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The W4GWD Repeater Network

147.165+ t107.2
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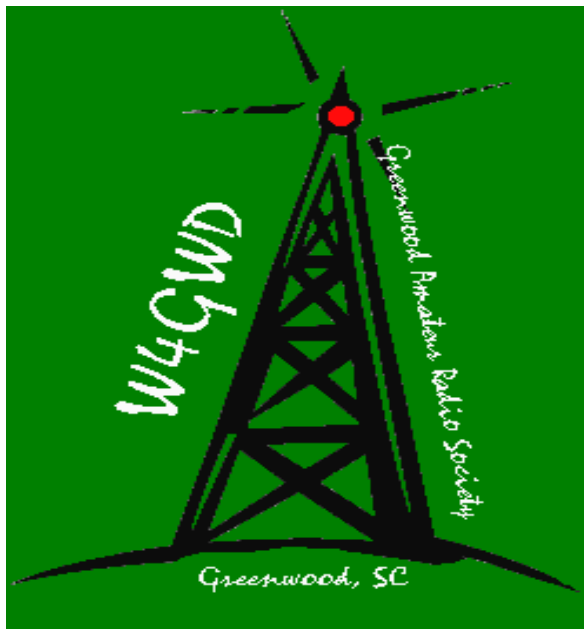
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[HTTP://WWW.W4GWD.ORG](http://www.w4gwd.org)

W4GWD@ARRL.NET



The 2m (147.165) and 440 (443.900) Analog Repeaters are both up.

The GARS D-Star repeater 145.420's the new amplifier was recently installed.

Repeater Linking: our 2m and 440 repeaters are not linked during nets but will be during special occasions

November 2024

The next GARS monthly meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood on **November 12, 2024** beginning at 7:30 pm. The doors will be open at 7:00 pm for members to have a time of fellowship and setup for the meeting. Hope to see you all there.



Greenwood Amateur Society Recurring Events:



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Chat 'N' Chews

Begin gathering at 1115 at different locations each week. Kin KJ4BAK will announce locations on both the Monday and Thursday night nets. Dutch treat.

Weekly Nets

Each Thursday night at 9pm on the 147.165+ machine, the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society holds our weekly 2 meter net.

Our UHF net on 443.900+ is held Mondays at 8pm

Help spread the word for everyone to check-in to our nets. If you would like to become a net controller or a backup or have a question about net controllers please contact [Chris Ahif, KQ4GGG](#).

VE Exam Session

The next VE testing session will be held on **December 3, 2024**. It will be held in the same room as our regular meetings at the Westminster Presbyterian church, 2330 Cokesbury Rd, Greenwood SC. **Walk-ins are now welcomed**, preregistering is not necessary, bring \$15 cash, must have FRN & two forms of ID. Contact [Tommy, K4XB](#) with any questions

Congratulations!!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Al West

KB4RA

Nov. 15

None reported



Don't forget to turn back your clocks on November 3



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GARS at the Lakelands iImagine STEAM Festival October 19, 2024

Many, many thanks to GARS members, N4XL (Kevan), KJ4JGP (Mitch), N4WDC (David C.), W3RXF (George), KN4SIK (Jack), KQ4JJE (David H.), KN4TUI (Russ), K4BAK (Kin), and KA4PQA (Stephen). And a very special thank you to Sean Collins who helped at the bead table.

We had 106 kids, and their families, learn about Morse Code. Kids got to write their first names in Morse Code, tap their names out on a CW key, and make a bead bracelet of their name in Morse Code. Alice Gilchrist, the event organizer, said our Morse Code booth is very popular and one of the first places families wanted to visit.

Di, N4DLL

Pictures taken by Mitch KJ4JGP





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Continued pictures from STEAM Event taken by Mitch KJ4JGP





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GARS Christmas Dinner & Meeting

Our annual Christmas dinner and meeting will be held December 10th at Outback Steak House in Greenwood. Seating begins at 6:30. Meal ordering begins at 7:00 p.m. Only club members and their guests are invited. As always, this event is Dutch Treat. Who will be the next recipient of the "Golden Mic Award?" Come and find out. Please R.S.V.P. N4DLL, Di, at dlitwer@earthlink.net if you plan to attend.

GARS T-Shirt Orders

This year we are ordering both short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts. The deadline for ordering and paying for shirts was at the October meeting. **We cannot move forward with ordering the shirts until everyone has paid for the shirt (s) they ordered. Payment can be made in person at the November 12th meeting or by mail to GARS, P.O. Box 49591, Greenwood, SC 29649.**



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Day on Jan 27/28 2024.

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How the Army handled D Day Communications, submitted by Darrell, AF4E

<https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/roots-of-radio/how-the-army-handled-d-day-communications>



November 5th is election day. This is a very important one for all of us. Please don't vote for personalities, or political parties but rather place your vote based on past record and what he/she will do for our country in the future. Do your own research, don't simply listen to the news who may well be (is) biased. There is much to learn on the internet.

