



G.A.R.S. Monthly Newsletter

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August meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, August 20, 2007, at The Turner House on Bailey Circle, Greenwood, 7 pm for light refreshments and 7:30 pm for the meeting.

Guest Speaker Mr. Robert D. Steadman K4FDC Emergency Management Director Saluda County Also on the agenda discussion and vote on change in ARTICLE IV of the GARS Bylaws.

Technician class

A Technician class Amateur Radio Operator license course sponsored by the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society will be given by Kevan Nason N4XL and Dan Farmer KK6AA beginning August 7th. Classes will be each Tuesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the Turner House in Greenwood and will run for 9 weeks. The course will be followed with a testing session given by local Volunteer Examiners. The Turner

House is located at 123 Bailey Circle, off East Cambridge on around from the library, in Greenwood.

The GARS members wish to thank Kevan N4XL and Dan KK6AA for there time and effort's in putting this training class together.

September Is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and Amateur Radio operators are joining a wide variety of national, state and local organizations, including the US Department of Homeland Security, in educating the public about preparing for emergencies. When unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness. Getting an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan, and identifying preparedness and response resources within our communities are several things we can do to prepare ourselves. This nationwide effort is to encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Free preparedness resources are just a click away <<http://www.ready.gov>>

When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: **fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.**

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- **Water**, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- **Food**, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- **First aid kit**
- Whistle to signal for help
- **Dust mask**, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18, 2007

Western Carolina Adventure Race will be held in both Edgefield and McCormick counties of South Carolina, starting from Hamilton Branch State Park covering lands and water of the Sumter National Forest and SC State parks. Racers will be expected to canoe on portions of Clarks Hill and surrounding waterways for approximately 10-12 miles, Mountain bike for approximately 10-15 miles on hard pack, gravel roads, single track and blacktop. Teams should expect to trek/run at anytime during the race for a total 8-12 miles. This race is designed to be completed between 10-12 hours.

Amateur Radio Volunteers are needed see Joe Mimms K4GBH

Saturday September 15 is Wellness Celebration at Greenwood Mall, 10AM-2:30 PM. The GARS Club will have a booth at this event.

Volunteers needed See Harvey Hill WB4KXE or Earl Powell KC4AXY

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+, The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society holds the weekly 2 meter net. Ms. Betty Ann KF4BVK or an alternant N/C will be there.

Tell everyone that you see and talk to come by and check in with them. They are doing a great job.

If you would like to fill in or be a back up net control, please let Ms. Betty Ann KF4BVK or Buddy Willis W4DEW know.

Sympathy

The GARS Club extends it deepest sympathy to the family of Alice Taylor KC4JWM in the death of her sister Betty Campbell Carver July 24, 2007

The Club also wishes George Merchant W4GWM and Tom Fry KI4ONJ a speedy recovery.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday August

August 28 Bert Keck KJ4VJ
August 31 Darrell Manning KI4BST

Happy Anniversary's August

August 17 Marion KC4IAV and Edna Elledge
August 30 Phil WW4I and Jo KC4UU Henry

Happy Birthday September

September 11 Marion Elledge KC4IAV
September 12 Leo Henderson K4LEO
September 14 Les Shattuck K4NK
September 25 Marge Zugsberger
September 29 Janice Howle

Happy Anniversary's September

September 3 Dan KK6AA and Jean Farmer
September 3 Les K4NK and Joyce

N2PTW Shattuck

If I have missed any ones birthday or anniversary please let me know where I can get them on my list.

OTHER NEWS

The GARS Web page is up and running Jeremy KI4CCZ has updated the page and 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".

UP COMING HAMFEST

31 Aug-2 Sep 2007

Shelby ARC

Shelby, NC

<http://ShelbyHamfest.org>

15 Sep 2007

Paulding Amateur Radio Club
Dallas, GA

<http://www.pauldingarc.com>

6 Oct 2007

York County ARS
Rock Hill, SC

<http://www.rockhillhamfest.com>

13 Oct 2007

Amateur Radio Club of Augusta
Evans, GA

<http://www.w4dv.org/>

14 Oct 2007

Maysville Hamfest Club
Maysville, NC

20 Oct 2007

Al Brock Memorial Hamfest/Computer Show
Rome, GA

<http://www.w4vo.org>

20 Oct 2007

Pfafftown Swapfest
Pfafftown, NC

<http://www.w4nc.org>

27 Oct 2007

Sumter Amateur Radio Association
Sumter, SC

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

3-4 Nov 2007

Georgia Section Convention (Stone
Mountain Hamfest & Computer Expo)
Lawrenceville, GA

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

10 Nov 2007

BeachFest 2007

Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club
Conway, SC

1 Dec 2007

GAARC Swap-Fest

Gastonia, NC

<http://www.gaarc.com>

12 Jan 2008 + Greenwood ARS

Greenwood Civic Center 1610
Highway 72 east

<http://www.w4gwd.org>

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