

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

JANUARY 2007

NEWSLETTER

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:

Busy Times!

As I write this column (January 11) for the newsletter, I can not help but notice how busy we will be the next few weekends.

This month, we have amateur radio testing on the 13th, followed by our monthly club meeting on the 20th. Then, on January 27, the statewide Amateur Radio Emergency Service meeting will be held at the Georgia Law Enforcement Training Center in Forsyth. In February, we have another full month of activities; with VE testing, club meetings and the all important “hamfest” in Dalton. That means that I am booked six of the seven weekends with amateur radio related activities. In my spare time, I must find time to work some DX!

With all of these activities going on, I can not help but feel that the *most important event is our January MARC meeting*. This month's meeting will define the club for the entire year, as well as, possibly for years to come. A committee is working on and has completed an updated draft Constitution and By-Laws for MARC, our ARRL club affiliation is progressing and election of club Officers is before us.

With the recent announcement by the FCC on eliminating the Morse code requirement for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses, I see many new folks coming into amateur radio with the possible return of many who have previously dropped out of the hobby. Year 2007 will possibly be our busiest year ever for our local VE test team.

The opportunities and challenges are here!

Let us begin the New Year with a large attendance at the January club meeting.
...See you at the club meeting (Saturday, January 20th)!

73,
Charles
K4GK
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

		\$
Balance as of: 15 Dec 2006		427.10
Additions (member dues, donations, raffle, etc.):	+	<u>60.00</u>
	Sub Total	487.10
Less Expenditure:		-
		<u>0.00</u>
Balance as of: 14 Jan 2007	Total	487.10

As of 31 December 2006, MARC had a carry forward balance of \$427.10. Considering the club incurred high expenses to repair and return to service the club 2 meter repeater in 2006, MARC ended the year with a bank balance reserve.

Respectively submitted,
Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Member Dues:

With the beginning of the New Year, MARC club member dues are due. 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. Please plan to attend the January 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) and \$5.00 for each additional family member living in the same dwelling. Mail your check to: Bill

Mills, 188 Ellis Mill Road, NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061-9020. Thanks to those members who have paid your 2007 dues and for your continued support of MARC.

MARC had a modest growth in club membership in 2006 ending the year with 28 paid members. We look forward to the challenge of growing MARC in 2007.

New Members/Guests:

MARC welcomed the following guests at the MARC December meeting: Greg Harris's (KI4QDJ) son and Bessie Chase, wife, of Harvey Chase (W4TG).

2007 MARC Programs:

The following programs are scheduled to be presented at the year 2007 MARC monthly meetings:

20 Jan - MARC Constitution/By Laws Update. Club elections!

- 17 Feb - Safety
- 17 Mar - Antennas (Harvey Chase)
- 21 Apr -
- 19 May - ARRL Field Day Planning
- 16 Jun - Final ARRL Field Day Planning
- 21 Jul - HF Operating Procedures (Harvey Chase)
- 18 Aug -
- 15 Sep -
- 20 Oct -
- 17 Nov -
- 15 Dec - Christmas Party

We welcome program suggestions. If you have a special interest subject that you would like to have presented as a MARC monthly program; please contact Charles Pennington (K4GK), Hurb Ingles (W1DOG) or Bill Mills (KC4AA).

WB4DOJ Repeater Status:

The MARC 2 meter repeater is operational and providing good area coverage. Tower antenna work is pending and will be completed when the weather is good and the tower climber is able to fit MARC into his work schedule.

73,
Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

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	\$ 125.00
Pyramid PS-14K DC power supply	25.00

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. The January meeting will be held on the following date:

20 Jan 2007

The 20 January club meeting program will consist of review and voting on an updated Constitution and By-Laws for MARC. MARC currently is operating under an outdated Constitution and By-Laws dated 27 October 1988 and amended on 16 December 1989 and 25 March 1993. Also, we will vote on a slate of officers to lead the club. **If you are not able to attend this very important meeting, please mail or have a proxy ballot delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before 20 January.**

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 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 January club meeting.**

Radio Contest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
20-22 Jan 2007	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
17-18 Feb 2007	ARRL DX CW
03-04 Mar 2007	ARRL DX Phone
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.

2007 Ham Fest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
03 Feb	Charleston ARS Hamfest, Ladson, SC
24 Feb	Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA
17 Mar	Kennechoochee Hamfest, Jim Miller Park, Marietta, GA
14 Apr	Anderson ARC Hamfest, Anderson, SC
27-28 Apr	SE VHF Conference, Atlanta, GA
28 Apr	Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
05 May	Blue Ridge ARS Hamfest, Spartanburg, SC
12 May	Byron Hamfest, Byron, GA
18-20 May	Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH
02 Jun	Atlanta Hamfest, Jim Miller Park, Marietta, GA
07 Jul	Gainesville Hamfest, Gainesville, GA
18-19 Aug	Huntsville ARC Hamfest, ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL
15 Sep	Dallas Hamfest, Dallas, GA
13 Oct	Augusta Hamfest, Augusta, GA
20 Oct	Rome Hamfest, Rome, GA

03-04 Nov Lawrenceville 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:

	Baldwin	Georgia		
	<u>County ARES</u>	<u>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	