



G.A.R.S. Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND HAMFESTS

VE Testing

7PM

American Red Cross Service Center

(520 Epting Ave)

Jun 3, 2008

Aug 5, 2008

Oct 7, 2008

Dec 2, 2008

23 Feb 2008

DALTON HAMFEST #26
Dalton Amateur Radio Club (W4DRC)

<http://W4DRC.com>

Dalton, GA

North Georgia Fairgrounds

501 Legion Drive

Div: Southeastern

Sect: Georgia

Talk-In: 145.230 (-) (No Tone)

Contact:

Harold Jones, N4BD

PO BOX 211

Rocky Face, GA 30740

Phone: 706-673-2291

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8-9 Mar 2008

Did You Know?

THE MORSE CODE:
When you rearrange the letters:
HERE COME DOTS

April Meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, April 21, 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.

Home Needed

The GARS Emergency Van needs a shelter. Since Alice Taylor, KC4JWM, moved to Lexington our van has been ðunder the weatherð. We need a club member to keep the van at his/her home under a shed or in a building. The location should be in or near Greenwood so it can be readily accessible for use by Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda or any other county. If you can help please contact our Property Office, Harvey Hill, WB4KXE.

VE Testing

June 3, 2008 VE Exam Session 7:00pm Red Cross Greenwood

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).**

North Carolina Section
Convention (Charlotte
Hamfest)
Mecklenburg Amateur Radio
Society
Charlotte, NC
Charlotte Merchandise Mart
2500 East Independence Blvd.
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina
<http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest>
Talk-In: 146.940 (-600kHz)
and 145.290 (-600kHz)
Contact:
Jeff Blythe, KA4WYC
1122 Pine Knot Court
Clover, SC 29710
Phone: 704-948-7373
Email: hamfest@w4bfb.org

15 Mar 2008

55th Annual Kennehochee
Hamfest
Kennehochee Amateur Radio
Club
Marietta, GA
Jim R. Miller Park
2245 Callaway Road
Div: Southeastern
Sect: Georgia
<http://www.w4bti.org>
Talk-In: 146.88 (PL 100)
Contact:
Bobby O'Donald, KD4ISM
Box 1245
Marietta, GA 30060
Phone: 770-439-9300
Fax: 770-974-1249
Email: kd4ism@arrl.net

15 Mar 2008

Middle Tennessee ARS
<http://www.qsl.net/mtars>
Talk-In: 146.700 -600 offset
(PL 114.8)
Tullahoma, TN
First Methodist Church
208 West Lauderdale Street
Div: Delta
Sect: Tennessee
Contact:
Bill Holt, N0EUE
420 Joe Hickerson Road
Manchester, TN 37355
Phone: 931-728-9015 (after
5pm CST)
Email: N0EUE@hotmail.com

12 Apr 2008

North Carolina State
Convention
Raleigh Amateur Radio
Society
Raleigh, NC
North Carolina State
Fairgrounds Exposition
Center
1025 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Caroli

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>
Talk-In: 146.04 - 146.64 (no
CTCSS tone)
Contact:

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.

Happy Birthday April

Tedd Davison, AI4WN, April 26
Jimmie Dean Hill, KI4VFQ, April 12
Jewell Mimms, KI4WJO, April 24

Happy Anniversary April

Buddy (KI4VJS) & Janice Howle, April 7

** 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@emeraldis.com

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

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

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 or David, W4MCC, 864-943-4311, davidm@nctv.com

GARS Website

Jeremy, KI4CCZ, will be updating our website with photos from the 2008 Hamfest. Go to www.w4gwd.org and take a look. Jeremy adds the newsletter to the website each month.

New Member

David E. Haynes, KJ4BWG, was approved for membership during the March 2008 meeting. Welcome David!!

