

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

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October 2009

Next Club Meeting

October 27
7:00PM
Palmyra Medical
Center
Training Room

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

WD4LYV	Wayne Harrell	3rd	KI4RUV	Eric Soos	11th
KI4HLN	Allan Russell	3rd	W4GQD	Dean Rosier	21st
W4FWP	Milton Willis	6th	K4CQK	Jim Hagan	27th
K4GCR	Leon Perrett Jr.	7th	KC4QQC	Paul Comer	28th
KD4OZR	Ricky Mccrary	8th	KB4UNL	Ron Andrews	29th
KA4PZY	Greg Crowder	10th			

CLUB NEWS

Welcome a New Club Member

We would like to welcome **Tim Pierce** EX-KI4RUU now **WG4TIM** to the Albany club.

TALL PINES INTERTIE - END OF AN ERA FOR AMATEUR RADIO IN S. GA

To all TPI members and supporters:

The South Georgia Radio Association (WR4SG) and I Scott KB0Y would like to announce that it will be ending the Tall Pines Intertie repeater linking service by the end of this year. The official turn down date will be 1/1/10.

The TPI service has been active for almost ten years now with the first repeaters being linked in the 1999 time frame. The first repeaters linked where the AE4PO in Waycross and the WR4SG in Lake Park. Since that time other repeaters in locations such as Tifton, Douglas, Albany, Nashville, Valdosta, Reno, Moultrie, and Thomasville were linked and or planned to be added to the system.

In closing both the S.G.R.A and my self hope that amateur radio will continue to go and grow in the region. **Scott-KB0Y**

NEW ARRL SM ELECTED

Georgia will be getting a new Section Manager starting on **October 1st**. This as **Eugene "Gene" Clark, W4AYK** steps into the position taking over from **Susan Swiderski, AF4FO**, who has been Section Manager since 2002. Swiderski, who is the co-recipient of this year's Joe Knight Distinguished Service Award, decided not to run for another term of office. Clark has been the Georgia Section Emergency Coordinator for the last year and was a District Emergency Coordinator prior to that appointment.

THE 2009 CQ WW DX PHONE CONTEST:

October 24-25, Starts 0000 GMT Saturday Ends 2400 GMT Sunday. **Objective:** For amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible. **Bands:** All bands, 1.8 through 28 MHz, except for WARC bands. **Number Exchange:** RS report plus zone (i.e., 5705). Georgia is in CQ Zone 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

Oct. 3 LaGrange Hamfest
Oct. 10 Augusta Hamfest
Nov. 7-8 Lawrenceville Hamfest
Nov. 14-15 Montgomery, AL Hamfest
Dec. 5 Albany Christmas Parade.

K4PHE 50 YEARS OF HAM RADIO



K4PHE in 1960

I received my Novice license KN4PHE on October 8, 1959 while I was still in High School. I upgraded to General three months later then upgraded to Advanced in 1977 and then upgraded to Extra in 2000.

I am an avid DXer and Contester. I have been a member of the Southeastern DX Club since 1975. In 1979 I was fortunate enough to be a member of the VP2KC (now V4) Contest Team on St. Kitts-Nevis. We broke the world record in the CQWW DX Contest for the MULTI-OPR MULTI-XMTR class with a score of 37,770,012 points. That record stood until just a few years ago.

I was the QSL Manager for several DXpeditions from 1979-1992; A7XD, WB4ZNH/3D6, WB4ZNH/A2, WB4ZNH/5X, 3CØBC, TT8BC, 3C1BC, 5T5BC, J6LAH, ET3BC and 9ER1TB. There is nothing like receiving 5000 envelopes in your mail box to process.

Some of the awards and certificates I have received are the Georgia Section ARES Amateur of the Year award in 2003, 1st place for the GA Sect. in the 2002 10 Meter Contest, 1st place for the GA Sect. in the 1999 IARU contest, DXCC on Phone and CW, WAS, WAS Bicentennial, WAZ (worked all zones), WAP (worked all pacific), WAC (worked all continents) and the DXCC Millennium Award.

One of the best things about Ham Radio to me are the friends I have meet. Ham Radio is a true fraternity and I don't think there is any other organization where you can meet and have TRUE friends whether they are local, in the good old USA or around the world, it is truly special. And I wouldn't take anything for the friends I have here in the Albany area. I am originally from Atlanta but moved to Leesburg in 1994 after I retired from AT&T.

Some of the new technology is about to pass me by but that's ok, to me the real technology was my ole 6L6 transmitter (that's a vacuum tube for you new folks) on a few pieces of plywood and staying up all night pounding that J-38 key. Nothing like talking to Jim Poole K4VBH on AM in 1960 way down here in some city called Americus. I hope all of you have as much fun and get as much out of your ham radio experiences as I have.

73, a little older Bob Smith K4PHE