Please contact [Jack KN4SIK](#) if you have any comments or suggestions for the GARS library. It is there for GARS members use. The Wall locker (located at Westminster Presbyterian Church) is unlocked. If you'd like to checkout a book, find one you like and take it, then [email Jack](#) your name and its title.



QST, War Number, May 1917

<https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-Early-Radio-Assorted/QST-War-Number-May-1917.pdf>



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Veterans Day is November 11, 2024 . It is a time to remember our veterans and the many sacrifices they made during their service to our country. Some of you have served our country in many different ways. For one reason or another you have chosen not to have your names listed here. The time you spent as a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, whether it be in peacetime or in harms way, is something you should be proud of; your Nation is. Thank you and for you Vietnam Vets & Welcome Home.

Dave Russ, K4DWR, LTC (ret), Medical Service Corps, AIRBORNE!!!, Some highlights of my Army career was the time spent in the 5th Special Forces Group April 73 and the 82nd Airborne Division as a Medical Platoon Leader at Fort Bragg NC. My last assignment was as a Medical Administrative Officer at Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR with the 2/508 Parachute Inf. Regiment. I retired in May 2000

Kevan Nason, N4XL, MMC(SS) ret. Assignments included Engineering & Watch Supervisor on two Ballistic Missile submarines, member of commissioning crew for a new construction Fast Attack boat, Lead Nuclear Planner on a destroyer Tender, Reactor Plant Technology Instructor, and Nuclear Prototype Instructor.

Michael Wills, KA4CSM, Command Sergeant Major (CSM) ret. US Army, 1969-1993, Vietnam 70-71, started career as a turbine engine repairman and served the next 20 years in the Field Artillery mostly on 105mm and 8" howitzers. Retired as a Brigade CSM.



Allen West, KB4RA, United States Navy 1962-1966, ATN2. This picture was taken in 1964 or 65 over the North Atlantic at about 5000 feet which was our working altitude. Bumpy rides most of the time at that altitude. Served as an airborne radio operator and technician in VW-11 for two years. Based in Argentina, Newfoundland, and Keflavik, Iceland. Crewmember on EC-121-K Lockheed Super Constellations in the North Atlantic as an air borne extension of the Dew Line radar defense during the Cold War era.. Tracked the Russian Bear aircraft flying down the Atlantic supporting Cuba. See Bio. of VO1NWP on QRZ.com for more information. During my tenure I had the pleasure of watching an island being born off the coast of Iceland, now called Surtsey, (See Wikipedia.) The volcano that built Surtsey is now dormant but I saw it before it broke the surface as a hole in the ocean.

Ken Trapnell, KQ4RB Army Veteran who was on active duty from 1968-71.



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A Patriotic songs by Sailor Jerri, titled “Hallelujah— Veterans version” Not ham related but all American!

[Vietnam tribute to those who served](#) in any armed conflict

PTSD is real, many live with it everyday. The below link is a “Soldiers Memoir” a powerful PTSD song dedicated to them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFACmTV58Y>





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Whats so funny, AF5NP



Something new hams need to be aware of is a less-than obvious bit of old-timey ham-speak still in use. You may hear a ham say, “hi or “hihi” over the air or in person or in writing, and, curiously, their particular use of the term, “hi” is not in context of a greeting. In ham-speak the term “hi” means laughter. Often doubled (hihi), it’s a ham’s way of expressing a humorous response. So when a ham says, “hi” (s) he is laughing at some thing. Kind of like saying LOL in a text message or web post.

Where did this come from? In the early days of amateur radio, CW was the only mode so all communications were in Morse code. The word HI in Morse is dit-dit-dit-dit dit-dit, (•••• ••) which sounds like an electronic chuckle. Quickly adopted, hams have been using “hi” for laughter decades after voice and other modes were added to our radio amateur repertoire.

We’ll wrap up with a ham joke: *Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent. Hihi*

jk

HAMFESTS & EVENTS

GARSFEST.com 1633 Rivers Street, Greenwood, SC, January 11, 2025,

CLASSIFIEDS

Nothing submitted

- * The American Radio Relay League protects our rights as Amateur Radio Operators <http://www.arrl.org>
- * Support for SERA supports proper coordination! <http://www.sera.org>
- * Remember your local and regional interest clubs!
- * Southeast DX Club <http://www.sedxc.org>
- * Spread the word GARS weekly nets: 147.165 2m Net Thursdays 9 p.m.
443.900 70cm Net Mondays 8 p.m.
- * Callsign info <http://www.ae7q.com>*
- * Track us on APRS: <http://aprs.fi>,
- * Swamp Fox Contest Group <http://swampfoxcontestgroup.com>

I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. Please contact me at Mike31406@gmail.com to place a classified ad or with any ideas/comments/suggestions etc.

