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May MEETING

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, May 21, 2007, at The Turner House on Bailey Circle, Greenwood, 7 pm for light refreshments and 7:30 pm for the meeting. On the agenda Field Day June 2007

The Hamfest Celebration Supper was a great fellowship get-to-gather. We had 30 club members and 3 visitors to attend. This was held at Ocean Bay Restaurant on April 19, 2007.

Welcome new club family members Beth Yoder and Edna Elledge

Congratulations

To the club members that passed their new Technician exam, Gay Willis KI4VFT and Jimmie Dean KI4VFQ. Also upgrades to General, Darrell Manning KI4BST, Jeremy Manning KI4CCZ and Bobby Gosnell KF4ZY0. Also want to recognize Eric "Pat" Patterson the Greenwood Emergency Preparedness Manager for passing his Technician exam. His call sign is KI4VJX.

The GARS Web page is up and running Jeremy KI4CCZ has updated the page and has added pictures from the 2007 Hamfest.

Go to www.w4gwd.org and take a look. You can find this newsletter on the web sight each month also.

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

Greenwood March of Dimes Walk April 28, 2007

The weather and the turn out was great. The five mile walk started at 8:00 AM, the last participants finished about 11:30 AM.

Seven GARS members and one guest Volunteer showed up to help put out route signs and monitor cross walks.

Earl Powell KC4AXY, Bill Yoder W4YOD, Dave McCall KG4BJX,

Bert Keck KJ4VJ, Gay Willis KI4VFT, Buddy Willis W4DEW, Steven Lyda and Ken Maffett

Big thanks for the participation

**From Baker Creek in McCormick SC
Save the World Adventure Race**



Thirteen GARS club members and four North Augusta-Belvedere Radio Club Voluntaries came together to manage four safety check points from 9:00 AM Saturday April 28 till 5:00 PM Sunday April 29, 2007

GARS Members Jimmie Dean Hill KI4VFQ, Harvey Hill

WB4KXE, Gay Willis KI4VFT, Bert Keck KJ4VJ, Eldora Keck KB4YON, Earl Powell KC4AXY, Bill Yoder W4YOD, Bobby Gosnell KF4ZYO, David McCall KG4BJX, Joe Mimms K4GBH, Jewell Mimms, Jeremy Manning KI4CCZ, Buddy Willis W4DEW and North Augusta-Belvedere Radio Club members Mark Ledford KG4IUQ, Don Zupon W3MIF, Robert Williams KE4VVR, Bill Chapman N3WEM participated in the event

This event was a great learning experience in radio emergency communication with low power VHF equipment using simplex 146.565.

A lot of great ideas for improvement in future events or real time emergence of this type was talk about and I am sure some are already planning for next year's event.

We in the amateur radio community can all benefit from these type events to practice our operator skills for the real time emergencies when called on for support.

You can find Save the World Adventure Race web site at <http://www.s-t-w.org/Adventure%20Race.htm>

UP COMING HAMFEST

Atlanta Hamfest June 7, 2007, Jim Miller Park, Cobb County

12 Jan 2008 + Greenwood ARS

Greenwood Civic Center 1610 Highway 72 East
<http://www.w4gwd.org>

CHAT N' CHEW

Every Friday at 11:30 am to 1 pm 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. Betty Ann 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 great job.

HURRICANE'S

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 20 –May 26. The hurricane season begins June 1 to November 30. To read about this year's hurricanes go to www.hurricanes.noaa.gov/ or www.noaa.gov/. You will find all the hurricane names for the year 2007 to 2011 on this web sight.

You can find information at the same web sight about tornados, April, May and June is tornado season.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday May
May 9 Alice Taylor KC4JWM
May 10 Joyce Shattuck N2PTW

May 11 Tammy Gosnell KG4LEW
May 13 Joanne Savage

Happy Anniversary's May
May 20 Dave KL7FO and Marge Zugsberger

Happy Birthday June
June 6 Paul Savage KA4OPC
Bobby Gosnell KF4ZYO

Happy Anniversary's June
June 5 Earl KC4AXY and Betty Jean Powell
June 11 Bobby KF4ZYO and Tammy KG4LEW Gosnell
June 16 Joe K4GBH and Jewell Mimms

CLASSIFIED

For sale one free standing tower
40 foot \$200.00
Crushcraft HF beam A-3S 20/15/10 meter \$100.00
Call or e-mail Buddy Willis W4DEW
W4dew@arrl.net 864-554-3543

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.

OTHER NEWS

Want to remember the passing of Mike Johnson's father (S. Conway Johnson) on April 23, 2007.

A Little Ham Humor

After an antenna-raising party, Ham 1 says to Ham 2, "Hey, we're all done. Why are you still on the roof?"

Ham 2 replied, "Well, Joe said that after we got his antenna up, the drinks would be on the house."

Newsletter Deadline

June 11, 2007

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Tune up your “Jargon Power.”

Most hobbies have a lingo all their own. Technical hobbies like ham radio have a deep, rich vocabulary that can leave a new ham wondering. “What does that mean?” Here are a few samples to increase your ham radio conversation power. Match the jargon with its closest ham synonym.

1. Green Stamps	4. Split	7. Kerchunk	10. Come-along	13. Skyhook
a. to seal	a. to damage	a. activate	a. advertise	a. tree
b. password	b. undecided	b. drop	b. call	b. balloon
c. money	c. offset	c. break	c. winch	c. antenna
d. endorsement	d. sideband	d. discard	d. lubricant	d. ionospheric hop
2. Gimmick	5. Buckshot	8. Hash	11. Fork	14. Mult
a. capacitor	a. surface-mount	a. nose	a. terminal	a. to shed
b. technique	b. spurious emission	b. food	b. dig	b. adhesive
c. fastener	c. solder ball	c. mix	c. change	c. washer
d. to shim	d. static	d. generate	d. divide	d. contest contact
3. Pink Slip	6. Elmer	9. Scope	12. Ring	15. Pot
a. exam	a. bull	a. watch	a. oscillate	a. contact
b. violation notice	b. assistant	b. tune	b. call	b. container
c. QSL card	c. mentor	c. troubleshoot	c. enclose	c. control
d. receipt	d. husband	d. explore	d. opera	d. melt

Bonus: A “Full Gallon” is full of what?

Answers

- c—Usually refers to sending a dollar bill with a QSL card for return postage
- a—A gimmick capacitor is made by twisting two insulated wires together
- b.—The FCC’s Notices of Violation were once pink and the color became the name
- c—A station working split transmits and receives on different frequencies
- b.—Buckshot is the in-band emissions that results from voice peak over modulation of an AM or SSB signal
- c.—Your Elmer is a person that helped you get your license
- a—When someone keys their FM rig to see if they activate the repeater, but doesn’t ID, the sound on everyone else’s rig is “kerchunk”
- a—Hash refers to general noise, sometimes specifically from a generator or power line
- c—Short for “oscilloscope”, often used as a verb as in “to scope something out”
- c—Portable chain or cabinet hoist
- a—A type of terminal with two separate fingers that straddle the connection point
- a—The damped oscillation of a tuned circuit or filter
- c—The ham radio use of this popular term refers to the antenna
- d—Short for “multiplier” these are the specially targeted contacts for a contest
- c—Pot is the short form of “potentiometer” –a variable resistor

Bonus: Watts! A full gallon refers to running full legal limit power

TOTAL YOUR SCORE!

Give yourself one point for each correct answer.

- 11–15 A master ham linguist!
 6–10 You miss a little, but understand most of it
 1–5 Ham buzzwords are over your head