

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

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November 2009

Next Club Meeting

November 24
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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

N4WOY	Art Walters	11	KG4PBM	Jim Johnson	16
KF4KMW	Brenda Pawley	15	W4GHW	Greg Walls	27

CLUB NEWS

Welcome New Club Members

We would like to welcome to the Club two new members. **Dwight Barnes KJ4OVP**, Technician, Dwight lives in Albany. Also **Monroe Gaines KF4NXD**, Extra, Monroe lives in Albany.

Christmas Parade

This year's **Christmas Parade** will be Saturday December 5th. We need all the volunteers we can get. If you plan on helping with this year's parade please contact **Bob Smith K4PHE** k4phe@bellsouth.net. If you helped last year you will be given the same assignment. We need communicators for pre-parade lineup and communicators during the parade. Further information about the place and time to meet will be communicated later.

Christmas Party

The club's annual Christmas Party will be **Tuesday December 15th**. This will also serve as the December Club Meeting. This year's Christmas Party will again be at Calvary Baptist Church 1211 13th Avenue Albany Ga. The cost this year will be \$12 per person. The menu will be in the December Newsletter. Also 3 new Board Members will be elected and the Club Officers for 2010 will be selected..

TOSRV South Resurrected

We are going to have TOSRV again next year. On behalf of the Capital City Cyclists, I am asking if the Albany Amateur Radio Club would assist CCC with TOSRV 2010. The dates will be **April 17 and 18, 2010**.

The route will start in Havana, Florida go to Cairo, Sale City and Albany on the first day. The second day will take us from Albany on to Camilla, Whigham and then back to Havana. The route into Albany will take us west under Albany on Highway 234 and then north on Westover up to the northwest part of Albany. The end point in Albany will be Darton College which has a beautiful campus, gym and warm showers. If you can help contact Ken Adams K1KBA kba1@surfsouth.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night November 1st as we go back to Eastern time. (GMT = EST + 5)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

November 7-8 Lawrenceville Hamfest and Computer Expo and also the Georgia Section Convention www.totr-radio.org. Talk-in on 146.76 (tone 107.2). Location, Gwinnett Co. Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville GA.

November 14-15 Montgomery, AL Hamfest

December 5 Albany Christmas Parade.

FIRST DAY ISSUE ENVELOPE



Honoring the 50th anniversary of Amateur Radio sent to **Richard Morefield WB4TFW** (then K3TQO) in 1964 while he was stationed at the Naval Base in Maryland. There was a card inside explaining Amateur Radio and the ARRL.

AMATEUR RADIO

IS A SCIENTIFIC HOBBY of personal two-way shortwave communication, established by international agreement and practiced by 400,000 enthusiasts all over the globe. In the U. S. alone are more than 250,000 citizens licensed as amateurs by the Federal Communications Commission after completing tests in radiotelegraph code, theory and regulations. They engage in self-training, technical investigations, and other activities in the public interest such as providing emergency communications in the event of disaster. For example, in announcing the commemorative stamp, Postmaster General Gronouski said, "When telephonic communications were disrupted during a recent earthquake in Alaska, it was the hams who made contact with worried friends and relatives."

Amateurs originally were assigned to wavelengths thought by the government and professionals to be worthless. But they amazed the wireless industry by opening up a whole new field of short-wave communications. Today the bulk of all radio activity-f.m. and TV broadcasting, aeronautical, marine, military, etc. takes place

on these channels. Recently, amateurs helped evaluate a new method of "single sideband" communication, with the result that this efficient and revolutionary method is being adopted for nearly all forms of two-way commercial and military voice circuits. Today, pioneering amateurs are still in the forefront, bouncing radio signals off the moon and conducting space communications experiments through their own amateur-designed and amateur-built orbiting satellite transmitters.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, which this year commemorates its 50th anniversary, is a non-commercial association of 100,000 radio amateurs, bonded for the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, for the relaying of messages by radio, for the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters, and for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

FOUR RADIO AMATEURS KILLED IN PLANE CRASH EN ROUTE TO CQWW PHONE CONTEST



Robert Biss, W8ZA (far right), accompanied Ed Steeble, K3IXD/C6AXD (left), Dallas Carter, W3PP, Pete Radding, W2GJ/C6APR, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO (not pictured), to the Bahamas for the 2008 running of the CQWW SSB Contest. [Photo courtesy of Bob Biss, W8ZA]

Just after take-off -- around 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21 -- a twin-engine plane carrying four Amateur Radio operators crashed into the woods, only 250 yards off the end of the runway in Jedburg, South Carolina, about 20 miles northwest of Charleston. The plane -- piloted and owned by Peter Radding, W2GJ -- carried Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dallas Carter, W3PP, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO. The four men were on their way to the Bahamas to operate in this weekend's CQ World Wide Phone Contest as C6APR, competing in the Multi/2 category. Radding, of North Charleston, South Carolina, was 69; Steeble, of Summerville, South Carolina was 68; Carter, of Laurel, Delaware, was 67 and Hargenrader, also of Summerville, was 55. All were ARRL members; Radding and Steeble were Life Members.

Robert Biss, W8ZA, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, accompanied Steeble, Carter, Radding and Hargenrader to the Bahamas for the 2008 running of the CQWW SSB Contest.

According to Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet, the four hams had made this trip before with Radding piloting the plane. Nisbet said Radding had flown to Delaware to pick up Carter earlier in the week.

"How quickly can a joyous event -- setting off with close friends in anticipation of a weekend of intense radio activity -- turn to unfathomable tragedy," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "As we mourn the loss of these four well-known members of our global Amateur Radio community, our hearts go out to their families."