

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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FEBRUARY 2007

NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers/Coordinators:

President – Don Ames (W1GUU)
Vice President – Charles Pennington (K4GK)
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:

Dear MARC members,

First of all, thanks again for the honor, and the surprise, of the January election. I was floored! I hope that I can live up to your expectations. MARC has a long history and I don't know anything about the club's past. Please do pull me up short if I trip over some details that have been long since cast in stone.

Old Business:

At the January meeting we spent a great deal of time marking-up a draft of our Constitution and By-Laws. There were many valuable contributions. Bill Mills (KC4AA) has put together, and has/will distribute, what we hope is the final version, prior to the February meeting. We decided that there would be an up or down vote on that (final) draft at the February meeting. **This means that we need to get out the vote and/or collect sufficient proxies in order to have a quorum sufficient for this constitutional vote at the February 17th meeting.**

So, here's the plan:

- * We have a Quorum and we vote Yea/Nea.
 - ** If Nea, we hold a new round of drafting and revisions, and schedule a new vote.
 - ** If Yea, we're done, until it needs to be done again.
- * If there is not a Quorum, the vote will be scheduled at every meeting until we can get "the votes in the room".

Newish Business:

- * Several MARC members attended an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) workshop in Forsyth late last month. We should have one or more of them give us a rundown on the meeting.
- * Otis Murphy (W4OY) has agreed to give us an ARES talk at our 17 February meeting.
- * I'm going to suggest the club adopt emergency planning and eventual readiness as our formal goal for 2007.
 - ** If we adopt that goal we should appoint (or elect) a "project manager". Let's talk about the how and the who. It would be useful if there were one or more volunteers.
 - ** There's a course, "Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications". See the details at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html#ec001>. The course is not free! The cost is \$45.00 for ARRL members, and \$75.00 for non-members.
 - ** I'm going to propose the club support, by funding, MARC members who complete the course. I suggest this would be a very worthy investment of club funds.
 - ** ARRL Field Day is always on my mind. Spring is around the corner. Let's start talking about our plans.

This looks like more than enough for a very interesting 17 February meeting. See you there!

Best 73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 10 Jan 2007	487.10
Additions (member dues, donations, raffle, etc.):	+ <u>276.00</u>
	Sub Total 763.10
Less Expenditure (USPS Postage):	- <u>13.89</u>
Balance as of: 14 Feb 2007	Total 749.21

Respectively submitted,
Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Member Dues:

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 February 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.

New Members/Guests:

MARC welcomed the following guests at the MARC January meeting: Bessie Chase, George Jones (KA4Q) and Faye Jones (KE4SLT).

2007 MARC Programs:

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

17 Feb - Emergency Communications Operations (Otis Murphy, W4OY)

- 17 Mar - Antennas (Harvey Chase)
- 21 Apr - Safety
- 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 continues to provide excellent 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 sometime in early Spring.

73,
Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

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 February meeting will be held on the following date:

17 Feb 2007

The 17 February club meeting program will consist of the **membership vote and signing of updated Constitution and By-Laws for MARC** which was revised at the January 2007 meeting and an overview of Emergency Communications Operations by Otis Murphy (W4OY), District EC.

I am sure all of us have an item or two 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 needed income to the MARC bank account for funding the maintenance of the club repeater (WB4DOJ) and other club related projects/activities. The January club meeting raffle netted \$31.00. **Help support MARC by bringing a raffle item donation to the February club meeting.**

Radio Contest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
17-18 Feb 2007	ARRL DX CW
24-25 Feb 2007	CQ 160 SSB
03-04 Mar 2007	ARRL DX SSB
24-26 Mar 2007	CQ World Wide WPX SSB
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.

A special VE test session will be held on 3 March 2007 at the Baldwin County (Mary Vinson) Library. The special test session will begin at 10:00 AM. If you have questions, contact Otis Murphy (W4OY) 478-452-6394 or omurphy@alltel.net.

2007 Ham Fest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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:

	<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	