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19 Apr 2008

Catawba Valley Hamfest
McDowell Amateur Radio
Association
Morganton, NC
Burke County Fairgrounds
145 Bost Road
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina
<http://cvhamfest.com>
Talk-In: 147.150
Contact:
Don Beam, KK4NI
172 Crescent Drive
Marion, NC 28752
Phone: 828-652-3102
Fax: 828-652-3102
Email: kk4ni@arrl.net

26 Apr 2008

Calhoun Hamfest
Cherokee Capital Amateur
Radio Society
Sugar Valley, GA
Sugar Valley Community
Center
3295 Sugar Valley Road NW
Div: Southeastern
Sect: Georgia
<http://www.k4woc.com>
Talk-In: 443.675+; 146.745-;
146.805+
Contact:
Felton Floyd, AF4DN
1054 Mountain Loop Road
NW
Sugar Valley, GA 30746
Phone: 706-629-0369
Email: af4dn@iwispr.net

3 May 2008

South Carolina Section
Convention (Upstate Hamfest)
Blue Ridge Amateur Radio
Society
Spartanburg, SC
Piedmont Interstate
Fairgrounds
575 Fairgrounds Road
Div: Roanoke
Sect: South Carolina
<http://www.upstatehamfest.org>
Talk-In: 146.610
Contact:
Rusty Kirkpatrick, AJ4RK
351 Old Georgia Road
Moore, SC 29369
Phone: 864-576-9643
Email: aj4rk@bellsouth.net

10 May 2008

Hamfest & Computer Show
Rockingham County Amateur
Radio Club
Reidsville, NC

Election Results

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Repeater Committee

Chairman and Repeater Trustee
Dewey (Buddy) Willis W4DEW

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Bill Yoder W4YOD
Brab Dukes WB4TRF
Darrell Manning KI4BST
Harvey Hill WB4KXE

Financial Committee

Brab Dukes, WB4TRF, Chairman
David McCall, KG4BJX, Committee

You Might be a Ham Operator if...

A friend remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, and it turns into an hour-long rant on how ham radio is not CB.

Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.

You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.

The local city council doesn't like you.

You actually think towers look good.

Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.

You refer to your children as your "harmonics".

You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.

Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.

The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output"?

You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting

Community Baptist Church
509 Triangle Road
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina
<http://www.rcarc.com>
Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 103.5)
Contact:
Dal Williams, W4YQY
307 Oleander Drive, Suite D
Eden, NC 27288
Phone: 336-627-7076
Email: w4yqy@rcarc.com

24 May 2008
DurHAMfest
Durham FM Association
Durham, NC
Little River Community
Complex
8305 North Roxboro Road
Div: Roanoke
Sect: North Carolina
<http://www.dfma.org>
Talk-In: 147.225 (no tone)
Contact:
Linda Jackson, KF4LJZ
122 Infinity Road
Durham, NC 27712
Phone: 919-477-8368
Email: kf4ljz@aol.com

possibilities.

You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.

You always park on the top floor of the parking deck, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.

When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack, scan the property for possible tower placement and check for CCRs.

The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.

You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.

You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.

You really start to miss people that you've never met.

You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.

-- Author unknown

Tech Q&A

1. What are the penalties for making a false emergency call?

- A. You could have your license revoked
- B. You could be fined a large sum of money
- C. You could be sent to prison
- D. All of these answers are correct

(Answer at bottom)

2. What is an appropriate way to initiate an emergency call on the amateur radio?

- A. Yell as loudly as you can into the microphone
- B. Ask if the frequency is in use and wait for someone to give you permission to go ahead before proceeding
- C. Declare a communications emergency
- D. Say "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" followed by "any station come in please" and identify your station

(Answer at bottom)

Tech Q&A Answers

1. D.

The authorities take false emergency calls very seriously. It wastes the time and resources of highly-trained emergency personnel. For example, it costs the Coast Guard thousands of dollars per hour to respond to a call! At the very least, you could have to repay those expenses.

2. D.

Every amateur, not just sailors and pilots, should know how to make an emergency call. You might be the first on-scene at an accident or be the first to report a natural disaster. In addition, train your family members in case they need to make the call and you're not available. On CW, the proper call is "SOS SOS SOS" followed by your call sign and location.

Note: A special thanks to everyone who contributed articles and info for this newsletter.