

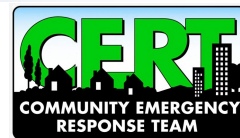


## BUTTS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUXILIARY

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

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## MEDIA, EMA AND WEB DESIGN FRIENDS THANKED

The continued growth of Amateur Radio is absolutely dependent on our friends in the media. The BCECA is fortunate to have a close working relationship with our local print and electronic media partners.

Recently the Club voted to present plaques as a token of our appreciation to several entities: The *Jackson Progress-Argus* Newspaper, Radio Station WJGA, Fire Station #7 and Chief Glen Goens as well as Tech Seven IT Services.

The *Jackson Progress-Argus* is the local newspaper for Butts County and our area. Editor **Michael Davis** is always glad to place our announcements about club meetings and special events. Michael has even done feature stories on our Club and its activities.

Radio Station **WJGA** and owners **Don and Susanne Earnhart** have been kind to our Club running our PSA announcements, allowing us to broadcast remotely from our Field Day location as well as airing interviews with Buzz (K3GWK) and Ed (WX4ED) on the local newscasts.

From our very beginning, we have been welcomed by **Chief Goens** and **Fire Station #7** as a location for club meetings, HamCrams, and other club activities. Additionally Chief Goens was instrumental in gaining permission for us to install VHF antennas at all Butts County Fire Stations.

**Tech Seven IT Services** hosts our web site and gave invaluable assistance in the construction of the site.

To all these "partners" we express our deepest appreciation and say "73."

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**Buzz (K3GWK) presents plaque to JPA Editor Michael Davis**



**Buzz (K3GWK) presents plaque to WJGA owners Don & Susanne Earnhart**



### SAVE THE DATES

**Sundays @ 5:30 PM**  
Weekly Butts County  
FM Training Net  
147.285- PL131.8

**October 3**  
Monthly BCECA  
Meeting, Fire Station  
#7, 7:00 PM

**October 15**  
Hungry Hams  
Lunch Box, 7:30 AM  
Digital Seminar,  
Riverdale



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

October

**October 3** — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30  
Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

**October 15** — Hungry Hams, Lunchbox Restaurant, 7:00 AM  
Digital Workshop, Clayton Co. FD Training Center, Riverdale

**October 16** — Spin For Kids, Morgan County

**October 18** — Newton County Club Meeting.  
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.

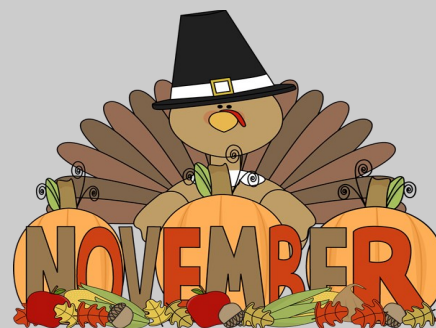
November

**November 5-6** — Stone Mountain Ham Fest

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

**November 15** — Newton County Club Meeting.  
NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM

**November 19** — Hungry Hams, Lunchbox Restaurant, 7:00 AM  
V.E. Session, BC Recreation Department, 9:00 AM



## Online Articles / Sites of Interest to Hams

The local FOX television station in Atlanta recently aired a special report on the importance of Amateur Radio in times of disaster. Excellent piece featuring a couple of Hams you might even know!

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/3575775732001/ham-radio-gaining-new-support-in-digital-era/?#sp=show-clips>

Outstanding profile piece which was published in the Sunday, September 11, 2016 Washington Post Magazine about University of Maryland Physics professor Timothy Koeth, K0ETH.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/u-md-professor-hooks-students-on-this-particle-accelerator--by-building-one/2016/09/07/000cf6f8-6322-11e6-96c0-37533479f3f5\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/u-md-professor-hooks-students-on-this-particle-accelerator--by-building-one/2016/09/07/000cf6f8-6322-11e6-96c0-37533479f3f5_story.html)

Spalding County

Saturday,  
October 8

9:00 AM

Spalding Regional  
Hospital

601 South 8th Street

Griffin, GA

Butts County

Saturday,  
November 19

9:00 AM

Butts County  
Recreation Center

Ernest Biles Dr.

Jackson, GA





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

September was a busy month for our growing VE Team. Dan (W4DED) presided over two successful VE sessions. There was one upgrade to General (BCECA Team Member KK4SKY) at the Jackson session and a new Technician (another Strite) and two upgrades to General at the ham-fest session in Covington. Thank you to Dan and our VE team for continuing to help grow this super-duper hobby.

Several lessons learned from the Dixie Pipeline FSE: In the future, whether a drill or actual event, there needs to be a separate Net Control Station involved, one not located at a traffic handling site – Sylvan Grove, 911/EOC, etc. Especially with digital messaging, there needs to be a “traffic cop” to prevent doubling and provide control and tracking of all the message traffic. Logging, and a designated logger, must be part of the operation at every station involved. (All of the IS-214 Units Log sheets were returned blank.)

