

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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SEPTEMBER 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:

Dear MARC,

Thanks to those of you who attended the August meeting. The combination of the vacation season and the ARRL National Convention and Huntsville, Alabama, hamconvention left us with a small attendance last month. Given the small group we intentionally avoided discussion of any real business at the meeting. A special thanks to Otis Murphy (K4OY) who provided a very useful presentation on the national traffic system and on the correct format for message traffic. Without Otis we would have accomplished little.

We have a full agenda planned for the September meeting. I have collected the following items for discussion:

1. Huntsville Hamconvention report.
2. ARRL Southeastern Director/Vice Director elections in October.
3. 2008 Byron tailgate support.
4. MARC 2 meter repeater site work party.
5. MARC Christmas party.
6. 2007 SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Do we have plans (refer to: <http://arrl.org/FandES/field/pscm/sec1-ch2.html>).

And, just one more point. I'm going to keep harping on power generators. It was June when I last reminded you to "fire up" your power generator and make sure it will still run. It's time to do it again. A generator set is one of the things that will really fail when you need it and you have neglected to run the generator for a long period of time. Now is the time to spend a few minutes to make sure your generator will run. They are a lot easier to fix when the lights are on and the parts store is open than to wait for emergency and it's dark, cold and your life partner is muttering to you that you should have pulled maintenance on the generator set and planned for the emergency.

See you on the 15th.

73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 14 August 2007	998.71	
Additions (monthly raffle and dues):	+ 00.00	_
	Sub Total	998.71
Less Expenditure (U.S. Postage):	00.00	
Balance as of: 12 September 2007	Total	998.71

Respectively submitted,
/Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:

Seven (7) members attended the August meeting.

Baldwin County ARES News:

The amateur radio station installation at the Oconee Regional Hospital continues to move ahead with the latest progress information is the RF coax cable is expected to be shipped by mid September. The "location finder" computer will be installed the week of September 10th and the first mailing requests for "A Few Good Hams" to support the local chapter of the American Red Cross and Oconee Regional Hospital will be sent the same week. Paperwork for club members to

volunteer to assist with emergency communications operations will be available at the 15 September meeting.

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

2007 MARC Programs:

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

- 15 Sep - ARRL Official Observer Program, Ed Kirkpatrick (N4LC)**
- 20 Oct - ARRL National Teacher Institute (Charles Kight, AI4UN)
- 17 Nov - "Skywarn" National Weather System Alert System (Barry Gooden)
- 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 September meeting will be held on the following date:

15 September 2007

The 15 September 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 club raffle scheduled for the August meeting was not held. There are several very nice door prizes to include a Hallicrafters shortwave receiver scheduled to be raffled at the September MARC meeting. Bring some extra cash and support your club. **Also, help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the September club meeting.**

Radio Contest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
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>
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