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October Meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, October 20, 2008, 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 AND meetings are also listed in Greenwood's Town Planner which is circulated to most homes in the area.

Richland County ARES Net

The Richland County ARES Net, which has been held regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month, will now be held every Tuesday at 8pm on the 147.330 (+600khz) N7GZT repeater (PL tone 156.7 Hz) as the South Carolina Area 3 ARES Net under the guidance of the Richland County EC, Jamie Brown KD4YYE

<jbrown8321@aol.com> with help from the Area 3 DEC, Carl Lopez AJ4DW <chlopez@sc.rr.com>.

All Area 3 ECs (Calhoun, Newberry, Kershaw, Saluda, Richland and Lexington counties) are encouraged to participate and asked to let their members know about the net as well. Please feel free to send feedback to Jamie or Carl about the plans for the net.

Upcoming Events

October 7, 2008 VE Exam Session 7:00pm Greenwood Red Cross

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday at The American Red Cross Building, 520 Epting Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

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.

Weekly Ladies Net

The GARS Weekly 2 Meter Female Amateur Radio Net began on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 8 PM on the GARS 2 Meter Repeater. This net will be held every Tuesday night at the same time.

All interested female amateurs are invited and encouraged to check in. Subjects of discussion will be anything of interest to women.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean (W4KKA) at 864-953-0004 or Jo (KC4UU) at 864-446-7187.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Elaine Dukes	KA4PLU	Oct 27
Bonnie Henderson	N4GEZ	Oct 30
Phil Henry	WW4I	Nov 6
Jo Henry	KC4UU	Nov 21
Gay Willis	W4GSW	Nov 25
Harvey Hill	WB4KXE	Nov 26

Happy Anniversary!

Jimmie (KI4ZSW) and Lisa Canfield	Oct 29
Buddy (W4DEW) and Gay (W4GSW) Willis	Nov 28

Classifieds

Atlas 210x 10-80 meters solid state radio; with mobile power supply and two microphones. Works well on all bands and is a 9+ in condition.\$200.00

864 430-4778

Fred Maxwell

W4FCM

Travelers Rest, SC

If anyone has any Ham radio stuff to sell or trade... list it in this column by calling Buddy, W4DEW, 864-445-7574, w4dew@arrl.net

Using the “Buro”

Did you know GARS has a Bureau service available? Adam, K14WQD can help you use both the incoming and outgoing ARRL Bureau services. Using the “Buro” saves postage and may be the only way to get that rare DX card.

For those who wish to QSL direct, the Crosscreek Station post office (behind the Greenwood Mall) has all of your IRCs and mailing services.

Suggestions for DX Pile-ups

- The DX station operators are in charge of any pile-up.
- The DX station should make and adhere to their operating rules quietly and respectfully.
- The DX station should use, when appropriate, call areas and areas of the world for better accuracy, rate and order.
- The DX station should use split operation and spread stations out, keeping in mind others not in the pile-ups. A must.
- The DX station should give their call sign at least every 10 minutes and maintain a pattern especially when ending a QSO.
- The DX station should create a rhythm or timing which maintains a good rate and allows the pile-up to call at the right time.
- The operators in the pile-up, if not sure of a QSO, should dupe and the DX operator continue not wasting time commenting.
- The DX station should work those who will create the fastest rate, at least at first, then make an effort to work the weaker stations.
- No one should lecture on the air.
- Everyone should always require and give full calls.
- Know and practice the gray line.
- Know the equipment being operated such as the split button, audio levels, keying wave form, etc.
- NEVER be a "KC Cop".....never.
- Operators giving spots on a DX Cluster should insure their accuracy!
- Keep away from personal, political, and religious comment any time on the air and/or the DX Cluster. Keep all comments in the true spirit of ham radio whereby ALL ARE EQUAL.
- Don't rush when giving your call when the DX station is standing by, especially on CW. Time will be lost trying to obtain ALL of the call sign.
- Don't call the DX station constantly. Get in the rhythm.
- Let the last station complete his QSO.
- Use only the power it takes and figure out what that is!
- Figure out the DX operator's operating practice for greater success.