There is a saying in EMS (it probably applies elsewhere), “If you don’t write it down, it did not happen.” I do not believe that “time sensitive” messages need to be sent using NBEMS. There is too much delay in the process. Digital messages are great for lists, directions and work instructions; something that would require lots of writing and accurate spelling. This is my opinion and certainly open for discussion.

We also must make our presence known at the locations we serve and we must be proficient at what we do. It is why we should all participate in exercises like the SET and Public Service activities and in regular voice and digital nets. Practice, practice, practice...

On Saturday, 15OCT, in cooperation with Clayton/Henry ARES, we will be holding another “Digital Workshop” session. This one will feature Fldigi and Flmsg (NBEMS). Mike Crowe (AJ4GU) will be coordinating the class. It will be an opportunity to get the NBEMS software loaded, set-up and tested. Bring your laptop and Signalink. If you have a portable digital station, bring that also. Thanks, in advance, to Roy (AJ4GT), the Clayton/Henry

EC for arranging the use of the Clayton FD training facility.

Dennis (KM4MHW), our 2017 Field Day chairman, reports that all of the designated committee positions are filled. Thanks to all who have volunteered. Remember, we all need to be working on making contacts on PSK and JT65. The practice will help us improve our score next year. N3FJP, the developer of our logging software, has added Fldigi logging capabilities to the FD Logger program. Hooray!

Our ACTIVE ARES membership remains at 30 with 6 PENDING (KG4GHM, KM4KZM, KM4QMH, KM4VHO, KM4VPS, KM4VPY and N3TLH). There were 6 activities in June (104 Hours). A total of eight nets: four FM Phone and four WL2K tests (45 Hours). We are getting a great response to our weekly WL2K test. When you send your Sunday WL2K test message to WX4BCA and WX4GMA remember to use an ICS-213 form, WINMOR or Packet if possible.

The “Spin for Kids” bike ride is coming up on October 16th. This event is held in

Morgan County and is a great way to practice “portable operations”. It is a high profile event and raises a pile of money for Camp Twin Lakes. This is a great Public Relations opportunity for Amateur Radio. If you can help out, let me know.

The Stone Mountain Hamfest is the weekend of November 5 and 6 (yep two days!). There will be plenty of vendors, tail-gating and some really good forums. Gordon West, WB6NOA (via SKYPE) and David Freese, W1HKJ (author of Fldigi), will be featured speakers on Sunday. This is a great time to pay your ARRL dues and get a free “Repeater Directory”, just see Doctor Gene at the ARRL booth. Hamfest tickets are available on-line.

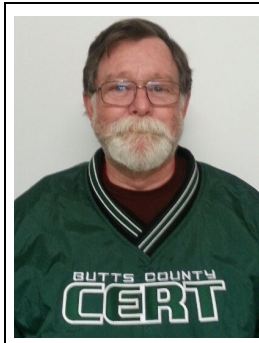
<http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>

Thanks for all you do.

73,

Buzz Kutcher K3GWK

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**Congratulations to our New Ham / Upgrades**

BCECA V.E. Session 17SEPT2016

Neil Martin KK4SKY — General

Covington HamFest 24SEPT2016

Charles McElhannon KM4QVI — General

Walter Recore, Jr. N2PFK — General

Javan Brent Strite — Technician



**October**

**16, 2016**

**Morgan County, GA**

**Hams Needed to provide Emergency Comms**

Contact Buzz (K3GWK) if you'd like to participate



## *Largest Hamfest in Georgia*



# STONE MOUNTAIN HAMFEST

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds / Lawrenceville, Ga.



Nov. 5-6, 2016 Sat: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

**November 5-6 2016**

**TailGate, Flea Market, Forums, Door Prizes and Raffle**

[www.StoneMountainHamfest.com](http://www.StoneMountainHamfest.com)





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**Net Control Station Roster**

**October**

Mark KM4NRP

**November**

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**December**

Darlene KK4BKF

**January**

Elaine KW4AQ

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, Georgia**

**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 (5:30 pm) GA ARES D-Rats Net on the GA ARES Port**

**Sunday (21:30Z) Butts CO FM Training Net — 147.285 MHz (131.8 PL) Winlink: WX4BCA**

**Sunday (22:00Z) GA ARES SSB Net — 3975 KHz (LSB) Winlink: WX4GMA**

**Sunday (9:00 PM) SE Weather Net on D-Rats**

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

**Monday (8:30 pm) Central GA District Digital Net — 3583 KHz (PSK-63/125) Center 1000 Hz**

**Tuesday (7:30 pm) NW GA Digital Net — 3853 KHz (USB) or 7042 (PSK-125) Center 1000 Hz**

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

**Wednesday (9:00 pm) SE Metro 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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