



Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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



Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond K4SAH email: k4sah@cherokee-ares.org

Weekly Net: Monday Nights 8:45pm – 145.370 (- offset and 100hz Tone) KB4IZF Repeater.
6 Meter Simplex Net, 52.525 FM, follows the weekly 2 Meter Net. **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 - Cherokee County EOC

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.

April 5th ARES Meeting at EOC

Cherokee County ARES monthly meeting will be held April 5th, 10am, at the new Cherokee County Emergency Operations Center, located at 150 Chattin Dr. in Canton, Ga. Talk-in will be on 145.370. Please make every effort to attend, as **Callout Procedures** will be discussed for ARES activations. In addition, **New Member Orientation** will be conducted, as our group has grown to 75+ members (thanks Meg-KG4WIU, for the great membership drive at Kennehoochie Hamfest, March 15th). After the ARES meeting, the group will eat lunch at Williamson Brothers BBQ on Old Hwy 5 in Canton. The **Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS)** group meeting will follow at 2pm, right after lunch.

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

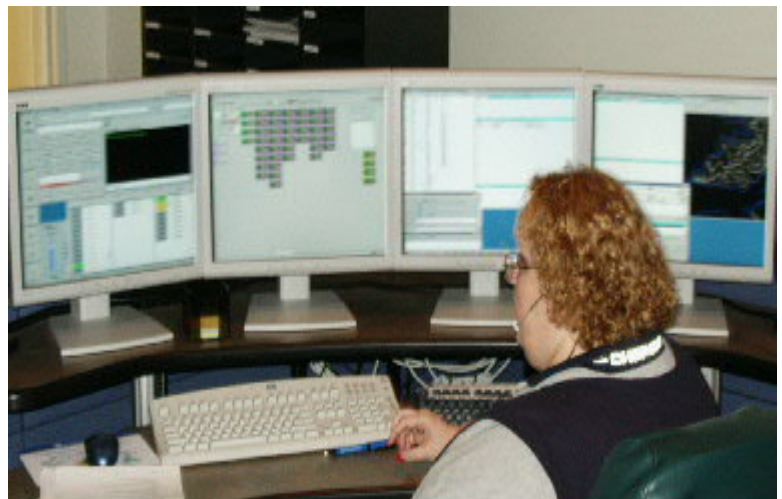
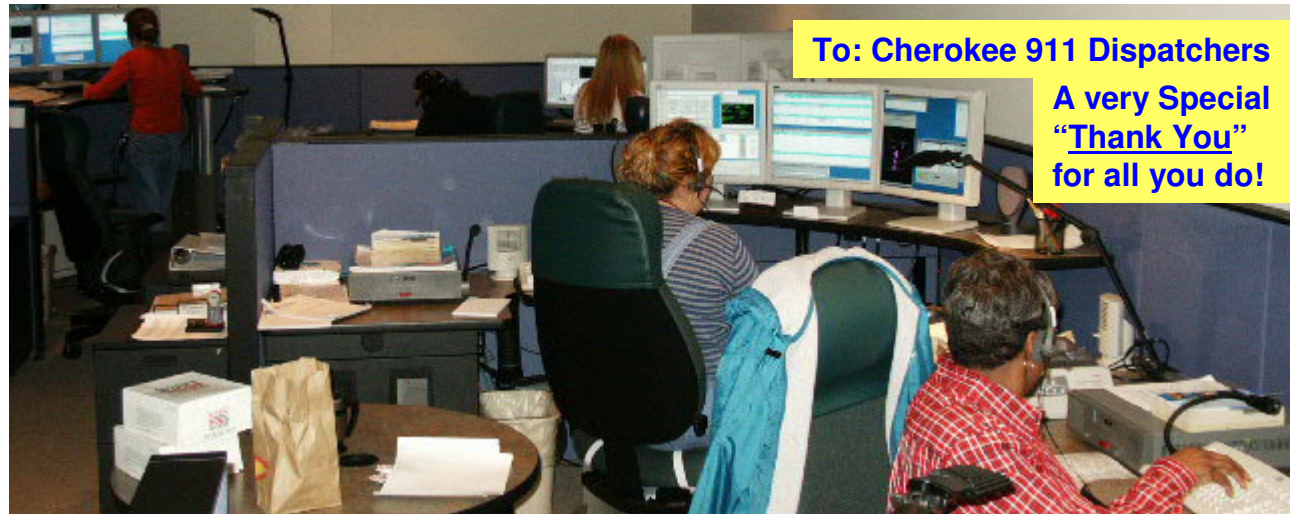
Net Manager: Larry Flegle - N4TMW

Newsletter: Jim Millsap - N4ZFU

Operations: Bobby Dranzek - KG4QGK

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 March monthly meeting on Saturday, 3-1-2003, at the Cherokee County EOC. Our guests were from the **Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Communications** group. A presentation was done by **Terry Jones, W4TL**, explaining the purpose, mission, and support, of this fine group. The group provided assistance and communications in New York, following the 9/11 terrorist attack. Thanks to the rest of the group, **Clyde, Felton, Darrell, and Phil**, for bringing their presentation and demonstration of "GA 14C". After the presentation, the group toured the new 911 Dispatch facilities, which recently moved from the old EOC to their new facility on Chattin Drive. **Cherokee ARES** provided ham operators **Darragh McClure, WA6IKS** and **Jim Millsap, N4ZFU**, at both 911 centers, as back-up communications during the day of the "cut" to the new 911 Center.



March brings hamfests, weather, more hamfests!

After attending a rather wet and soggy opening at the Dalton Hamfest on February 22nd, and a successful Tornado Drill on February 19th, our group took the last week off in February to rest up for March. We are glad we did! A great ARES meeting began March 1st. Then on March 12th, **19 Cherokee ARES members attended a SKYWARN Storm Spotter class** (dressed in our blue shirts, jackets, and caps of course), in Bartow County, Cartersville, Ga. With a total attendance of **40** in the class, taught by Mr. Barry Gooden, Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service Forecast Center in Peachtree City, folks had to wonder if they really were in Bartow County! Thanks for a great turnout. To round out the month to March 15th, both ARES and CARS groups had info/sign-up tables at the **50th Annual Kennehoochie Hamfest**, held at Jim Miller Park in Cobb County. **15 new ARES members and 10 new CARS members signed up!** Thanks to Meg-KG4WIU, Mark-KG4WIV, Darragh-WA6IKS, Kenny-N4ZFT, Markus-AF4VS, James-W4JCD and I am sure others, who assisted in the recruitment drive. What a great turned out for the Kennehoochie Hamfest!



Dalton Hamfest

The rains came, and swim across the lot.



ARES/CARS "Eating Meetings"

LF- Chris, KG4DCO, RF- Mark, KG4WIV
LR- Frank K4SJR, RR- Meg, KG4WIU



Markus-AF4VS, James-W4JCD, Meg-KG4WIU
at sign up table, Kennehoochie Hamfest,
March 15th.



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