



# 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.

**Third Monday** of Month is a **Simplex Net on 147.585 (Note New Frequency)**.

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.

#### October 4<sup>th</sup> Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The October 4<sup>th</sup> Cherokee County ARES meeting will be participating in the annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET), and in conjunction with the "Marblefest" in Jasper, Ga. We will begin at 8am and will set up at both the EOC and in Jasper. More details will be communicated via the net & email.

#### October 18<sup>th</sup> JOTA, 8am at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga.

ARES & CARS members will be setting up stations to allow Boy Scouts to ham it up with other Scouts

#### \*\*\* September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> "Riverfest" Boling Park, Canton, Ga. \*\*\*

Cherokee County ARES group will be setting up at the Riverfest event in Boling Park, Canton, Ga.

Mark your calendars and look forward to seeing everyone there!

#### Leadership Team

Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond - K4SAH

#### Assistant Emergency Coordinators

Early Warning Station: Jodi Powell - AG4BK

Training Officer: Mark Hopkins – NA4O

Early Warning Station: Markus Powell - AF4VS

Net Manager: Chris Jackson-KG4DCO

Official Emergency Station: Jim Millsap – WB4NWS

Chaplain: Mike Hill - K4JKM

Member Recruiting/Retention: Kenny Cannon - N4ZFT

Operations: Darragh McCluer-WA6IKS

Zone 1 Leader, Technical Coordinator: Darragh McClure - WA6IKS

Zone 2 Leader, Newsletter: Jim Millsap – WB4NWS

Zone 3 Leader: Ken Dean – K4RWG

**NEEDED: Monday night net control operators. Please help, contact Chris @ 678-230-2902**

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 their monthly meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at the EOC. There were 20 members in attendance. Plans were implemented to cover the upcoming SET (10-04), JOTA (10-18), Marblefest in Jasper (10-04), and the Riverfest event in Canton, Ga. (09-27, 09-28). Training was given regarding tactical messages and the ARES group utilized their respective 3 Zones to conduct a tabletop drill, passing traffic to the EOC ham station. A Storm Spotter form was presented by **Steve Hammond-K4SAH** for use during weather events. **Markus Powell-AF4VS** covered multiple courses available online from FEMA (they are FREE), <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp> and has completed four in the last two weeks! Training includes topics such as: Basic Incident Command, Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies, and State Disaster Management. Besides the obvious benefit of the training, successful completion of the courses will result in a certificate and college credits awarded to the individual. Markus is setting an example for all ARES members to enhance their skills with the various training available. Great job Markus!

**Congratulations** to **Kenny Cannon, AI4BE**, on his recent upgrade to Extra Class. In the last three months, three of our members have now upgraded to Extra, **Darragh McCluer-WA6IKS** and **Warren McCluer-AI4AK** and one to General, **Wesley Millsap-KG4UFQ**. Congratulations to all of you!. **Welcome to our newest member, Charlie Fox, AA4CF**, to both the ARES and CARS groups! Pictured below are the tabletop drill and the following eating/meeting at Williamson Brothers BBQ in Canton. For those who missed the ARES and CARS meetings, see what you missed? Look forward to seeing more members at the upcoming events.



L-R: Steve-K4SAH, Darragh-WA6IKS, Charlie-AA4CF, and Dennis-KG4IYY



L-R: Kenny-AI4BE, Mark-NA4O, Wesley-KG4UFQ, Chuck-KG4VB, and James-KE4HMS at drill.



BBQ was great! Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month!

## Spotlight on KG4DCO – Chris Jackson

Occasionally, our newsletter gets the opportunity to feature one of our members and their ham gear. This month, we would like to feature one of our AEC's, Chris Jackson, KG4DCO, and his suspicious Crown Vic vehicle. Chris has a neat setup, as evidenced by the pictures below. The setup includes a Kantronics KPC3+ TNC, interfaced with a Garmin GPSIII, laptop, and transmits via an ICOM 207H, 2/440 radio for APRS. Chris uses an ICOM 706MKII-G for his HF, 2m, 6m, and 70cm communications. He completes the fine mobile setup with a Magnum 257 10 meter all mode transceiver and remote controlled 10 meter amp, mounted in the trunk. The mobile antenna's consist of Larsen 2/440, Larsen 27-20mhz, 2 meter 5/8 wave, Radio Shack glass mount, and a Comet UHV6 to cover HF, 2m, 6m, and 440. One of the things that catches your eye, is the neat installation, not just inside the car, but the Organized installation of the radio units in the trunk, interfaced via separation kits. This helps make for more room up front. We are sure Chris' white Ford Crown Victoria receives many looks from drivers on I-75 and probably helps to slow down the speeders! Great job Chris!

