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The W4GWD Repeater Network

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443.900+ t107.2

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146.910- t123.0

August Meeting

The Greenwood Amateur Radio Society will meet Monday, Aug 16, 2010, at the Turner House on Bailey Circle in Greenwood at 7pm for light refreshments and business meeting at 7:30pm. Our 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 area homes.

What's Happening?

Please remember our nets every Thursday night at 9pm. And stay in touch with the Ladies who meet on Tuesday at 8pm. Come on in, sit back, stay a while and join us "On the Stump"

The "Rolling Roundtable" meets most mornings and evenings around 7 o'clock and attracts many fine folks around the area (and

even some from way out of the area!) We'd love for you to jump in!

Until Next Time,

You're always 5 and 9 with The Signal Report
-Ed.

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 is held every Tuesday night and gathers ladies together all over the upstate and midlands. 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.

Society Events:

Chat 'N' Chew

Every Friday at 11:30am the members of the Greenwood Amateur Radio society meet at Ryan's Steak House, Bypass 25 NE, Greenwood.

Everyone is welcome to have lunch or sip your favorite beverage and chat for a while.
(Dutch treat).

Oct 05, 2010 VE Exam Session 7:00pm Greenwood Red Cross

GARS ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VE) Team will have an exam session 7:00pm Tuesday, October 5th at The American Red Cross Building 520 Epting Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

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 for everyone to check-in to our net. If you would like to fill in or be a backup net control please let Buddy Willis, W4DEW know.



Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Bert Keck	KJ4VJ	Aug 28
Warren Wise	W4PY	Aug 30
Brab Dukes	WB4TRF	Aug 31
Darrell Manning	KI4BST	Aug 31
Don Henderson	KC4KZ	Sept 2
Mike Albertson	KJ4UAT	Sept 6
Marion Elledge	KC4IAV	Sept 11
Leo Henderson	K4LEO	Sept 12
Margaret Haynes	KJ4HDK	Sept 26
Earl Powell	KC4AXY	Sept 27
Carlis Myers	KG4RIT	Sept 28

Happy Anniversary!

Mitch KJ4JGP and Di Litwer	Aug 15
Marion KC4IAV and Edna Elledge	Aug 17
Phil WW4I and Jo KC4UU Henry	Aug 30
Dan KK6AA and Jean W4KKA Farmer	Sept 3
Don KC4KZ and Bonnie N4GEZ Henderson	Sept 15

So.....You Want be a Net Controller? By Tedd Davison

It's approaching 9 PM on a Thursday night. Time for the Greenwood Amateur Radio Society's 2 meter net. If you're a licensed amateur radio operator it's your opportunity to check-in and maybe join the rag chew portion of the net. Ready? Are you going to check-in from your shack, your mobile, or maybe your handie-talkie?

The net is really a place for testing emergency communication. It's the coordination of repeater equipment, a net controller, local amateur operators, and a public record of the event. You participate by checking in your call sign, name, location, and any messages or traffic that you may have for the net. Please feel good about it! You have taken the time to join the net.

Want to do more?? Every net needs a net controller. The GARS net controller makes announcements, acknowledges the hams that check-in, accepts traffic to and from the net, conducts the "rag chew", and makes a record of the net for publication. Hey, sounds like a lot to do. It is a busy job but you can do it.

For instance, take our newest net controller, KJ4OBY, Ron Miller. For those of you that may not know, Ron is visually impaired. Ron has developed a process to take the busy net controller job and make it a surprising success. His first net a few weeks ago 'netted' thirty-six check-ins! What a great job for a first time net controller. We are all looking forward to Ron's continued net controller duties.

As Ron and the rest of the GARS net controllers have proven, being a net controller is a rewarding part of amateur radio. It's your chance to conduct a group of amateur radio operators in a coordinated use of the airwaves. Just think, when the time comes and the amateur radio community is called upon to help, you will be ready! The weekly net is a proving ground of confidence for all amateur radio operators.

It's your turn now. Listen and participate in the weekly Thursday night net. Take the time to hear the preamble, the announcements, listen to the outstanding wide area of locations of the hams checking-in, check-in yourself and hang around for rag chew.

Then just let one of the net controllers know that you would like to give it a shot. We are all here to help you. Don't worry.....go for it.....you'll do just fine!

-73 AI4WN

HAMFESTS and EVENTS:

14 Aug 2010

Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC)
Moncks Corner Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 19
1310 South Live Oak Drive
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
Website: http://www.tridenthams.org/Tailgate_Party.htm
ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.150+ (No PL)
Public Contact: Dennis Zabawa , KG4RUL
307 Pine Cone Court Ladson, SC 29456
Phone: 843-572-4053 (after 10 AM)
Email: kg4rul@arrl.net

10/09/2010

Augusta Hamfest
Blythe Area Community Center
3129 Highway 88
Blythe, GA 30805
<http://www.w4dv.org/>
Amateur Radio Club of Augusta
Talk-In: 145.490
Contact:
Douglas Pugh KE4JSJ
1806 Birch Drive
North Augusta, SC 29860
803-279-6725
doug9945@yahoo.com

4 Sep 2010

SHELBY HAMFEST
Biggerstaff Park
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Highway
Dallas, NC 28034
<http://www.shelbyhamfest.org>
Shelby Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.88 & 147.12
Robby Hamrick , WA4RH
Box 1408 Ellenboro, NC 28040
Phone: 828-435-9121
wa4rh@bellsouth.org

6 Nov 2010

Georgia State Convention (Stone Mountain Hamfest & Computer Expo)
Gwinnett County Fairgrounds
2405 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
<http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com>
Alford Memorial Radio Club
ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 107.2)
Randy Bassett , KR4NQ
PO Box 1282 Stone Mountain, GA 30086
Phone: 770-978-9181
hamfest@stonemountainhamfest.com

Packet Cluster:

- ◆ Support for SERA supports proper coordination! <http://www.sera.org>
- ◆ Ladies Net 147.165 8pm Tuesday
- ◆ Spread The Word! 147.165 Net Thurs. 9pm
- ◆ <http://www.amsat.org> for all your satellite needs
- ◆ The American Radio Relay League protects our rights as Amateur Radio Operators <http://www.arrl.org>
- ◆ Remember your local and regional interest clubs!

Classifieds:

Nothing this month, More to come!

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

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