

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

April 2009

Next Club Meeting

April 28th
6:00PM
Old Times Buffet
Dawson Rd.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

KI4ZOJ	Gary Morefield	2nd	KD4EYF	Mark Swicord	17th
WB4YCG	Ray Phillips	4th	K1KBA	Ken Adams	25th
W5VRV	Jerry Grange	5th	KM4IW	Jack Fisher	26th
K4XA	Graham Crosby	6th	KI4HLL	Ron White	30th
K4AMB	Amber Andrews Hall	7th			

CLUB NEWS

Albany Marathon

Thanks to all the club members and their families that volunteered for this year's Marathon. It just seems to get better each year. There were over 1500 runners entered in this year's race. Our club was well represented with 27 members and some of their families volunteering their time. There was nothing but praise from event coordinators for the Albany Radio Club communicators. Next year's Marathon will be on March 6, 2010.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Wayne Furman KC4ACT** upgraded from Novice to Technician. Also **Gayle Furman** passed her Technician exam. Wayne and Gayle are the parents of **David Furman KK4PQ**.

POSTAL RATE INCREASE

On May 11th the price for a 1-oz. 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

THE K5D DXPEDITION, 12-26 February 2009, netted **115,783 QSOs**, including one QSO with the International Space Station. The DXpedition ranks #7th for all-time number of QSOs, and the #1 DXpedition with the most 30M contacts. More importantly, we are confident that thousands of radio amateurs worldwide now have a QSO with Desecheo for an all-time new one--our overall #1 goal!

WB4LJC SK

Charles D. Chitty, Jr. WB4LJC died at his home in Albany on Saturday, March 21, after a brief illness. Col Chitty was born in Ft. Gaines, GA on November 1, 1914.

From Joe Woody WG4JOE

It is with great delight that I inform you of the promotion of Retired U. S. Army Air Force Col. Charles D. Chitty, Jr, WB4LJC this day March 21, 2009 at age 94. (You will have to read on to understand why I say delight.) Col. Chitty was a WWII fighter/bomber pilot. Col. Chitty after retirement taught Western Civilization at Albany Junior College (Now Darton College) for many years starting the year it opened in 1966. He was the main person that got our church started in 1974 (Albany Bible Church). We met at his house for Bible study and listened to tapes for quite a while before forming the church. Col. Chitty was issued a very appropriate Amateur Radio call sign to fit him with the proper suffix, and this wasn't a vanity call, WB4LJC (Lord Jesus Christ). Col. Chitty was one of the greatest people I have ever known in my life. I just envy him being able to be face to face with Christ today.

73' Joe Woody WG4JOE

FIELD-DAY 2000 at Col. Chitty's Farm at Ft. Gaines, GA



Col. Chitty WB4LJC, Arthur N4GPJ & Neal WB4PNB



Col. Chitty WB4LJC & Bob K4PHE



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He attended Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA and Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) on baseball scholarships before joining the Army Air Corps in 1937. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on September 1, 1939, Col Chitty served 28 years on active duty and retired in 1965 as a command pilot with over 5,600 flight hours. His early years were as a flight training instructor and training staff officer teaching new pilots. In 1944/45 he flew 39 combat missions destroying 32 locomotives and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross as a fighter pilot in Italy. Following WWII, he served in Japan, returning shortly after the beginning of the Korean Conflict. In 1953 he graduated with a B.S. in Military Science from the University of Maryland. In the 1950's and 1960's, Col Chitty served in various positions of responsibility as Commandant, Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL, fighter wing commander at Elmendorf AFB, AK and at Hamilton AFB, CA until his retirement. He flew twenty-four different types of aircraft during his Air Force career. While serving in the Pentagon he obtained a M.S. degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1965 he worked briefly as Comptroller for Darton College (formerly Albany Junior College) before becoming an instructor in the Social Science Department teaching U.S. government and history for almost twenty years. Subsequent to his retirement in 1985, he was named Professor Emeritus at Darton College. Colonel Chitty helped in founding Albany Bible Church.

In 1939 Col Chitty married the late Marianne Turnipseed also of Ft. Gaines. They were married for 58 years before her passing in 1998. He married the former Peggy Sheppard Curles of Albany in 2002.

