

# ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## W4MM

### Next Club Meeting

February 24th  
Beef O' Brady's  
Gillionville Rd.  
Next to  
Darton College  
6:00PM

### W4MM Repeaters

146.820- 1110.9  
146.700-  
146.730-  
444.500+

### W4MM-15 Digipeter

144.390 MHz  
QTH of WB4TFW  
The coordinates are:  
31°34.057' N Lat  
84°05.077' W Long

### W4MM-12 Digipeter

144.390 MHz  
Emergency Comm  
Trailer

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### MONDAY NIGHT NET

Every Monday at 9:00PM Local Time on the 146.820 Repeater

### GA ARES HF NET

Every Sunday at 6:00PM Summer, 5:00PM Winter on 3.975 MHz

### SW GA ARES VHF NET

Every Sunday at 4:00PM on the 146.820 Repeater

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

K4KZP	Joyce Mullinax	5th	KG4NPC	Sherry Guzman	15th
WB4PNB	Neal Moseley Jr.	5th	K4ZMT	Steve Bacon	16th
KE4EGE	Don Chapman	7th	K4KZO	Roy Mullinax	17th
KI4JFR	Tim Locke	8th	KI4ZOI	Chris Morefield	20th
KG4CCM	Jim Williams	11th	KC4DYU	Bill Gates	25th

### CLUB NEWS

#### January Club Meeting

We would like to thank **Charles Pennington K4GK** for coming down from Sandersville and presenting a program on the National Traffic System and message handling. It was very interesting, informative and reminded us that we need to continue to practice our skills in traffic handling.

#### Club Dues

Reminder, club dues are due by April 1, 2009.

### ALBANY MARATHON



The third Albany Marathon & Half Marathon will be on **Saturday March 7, 2009**. The Albany Club has again been asked to provide communications for this event. Mark your calendar as we will need all the volunteers we can get to support this event. This is another good opportunity to spotlight our club.

If you want to see more information on this event, go to:  
[www.snickersmarathonenergybarmarathon.com/](http://www.snickersmarathonenergybarmarathon.com/)

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

Feb. 13-15 Orlando HamCation  
Feb. 28 Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA  
Mar. 7 Albany Marathon  
Mar. 1-2 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)  
Mar. 21 Kennehooshee Hamfest, Marietta, GA  
Apr. 11-12 GA QSO Party  
June 6 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA  
June 28-29 Field Day

**February 12-26 Set for KP5  
The 7th most-needed DXCC entity world-wide!  
Desecheo DXPedition**



The ARRL says the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has told Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, that their team of no more than 15 operators may put Desecheo Island (KP5) on the air for a two-week period beginning February 12, 2009.

There has been no amateur radio operation from the uninhabited island off the west coast of Puerto Rico since 1994. The approval culminates a several-year-long effort to get permission to reactivate the island. Allphin says he

also got approval to do a "shift change" approximately halfway through the expedition, allowing more people to participate. He says the current plan is for the entire team to assemble in Puerto Rico on February 8 for mandatory unexploded ordnance training (the island once was used as a gunnery range), for the first "shift" to head to Desecheo on the 12th, to get on the air as quickly as possible and to stay on as long as possible before their departure on the 26th.



**Laura L. Smith Named to Amateur Radio Enforcement Role**

(Jan 26, 2009) -- Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

**Amateur Radio Operations to Begin Again on Midway Atoll (KH4)**



(Jan 27, 2009) -- The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced on Monday, January 26 that they would once again allow Amateur Radio operators the opportunity to operate from Midway Atoll. This the first time that USFWS has allowed amateurs to operate from the wildlife refuge since 2002. The USFWS started a program earlier this month to encourage visitors to experience Midway's wildlife, history and culture, as well as non-wildlife-dependent activities -- including Amateur Radio.

**New Ham Licenses on the Rise Posted**

The number of new amateurs entering the hobby has risen substantially for the second straight year, according to the ARRL. In 2006 -- before the FCC removed the Morse code requirement for all levels of ham licenses, there were just over 21,000 newcomers to the hobby. In 2007, that number rose to 26,728 and in 2008, it was just over 28,000. The ARRL also reported that upgrade applications continue to be very strong, with more than double the number of upgrades in 2008 than in 2006 (in 2007, the number of upgrades vs. 2006 rose nearly 300%). The total U.S. ham population at the end of 2008 was 663,500, an increase of 1.2% from 2007. That number can be deceptive, however, considering that the numbers of new licensees show that more than 100,000 new hams have joined our ranks in just the past four years.

**AMERICUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC.**  
**K4FAR Kilo 4 Friendly Amateur Radio**  
 Repeaters:  
 147.270 t 131.8, Vienna, 147.375 t 131.8  
 Montezuma, 146.640, Parrott, 147.360 t 173.8  
 Club meetings 4th Thursday each month.  
 Red Cross Chapter