



BUTTS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUXILIARY

Dedicated to serving the communities in and surrounding Butts County, working hand-in-hand with local and state governments, the Red Cross, and other non-profit community-service organizations.

THE REPEATER

JANUARY 2016



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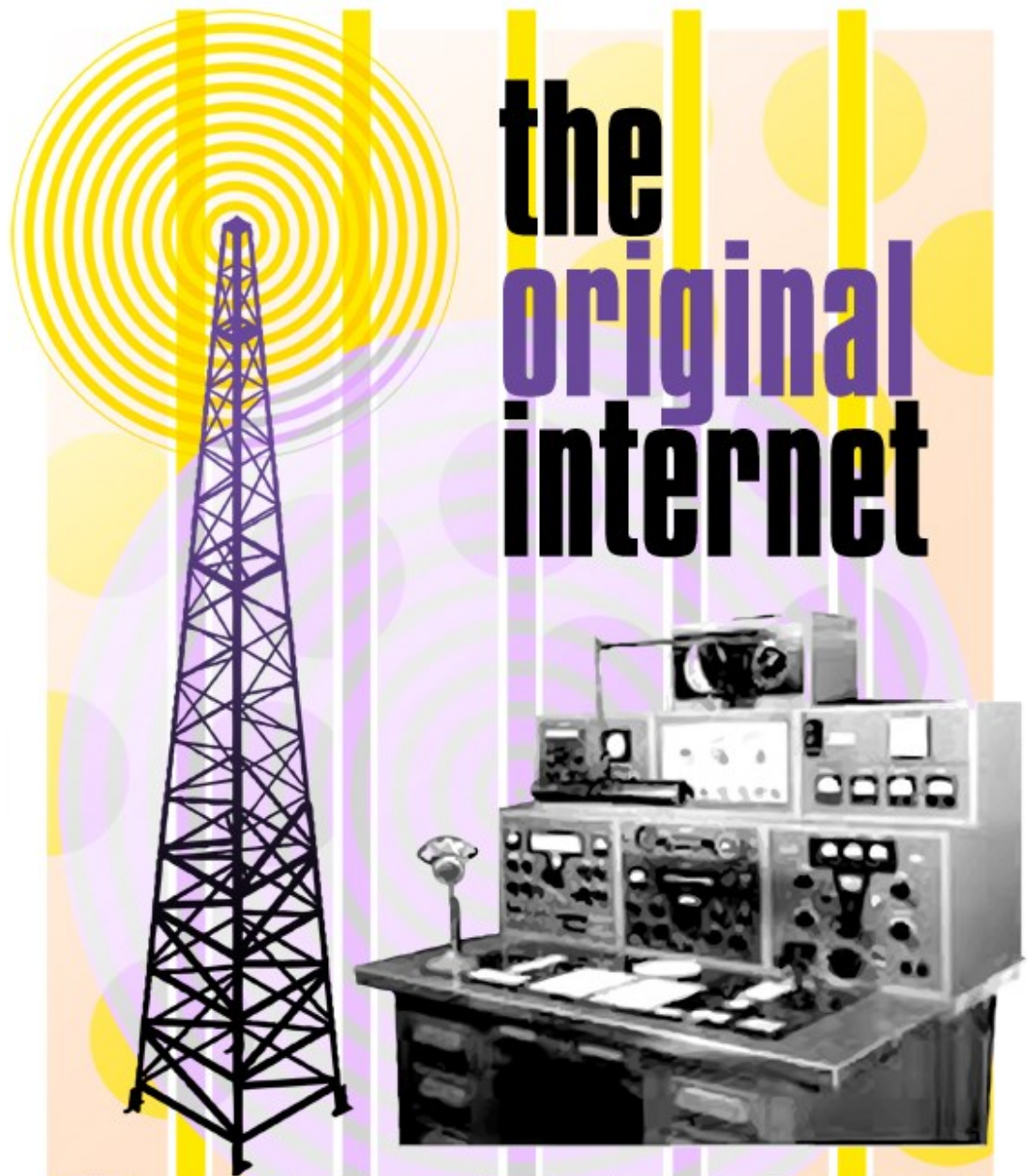
CLUB DIRECTORY 6

SAVE THE DATES

Sundays @ 4:30 PM
Weekly Butts County
FM Training Net

January 4
Monthly BCECA
Meeting, FS #7
7:00 PM

January 16
Ham Cram &
V.E. Session
FS #7
8:30 AM
V.E. Session 4:00 PM



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original
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HAM RADIO



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**JANUARY**

January 4 — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30
Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

January 16 — Hungry Hams, Lunch Box Restaurant, 7:00 AM
Ham Cram, Fire Station #7, 8:30 AM
V.E. Session, 4:00 PM, Fire Station #7

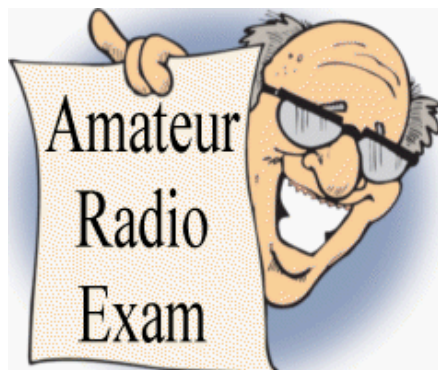
January 19 — Newton County Club Meeting.
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.

