



## 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

MAY 2016



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## BLUEBIRDS AND BLUEGRASS SPECIAL EVENT STATION

For the third year in a row the Butts County ECA Team constructed and manned Special Event Station WX4BCA from the 16th annual Bluebirds and Bluegrass Festival at the Dauset Trails Nature Center in Jackson.

The day began with breakfast at the Lunch Box restaurant, then off to Dauset Trails to set up the station and begin making

station.

Officials at the BB&BG Festival reported that some 2,667 people came through the gates of the nature center on Saturday, April 23.

The Special Event Station afforded the Club an opportunity to showcase Ham Radio and answer questions about the hobby. A number of people came by the station who



contacts.

Participants were (L to R) Melvin (and Scout) KK4QJR, Dennis KM4MHW, Ken KK4HOS, Elaine KW4AQ, Brent KA3ZPM, Buzz K3GWK, Anthony KM4DHz, and Dan W4DED.

At publication time, we were unable to get a definitive number of contacts made during the day. However, each contacting station received a QSL card with the BB&BG Logo as well as information about our club

were inquisitive about Amateur Radio.

The Special Event Station also served to qualify as an ARES Simulated Emergency Training exercise.

Special thanks to Elaine KW4AQ for once again reserving a place and heading up the SES Team.

(See more photos on Page 4)

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### SAVE THE DATES

#### Sundays @ 5:30 PM

Weekly Butts County FM Training Net

#### May 2

Monthly BCECA Meeting, FS #7  
7:00 PM

#### May 21

Hungry Hams, Lunch Box, 7:30 AM  
V.E. Session, Butts County Rec Center  
9:00 AM



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

May

- May 2** — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30  
Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7  
**May 7** — Red Devil Alumni Fun Run, Club provides Emcomm  
**May 17** — Newton County Club Meeting.  
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.  
**May 21** — Hungry Hams, Lunch Box Restaurant, 7:30 AM  
VE Session, Butts County Rec Center, 9:00 AM

June

- June 6** — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30  
Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Tim Kersey Pavilion  
Program: *Field Day Training*  
**June 21** — Newton County Club Meeting.  
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.  
**June 25** — Field Day & Family Picnic, Tim Kersey Pavilion  
**June 26** — Field Day, Tim Kersey Pavilion

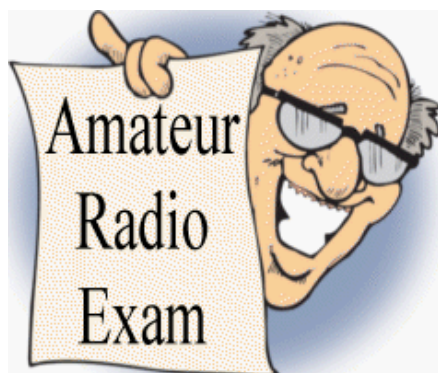


## Field Day Training

### Monday, June 6 — 7:00 PM

TIM KERSEY  
VOLUNTEER MEMORIAL PAVILION

### Tim Kersey Pavilion

Spalding County

Saturday,  
May 14  
9:00 AM  
Spalding Regional  
Hospital  
601 South 8th Street  
Griffin, GA

Butts County

Saturday,  
May 21  
9:00 AM  
Butts County  
Recreation Center  
Ernest Biles Drive  
Jackson, GA

Henry County

Saturday,  
June 18  
9:00 AM  
Piedmont Henry  
Medical Center  
1133 Eagle's  
Landing Parkway  
Stockbridge, GA





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

April was not a very radio-active month (thank goodness). Freida and I did some traveling; spent a couple of weeks “up North” visiting family and friends. Our granddaughter Emily was in *FAME JR.* at her school in Maryland and we were able to watch our grandson play lacrosse at one of the coldest and windiest fields in York County.

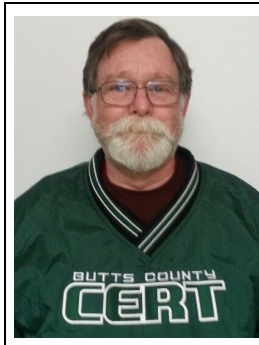
The icing on the cake was a visit to the Keystone VHF Club’s site on Rocky Ridge in York, PA and also attending the April KVHF meeting. The club’s president threatened to have me preside at the meeting but I did not have my referee shirt and whistle along. My ham radio timing was right on; the York Hamfest was held while I was there so I was able to attend that and visit with some OLD ham radio buddies. Bought some stuff I really needed.

Freida and I returned to Jenkinsburg for a couple of days of R&R and then headed to Savannah for the 2016 Emergency Management Association of Georgia (EMAG) Convention. Mike Crowe (AJ4GU), Ken Reid (KG4USN) and I were presenters (Georgia ARES Digital Capabilities) at a Wednesday afternoon break-out session. Georgia ARES also had a well attended booth in the vendor’s display area. The booth was set up and staffed by George Olive (AI4UR) and David Benoist (AG4ZR). George is the DeKalb EC and David is the Georgia ARES SEC. There were several excellent speakers: Jim Butterworth (GA OHS/EMA Director), Lt. Michael Madden (San Bernardino, CA Police Department (1<sup>st</sup> guy on scene at the December 2015 terrorist attack) and Stephanie Decker (Tornado Survivor). Many, many informative break-out sessions and vendor displays.

