Resort & Marina for the second annual Savannah River Ride fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

The 85 volunteers operate HAM radios along the course, man registration booths, transport supplies and run rest stops located every 10 miles. These rest stops featured water, Gatorade, snacks, medical supplies and a bicycle mechanic. Sixteen volunteers from the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society along with one volunteer from the Greenwood County Emergency Communications Group helped with the event.

My thanks to the Amateur Radio operators for a job well done.
Joe Mimms K4GBH Emergency Coordinator McCormick County



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

Tech Q&A

1. What is the lowest amount of electrical current flowing through the human body that is likely to cause death?
 - A. 10 microamperes
 - B. 100 milliamperes
 - C. 10 amperes
 - D. 100 amperes(Answer at bottom)
2. What should you do to minimize disruptions to an emergency traffic net once you have checked in?
 - A. Whenever the net frequency is quiet, announce your call sign and location
 - B. Move 5 kHz away from the net's frequency and use high power to ask other hams to keep clear of the net frequency
 - C. Do not transmit on the net frequency until asked to do so by the net control station.
 - D. Wait until the net frequency is quiet, then ask for any emergency traffic for your area(Answer at bottom)

Tech Q&A Answers

1. B.

You should never underestimate the potential hazard when working with electricity. As little as 100 milliamps (mA) or 1/10th amp(A), can be fatal! As the saying goes "It's the volts that jolts, but the mills that kills."

2. C.

The desire to help is strong, but remember that unnecessary transmissions just slow things down. The Net Control Station(NCS) will record your call sign and location so that if you're needed, you can be called. There's no need to remind the NCS that you're listening. Once you've checked in, stay on frequency until you check out.