Mike



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Greenwood Amateur Radio Society Silent Key Memorial

Established in Memory of all Greenwood Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Radio Operators who were club members and are now Silent Keys. They were friends, family, & fellow hams and all are missed. Page 1 of 2

Call	First name last name	Date of Death
KK4RVA	Colie Floyd	Tuesday, April 9, 2024
KK4WJQ	Cynthia Penman	Saturday, February 25, 2023
WB4KXE	Harvey Hill	Friday, October 07, 2022
W8PC	Bob Skutt	Friday, July 22, 2022
N2OEE	Bob Wiener *	Tuesday, April 12, 2022
AJ4PU	David Haynes *	Friday, November 26, 2021
KB4YON	Eldora Keck	Thursday, October 14, 2021
WD4BWK	Franklin Mitchell	Saturday, September 25, 2021
KE4NL	Bill Sargent	Sunday, August 29, 2021
W3COX	Jim Cox *	Friday, July 16, 2021
KC4JUC	John March	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
KI4WJO	Jewell Mimms	Tuesday, July 14, 2020
AK4EK	Jim Gresham *	Tuesday, July 07, 2020
WB4MLU	Homer Banks	Sunday, June 07, 2020
KC4UU	Jo Henry *	Sunday, October 06, 2019
WW4I	Phil Henry *	Tuesday, January 01, 2019
KJ4VJ	Bert Keck *	Tuesday, October 23, 2018
AD4XA	Charles Pruitt	Saturday, October 06, 2018
KG4WRC	Don Finlayson	Monday, March 13, 2017
N4IDL	Jack Wheless	Tuesday, January 17, 2017
KN4D	Max Sisson	Saturday, November 12, 2016
K4GBH	Joe Mimms *	Tuesday, December 29, 2015
KV4IAV	Marion Elledge *	Sunday, December 27, 2015
KC4JWM	Alice Taylor *	Friday, December 11, 2015
K4FPF	Paul Valentino	Saturday, May 23, 2015
KC4KZ	Don Henderson *	Friday, April 03, 2015
W4PY	Warren Wise *	Saturday, February 14, 2015
KD4YPI	Todd Hendrix	Saturday, March 08, 2014
KD4BKV	Margaret Fort	Monday, September 16, 2013
KF4Y	Jim Long	Thursday, November 10, 2011
WA4DLB	Harry Davis	Thursday, November 11, 2010
W4GSW	Gay Willis *	Wednesday, August 11, 2010
K4DOK	Morton Sanders	Tuesday, June 15, 2010
W4LS.	George Miller	Thursday, August 13, 2009
W4JAK	Allen Kennemore	Monday, June 29, 2009



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KC4IEL	Brenton Bailey	Friday, May 15, 2009
KE4QQS	Stanley Green	Saturday, September 27, 2008
WA4TNO	George Fort	Tuesday, June 10, 2008
KA4OPC	Paul Savage *	Thursday, January 10, 2008
KD4BBZ	Richard Gillian *	Friday, February 02, 2007
K4HAN	Ancel Ouzts	Wednesday, June 21, 2006
KB4CK	Guy Copland *	Monday, April 17, 2006
K4HIH	Richard Addison	Saturday, April 15, 2006
KG4LEZ	James Shiles *	Sunday, January 01, 2006
KC4GZV	Walter Davis	Sunday, May 16, 2004
KA4PQA	Odel Lyda *	Thursday, September 25, 2003
WA9FWO	Franklin Kolar Jr *	Saturday, August 09, 2003
WD4JOU	Walt Spearman *	Monday, June 30, 2003
W4WQM	Margaret Duchett	Thursday, June 19, 2003
KC4MQA	Elbert Shirley	Sunday, January 12, 2003
KB4BUR	Nell Spearman *	Sunday, November 17, 2002
KC4CMF	Fred McKinney *	Thursday, April 04, 2002
K4QMY	Dan Hammett	Friday, September 28, 2001
KC4ZJP	Cecil Sutton *	Thursday, January 25, 2001
WA4JOS	Robert Buffington	Saturday, August 12, 2000
WV4B	Glen Jennings	Friday, January 14, 2000
K4VIA	Earle Gillian *	Monday, January 12, 1998
KC4JWL	James Taylor *	Monday, January 13, 1997
KC4LSN	JR Labron Jones *	Thursday, March 21, 1996
WA4TME	Brenda Fort	Tuesday, October 25, 1994
KD4EHP	Anne Miller	Thursday, March 24, 1994
W8MID	Jack Mc Guffee	Monday, September 07, 1992
N4LTL	James Wellmaker	Tuesday, February 05, 1991