



# Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

August 2002

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



**Emergency Coordinator:** Steve Hammond K4SAH email: [k4sah@arrl.net](mailto: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.cherokee-ares.org>

**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.

### September 14<sup>th</sup> "Meet & Eat"

Note your calendars now and make plans to attend a FIELD TRIP to Buford Dam on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Alfred Westbrook, KT4VP, has agreed to host a tour of Buford Dam for our ARES group and the CARS group. Afterwards, at 11:30am, we will meet at **Sidney's Steak House**, Located on Hwy 53 (Mundy Mill Rd), across from Gainesville College in Oakwood, Ga., to eat and fellowship. Your entire family is invited, cost is \$6.49 plus drink & tip, per person. **Please RSVP to Mike Hill, at [K4JKM@juno.com](mailto:K4JKM@juno.com)**

### 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](mailto: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 August monthly meeting Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Cherokee County 911 Center, in Canton, Ga. The meeting centered on improving our 2 meter communications by installing a new ARX2B Ringo Ranger II, along with new coax and increasing elevation with a 30' mast. The "highlight" of the day was a cookout for the Emergency Operations Center (911 personnel) and our ARES group. James James, KE4HMS, a.k.a. "The Grill Master", cooked up a fine meal of hamburgers & hotdogs. The antenna install was a great success, and the ARES group toured the 911 Center after lunch. Thanks to all who turned out to make this a great meeting/event! See more pictures on page 3.



### Cherokee County News

#### Cherokee County Fire – EMA (from July 3<sup>rd</sup> Situation Reports)

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOPED AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON ACROSS NORTHERN CHEROKEE COUNTY AND THEN DRIFTED SOUTH CAUSING DAMAGE ACROSS THE COUNTY.

1. TREES ARE REPORTED DOWN ON UNIVETER ROAD NEAR CHATTIN DRIVE.
2. ROADS IN THE SOUTH CANTON UNIVETER ROAD AREA WERE REPORTED UNDER WATER AT 4:30 PM.
3. NUMEROUS REPORTS OF BUILDINGS BEING HIT BY LIGHTNING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE 4:00 PM.
4. THE E-911 CENTER AND THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER HAVE TAKEN AT LEAST 3 DIRECT LIGHTNING STRIKES. BACKUP SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE, HOWEVER SEVERAL SYSTEMS ARE REPORTED OUT OF SERVICE. E-911 PHONE CALLS ARE BEING RECEIVED AND RADIO TECHNICIANS ARE ON THE WAY TO THE CENTER.
5. A MAJOR TRANSMISSION LINE THAT WAS DAMAGED BY A CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE BEFORE THE STORM HIT HAS JUST BEEN REPAIRED. THIS POWER OUTAGE HAD AFFECTED WATER DISTRIBUTION FROM THE MAIN CHEROKEE COUNTY WATER PUMPING STATION. WATER SERVICE SHOULD NOW BE RETURNING TO SERVICE.

Steve, K4SAH, went to the EOC, along with N4YWG, Paul Hause, and a NET was initiated. Other ARES Members checked in to the net and were on standby to assist with any communications needs.

#### First Aid – CPR Class held July 30<sup>th</sup>

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, a First Aid & CPR class was held at Cherokee County Fire Station 3-2. Ten folks attended and were certified. The class was instructed by Cherokee County Fire/EMA. A special thanks to the instructors and to Steve Hammond, K4SAH, for coordinating this training, to enhance the value of our ARES group.

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – See Pictures page 4

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, our ARES group, along with members from the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS), assisted as communicators for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Canton, Ga. Twelve (12) folks were assigned to shadow event coordinators, establish communications along the parade route, and a portable base station was set up by Marcus Powell, AF4VS. Our group braved the heat, and proved to be a valuable asset in communicating coordination efforts for the event. Thanks to all who participated!

# CCARES August 3rd Meeting

July was a busy month for the Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) group. The month began with severe thunderstorms on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, resulting in loss of communications at the 911 Center, and an activation of a net. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, our group participated in the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Canton, Ga. July 30<sup>th</sup> was training in First Aid & CPR, and August 3<sup>rd</sup> ended the month with rebuilding our 2-meter antenna facilities at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Those in attendance at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were: Steve Hammond-K4SAH, Mike Hill-K4JKM, Bill Coffee-N4RYB, James James-KE4HMS, James Dean-W4JCD, Mark Hopkins-NA4O, Vern Brackett-NA4VB, Darragh McCluer-WA6IKS, Warren McCluer-KJ6OJ, Kenny Cannon-N4ZFT, Jim Millsap-N4ZFU, Wesley Millsap-KG4UFQ, and T.C. Townsend-KK4HK.



L-R: TC-KK4HK, Mike-K4JKM, Bill-N4RYB, and James-KE4HMS (at Grill)



L-R: Jim-N4ZFU, James-W4JCD, Steve-K4SAH, Wesley-KG4UFQ (seated), and Vern-NA4VB



Vern-NA4VB, James-W4JCD (top), Kenny-N4ZFT, Mark-NA4O, Steve-K4SAH (p.3)



Vern, James, & Kenny mount ARX2B and prepare to raise 30' push-up pole.

# July 4th Annual Parade



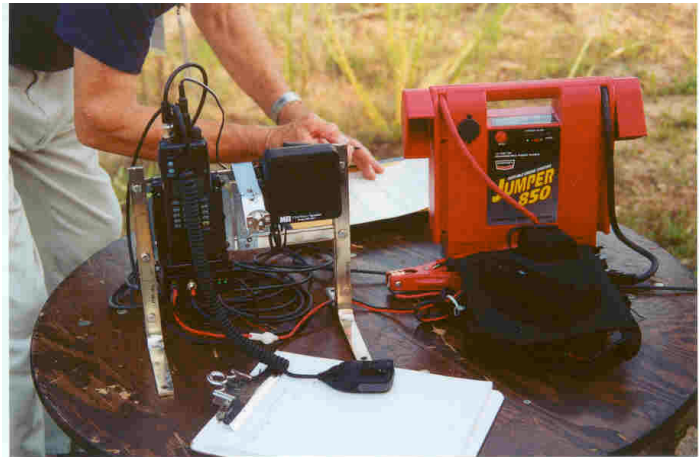
The group assembles



Mike-K4JKM with Shriners



Parade participants line up



Marcus Powell-AF4VS portable base station

## ***New Cherokee County Emergency Operations Center - Update***



Construction of the new EOC in Cherokee County is on schedule for completion in November 2002. The CCARES group is excited to have dedicated space for our ham station, along with new HF, 2-meter, and 70cm, equipment, complimented with appropriate antennae. The space and equipment is furnished by Cherokee County Fire/EMA. CCARES is privileged to have such fine support from Director Robby Westbrook and Cherokee County.