

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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APRIL 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:

Congratulations to Hal Reid (K6DPL) on his appointment to the Baldwin County EC position. It’s great to see this critical emergency communications position filled. We’ll look forward to regular updates from Hal as he works to get us (MARC) organized and prepared to be effective in emergency communications operations.

Congratulations to members of MARC who have recently passed their license upgrade exams. We commend your enthusiasm and the hard work that it takes to move up the licensing stairs. Let us know if you need help with the practical application of using your newly earned operating privileges. Making the step from “book learning” to being an effective, and competent, HF operator takes practice. This step is often easier if you have some help. MARC has a wide range of individuals who have many years of experience in a wide range of communications engineering and operational skills who will be happy to assist you in solving your problems. Just ask!

Last month’s club program was presented by Jim Park (W0CYH) and Tony Nuetzi (KF4EOH) on mobile van emergency communications operations. They brought the Putnam County mobile communications van and gave a detailed “hands on” briefing on the

capabilities/operations of the van. Thanks to both Jim and Tony for taking the time to give us the biggest show and tell we've ever seen. I was happy to see that MARC agreed to support their effort with a financial contribution. Keeping such a valuable asset in usable condition is a major, long term commitment. Our members need to be trained and ready to assist with our backs, as well as brains, when needed to assist with their operations.

I will miss the April MARC meeting. I'm sure Charles Pennington (K4GK) will ably fill my place without interruption. I'll see you all at the MARC meeting in May.

Best 73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 16 Mar 2007		875.21
Additions (member dues and raffle):	+ 40.00	
	Sub Total	915.21
Less Expenditure:		- 100.00
Balance as of: 18 Apr 2007	Total	815.21

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 April 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 are extended to those members who have paid your MARC 2007 dues.

New Members/Guests:

MARC welcomes George Kight (AI4UN) as a new member.

Elmer's (Mentors):

MARC President Don Ames (W1GUU) mentioned in his President's notes that club members who have upgraded to General Class now have expanded operating privileges in the HF frequency spectrum. We have a large number of experienced operators in MARC who are experts in many areas of HF operations that are more than willing to share their knowledge and experience with you. Just ask a member for assistance on solving your radio problems!

2007 MARC Programs:

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

21 Apr - Antennas (Harvey Chase, W4TG)

19 May - ARRL Field Day Planning (Bill Mills, KC4AA)

16 Jun - Final ARRL Field Day Planning (Bill Mills, KC4AA)

21 Jul - HF Operating Procedures (Harvey Chase, W4TG)

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 MARC Program Chairman, Charles Pennington (K4GK), or Don Ames (W1GUU).

WB4DOJ Repeater Status:

The WB4DOJ repeater continues to provide area 2 meter coverage with backup equipment. Now that spring weather has arrived, water tower antenna work will be rescheduled.

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 April meeting will be held on the following date:

21 April 2007

The 21 April club meeting program will be presented by Harvey Chase (W4TG) on antennas. If you have not heard one of Harvey's lectures on antennas, you are in for a great program from an experienced antenna expert.

The monthly club raffles bring income to the MARC bank account for funding the maintenance of the club repeater (WB4DOJ) as well as other club related projects/activities. The March club raffle netted \$20.00. **Help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the April club meeting.**

Radio Contest Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
26-27 May 2007	CQ World Wide WPX CW
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.

To all members who are considering upgrading to General Class, the FCC revised set of General Class license test questions goes into effect on 1 July 2007. Now is the time to study for your General Class license and sit for the exam before 1 July and save \$\$ on the FCC revised study materials.

MARC Member License Upgrades:

Please take time to offer your congratulations to the following MARC members who recently sat for the FCC amateur radio license exams: George Kight (AI4UN) "No" license to Extra Class at the 3 March 2007 VE test session. Tony Nuetzi (KF4EOH) and Patrick Smith

(KG4EPI) upgraded from Technician to General Class at the VE test session on 14 April 2007.

2007 Ham Fest/Conference Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
27-28 Apr	Southeastern VHF Conference, Atlanta, GA
28 Apr	Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
05 May	Blue Ridge ARS Hamfest, Spartanburg, SC
05 May	Byron Hamfest, Byron, GA
05-06 May	Birmingham ARC Hamfest, Birmingham, AL
18-20 May	Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH
02 Jun	Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, Jim Miller Park, Marietta, GA
07 Jul	Gainesville Hamfest, Gainesville, GA
11 Aug	Ellijay Hamfest, Ellijay, GA
18-19 Aug	Huntsville ARC Hamfest, ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL
31 Aug-02 Sep	Shelby ARC Hamfest, Shelby, NC
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