Field Day 2009

THE OLD DXER

The sunspots were roaring and the Old Dixer was working DX night and day.

The faithful XYL had had it with his QRZing and blew her stack.

"DX DX DX - thats all you ever think about!" she groaned

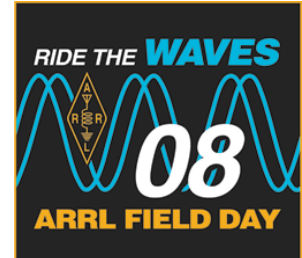
"Why I'll bet you don't even remember our wedding date!!

"I mostly certainly do" was the immediate reply. "It was June 14th, 1958 - Thats the night I worked the XT1, the CRØ, and the AC6!! -- By AC6V

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air operating event in amateur radio. On the fourth full weekend in June, tens of thousands of amateur radio operators gather for a public demonstration of our service. Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – **and ALL about FUN!**

GARS Members participated in Field Day 2008 and had a great time. Now is the time to be thinking ahead and getting ready for next year's event.

If there's something special you would like to do or see at next year's Field Day, Please contact Adam, KI4WQD



OLD MEGAWATT

Ham 1: Hey I hear Old Megawatt is retiring from Ham Radio

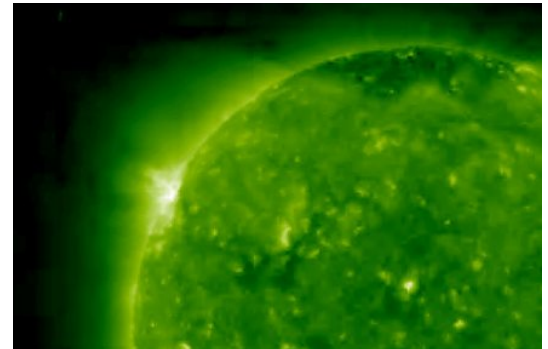
Ham 2: Yeah I heard him say that before

Ham 1: I know, but this time the FCC said it!

Solar Cycle 24?

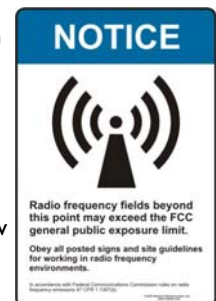
On October 9th, a small sunspot formed near the center of the solar disk and a small plage belonging to Cycle 24 appeared at high latitude in the southern hemisphere. Solar Activity remains at very low levels however.

(solarcycle24.com)



Signs

Radiofrequency warning or "alerting" signs should be used to provide information on the presence of RF radiation or to control exposure to RF radiation within a given area. Standard radiofrequency hazard warning signs are commercially available from several vendors. Appropriate signs should incorporate the format recommended by the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and as specified in the IEEE standard: IEEE C95.2-1999 (Web address: www.ieee.org). When signs are used, meaningful information should be placed on the sign advising of the potential for high RF fields. In some cases, it may be appropriate to also provide instructions to direct individuals as to how to work safely in the RF environment of concern. Signs should be located prominently in areas that will be readily seen by those persons who may po-



COMING HAMFESTS

11 Oct 2008
ARCA Hamfest
Amateur Radio Club of Augusta
<http://www.w4dv.org>
Talk-In: 145.490
Contact: Doug Pugh, KE4JSJ
1806 Birch Drive
North Augusta, SC 29860
Phone: 803-279-6725
Email: doug9945@yahoo.com
Evans, GA
Evans Middle School
4781 Hereford Farm Road

25 Oct 2008
Sumter "OPEN-AIR" Hamfest
Sumter Amateur Radio Association
<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2695/sara.htm>
Talk-In: 147.015 (PL 156.7)
Contact: Carl Ecabert, AA1MD
6105 Dubose Siding Road
Sumter, SC 29153
Phone: 803-464-4290
Fax: 803-499-3590
Email: aa1md@ftc-i.net
Sumter, SC
Jaycee Hut
314 Pine Street

