

# MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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## JANUARY 2008 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 Coordinators – Don Ames (W1GUU) and  
Charles Pennington (K4GK)  
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,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I thought our December Christmas “get together” with great conversation and food was first rate. I know that most of us sure didn't need to eat lunch (or dinner) the remaining of the day.

Now as they say, it's back to work. There is one new/old detail to clear up (besides the repeater site antennas). That is, a MARC constitutional question. The current slate of club officers was elected at the July 2006 MARC meeting when the old version of the constitution and by-laws (October 1988) was in effect. The old constitution provided for MARC officer one year terms. The current MARC constitution and by-laws (February 2007) provides for officer two year terms, with elections in odd numbered years. I propose we place a vote to the membership; at the monthly MARC meeting with a quorum present the following:

1. Vote to extend the current slate of officers until January 2009, effectively confirming that this was our intent as discussed during the reading of incremental drafts to the

current MARC Constitution and By-Laws.

or

2. Vote to hold new elections at the February or March 2008 MARC meeting.

or

3. Some other election alternative the membership can agree on.

We will need to have a member quorum present to close on this question. Therefore, the January MARC meeting is very important and requires a large member attendance.

MARC goals for 2008 are to increase membership, conduct a successful ARRL Field Day, conduct FCC license classes and have a wide variety of interesting meeting programs.

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

73,  
/Don  
W1GUU  
President

**Treasurer's Report:**

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 1 December 2007	1,195.71
Additions (monthly raffle and donation):	+ 183.00
	Sub Total 1,378.71
Less Expenditure:	- 0.00
Balance as of: 1 January 2008	Total 1,378.71

Respectively submitted,  
/Bill Mills  
KC4AA  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Dues!Dues!Dues!**

With the start of year 2008, it is time to renew your MARC membership. Member annual dues are \$20.00 for each member and \$5.00 for an additional member living in the same household. MARC ended year 2007 with 29 members in good standing.

### **MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:**

Twelve (12) members and four (4) guests attended the December 2007 meeting.

### **Baldwin County ARES News:**

Baldwin County ARES was a little slow this past month due to the holidays. Hurb Ingles (W1DOG) continues to work on the digipeter. During the club's December meeting Bill Mills (KC4AA), Hurb Ingles (W1DOG) and I discussed some of the avenues available to get a solid radio link to Macon for the American Red Cross. We also discussed several ways to exploit the Putnam County radio tower i.e install a 440 MHz repeater as well as a second digipeter on the tower.

On 6 January, Tony Nuetzi (KF4EOH) and Jim Park (W0CYH) hosted a meeting to recruit and explain the ARES APRS function to Dog Search and Rescue Teams that Jim trains. Tony reported the meeting went very well with a lot of interest generated.

On 10 January, Charles Pennington (KGK) sent a Sky Warn activation e-mail. Fortunately, the severe weather proved to be a non-event to our area.

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

### **2008 MARC Programs:**

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

**19 Jan - Member "Show and Tell"**

16 Feb -

15 Mar -

19 Apr - DXing and Contesting, Paul Newberry (N4PN)

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

Our program for January will be a member "show and tell". Do you remember your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year in elementary school? Members are requested to bring an item or share a story with members and guests – maybe something you built; an item that was given to you by your radio "Elmer"; that best buy you found at a hamfest; an item of equipment that you used in your early radio years; a radio story or something that happened to you; a lesson you learned the hard or possibly the easy way; or some item or procedure that you use every time you are on the air.

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.

73,  
/Hurb Ingles  
W1DOG  
MARC WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

**MARC Meeting Dates**

MARC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Baldwin County Main Fire Station, Allen Memorial Drive, Milledgeville. The January meeting will be held on the following date:

**19 Jan 2008**

16 Feb 2008

15 Mar 2008

19 Apr 2008

17 May 2008

At the January meeting, we will have a short business meeting followed by a member presented "show and tell" program.

The monthly club raffles in year 2007 have been very successful and 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 December club raffle netted \$38.00 for the club treasury. Help support MARC and bring a door prize donation to the January meeting.

**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](mailto:omurphy@windstream.net).

If you plan to upgrade to the Amateur Extra class license, the FCC will have a new test effective 1 July 2008.

### **2008 Ham Fest/Conference Dates:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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
16-17 Aug	Huntsville Hamfest, Huntsville, AL

### **MARC Net:**

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

### **Other Nets:**

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<u>PARES</u>	<u>County ARES</u>	<u>State ARES</u>	<u>Old Capitol</u>
When: Sunday	Tuesday	Sunday	Sunday
Time: 8:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Frequency (MHz): 147.090	146.700	3.975	147.135
Callsign: K4PAR	WB4DOJ	K4GK	KE4UWJ