

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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AUGUST 2006

NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers/Coordinators:

President – Charles Pennington (K4GK)
Vice President – Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Mills (KC4AA)
Repeater Trustee – Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
FCC Volunteer Exam Coordinator – Otis Murphy (W4OY)
MARC Internet Web Page Designer – Jimmy Garner (KD4NGC)
2007 ARRL Field Day Coordinator – Bill Mills (KC4AA)

President's Message:

There is great excitement with the election of new club officers. I can see many opportunities for the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club this year.

The purposes of MARC are:

... to **Serve** our community in times of need,
... to **Promote** amateur radio in our area,
... to **Educate** and **Train** our members,
... and for the **Fellowship** in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

We **need your help** in moving our club forward.

Please **join us** in helping the club this year.

73,
Charles Pennington
K4GK
President

MARC Meeting Minutes:

The 15 July 2006 MARC meeting minutes are attached. All members are encouraged to review the minutes and see what is happening at the MARC monthly meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 12 Jul 2006:	507.21	
Additions (member dues, donations, raffle, etc.):	+ 117.95	
	Sub Total	625.16
Less Expenditure:	-	00.00
Balance as of: 09 Aug 2006:	Total	625.16

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mills (KC4AA).

2006 MARC Membership Dues:

The first six months of year 2006 club member attendance at the monthly meetings has been sparse which has resulted in no payment or late payment of club annual dues. The club operates a 2 meter repeater (WB4DOJ) and we depend on the member annual dues to fund the maintenance of the repeater. If you have not paid your MARC 2006 dues, please attend the August club meeting or send a check made out to "Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club" in the amount of \$20.00 (single member) or \$25.00 (for a family) and mail to Bill Mills, 188 Ellis Mill Road, NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061-9020. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club.

New Members/Guests:

MARC welcomed the following guests at the July meeting: Clyde Lawrence (KC4QJP) and Theotis Thomas (KI4QAR). We hope both will consider joining MARC.

Technician License Class Offering:

A FCC Technician Class license preparation class will be conducted by MARC in September. For those individuals interested in obtaining a FCC Technician Class license, an orientation meeting will be held on 16 Sep, beginning 10:00 AM. Class room instruction will be held on 30 September beginning 9:00 AM. Both meetings will be held at the Baldwin County Main Fire Station, Allen Memorial Drive, Milledgeville. If you have questions, contact Bill Mills (KC4AA) 478-452-2957 or millsend@alltel.net.

2006 MARC Programs:

The following programs will be presented at the year 2006 MARC monthly meetings:

Aug - DXpeditions

- Sep - License Prep Class Orientation/Demonstration
- Oct - Member Show and Tell
- Nov - QSL Cards and QSLing Techniques
- Dec - Christmas Party

MARC Meeting Dates:

MARC meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Baldwin County Main Fire Station, Allen Memorial Drive, Milledgeville. Meetings will be held on the following dates:

19 August

- 16 Sep
- 21 Oct
- 18 Nov
- 16 Dec

Mark your activity calendar and plan to attend a club meeting and/or activity. At the 19 August meeting, we will have a club raffle. Search your "ham" radio shack junk box, and bring an item or two that you no longer need and donate it to the club. The club monthly raffles will help increase the MARC bank account in order to fund club projects.

Radio Contest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
23-24 Sep 2006	CQ WW DX RTTY
28-29 Oct 2006	CQ WW DX SSB
25-26 Nov 2006	CQ WW DX CW
02-03 Dec 2006	ARRL 160 Meter
09-10 Dec 2006	ARRL 10 Meter
23-24 Jun 2007	ARRL Field Day

2007 ARRL Field Day:

The ink is not dry on the final MARC 2006 ARRL Field Day report to the ARRL Field Day Desk when MARC members have started initial planning for the 2007 ARRL Field Day contest. Otis Murphy (W4OY) has applied and received confirmation on a special contest call sign (W4M) which will be used for the ARRL Field Day contest weekend. The Georgia College and State University West Campus picnic site reservation paperwork has been submitted and approved thanks again to W4OY. Bill Mills (KC4AA) has volunteered to lead the MARC ARRL Field Day contest team in 2007. ARRL Field Day will be held the 4th full weekend (23-24 Jun) in June 2007. Mark your calendar and plan on participating in a full weekend of radio contesting with your fellow MARC members.

VE Test Schedules:

The MARC Volunteer Exam (VE) test team conducts FCC test sessions at the Baldwin County (Mary Vinson) Library on the second Saturday of the month. The test sessions begin at 10:00 AM. Walk-in individuals interested in sitting for the FCC amateur radio exams are welcomed. The cost of taking a FCC test is \$14.00. If you have questions, please contact Otis Murphy (W4OY) 478-452-6394 or omurphy@alltel.net.

Hamfest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
02 - 03 Sep	Shelby Hamfest, Shelby, NC
30 Sep	Ten-Tec Hamfest, Sevierville, TN
07 Oct	Augusta Hamfest, Augusta, GA
04- 05 Nov	Stone Mountain Hamfest, Lawrenceville, GA

MARC Net:

When: Thursday Evening
Time: 8:00 PM
Frequency (MHz): 146.700 (Currently: 147.135)
Callsign: WB4DOJ (Currently: KE4UWJ)

Other Nets:

	<u>Baldwin County ARES</u>	<u>GA State ARES</u>	<u>Old Capitol</u>	<u>PARES</u>
When:	Tuesday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
Time:	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	7:30 PM
Frequency (MHz):	146.700	3.975	147.135	147.090
Callsign:	WB4DOJ	K4GK	KE4UWJ	