IARU REGION 1 PASSES NEW 40 METER BANDPLAN

IARU regions coincide with those of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Region 1 is Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and all of Russia east to its Bering Strait border with (gasp) the United States. Region 2 is North and South America, plus Greenland. Region 3 is Asia (minus Asiatic Russia), the Central and South Pacific, Australia, and New Zealand. Antarctica and the Arctic are split up accordingly, as the lines run clear to the poles.

On March 29, 2009, an ITU agreement will kick in, expanding 40 meters in Region 1 from 7000-7100 kHz to 7000-7200. AM broadcasters in Region 1 will no longer be coordinated in this part of the "41 meter band," though it is not known whether all will actually move anytime soon. Furthermore, broadcasters in Region 3 will not have to move unless interference from legally operating amateurs becomes a problem.

The major change for hams is to move most voice operation above 7100 kHz, somewhat more in harmony with the United States rules. Night time 40 meter users in the US will hopefully not be required as often to work crossband or cross-mode to contact voice DX stations. However many countries don't have required band segments by mode, and band plans are voluntary in such cases. This should help with all of the Foreign Broadcast station interference on 40 meter SSB.



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BURGHARDT TO NO LONGER SELL AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT

(Mar 17, 2009) -- On March 16, Jim Smith, W0MJY, owner of Burghardt Amateur Center in Watertown, South Dakota, announced that the company will no longer sell Amateur Radio transceivers and accessories. The company, now called Burghardt Radio Repair, has canceled all backorders. In an e-mail, Smith blamed the current economic conditions for the change that forced the company "to re-evaluate our goals and direction. We will continue to provide radio repair service as it has become a very busy business.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

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

GEORGIA QSO PARTY 2009 APRIL 11 AND 12

GQP

Annually, the second full weekend of April There are two operating periods: 1800Z Saturday until 0359Z Sunday 1400Z to 2359Z on Sunday.

2009
April 11,12

JOIN US!! Mobiles operate as Rovers to get ALL GA counties On the Air **WE NEED YOU.**

OBJECTIVE: For amateurs outside of the state of Georgia to make contact with as many Phone and/or CW Georgia stations in as many of the 159 Georgia counties, as possible. Georgia stations work everyone on Phone, CW, or both modes. The GQP is on 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, and 6m only. Suggested operating frequencies are: Phone: 1.865, 3.810, 7.225, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450, 50.135 CW: 1.815, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045, 50.095 Awards for Club competition, Out of state clubs, and Georgia clubs, are offered in each mode category along with the individual station awards. New prizes are being prepared for 2009

GQP is becoming one of the most popular QSO party events.

QSO parties in general are now very popular. GQP has gained some status as one of the "best". Our goal is to get all the 159 (!) GA counties on the air for the event. So far we have not quite done it. We had 158 counties live in 2008, **Terrell Co. being the only on not worked**, hopefully we will get all counties on the air this year. It can be done if the GA clubs rally to get stations on the air. Home stations can easily put in some hours on the weekend. It is the Rovers who go to the rare counties and make it fun. Get in the mobile and visit your neighboring counties on short Rover run. GA is beautiful in April. Full Rules, Prizes, Awards, current and prior results are on <http://gqp.contesting.com/> Be sure to visit the site.



BOBBIE PHILLIPS KE4QHU XYL OF RAY WB4YCG NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

Both Ray and Bobbie are long time members of the Albany Club. Bobbie is now at the Mattie Marshall Alzheimer's Center in Americus, Ga. She is also going through Cancer treatment. Let's all keep Ray and Bobbie and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

LORAN-C CLOSING DOWN

Last month, the US Coast Guard announced that due to economic conditions, they would be closing down the 24 LORAN-C (Long Range Aid to Navigation) stations operated under the auspices of the USCG. LORAN stations provide navigation, location and timing services for both civil and military air, land and marine users.

LORAN-A stations were developed beginning in World War II, and signals were transmitted on frequencies in and around our present-day 160 meter band. LORAN-A was responsible for reduced amateur radio operations, including frequency and power limitations, on 160 meters in the United States. In 1979, the Coast Guard phased out the LORAN-A stations; they were replaced by LORAN-C stations. The newer stations operated on 100 kHz, enabling the restrictions on 160 meters due to LORAN functions, to be dropped.