

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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OCTOBER 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 Web Page Designers – Jimmy and Dawn Garner (KD4NGC and KG4NBX))
2007 ARRL Field Day Coordinator – Bill Mills (KC4AA)

President's Message:

It's Show Time!

This month our meeting will feature a program called **“Show and Tell”**.

This is an opportunity for each member and visitor to present their own short program to our radio club. This is your chance to show off that rare QSL card, a special Morse key, a special radio award or certificate, a “home brew” antenna design or any other related item that you would like to present to club members.

Everyone attending the October meeting will be given three to five minutes to present their **“Show and Tell”** program.

At the end of the program, we will recognize the most interesting **“Show and Tell”**.

See you at the meeting!

With 73,
Charles Pennington
K4GK
President

MARC Meeting Minutes:

Did you miss the September meeting? Do not despair, minutes of MARC meetings are posted on the MARC web page. All members are encouraged to review the minutes to see what is happening at the MARC monthly meetings. If you have corrections or additions to the minutes, please contact: Bill Mills (KC4AA) 478-452-2957 or millsend@alltel.net.

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

	\$
Balance as of: 11 Sep2006	471.35
Additions (member dues, donations, raffle, etc.):	+ <u>115.00</u>
Sub Total	586.35
Less Expenditure(VHF antenna, power supply & amp):	- <u>120.00</u>
Balance as of: 11 Oct 2006	Total 466.35

Bill Mills (KC4AA)
MARC Secretary/Treasurer

2006 MARC Annual Member Dues:

The club depends on member dues to fund the MARC 2 meter repeater (WB4DOJ) maintenance/operation and other MARC activities i.e. ARRL Field Day. **If you have not paid your MARC 2006 dues**, please attend the October club meeting or if you can not attend send a check made out to the "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 to those members who have paid your 2006 dues and for your continued support of the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club.

New Members/Guests:

MARC welcomed the following guests at the MARC September meeting: Walt Thomas, Richie Adams, Kathy Manring, Tara Edwards and DeAndre Wise.

MARC welcomes new licensee, Kathy Manring (KI4ROT), as a club member.

2006 MARC Programs:

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

- Oct - Member Show and Tell**
- Nov - QSL Cards and QSLing Techniques
- Dec - Christmas Party

WB4DOJ Repeater Status:

The Saturday, October 7th, 2006 MARC repeater site “work party” was a success!

In Attendance:

K4GK Charles Pennington
W4OY Otis Murphy
KE4FFW Sonny McNeil
W1DUU Don Ames
W1DOG Hurb Ingles

The WB4DOJ/R site now sports a nice looking LAWN. The old building siding and AC unit have been removed from the lawn. There is new trim on the front of the repeater building. The building is now vented and we have installed insulation. Additionally, exterior building maintenance was completed. In short: BUCHES DONE and the hot dogs were especially good!

Otis Stephens (KE4UWJ) and Hurb Ingles (W1DOG) are scheduled to paint the outside and trim work on the repeater building the next several weeks.

GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED THANKS TO THE ABOVE MARC MEMBERS!

The WB4DOJ repeater site coordinates are:

33 Degrees, 05.467 Minutes North (33.099107)

83 Degrees, 11.004 Minutes West (83.183400)

Elevation +/- 565 Feet

The new Hamtronics exciter board has arrived! The WB4DOJ antennas on the water tower are in need of repair or replacement. The antennas are about 110 feet above the repeater building and are not functioning. We expect to have a tower climber available to work on the antennas and replace the RF cable within the next several weeks. We plan to install the recently purchased 2 meter antenna on the WB4DOJ Rohn 25G tower on the water tower. Once installed and tested, the MARC 2 meter repeater will be restored to full operation.

Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)

WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

MARC FCC Technician License Class

On 30 September 2006, MARC conducted a FCC Technician License preparation class at the Baldwin County Fire Station Training Room, Allen Memorial Drive. Three individuals from Putnam County attended the license class which started at 8:30 AM and concluded at 3:30 PM. After a 30 minute break, the MARC VE team conducted a FCC Technician License exam session. Thanks to the MARC license preparation team; consisting of Bill Mills (KC4AA), Otis Murphy (W4OY), Hurb Ingles (W1DOG) and Dewell Corbitt (AI4DS) and the MARC VE License Team (Ed Kirkpatrick, N4LC, Charles Pennington, K4GK, and Dewell Corbitt, AI4DS); Middle Georgia has three new Technician Class amateur radio operators; Chantal Gourlay (KI4ROS), Kathy Manring (KI4ROT) and Daniel Teets (KI4ROU). The Saturday amateur radio training/testing session was truly a MARC “team effort”.

MARC ITEMS FOR SALE

MARC has the following (surplus to club needs) items for sale:

Yaesu FT-2500M 2 meter transceiver with microphone and manual	\$ 100.00
Pyramid PS-14K DC power supply	20.00

Both items are in excellent working condition. If interested, call or e-mail Bill Mills (KC4AA) 478-452-2957 or millsend@alltel.net.

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:

21 Oct

18 Nov

16 Dec

Mark your activity calendar and plan to attend a club meeting and/or activity. At the 16 September meeting, the club conducted a raffle which netted the club a total of \$50.00. I am sure all of us have one or two items or more in our “ham shack” (radio room) junk box that we no longer need and can donate to the club. The club monthly raffles bring in much needed income to the MARC bank account for funding the maintenance of the club repeater (WB4DOJ) and other club related projects/activities. **Help support MARC by bringing a raffle item donation to the October club meeting.**

Radio Contest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
28-29 Oct 2006	CQ WW DX SSB
04-05 Nov 2006	ARRL Sweep Stakes (CW)
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

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.

Ham Fest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
28 Oct	Sumter ARA Hamfest, Sumter, SC
28-29 Oct	Chattanooga ARC Hamfest, Chattanooga, TN
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>Georgia 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	8:00 PM
Frequency (MHz):	146.700	3.975	147.135	147.090
Callsign:	WB4DOJ	K4GK	KE4UWJ	