10 Jan 2009
TechFest
Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS)
<http://www.gars.org>
Talk-In: 147.075+ (PL 82.5)
Contact: Norman Schklar, WA4ZXV
480 North Peachtree Street
Norcross, GA 30071
Phone: 770-840-9664
Fax: 770-755-5411
Email: norman@schklar.com
Lawrenceville, GA
St. Marguerite D'Youville Church
85 Gloster Road NW

11 Oct 2008
The Fabulous Pfafftown Hamfest
Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w4nc.com>
Talk-In: 146.64 or 145.47 (both PL 100)
Contact: Hamfest Committee, W4NC
c/o Forsyth ARC
PO Box 11361
Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361
Phone: 336-245-5740
Email: pfafftown08@w4nc.org
Pfafftown, NC
West Central Community Center
6130 Yadkinville Road

1-2 Nov 2008
Georgia State Convention
(Stone Mountain Hamfest & 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

10 Jan 2009
Winston-Salem FirstFest
Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w4nc.com>
Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 100)
Contact: Henry Heidtman, W2DZO
c/o Forsyth ARC
PO Box 11361
Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361
Phone: 336-245-5740
Email: firstfest09@w4nc.org
Winston-Salem, NC
Summit School Parking Lot
2100 Reynolda Road

17-18 Oct 2008
Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society Convention
Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society
<http://www.arlhsconvention.com>
Talk-In: 145.330 -
Contact: James D. Buffington, K5JIM
PO Box 52
402 South Matubba Street
Aberdeen, MS 39730
Phone: 662-319-6288
Fax: 662-369-3440
Email: jim@jimbuffington.com
St. Simons Island, GA
St. Simons Island
609 Beachview Drive

16 Nov 2008
JARSFEST
Johnston Amateur Radio Society
<http://www.jars.net>
Talk-In: 147.270 +600 (no tone)
Contact: Bill Lambert, AK4H
8917 NC 50 N
Benson, NC 27504
Phone: 919-894-3352
Fax: 919-894-3219
Email: blambert1@mindspring.com
Benson, NC
American Legion Complex
601 North Wall Street

10 Jan 2009
Greenwood Hamfest
Greenwood Amateur Radio Society
<http://www.w4gwd.org>
Talk-In: 147.165+ (no tone)
Contact: Darrell Manning, KI4BST
PO Box 2404
Greenwood, SC 29646
Phone: 864-418-8969
Email: dbmanning@wctel.net
Greenwood, SC
Greenwood Civic Center
1610 Highway 72/221 East

18 Oct 2008
GrayHamfest Association
<http://GrayHamfest.com>
Talk-In: 1476.700
Contact: Charlie Stuchell, K4CWA
222 River Road
Bluff City, TN 37618-2431
Phone: 423-538-3868
Fax: 423-538-4811
Email: k4cwa@arrl.net
Gray, TN
Appalachian Fairgrounds
101 Lakeside Street

3 Jan 2009
18th Annual Morristown Hamfest
Lakeway Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.lakewayarc.org>
Talk-In: 147.030+
Contact: June McClary, AI4SO
2105 Tobes Creek Road
Cosby, TN 37722
Phone: 423-487-0332
Email: ai4so@hughes.net
White Pine, TN
Smoky Mountains Expo Center
1615 Pavilion Drive

7 Feb 2009
South Carolina State Convention
(Charleston Hamfest & Computer Show)
Charleston Amateur Radio Society
<http://www.wa4usn.org>
Talk-In: 145.250 (PL 103.5) - linked repeater system
Contact: Jenny M. Myers, WA4USN
2630 Dellwood Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405
Phone: 843-747-2324
Email: brycemyers@aol.com
Ladson, SC
Exchange Park Fairgrounds
9850 Highway 78

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR HAMFEST LISTED HERE, PLEASE CONTACT ADAM, KI4WQD@AMSAT.ORG