

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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NOVEMBER 2007
NEWSLETTER

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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,

If you missed last month’s meeting you missed a good one. The presentation that Charles Kight (AI4UN) gave about his experience with the ARRL National Teachers Institute Program was first rate. I’m going to have a try to get one of my teenage grandchildren interested in robotics so I have an excuse to buy a kit. The lego “Mindstorm” looks interesting but recommendations are gladly accepted. Did anyone else besides me get bitten by the bug?

This month’s program is on “Skywarn Severe Weather Training” to be presented by Barry Gooden, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Forecast Office, Peachtree City. Here is another chance to learn, or relearn, something useful and important. I hope to see you all at the November MARC meeting.

See you on the 17th.

73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 09 October 2007	1,030.71	
Additions (monthly raffle):	+ 63.00	_
	Sub Total	1,093.71
Less Expenditure:		00.00
Balance as of: 14 November 2007	Total	1,093.71

Respectively submitted,
/Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:

Eleven (11) members and two guests attended the September 2007 meeting.

Baldwin County ARES News:

The day before the Club's meeting last month, Hurb (W1DOG), Bill (KC4AA) and I met at the Red Cross Office in Milledgeville to set goals for Baldwin County ARES. One of the things we learned was that we needed a location for our ARES NCS since the Oconee Regional Hospital communications package is dedicated primarily to state hospital emergency communications. Bill has obtained an arrangement with Georgia Military College to use the Davenport Field press box to install the ARES NCS radios. We also prepared a list of items to accomplish to improve emergency communications readiness; tune-up of the WB4DOJ repeater (work in progress), work on the Putnam County Emergency van (scheduled for November 20th), a visit to the Putnam County tower site, a visit to the Regional ARES Communications Complex and the creation of a communications link to the Macon American Red Cross Center.

On Saturday, November 10th, Hurb (W1DOG), Sonny (KE4FFW) and I traveled to Madison to meet with the Putnam and Morgan County emergency communications volunteers. The meeting was to

determine what resources could be shared, who we need to support (including the hospital links) and what sort of cooperation could be assembled. In attendance were Hurb (W1DOG), Sonny (KE4FFW), Hal (K6DPL), Tony (KF4EOH), Bill (KM4LS), Jim (W0EYH) and Chuck (K2MGL). Several actions items are:

1. Putnam County communications van work day (20 November).
2. Putnam County radio tower site visit.
3. Greene County SET, Tony (KF4EOH) to find date and support required.
4. Piedmont ARES meeting, 1 December, 8:00 AM (location TBD).

As of this writing, I have not heard the installation status of the RF cable at the Oconee Regional Hospital, Milledgeville.

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

2007 MARC Programs:

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

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. A club repeater site work party date is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 18 November.

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 November meeting will be held on the following date:

17 November 2007

The meeting program will be presented by Barry Gooden, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NWS Forecast Office, Peachtree City, on Skywarn Severe Weather Warning Training.

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 October club raffle netted \$63.00 for the club treasury. **Help support your club by bringing a raffle item to the November club meeting.**

2007/2008 Radio Contest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
17-19 Nov	ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB)
30 Nov-02 Dec	ARRL 160 Meter
08-09 Dec	ARRL 10 Meter
26-27 Jan	CQ 160 Meter CW
09-10 Feb	CQ WW RTTY WPX
16-17 Feb	ARRL DX CW
23-24 Feb	CQ 160 Meter SSB
01-02 Mar	ARRL DX SSB
29-30 Mar	CQ WW WPX SSB
24-25 May	CQ WW WPX CW

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.

2008 Ham Fest/Conference Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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12 Jan	Tech Fest, Lawrenceville, GA
12 Jan	Greenwood Hamfest, Greenwood, SC
2 Feb	Charlestown Hamfest, Ladson, SC
22 Feb	Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA
26 Apr	Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
3 May	Blue Ridge Hamfest, Spartanburg, SC
7 Jun	Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, Marietta, GA

MARC Net:

When:	Thursday Evening
Time:	8:00 PM
Frequency (MHz):	146.700
Callsign:	WB4DOJ

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
K4PAR			