

MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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MARCH 2009

NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers/Coordinators:

Vice President – Charles Pennington (K4GK)
Secretary/Treasurer – Charles Kight (AI4UN)
2009 ARRL Field Day Coordinators –
 Charles Pennington (K4GK) and Don Ames (W1GUU)
FCC Volunteer Exam Coordinator – Otis Murphy (W4OY)
MARC Repeater Trustee – Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
MARC Web Page Designers – Jimmy and Dawn Garner (KD4NGC and KG4NBX)

From the Desk of the Club Vice-President:

It is with regrets that I must report the resignation of our Club President, Hal Reid, K6DPL. Hal has stepped down for personal reasons. This move was quite an unexpected but we all wish Hal and his family all the best.

Accordingly, I am announcing a SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. The election of president to fill the unexpired term will be held at our next regular club meeting Saturday, March 21. We urge all to attend this important meeting.

The program for the March club meeting will be announced later.

Sadly, I must also report the passing of Sandra Stephens, wife of Otis Stephens, KE4UWJ, after an extended illness. I will always remember that charming smile from Sandra at our annual Field Day event. Our sympathy goes out to Otis, and his family.

Please remember that Club dues are now due for many members. I hope to see all of you at the monthly meeting.

Charles Pennington, K4GK
Vice- President

Otis Fund:

As you know, Sandra Laurine Cole Stephens, Otis Stephens (KE4UWJ) wife of 24 Years, died on February 26. Her obituary can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/unionrecorder/Obituaries.asp>

The Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club has created an "Otis Fund" for donations, which will be presented to him, along with a card, on or about March 21st. Several donations to

this fund have already been made. Since any mail donations that you make now may not be received before the club meeting date, please do not send any more donations by mail. However, please bring any donations that you wish to contribute to this fund to the March 21 club meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of: 9 February 2009	1,839.89	
Additions (monthly raffle and dues):	<u>93.00</u>	
	Sub Total	1,932.89
Less Expenditure:	-	<u>00.00</u>
Balance as of: 9 March 2009	Total	1932.89

Respectively submitted,
/Charles Kight (AI4UN)
Secretary-Treasurer

MARC Meeting Attendance, New Members and Guests:

Eleven (11) members and two (2) guests attended the February 2009 meeting.

2009 MARC Programs:

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

- 21 Mar – TBA
- 18 Apr – TBA
- 16 May – Initial ARRL Field Day Planning
- 20 Jun – Final ARRL Field Day Planning
- 18 Jul – TBA
- 15 Aug – TBA
- 19 Sep – TBA
- 17 Oct – TBA
- 21 Nov – TBA
- 19 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 continues to provide excellent area coverage.

73,
/Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)
MARC WB4DOJ Repeater Trustee

MARC Annual Dues:

With the beginning of year 2009, it is **time to renew your membership in MARC**. Member annual dues are \$20.00 and \$5.00 for a family member living in the same household. Please bring your dues to the March meeting, or if you are not able to attend, mail your check to Charles Kight (AI4UN).

MARC Meeting Date:

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 March 2009 meeting will be held on the following date:

21 March 2009

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the March MARC meeting. Remember that we will be having a **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** at this meeting.

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 February raffle raised \$33. Check your “junk box” and consider bringing a raffle item to the March meeting as well as bringing extra cash to purchase an item or two.

W5G Texas Special Event Station

Bill Mills, (KC4AA) wanted to remind us of the W5G, Goliad, Texas special event station. W5G will be on the air 19-22 March and will operate from the Goliad County Fair Grounds. Goliath is celebrating its 260th Anniversary. Bill will be attending with a good friend, John Whittington (G4KHM) who will be in the United States on holiday. John lives in Ferring, West Sussex, England. Bill lived in Goliad from 1945 till 1961 when he went into the U.S. Army. A very nice W5G photo QSL card has been printed and will be mailed to operators who work the station. Time: 1500-2200Z, Freq: 21.230, 14.270, 7.215. More information can be found in the March 2009 edition of QST magazine (page 94).

Macon Cherry Blossom Festival Special Event Station

The Macon ARC will be celebrating the 27th Macon Cherry Blossom Festival with a Special Event Station. Time: 1500-2200Z, Freq:145.370, 14.240, 7.225, 7.050. More information can be found in the March 2009 edition of QST magazine (page 94).

2009 Radio Contest and Special Event Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
19 – 22 Mar	Goliath 260 th Anniversary Special Event Station
21 Mar	Cherry Blossom Festival Special Event Station
11 – 12 Apr	GA QSO Party
13 – 14 Jun	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
27 – 28 Jun	ARRL Field Day

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 the W5YI FCC test is \$14.00. The cost of the ARRL FCC test will cost \$15.00 effective 1 January 2009. If you have questions, please contact Otis Murphy (W4OY) 478-452-6394 or omurphy@windstream.net.

2009 Ham Fest Calendar:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
21 Mar	Kennehoochee Hamfest, Marietta, GA
9 May	Heart of GA Hamfest, Byron, GA
6 Jun	Georgia State Convention Atlanta Radio Club, Marietta, GA Jim Miller Park

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

Classified:

Do you have ham equipment to sell? If so, it can be listed here. Please send description, price, and contact information in time to make the next Newsletter Deadline.

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Saturday, April 11. Please submit to:
Charles Kight (AI4UN)
319 Weatherford Place
Macon, GA 31210
478-477-8339
cekight3@yahoo.com