



# Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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



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**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.

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> ARES Meeting at EOC

Cherokee County ARES monthly meeting will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am, at the 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 training on net procedures will be conducted, coverage of the **Cherokee County ARES Basic Test**, will be conducted. **ALL** members who desire to keep or obtain a Cherokee County Fire/EMA ID card, must pass this 25 question test or the ARRL EC-001 test. After the ARES meeting, the group will eat lunch at Williamson Brothers BBQ on Old Hwy 5 in Canton. Please welcome our **newly appointed AEC, Chris Jackson**, KG4DCO, as the ARES Net Manager

To assist by calling an **ARES NET**, please contact: Chris Jackson, KG4DCO, 678-230-2902.

#### 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: Chris Jackson-KG4DCO

Newsletter: Jim Millsap – WB4NWS

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 April monthly meeting on Saturday, 4-5-2003, at the Cherokee County EOC. The membership drive continues through the end of April, with now a total of 75 members in our ARES group! A "**One Day Technician Class**", scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at Reinhardt College was discussed. This class is for the Boy Scouts. Members volunteered to assist in teaching and provide demos for this special class. New policy/procedures have been implemented for those ARES members who desire to keep or obtain Cherokee County Fire/EMA ID cards. Members are now required to pass the Cherokee County ARES Basic Test, a 25 question test centered on emergency communications and working with served agencies, to obtain or keep their current ID card. If you do not take, or fail the test, your existing county ID card will be re-called, and those members who desire an ID card from Cherokee County Fire/EMA will not be issued a card. The card allows you to participate as a radio operator at the EOC, and any on-scene events that our presence is requested by Cherokee County Fire/EMA. **The test is NOT mandatory to be an ARES member**, but is required to obtain a Cherokee County Fire/EMA ID card and it's respective privileges. The test can be found on the ARES website, along with the training material. Any questions, contact Steve Hammond. Our new net procedures on Monday evening's ARES Net, involve message handling traffic, for announcements, to enhance passing Net Traffic. **Darrell Mitchell, Logistics Chief-Cherokee Fire/EMA** (and fellow ham KG4YGZ), gave an outstanding presentation to our group about the county's 52 tornado warning sirens and the "Adopt-A-Siren" program. This program would utilize our group to assist the county in providing a positive reporting system, that assigned sirens near our homes were confirmed as working during the monthly siren tests. The tests are conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12 noon, unless weather conditions are questionable, then the tests are not performed. More details to come. Skywarn Net procedures were discussed by Steve. **Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief training** will be held in Blairsville on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. So far, six of our members are scheduled to attend this additional training. **Field Day is June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** and will be held at Fields Landing.

Steve-K4SAH, brought his new communications trailer for "show and tell" (see next pages), what a treat for us! Steve purchased the 20' trailer and added all the equipment, for use not only by our group, but has offered the use to other ARES groups, ham clubs, etc., for emergency communications, etc. Darragh, WA6IKS and Chris, KG4DCO, provided man-hours in the custom design/implementation of equipping the trailer with Steve. Thanks guys, it is an extremely nice communications trailer, a very professional job. Steve might take orders for your very own personalized communications trailer, for \$100,000. Not really a bad deal, comes equipped with radios, GPS, antennas, generator, battery back up, and air conditioning included!



# April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Pictures



## This Month's Featured Hamshack – Wesley Millsap, KG4UFQ

After 3 weeks of adding a new room for a teenage son (downstairs away from his sister), Wesley's room was finally completed with the help of Chris – KG4DCO and Dad, Jim. The room is complete with a Yaesu FT-8900 Quad Band (2m, 70cm, 6m, 10m), cable TV (tuned to the weather channel), custom cabinets and drawers (for maps 1<sup>st</sup>, clothes 2<sup>nd</sup>), 2g Pentium PC with DSL 1.472mbps service (for fast radar downloads of course), a crude communication device called a "telephone", NOAA weather radio, 80" long bed (for long legged 6'4", 15 year old, a.k.a. "the eating machine"), and his trusty flashlight and HT. The room was so inviting Dad wanted to move down there, Wesley replied, "No Way!"