FEBRUARY

February 1 — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30
Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

February 16 — Newton County Club Meeting.
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.

February 20 — Hungry Hams, Lunch Box Restaurant, 7:00 AM

**Spalding County**

Saturday,
January 9

9:00 AM

Spalding Regional
Hospital

601 South 8th Street
Griffin, GA

Butts County

Saturday,
January 16

4:00 PM

Butts County
Recreation Center

Ernest Biles Drive
Jackson, GA

Henry County

Saturday,
February 20

9:00 AM

Piedmont Henry
Medical Center

1133 Eagle's
Landing Parkway
Stockbridge, GA

2016 Winter HamCram

January 16, 2016
Fire Station #7

8:30 AM

V.E. Session
4:00 PM

Please invite local persons
who will be willing to get
involved in our club!
Space is limited!





FROM THE BACKCRE — BUZZ (K3GWK) Butts County Emergency Coordinator

I hope you all had a great Christmas. Freida and I spent a pretty quiet day here in Jenkinsburg Station.

We made it through the rain and thunderstorms with no problems, just a lot of soggy lawn. Butts County survived with minor damage, except for the roadway collapse on Wolf Creek Road. Did have a minor propane leak, but that's another story.

Our ARES group had a very active year. Our exercises included a Special Event Station at the Bluebird and Blue Grass Festival, the ARRL Field Day and the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (Parts 1 & 2). We also participated in the planning, Table Top and Full Scale Region F Hospital exercise. Members of our ARES team activated stations at Sylvan Grove Hospital and Spalding Regional Medical Center. In addition to exercises, we co-sponsored a Digital Workshop (D-Rats and Flmsg) at Piedmont/Henry Hospital and demonstrated Fldigi and Flmsg to members of Georgia Public Health at their Mutual Aid meeting and at a Table Top Exercise.

Our Field Day activity was held in Jackson this year. The team pulled off another great Field Day, finishing number two in Georgia

behind the power-house North Fulton club. Our final score was 3402 points with 1096 QSOs. The annual "Family Picnic" (held in conjunction with Field Day) was a big success.

A General License class was started in January and ran through March, finishing up in time for the March VE session. Five members received their General upgrade and we "broke-in"

several new instructors. Our VE team held six sessions including two HamCrams. Thanks to those sessions we gained four new members.

Along with Butts County CERT we were able to complete a SKYWARN Storm Spotter class and help Butts County maintain its "Storm Ready" certification.

Members of our ARES group participated in Public Service events in Covington, Morgan County and Atlanta: Covington Century, Spin For Kids, Peachtree Road Race and Publix Marathon. Those activities are a great way to put ham radio out into the public eye; the event participants are always glad

to see us. Great training, too.

Our twenty-eight member group continues to shine. Our emphasis on upgrading has produced significant results – noted by folks all over the state. However, there is one area where we have really fallen short of expectations (mine anyway!). We need to do better with completion of the GA ARES required and recommended FEMA

Independent Study courses. Currently we have thirteen ARES members who have completed only ONE course. Only sixteen members have completed the Basic ARES course (ARRL

01 or Gwinnett) and only eight of our members have completed all of the required IS courses. How about a "New Year Resolution" to finish at least Basic ARES and IS 700 and IS 100?

As I said at the Christmas Dinner, "This is the best hobby in the world." We meet new people, make new friends, we serve our neighbors, advance technology and we have a whole lot of fun. We don't have to rely on infrastructure so ham radio

is often (usually) the last resort communication system available. "When all else fails..."

We have accomplished a lot since we formed the ARES team in 2010. We have a full-blown ham station at Sylvan Grove Hospital and a UHF/VHF & Digital station at the 911 Center. We have established a relationship with Butts County Public Health and one of my goals for 2016 is to get a station installed there.

Any other suggestions for 2016, please let me know.

Happy New Year!

Thanks for all you do!

