



# Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

November 2002

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



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

**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.

### December 7<sup>th</sup> ARES Meeting at New EOC

Cherokee County ARES monthly meeting will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> at the new Cherokee County Emergency Operations Center, at 150 Chattin Dr. in Canton, Ga. at 10am. Talk-in will be on 145.370. Cherokee County Fire/EMA Director, Robby Westbrook, will host our group for a tour of the new facility. Everyone is invited to come out for the tour and we will be eating lunch at Williamson Brothers BBQ (in Canton) after the meeting/tour, around 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to the latest appointments of **AEC's**; Darragh McClure, WA6IKS, Technical Coordinator, Larry Flegle, N4TMW, Net Manager, and Kenny Cannon, N4ZFT, Recruiting.

If you would like to call an ARES NET, please contact: Larry Flegle, N4TMW, 770-924-0765.

### Leadership Team

**Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond - K4SAH**

### Assistant Emergency Coordinators

**Early Warning Station: Jodi Powell - AG4BK**

**Early Warning Station: Markus Powell - AF4VS**

**Technical Coordinator: Darragh McClure - WA6IKS**

**Official Emergency Station: Richard Byrd - KA4PRN**

**Member Recruiting/Retention: Kenny Cannon - N4ZFT**

**Chaplain: Mike Hill - K4JKM**

**Liaison: Steve Cook - KE4WLQ**

**Net Manager: Larry Flegle - N4TMW**

**Newsletter: Jim Millsap - N4ZFU**

**Operations: Bobby Dranzek - KG4Q GK**

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 its November monthly meeting on Saturday, 11-2-2002, at the **Lawrenceville Hamfest**. A good turnout was present and we attended the ARES Forum. Afterwards, as all Hams do, we circled the tables (more than once) trying to locate the best bargains. Of course, we left with more than we came with. In our trip around the Hamfest, we found evidence of one ham who was obviously intent on bringing home a “truckload”. As the picture on the right indicates, with the front license plate of K4HB1, we located the truck of Mike Swiderski, aka, “That’s Me”, and soon found Mike shopping while his better half, Susan, AF4FO, our ARRL GA Section Manager, was working hard to meet and speak with all the folks! Hopefully, Susan was able to find some bargains herself! Thanks to all who attended the November meeting and what a great Hamfest!



## Cherokee County News

### Tornados hit Georgia – November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Cherokee County ARES group was notified of a possible activation on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, with the approach of severe weather coming in late Sunday evening and early Monday morning. Steve Hammond contacted a few members to meet at the new Cherokee County EOC, for the purpose of setting up a temporary 2-meter station, as we had not moved into the new facility yet.

The following members met and installed a 2-meter J-pole (attached to the handicap sign, below), ran coax to the weather room, and tested the station on Sunday afternoon. The station worked flawlessly during the storm.

L-R:

Kenny Cannon, N4ZFT, Darragh McClure, WA6IKS  
 Steve Hammond, K4SAH,  
 Bobby Dranzek, KG4QGK,  
 Wesley Millsap, KG4UFQ, and Jim Millsap, N4ZFU.

The severe weather arrived, with reported tornados In Cherokee and neighboring Pickens County. Twenty-one (21) members were active during the severe weather, lasting through the night and next morning. Thanks to all members for a successful activation & hard work.



The skies looked eerie and threatening after we completed the temporary installation of J-pole antenna, pictured above with the tower and antennas of Cherokee County in the background.

**Newsletter correction for October:** The length for the 3.975m NVIS antenna should have read 59', thanks.

## *In Memory of Vern Brackett - NA4VB*

One of Cherokee County ARES finest members, Mr. Vern Brackett, passed away on November 21, 2002. Vern had been a devoted member to our club and a great friend to many of our members, as well as, the ham radio community.

We would like to dedicate this issue to Mr. Vern Brackett, NA4VB, and will miss him very much. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends, God Bless.



Vern Brackett (far right) pictured w/ Steve Hammond



Vern Brackett (left) pictured with James Dean, W4JCD