

# ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

March 2009

### Next Club Meeting

March 24th  
7:00PM  
Palmyra Med. Center  
Private Dining Room  
Program:  
ARES Database

### 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

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

K8YNF	Nick Butcher	1st	AB4HR	Charlie Akins	21st
KI4ZFF	Steve Rollins	1st	KI4RXZ	Emily Tyson	23rd
KF4TJR	Cat Young	15th	N4GPJ	Arthur Shipley	23rd
KE4QHU	Bobbie Phillips	19th			

### CLUB NEWS

#### 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 will be providing communications for this event. The membership has stepped up to plate again and all water stops, sweep wagons, command trailer, supply vehicle and medical tent positions will be manned. Thank you to all the members that have volunteered for 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

Mar. 7 Albany Marathon  
Mar. 7-8 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)  
Mar. 21 Kennehoochee Hamfest, Marietta, GA  
Apr. 11-12 GA QSO Party  
Apr. 25 Calhoun Hamfest  
May 9 Heart of Georgia Hamfest, Byron, GA  
June 6 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA  
June 28-29 Field Day  
Aug. 8 Ellijay Hamfest



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 8

Move ahead 1 hour and GMT will be local time +4.

**POSTAL RATE INCREASE**

**On May 11 the price for a 1-ounce 1st Class stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢.**

First Class 44 cents

Postcard 28 cents

US to Canada 75 cents

US to Mexico 79 cents

US to International 98 cents

IRC \$2.10

Here is the link to the announcement: <http://www.usps.com/prices/pricechanges.htm>

**Dialysis Clinic honors Southwest Georgia Doctor**

**Dr. Gene Clark W4AYK**

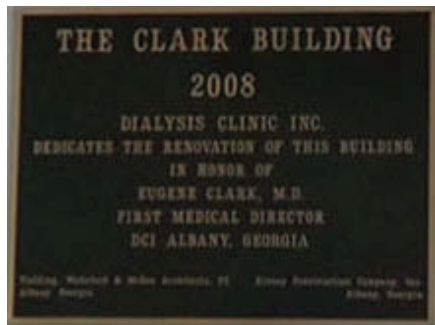


A South Georgia doctor who started the first Dialysis Clinic in Southwest Georgia was honored on Thursday. Doctor Eugene Clark was the first to offer dialysis services for patients in our area in 1976. On Thursday The Dialysis Center Incorporated dedicated its newest facility in Dr. Clark's honor. "There was no dialysis available in Columbus in Tallahassee or anywhere in entire South Georgia, and I saw the need," said Dr. Eugene Clark, Honoree. Clark is now retired.

The facility provides training for dialysis patients who wish to conduct treatments at home, said Home Dialysis Manager Sharon Hawkins. "Home dialysis gives patients more independence and a better quality of life," said Hawkins. The facility also provides education to patients who wish to receive kidney transplants and offers classes to pending patients who will eventually need to receive dialysis.

Hawkins said the facility's namesake, Clark, was a mentor to her. Hawkins worked closely with Clark during her years as a nurse for Phoebe. "I learned a lot from him," Hawkins said. "Back when Dr. Clark was working for dialysis in the hospital, I was working on a surgical floor and we were slow one day. My supervisor asked if I would like to see a dialysis, and so I went to see Dr. Clark perform one. After that, when an opening for a dialysis nurse came up, I took it." Hawkins said that Clark was always interested in someone who was interested in dialysis, and that he had a drive to give dialysis patients a better way of life. Hawkins said she worked a little in the first dialysis clinic that Clark opened and that working with him was enjoyable. "He took the time to teach you if you were interested," Hawkins said. "He was very patient. "He worked so many years by himself," said Wooden. "He was the only physician in dialysis for a long while."

"We're glad to be able to honor him," said Howell. Howell said that the idea to name the training center after Clark was a unanimous decision. "We were all thinking it," she said. Howell said that Clark was very honored to have the center dedicated to him. Howell said that a bronze plaque will be hung in the center to honor the 79-year-old Clark and his dialysis accomplishments.



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And  
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**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