

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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**DECEMBER 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:

Hello MARC,

This coming Saturday, at our normal meeting time, will be devoted to our annual holiday party. Everyone should plan to bring a snack item to share and we can enjoy each others company and the latest amateur radio stories of DX worked or missed. Having a good time is the only business of the day.

Many of you will have read the e-mail from Charles Pennington (K4GK) about the 20th anniversary of the Milledgeville VE Test Sessions. This is a tremendous record of service to the area amateur radio community. Congratulations to Otis Murphy (W4OY), Charles Pennington (K4GK), Bill Mills (KC4AA) and the other VE’s for their dedicated service over the years. I wanted to be sure this valuable volunteer service is widely recognized.

See you on the 15th.

73,
/Don
W1GUU
President

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

Balance as of: 31 October 2007	\$ 1,093.71
Additions (monthly raffle and donation):	+ <u>137.00</u> -
	Sub Total 1,230.71
Less Expenditure:	- <u>35.00</u>
Balance as of: 30 November 2007	Total 1,195.71

Respectively submitted,
/Bill Mills
KC4AA
Secretary-Treasurer

Special Thanks:

Special thanks are extended to Otis Murphy (W4OY) and the VE Team for donating \$100.00 to MARC towards payment of a commercial tower climber for the MARC repeater site.

Dues!Dues!Dues!

With the start of a new year 2008, MARC member annual dues are payable on 1 January 2008. Member annual dues are \$20.00 for each member and \$5.00 for an additional member living in the same household. With year 2007 coming to a close, MARC is ending the year with 29 members in good standing.

MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:

Fourteen (14) members and one guest attended the November 2007 meeting.

Baldwin County ARES News:

On November 10th; Baldwin, Putman, Morgan, Jones and Jasper County EC's met to discuss common emergency communications resources. As a result of the meeting, we developed a list of items that we should address in the short term. These included, a visit to the Putnam County tower site, maintenance on the Putnam County communications van

(labeling cables, creating equipment check lists and looking into charging the vehicle battery using the on-board generator). Another activity that is being explored is the creation of APRS infrastructure to support the search and rescue dog teams based in Putnam County. So far, the tower site was visited and reviewed, the van project is a "work in progress", APRS is also "work in progress" with the primary issue of finding an APRS mapping program that supports both terrain and grids.

We have recently identified additional emergency communications items; the Putnam County digipeter as well as several items of the Baldwin County digipeter. In addition, Putnam County has a "new" in the wrapper 5/8th wave two meter antenna that could be used with their digipeter. One other interesting new resource is Jim Park's (W0CYH), rescue dog teams who are becoming licensed amateur radio operators and have expressed an interest in being part of ARES. We will be meeting with them on January 6th to see how we can utilize this new resource. I hope to have APRS equipment operational by the 6 January meeting so we can demonstrate a "Show and Tell".

Charles Pennington (K4GK) states the RF coaxial cable installation at the Oconee Regional Hospital has begun. It appears that Oconee Regional will soon be an operational HF/VHF radio emergency communications site.

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

2007/2008 MARC Programs:

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

15 Dec - Christmas Party

- 19 Jan - Club Officer Election
- 16 Feb -
- 15 Mar -
- 19 Apr -
- 17 May - ARRL Field Day Planning
- 21 Jun - Final ARRL Field Day Planning
- 19 Jul -
- 16 Aug -
- 20 Sep -
- 18 Oct -
- 15 Nov -
- 20 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 had a club repeater site work party on Sunday, 18 November and managed to tidy up the site.

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 December meeting will be held on the following date:

15 December 2007

19 Jan 2008
16 Feb 2008
15 Mar 2008
19 Apr 2008
17 May 2008

There will be no formal program at the December meeting. The December MARC meeting will consist of food (finger food snacks, Christmas cookies, etc.) and fellowship at the fire station equipment storage building. Please bring a finger food item to the meeting. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

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 November club raffle netted \$37.00 for the club treasury.

2008 Radio Contest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
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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>
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
16-18 May	Dayton Hamconvention, Dayton, OH
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</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	
	<u>County ARES</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			