Our membership currently stands at 23 ACTIVE, 5 INACTIVE and 5 PENDING. Our group put in a total of 163 Ham Hours during April. Nets: 27 Hours, Training: 54 hours, EMA OPS: 4 hours, Misc: 78 hours. The value of those hours is 3,672

dollars. Money our served agencies did not have to spend.

I would like to recognize our team members who have completed all of the “required” and “recommended” Butts County ARES courses. Thanks to: AK4EM, KK4SUO, KM4MHW, NV4RB, KM4HOS, KA4ZPM and W4DED. We have quite a few members who need one or two courses for a clean-sweep. CERT training is not a requirement but it is encouraged. You can check your GA ARES Database Page (<https://gaares.org/cgi-bin/login.pl>) to view your training accomplishments. If you have any questions or are having trouble with GA ARES Database access, please let me know.

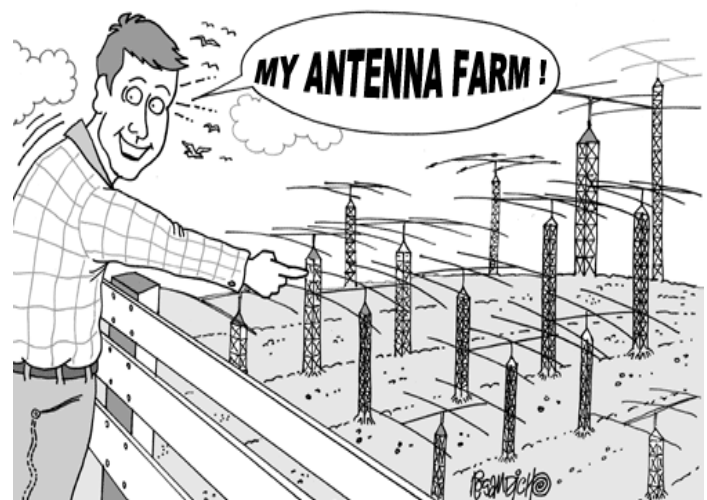


We will be busy in May. Jessica McFadden, Red Cross Disaster Program Manager, will attend our May training and talk to us about the Red Cross. On May 7<sup>th</sup> our ARES team will be providing course communications for a 5K Fun Run. The 3+ mile run will be held on city streets in the vicinity of the football stadium. The event is a fund raiser for the Jackson “Red Devils” football team (equipment, uniforms, etc.). We still have a few “on course” openings. Should be a fun morning; good training and it may satisfy the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test requirement. An HT should be sufficient.

I have been playing around with the JT-65 weak signal mode. My signal must be pretty weak, I have not made many contacts yet. JT-65 is a digital mode and it counts for DXCC so it will probably be a mode we can try during Field Day. What? Field Day? Yep, Field Day is next month so mark your calendars: June 25 & 26. Field Day is a two day, all day event so plan to spend the weekend. Remember also that our annual club family picnic is held on that Saturday evening. See Darlene, KK4BKF, for details.

Thanks again for all you do...

73,







**PICS FROM SPECIAL EVENT STATION AT 2016 BB&BG FESTIVAL**







**FIELD DAY 2016 JUNE 25-26, TIM KERSEY PAVILION, JACKSON**



**HAM RADIO OPERATOR  
ON THE AIR**



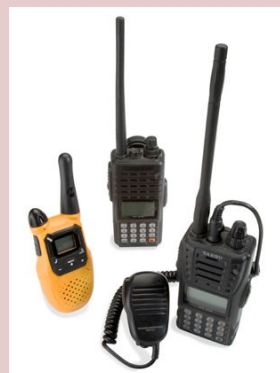
**BCECA Amateur Radio Club**  
will provide  
Emergency Communication  
at the 2nd Annual

**Jackson Red Devils Football  
Alumni 5K**

**May 7, 2016**

Red Devil Hill  
(football stadium)  
310 Franklin Street

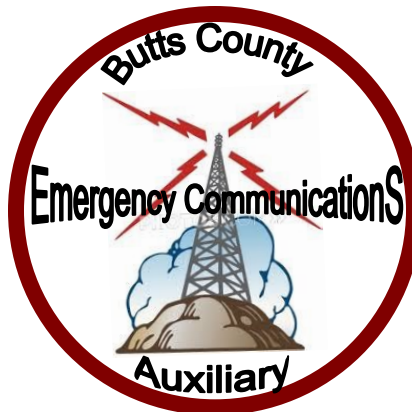
**8:00 AM**



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**Net Control Station  
Roster**

**May**  
Buzz K3GWK

**June**  
Mark KM4NRP

If you'd like to serve as NCS, please  
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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)**

**Monday (9:00 PM) Rockdale Co. ARES Net — 147.21 MHz (162.2 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)

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