

# MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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JUNE 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:

ARRL Field Day preparation should be in full swing, especially for those who will be band captains. I remind band captains to bring your computers to the June meeting to test the networked logging software. Herb Ingles (W1DOG) will bring a hub and cables. We need to verify if our computers can talk to each other. I’m sure Bill Mills (KC4AA) our FD Coordinator (known by some clubs as the “incident commander” or “stuckee”) will have additional information further down the page, and at our June meeting.

I have just one FD related suggestion. I know we take advantage of commercial power at MARC’s FD site at GC&SU West Campus, but this would be a very good time to pull out your own stand-by power generator, if you have one, and make sure that it is operational. Power generators have a way of being ignored while they hibernate, buried under layers of dust, and other things in the garage or storage shed. Then when you most need them, they turn up dead! Pull it out, check the oil, check the air cleaner, look out for a mouse nest in the muffler/exhaust system, pour some fresh fuel in the fuel tank and fire it up. Count yourself lucky if it starts, and if it doesn’t get out the tool set. Run the generator under load for a minimum of one hour. Before

you place it back in it's corner, make a promise not to wait another 6, 9 or 12 months before you test the generator.

Note: The above FD related suggestion applies to your antenna, computer and radio

FD communications package. MARC newsletter Editor.

See you at the June meeting.

Best 73,  
/Don  
W1GUU  
President

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 09 May	888.21
Additions (monthly raffle):	+ 56.00
	Sub Total 944.21
Less Expenditure:	- 0.00
Balance as of: 06 June 2007	Total 944.21

Respectively submitted,  
Bill Mills  
KC4AA  
Secretary-Treasurer

### **New Members/Guests:**

MARC had four guests attend the May meeting: Barbara Frost, Aaron Garner (son of Jimmy Garner), Thomas Randle (AI4TV) and William Cole (KI4VFA).

### **Baldwin County ARES Report:**

The local Milledgeville Chapter, American Red Cross is our Served Agency and one of their major functions is to conduct damage control assessments after a disaster. To support this effort we are running a prototype web site that works as a location finder. It works like Google Maps, but contains more recent data and eventually will have additional data which Baldwin County has. The idea is to type in an address and see what a location looked like before the disaster so you can evaluate it after the disaster. You will be able to navigate/route yourself to the disaster site. In setting up the site, I was able to help

the city of Milledgeville with their wireless initiative by adding antennas, water towers and cell towers to the map. You can try it out at <http://routemap.esri.com/directions>. Be sure to scroll to the right to see the slider that changes the view from map to imagery.

'73,  
Hal Reid (K6DPL)  
EC, Baldwin County

### **2007 MARC Programs:**

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

**16 Jun - Final ARRL Field Day Planning (Bill Mills, KC4AA)**  
**23-24 Jun ARRL Field Day, GC&SU West Campus, Milledgeville**

21 Jul - HF Operating Procedures (Harvey Chase, W4TG)  
18 Aug - ?  
15 Sep - ARRL National Teacher's Institute (Charles Kight, AI4UN)  
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).

### **WB4DOJ Repeater Status:**

No changes or updates. The MARC 2 meter repeater continues to provide area coverage.

73,  
Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)  
WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

### **MARC Meeting Dates**

MARC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Baldwin County Main Fire Station, Allen Memorial Drive, Milledgeville. The June meeting will be held on the following date:

## 16 June 2007

The 16 June club meeting program will be presented by Bill Mills (KC4AA) on ARRL Field Day operations. The meeting program will consist of final field day planning to insure that MARC will have a successful and enjoyable 2007 ARRL Field Day. Request that FD band captains attend with your computers in order to pre-test the networked system.

The monthly club raffles continue to bring much needed income to the MARC bank account for funding the maintenance of the club repeater (WB4DOJ) as well as other club related projects/activities. The May club raffle netted \$56.00. **Help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the June club meeting.**

### **2007 ARRL Field Day:**

MARC will operate the ARRL Field Day contest from the Georgia College and State University, West Outdoor Complex, Baldwin County, the weekend of 23-24 June 2007.

Radio station set up will begin at 8:00 AM, Saturday 23 June. The FD contest will begin at 1800 UTC (2:00 PM) Saturday and will end at 1800 UTC (2:00 PM) Sunday. MARC members and persons interested in obtaining a FCC licensed are encouraged to attend FD and assist with radio station set-up and operate in the contest.

MARC will host a Saturday evening picnic for MARC members and their families beginning at 6:00 PM. MARC will provide the main course of hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Families attending the picnic are requested to bring a covered dish i.e. salad, vegetables or desert. It is requested that a donation of \$3.00 per person be made for non-club members.

### **Radio Contest Dates:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
23-24 Jun	ARRL Field Day
21-22 Jul	CQ WW VHF Contest
04-05 Aug	ARRL UHF Contest
08-09 Sep	ARRL VHF QSO Party

### **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](mailto:omurphy@alltel.net).

**To all members who are considering upgrading to the General Class license, the FCC revised set of General Class license test questions goes into effect on 1 July 2007.**

**2007 Ham Fest/Conference Dates:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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	W9DXCC Convention, Chicago, IL
15 Sep	Dallas Hamfest, Dallas, GA
28-29 Sep	Ten-Tec Hamfest, Sevierville, TN
29 Sep	South Eastern DX and Contest Club Convention, Pigeon Forge, TN
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
Time:	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Frequency (MHz):	146.700	3.975	147.135
147.090			
Callsign:	WB4DOJ	K4GK	KE4UWJ