

# MILLEDGEVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## W4PCF/WB4DOJ

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APRIL 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:

Fox hunting is an ancient sport popular in many parts of the world. Fox hunting among radio amateurs has a slightly different meaning as we use our radios for direction finding to locate the "Fox."

This Saturday at our monthly meeting, The Fox will be Bill Mills, KC4AA, who will try to outsmart us as to his location. I'm sure that our talented radio club membership will overcome, and locate The Fox.

This is the first time our club has gone hunting in quite a few years. It will be quite an experience.

Our regular (brief) club meeting will begin at 10:00 at the Fire Station on Allen Memorial Drive. The Fox Hunt will follow at the end of the meeting.

I'll see you there.

Charles K4GK

### Treasurer's Report:

The MARC financial status is:

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Balance as of:	9 March 2009	1,932.89
Additions:		<u>285</u>
	Sub Total	2,217.89
Less Expenditure:		-
Balance as of:	10 April 2009	<u>225.00</u>
	Total	1992.89

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

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

Seven (7) members and two (2) guests attended the March 2009 meeting.

**2009 MARC Programs:**

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

- 18 Apr – Fox Hunt
- 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 April 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Baldwin County Main Fire Station, Allen Memorial Drive, Milledgeville. The April 2009 meeting will be held on the following date:

**18 April 2009**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the April MARC meeting. Remember that in addition to the Fox Hunt, 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 March raffle raised \$20. Check your “junk box” and consider bringing a raffle item to the April meeting as well as bringing extra cash to purchase an item or two.

**2009 Radio Contest and Special Event Calendar:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>
13 – 14 Jun	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
27 – 28 Jun	ARRL Field Day

**VE Test Schedule Change:**

For well over 20 years, the MARC Volunteer Exam (VE) test team has conducted FCC test sessions at the Baldwin County (Mary Vinson) Library on the second Saturday of the month at 10 am. However, the library is now closed on Saturdays. The test session to be held on May 9th has been canceled. It is anticipated that an alternate test site will be located and that the team will resume monthly testing in June. If you have questions, please contact Otis Murphy (W4OY) 478-452-6394 or [omurphy@windstream.net](mailto:omurphy@windstream.net).

**2009 Ham Fest Calendar:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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	146.655- tone 186.2
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, May 9. Please submit to:

Charles Kight (AI4UN)  
319 Weatherford Place  
Macon, GA 31210  
478-477-8339  
[cekight3@yahoo.com](mailto:cekight3@yahoo.com)