

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

Club Officers/Coordinators:

President – Don Ames (W1GUU)
Vice President – Charles Pennington (K4GK)
Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Mills (KC4AA)
2008 ARRL Field Day Coordinator – “Open”
Baldwin County ARES EC – Hal Reid (K6DPL)
FCC Volunteer Exam Coordinator – Otis Murphy (W4OY)
MARC Repeater Trustee – Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
MARC Web Page Designers – Jimmy and Dawn Garner (KD4NGC and
KG4NBX)

President’s Message:

Hello MARC members and guests.

I’m sorry to have missed the July MARC meeting. It sounds like it must have been one of our best meetings of the year. It looks as if this month the pendulum may have swung back the other way, as several of our club officers and key members will be at the ARRL National Hamconvention in Huntsville, Alabama, and other commitments. Those of us who do plan to attend the August meeting will have a good chance to chat and hear Ed Kirkpatrick’s (N4LC) presentation on the ARRL Official Observer Program. We will hold off on important club issues until the September meeting.

So, please don’t just write off the August club meeting. I will feel silly if I’m there by myself.

Best 73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 10 July 2007	907.21	
Additions (monthly raffle and dues):	+ <u>106.00</u>	-
	Sub Total	1,013.21
Less Expenditure (U.S. Postage):	-	<u>14.50</u>
Balance as of: 8 August 2007	Total	998.71

Respectively submitted,
/Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

New Members/Guests:

MARC had 15 members and four guests attend the July meeting. The guests were:

Mike Swiderski (K4HBI), Susan Swiderski (AF4FO), Ed Einbincher (AB4QZ) and David Raetz (W4VZL). MARC welcomes Theotis Thomas (KI4QAR) as a new member.

Baldwin County ARES News:

Baldwin County ARES is looking for a few good hams. I would like to request that all ARES members update their application information on the membership form which is available on the MARC internet web page (<http://www.wb4doj.com/>). If you have problems accessing the link, call me (706-749-1191). The reason for my request is that people change equipment, capabilities, telephone numbers, call signs and addresses. We need to maintain an updated master list of our ARES members.

The Oconee Regional Medical Center recently received delivery of their emergency communications system radios (HF and VHF). The medical center is waiting on RF coaxial cable and antennas to complete the communications package. Baldwin County ARES will require additional volunteer staff to man the emergency communication positions at the Oconee Regional Medical Center as well as our commitments to the Baldwin County American Red Cross Chapter.

The months of August and September are recruiting months for the Baldwin County ARES. If you are not a member of ARES but would like to join, complete an ARES Form found on the MARC web page or give me a call.

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

2007 MARC Programs:

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

18 Aug - ARRL Official Observer Program (Ed Kirkpatrick, N4LC)

15 Sep - ?

20 Oct - ARRL National Teacher Institute (Charles Kight, AI4UN)

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:

The MARC 2 meter repeater (WB4DOJ) continues to provide good area coverage. We have identified a tower climber to assist with the club repeater antenna work. At the September club meeting, we will schedule a club repeater site work party date.

73,
/Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
MARC 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 August meeting will be held on the following date:

18 August 2007

The 18 August club meeting program will be presented by Ed Kirkpatrick (N4LC) on the ARRL Official Observer Program.

The monthly club raffles continue to 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 July club raffle netted \$66.00. **Help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the August club meeting.**

Radio Contest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
01-02 Sep	All Asian SSB DX Contest
08-09 Sep	ARRL VHF QSO Party
27-28 Oct	CQ WW DX Contest (SSB)
03-05 Nov	ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)
17-19 Nov	ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB)
30 Nov-02 Dec	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
08-09 Dec	ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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@windstream.net.

The new FCC revised set of General Class license test questions are in effect as of 1 July 2007. If you plan to sit for the General Class license exam, make sure your study material is dated 1 July 2007.

2007 Ham Fest/Conference Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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18-19 Aug Huntsville ARC Hamfest and ARRL National Convention,
Huntsville, AL

31 Aug-02 Sep Shelby ARC Hamfest, Shelby, NC

08 Sep Prather's Mill Hamfest, GA

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</u> <u>County ARES</u>	<u>Georgia</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	K4PAR