73, Buzz
(K3GWK)

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2015 End-of-Year ARES Stats

Membership in January, 2015: 31

Membership in December, 2015: 28 (24 Active and 4 Pending)

Inactive Members: 5 (MSAR CERT team folks and Jess Porter)

Net Check-In Only: 17

Deployable Members: 8 (Completed Basic ARES and all the GA ARES Independent Study Courses)

AUXCOMM: 6

Nets Reported: 103 (311 Hours)

Drills and Training: 58 (1528.5 Hours)

Public Service: 13 (198 Hours)

Misc. Activities: 11 (211 Hours)



TechFest 2016

North Fulton Amateur
Radio League
Gwinett Medical Resource Center,
Lawrenceville, GA

Saturday, January 9

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM



www.techfest.info

Special Features

- NFARL will be bringing kits to build. The builders should probably be 10 years or older. Parents should be comfortable with their children handling a hot soldering iron.
- Lawrenceville Command Vehicle outside doing tours. This is a very special vehicle.
- Mill Springs Academy will have an exhibit and provide one of the forums. Excellent chance to have your young teens introduced to young folks interested in Amateur Radio.
- Interested in knowing more about learning CW, we'll have a rep from CWOPS.

Raffle

- The online Raffle ticket site is back in operation.
- Everyone gets a free door prize ticket. We have 5 or 6 radios + many other items to be given away at different times during the day.
- Raffle off a new Icom 7100. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will be available for sale at TechFest. Ticket Orders may be made online: <http://adatab.duckdns.org/TechFest/index.cfm> <http://adatab.duckdns.org/TechFest/index.cfm> Multiples of 5 for \$20.00 only.
- The drawing for the Icom 7100 will be held at approximately 2:00pm from the GARS table. You do not have to be present to win.



Cost

General Admission: FREE

Exhibitors: FREE

Coffee: FREE

Lunch: FREE

Forums: FREE

Door Prize Tickets: FREE

Door Prizes

5 TM-281A Kenwood Radios Donated by Kenwood

TYTERA MD-380 UHF DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO (DMR) With software and programming cable
Donated by [North Georgia Communications](http://NorthGeorgiaCommunications.com)

MFJ 4230 Power Supply

ARRL gift certificates

2 SWAT LED Rechargeable Flashlights from JMR Sales

50 ft Coax Jumper, 12 ft Coax jumper and Wirebook V from The Wireman

Assorted from Tower Electronics

Gift Certificate from RF Adapter Guy

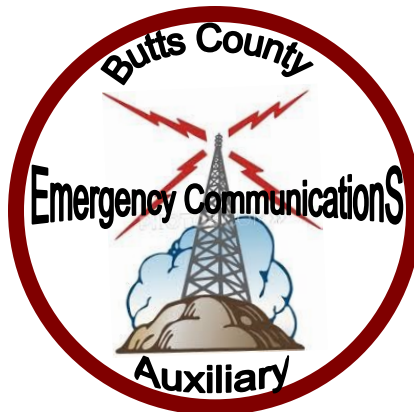
And many more...

Door prize drawings will be held throughout the day.
You must be present to win.

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**Net Control Station
Roster**

January
Buzz K3GWK

February
Elaine KW4AQ

March
Ed WX4ED

If you'd like to serve as NCS, please
email Ken (KM4HOS), Net Manager:
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Weekly Training Net:

Sunday 21:30 GMT

4:30 EST 5:30 EDT

WX4BCA Repeater 147.285- PL131.8

Jackson, GA

BUTTS COUNTY / SOUTHERN CRESCENT AREA NETS — HF, VHF & UHF

Sunday (4:30 pm) GA ARES Digital Net — 3583 KHz (USB) or 7042 (PSK-31) Center 1000 Hz

Sunday (4:30 pm) Butts CO FM Training Net — 147.285 MHz (131.8 PL) Winlink: WX4BCA

Sunday (5:00 pm) GA ARES SSB Net — 3975 KHz (LSB) Winlink: WX4GMA

Monday (9:00 pm) Southern Crescent FM Net — 145.170 MHz (146.2 PL) & 444.875 MHz (123.0 PL)

Tuesday (7:30 pm) GA CERT Digital Net — 3585 KHz (USB) or 7042 (PSK-31) Center 1000 Hz

Tuesday (8:00 pm) GA CERT FM Net — 146.805 MHz (100.0 PL)

Wednesday (8:00 pm) Newton Co Digital Net — 146.925 MHz (88.5 PL) (MT63-2KL) Center 1500 Hz

Thursday (8:00 pm) NCRC/ARES/RACES FM Net — 146.925 & 444.800 MHz (88.5 PL) Winlink: K4NCR

Thursday (9:00 PM) Barnesville/Lamar County W8JI Repeater Net — 147.225 (no tone)

Saturday (11:00 am) *SATERN Net (Southern Section) — 7262 KHz

METRO ARES FM NET

1st Sunday (4:00 pm) Metro ARES FM Net — 145.430 MHz (107.2 PL)

Also on EchoLink at WB4NWS-R (Node: 593209)

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit all articles and/or suggestions to **Ed Hoard (WX4ED)**
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