



# 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)

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**8-9 Mar 2008**

## June Meeting

G.A.R.S. will meet Monday, June 16, 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.

## Field Day

From Dr. Jim N2ZZ,

Field Day is almost upon us! Field Day is always the fourth full weekend in June, and will fall on June 28th and 29th this year.

## American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks

In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross ([ARC](#)) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement [background checks](#) that included, among other things, a credit check and a "mode of living" check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.

"A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."

ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCC, announced the resolution at the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention® and received hearty applause.

"We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a

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, N0EUU  
420 Joe Hickerson Road  
Manchester, TN 37355  
Phone: 931-728-9015 (after  
5pm CST)  
Email: N0EUU@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 Carolina

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

relationship that has existed for a long, long time," Harrison said. "The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution."

### **What's Next?**

With the background check issue apparently resolved, the ARRL will be working with the ARC in the negotiation and creation of a draft for a new *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* or similar document to replace the one which expired last year; Dura and Keith Roberatory of the ARC will be leading the effort. When complete, the draft of the *MOU* will be presented to the leadership of both organizations for approval.

"The ARRL is very pleased that the American Red Cross has responded appropriately to our concerns about the background check issue," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We believe it now will be possible to go forward to negotiate a statement of understanding between the two organizations. We look forward to renewing and expanding the relationship with the Red Cross."

## **VE Testing**

**August 5, 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).**

## **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 June**

Lisa Canfield, June 19  
Edna Elledge, June 9  
Buddy Howle, KI4VJS, June 21  
Kevan Nason, N4XL, June 5  
Adam Shirley, KI4WQD, June 15  
Beth Yoder, June 21

## **Happy Anniversary June**

Gail & Tedd Davison, AI4WN, June 15

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Raleigh, NC 27609  
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Fax: 919-872-6555  
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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

Jewell, Ki4WJO & Joe, K4GBH, Mimms, June 16  
Betty Jean & Earl Powell, KC4AXY, June 5

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

## Tech Q&A

1. What is the ðQð signal used to indicate that you are receiving interference from other stations?

- A. QRM
- B. QRN
- C. QTH
- D. QSB

(Answer at bottom)

2. What is the ðQð signal used to indicate that you are changing frequency?

- A. QRU
- B. QSY
- C. QSL
- D. QRZ

(Answer at bottom)

## Tech Q&A Answers

1. A.

Q-signals are a system of making queries and exchanging information in an abbreviated form. They also allow operators that speak different languages to communicate. QRM refers to interference from other stations. QRN refers to interference from atmospheric static. QTH means the station's location. QSB indicates signal fading. There are many useful Q-signals used by amateurs.

2. B.

QSY means, ðI am changing frequencyð.

### 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.

## Classified

**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](mailto:w4dew@arrl.net) or David, W4MCC, 864-943-4311, [davidm@nctv.com](mailto:davidm@nctv.com)**

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:

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