

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers/Coordinators:

President – Don Ames (W1GUU)
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MARC Repeater Trustee – Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
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President’s Message:

Dear MARC,

I’m looking forward to this month’s club meeting program. Charles Kight (AI4UN) is scheduled to present a program on ARRL National Teacher Institute program which he attended in Washington State in July. The ARRL sponsors and funds the program for teachers. The program promotes methods for teachers to use electronics/computers in their classrooms as well as exposure to amateur radio operations. I hope we have a large turn out at our MARC October meeting to listen to Charles.

The other news is Hal Reid’s (K6DPL) report on the ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) held on 6 October. Read the details on the SET in Hal’s Baldwin County ARES column found in the newsletter.

Congratulations are extended to MARC members Greg Harris (K4KGK) and Charles Randle (K4CD) who now have newly issued amateur radio vanity call signs.

See you on the 20th.

73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 10 September 2007	998.71	
Additions (monthly raffle):	+ 32.00	_
	Sub Total	1,030.71
Less Expenditure:		<u>00.00</u>
Balance as of: 09 October 2007	Total	1,030.71

Respectively submitted,
/Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:

Ten (10) members attended the September 2007 meeting.

Baldwin County ARES News:

This month marked a milestone in Emergency Communications. Baldwin County ARES conducted a joint exercise with Putnam County on 6 October. This was the date of the Georgia state wide SET (Simulated Emergency Test). The local scenario was; a tornado had damaged Georgia Power - Plant Branch and the highway 441 bridge at the Baldwin/Putnam County Line.

A Red Cross Command Center, a shelter at Walter Williams Park, a Red Cross Service Center at the National Guard Armory and the Baldwin County ARES NCS Station at Oconee Regional Hospital were manned by Otis Murphy (W4OY), Bill Mills (KC4AA), Hurb Ingles (W1DOG), Joe Hancock (KI4FLU) and Hal Reid (K6DPL).

In Putnam County, the ARES group set up the Mobile Communications Van. Tony Nuetzi (KF4EOH), Jim Park (W0CYH) and Paul Bernichon (KI4WKK) operated the van and managed several SAR canine teams who were searching for missing persons. They also maintained a VHF radio link to Oconee Regional Hospital and an HF radio link to the Georgia ARES Net Control Station in Macon.

Voice message traffic was sent between the various stations during the + 2 hour emergency communications exercise. Everyone who participated in the ARES drill had a great time and is looking forward to the next ARES emergency communications drill.

The amateur radio station installation at the Oconee Regional Hospital continues to move towards completion with delivery of the RF coax cable. The installation is expected to be completed by the end of October when the contractor installs the RF cable. "A Few Good Hams" to support the local chapter of the American Red Cross and Oconee Regional Hospital are needed. Paperwork for club members to volunteer to assist with emergency communications operations will be available at the 20 October meeting.

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

2007 MARC Programs:

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

- 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. The tower climber's schedule is limited to work on Sunday's only. A club repeater site work party date needs to be scheduled along with the tower climber.

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 October meeting will be held on the following date:

20 October 2007

The 20 October club meeting program will be presented by Charles Kight (AI4UN) on the ARRL National Teacher Institute 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 September club raffle netted \$32.00 for the club treasury. There are several very nice door prizes to include a Hallicrafters shortwave receiver scheduled to be raffled at the October MARC meeting. Bring some extra cash and support your club. **Also, help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the October 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>
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
Callsign: WB4DOJ

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