



Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

July 2002

C.C.A.R.E.S.



Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond K4SAH email: k4sah@arrl.net

Weekly Net: Monday Nights 8:45pm – 145.370 (- offset and 100hz Tone) KB4IZF Repeater
Third Monday of Month is a Simplex Net on 147.420 Website: <http://www.qsl.net/ccgaares/>

Monthly Meetings: First Saturday of each month 10:00AM - Locations Announced on NET

WELCOME

to the Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) Newsletter! This Newsletter is provided to enhance the services of CCARES to Cherokee County, utilizing Amateur Radio, and it's membership.

JULY 4th PARADE

Cherokee County ARES members will be assisting as communicators during the annual July 4th parade in Canton, Ga. The parade begins at 6pm. CCARES members will assemble in the area of the new Post Office behind Home Depot on Riverstone Pkwy at **4:45pm, July 4th**. Please wear your ARES t-shirts and CARS hats. Contact Steve if you need a t-shirt. Bring your HT and if you don't have a walkie-talkie, contact Steve and he will make arrangements for you to borrow one. See you there!

Volunteers are needed to serve as C.C.A.R.E.S. Net Control Station Operators

If you are interested in conducting the Monday night NET, please contact Steve Hammond.

Leadership Team

Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond - K4SAH

Assistant Emergency Coordinators

Liaison: Steve Cook - KE4WLQ

Operations: Bobby Dranzek - KG4QGK

Early Warning Station: Markus Powell - AF4VS

Early Warning Station: Jodi Powell - AG4BK

Official Emergency Station: Richard Byrd - KA4PRN

Chaplain: Mike Hill - K4JKM

Newsletter: Jim Millsap - N4ZFU

C.C.A.R.E.S. ID CARDS

If you need a Cherokee County ARES ID card, please contact Steve Hammond, K4SAH at: stevehammond@bellsouth.net

Members who need an ID card from the Cherokee County Fire-EMA, please contact Sharon Young, 770-479-2080, before going to the Public Safety building on Main St. in Canton, Ga.

We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Mr. Hugh Pearson, KB4IZF**, for the most gracious use of his repeater, 145.370mhz, located at 3,300 ft. on Mt. Oglethorpe, east of Jasper, Ga.

Cherokee County ARES held it's July monthly meeting on Saturday, June 22nd at Field's Landing Park on Lake Alatoona, in conjunction with Field Day. We had an excellent turn out for Field Day, combined with the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS) group. A fine meal was prepared at the lunch cookout by James James, KE4HMS, a.k.a. "The GrillMaster", with great hamburgers, hotdogs and chili. Markus Powell, AF4VS, and his wife, Jodi, AG4BK, prepared all the additional "trimmings", along with outstanding brownies for dessert! Thanks to all who helped bring together fun, food, fellowship, in combination with our ARES meeting and Field Day. Mike Hill, K4JKM, presented a new enhanced version of the "Umbrella Antenna", dubbed the "Stealth Antenna" by Markus, due to the fabric on the umbrella (see Field Day picture, p.3).



Cherokee County News

Cherokee County Fire – EMA

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS CAUSED WIDE SPREAD WIND DAMAGE ACROSS NORTHWEST CHEROKEE COUNTY ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 5, 2002.

SEVERAL HOMES AND CHICKEN HOUSES WERE DAMAGED IN THE PLEASANT UNION ROAD, MITCHELL ROAD AREAS AS WELL AS AREAS OF FINCHER ROAD NORTH OF WALESKA. THE DAMAGE TOOK PLACE AROUND 8:30 PM LAST NIGHT AS THUNDERSTORMS MOVED NORTH THROUGH THE COUNTY. SEVERAL DOZEN TREES WERE ALSO BLOWN DOWN IN THAT AREA.

RAINFALL AMOUNTS RANGED FROM 0.85 INCHES IN HOLLY SPRINGS TO 1.5 INCHES EAST OF BALL GROUND.

AT LEAST 4 HOMES WERE ALSO HIT BY LIGHTNING WHICH CAUSED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) presented Cherokee County officials with a final reimbursement check, Tuesday, allocated from funds Governor Roy E. Barnes dedicated to assist local disaster recovery efforts following Tropical Storm Allison in June 2001. This is the first time that the State has totally funded disaster relief for local governments. GEMA is administering the money through its Public Assistance Program.

Georgia Emergency Management Agency representative Bill Blackwell, acting on behalf of Governor Barnes and GEMA Director Gary W. McConnell, presented a check in the amount of \$54,122.29 to Cherokee County Commission Chairperson Emily M. Lemcke and Cherokee County Emergency Management Agency Director Robby Westbrook. Several other local, state and federal officials also attended the presentation which was held at the County Commission office. Including this payment, Cherokee County has received \$72,600.09.

"The financial impact of floods and heavy rains upon communities can be devastating, especially when the damages sustained do not meet federal funding criteria. Georgia is helping Georgians when they were without hope," remarked McConnell. "We applaud Governor Barnes for making the ground-breaking decision to come to the aid of these storm damaged counties."

On June 13, 2001, Governor Barnes declared a State of Emergency in 18 counties due to heavy rains and severe flooding caused by the remnants of Tropical Storm Allison. The emergency declaration covered Baldwin, Brooks, Cherokee, Clinch, Columbia, Crisp, Echols, Greene, Hancock, Lowndes, McDuffie, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Taliaferro, Ware, Warren and Wilkes counties.

For additional information, contact GEMA toll-free at 1-800-TRY-GEMA or visit the GEMA Web site at www.gema.state.ga.us.