



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 8:00pm – 443.075 (+ offset ,107.2hz Tone) WA4EOC Repeater.

Third Monday of Month is a **Simplex Net on 147.585**.

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.

AEC Meeting, December 22nd 2003 at 7:00pm, Cherokee EOC.

There will be an Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) meeting on Monday evening, 12-22-2003, at 7:00pm. All AEC's are encouraged to be there as plans for 2004 are to be discussed. Thank you.

Announcements

Congratulations to the newly elected Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS) officers for 2004. They are: **President- Kenny Cannon, AI4BE, Vice-President- Frank Dean, K4SJR, Secretary- Markus Powell, AF4VS, and Treasurer- James James, KE4HMS.** Thanks for your willingness to serve and we look forward to an outstanding year in both the CARS and ARES groups for 2004.

Leadership Team

Emergency Coordinator: Steve Hammond - K4SAH

Assistant Emergency Coordinators

Early Warning Station: Jodi Powell - AG4BK

Early Warning Station: Markus Powell - AF4VS

Official Emergency Station: Jim Millsap – WB4NWS

Member Recruiting/Retention: Kenny Cannon – AI4BE

Digital Communications: Tom Olley – KG4VUB

Zone 1 Leader, Technical Coordinator: Darragh McClure - WA6IKS

Zone 2 Leader, Newsletter: Jim Millsap – WB4NWS

Zone 3 Leader: Ken Dean – K4RWG

Training Officer: Mark Hopkins – NA4O

Net Manager: Chris Jackson-KG4DCO

Chaplain: Mike Hill - K4JKM

Operations: Darragh McClure-WA6IKS

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 November 1st meeting was held at the Lawrenceville Hamfest. A great turn out for meeting and the hamfest were noted. Steve Hammond, K4SAH, brought his communication trailer and was set up near the entrance to the main building, which generated many visitor's to the trailer. Many eyeball QSO's with the Cherokee ARES members and visiting hams was the "norm". An ARES Forum was presented with nearly 100 folks in attendance at this year's hamfest. Attendance to the hamfest was outstanding, and beautiful weather was an added treat. The December 6th ARES meeting was held at the EOC and a follow up CARS Christmas luncheon/meeting was held at the Ryan's restaurant in Canton, Ga. There was an outstanding turn out for both meetings and everyone had a great time. **The next ARES meeting is Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00am**, at the Cherokee County EOC & the CARS eating/meeting to follow, 12n at Williamson Brothers BBQ. **Weather events in November & December** have proved to be interesting from thunderstorms to freezing weather. We escaped ice and snow, so far this year, but if early cold spells are an indicator of what is to come for this winter, we are in for a cold winter with snow and ice possibilities. This would be a great time to check your batteries, charging systems, and generators, for any emergencies. This would also be a good time to check and "beef up" your simplex stations as appropriate, with the potential possibilities of repeater outages, due to various weather conditions.

Flu season is here! The CDC has issued a statement that this year's Flu season will be at "epidemic" levels, predicting over 70,000 deaths as compared to 25,000 deaths for last year. This flu virus is not to be taken lightly, as reported deaths from 6-16 years old, as well as over 60 years old, have already occurred. While the flu shot was not the selected immunization for the actual flu this year, it is still recommended to get the flu shot, to help lessen the effects of the virus. Take extra precautions this year, washing the hands regularly, and of course vitamins (both C and multi-vitamins) can't hurt. Dress warm and stay healthy!



\$ For Sale Corner \$



Icom R-71 Receiver - .1 to 30mhz
Contact: Chuck, KM4KB at
770-924-3524 or km4kb@arri.net

Above: A packet demo was the highlight at the ARES Forum at this year's Lawrenceville Hamfest. Attendance was nearly at 100!



Good times and good friends at the hamfest. Pictured L-R:
Mike Hill, K4JKM,
John Bostic, WB4GOV,
Jim Millsap, WB4NWS,
Wesley, KG4UFQ

Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS) luncheon

The December CARS eating/meeting was held at Ryan's in Canton this year. This meeting is traditionally our 'Christmas' luncheon and what a great turn out for the event. Mike Hill presented a demonstration on how to build a home made trap for di-pole use. The 'torch' was passed from outgoing President Jim Millsap to the newly elected 2004 President, Kenny Cannon, AI4BE. "Thanks to all the CARS members and special thanks to Frank Dean, K4SJR, for the nice plaque that was presented to me", stated Jim Millsap. As evidenced by the pictures below, everyone had a great time of fellowship, and left with full tummies!



Picture above: CARS members at Christmas luncheon. Below L-R: Mike Hill, Markus, Kenny, Frank, James



Ham Station Spotlight – Wesley Millsap – KG4UFQ

On the weekend of December 13th-14th, with the 10 meter DX contest, the HF band issued in a new contest participant. **Wesley Millsap, KG4UFQ**, recently worked out a 'swap' with his dad, Jim, and now has a Yaesu FT-100D, fed with ladder line into a 75 meter di-pole at 40+ feet, through a MFJ-969 tuner. Wesley worked 9 countries and 12 states in about an hour and a half with his 100 watts. Wesley even worked a New Zealand station, 8,200 miles away, in a pile-up! I guess the di-pole is working well... The highlight of the day was working a very nice QSO with **Mike Swiderski, K4HBI**, just prior to checking into the State ARES net on 3.975. A very large grin was on Wesley's face when Mike called him. So lookout DX world, Wesley is operating HF from his own room now, logbook and map is in place!



Ready to go to work on the HF bands now! DX map on the wall, with ARRL and SKYWARN Certificates.



Wesley's 75 meter homebrew di-pole, #12 THHN Home Depot special



Wesley's FT-100D and MFJ-969