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THE PRESIDENT'S PONDERING—ED HOARD WX4ED



Wow! What a Field Day! It was all hands on deck for 24 (plus) hours. This year we got smart and decided to put up the antennas on Friday afternoon. Antennas are usually the "heavy lifting" and that allowed us to reserve our energy on Saturday for making QSOs.

In fact, following our breakfast Saturday morning, stations were all set and ready to go by 11:00, so we really had nothing to do until the 2:00 start time. We had five stations set up-- 40 and 20 meter stations, a digital HF station, an HF GO-TA station and a 2 meter station.

Because we participated in classification 2 alpha, we could only operate two contest stations at any one time. The digital station alternated with either the 20m or 40m station, mostly during the night.

Our family picnic was the largest and best we've had. There was lots of good food. And even though we had to "unplug" at least twice during the day Saturday, the rain and clouds kept the temperatures fairly moderate.

Mark Clark has posted numerous "thank yous" so I won't try to repeat them (I'm sure I'd leave someone out); I'll just give kudos to Mark and his Field Day team. Word is we scored a lot of points. Can't wait to see how we fared against the other clubs.

July is the month we celebrate our great country. Most of us have no idea how the early Fathers sacrificed for our country's independence. Every leader of the American Revolution had a price on his head. And almost every signer of the Declaration of Independence died a pauper. Most of them spent their personal fortunes to finance the war.

SAVE THE DATES

Sundays @ 21:30 Z

Weekly Butts County
FM Training Net
147.285- PL 131.8

July 8 - Technician Class Session #1

July 10 Dinner—5:30 PM
Monthly Training
Meeting, Exchange
Club 7:00 PM

July 15- 8:30 AM—
Technician Class Ses-
sion #2

July 22— 9:00 AM
Leadership Butts 5K

WX4BCA REPEATER 147.285- PL 131.8

**FROM THE BACKCREEK — BUZZ (K3GWK)** Butts County Emergency Coordinator

America has been called the "great experiment." Historically democracies don't last long. Once people figure out they can elect politicians whose goal is to keep as many people as possible dependent on the government, a democracy will ultimately fail. When the worker/ benefits recipient ratio reaches its tipping point, the country is no longer sustainable. With our debt now in the trillions of dollars and no sign of Congress's desire to curb spending, I believe the tipping point is close.

I used to think that America could be saved through the ballot box. I no longer suffer under that delusion. One party is as big a spender as the other. And what with lunatics like the little North Korean dictator with the bad haircut, who has vowed to set off nuclear weapons, we'd better get ready for some hard days.

Amateur radio is absolutely essential in the event of natural or man-made disasters. That's why I'm an "evangelist" for ham radio. I am so proud of our club. We get the job done; we are constantly learning more about our hobby; we all pitch in; we're ever attempting to get others into our hobby and club. Thank you for all you contribute!

Those of us who believe the Bible understand that the things we're seeing today have been foretold. We are simply living out biblical prophecy. I used to think preppers and survivalists were on the edge, but not any longer. I now encourage people to prepare themselves for dark and difficult days ahead.

In the late 1800s French historian, Alexis deTocqueville came to America to try to find the secret to America's greatness. He returned to France and wrote that he thought he would find America's greatness in its lakes, rivers and natural resources. He was sure he would find America's greatness in its numerous factories and industries. He thought he would find the key to America's greatness in its government and constitution. But deTocqueville wrote, "It was not until I visited America's churches with their pulpits aflame with righteousness, that I discovered the secret of America's greatness. America is great because America is good. And if she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

Thank you, Mr. deTocqueville. These are words our leaders need to read and heed. Happy Independence Day!
73,

Ed WX4ED

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



July

July 4— Independence Day

July 8 — Technician Class Day 1, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

July 10 — Monthly Club Meeting , Exchange Club
Pre-meeting dinner, Mesquite Grill, 5:30 PM

July 15 — Hungry Hams, Lunchbox Restaurant, 7:30 AM
Technician Class Day 2, 8:00 AM =4:00 PM
Gordon West via Skype 12:00 Noon
Amateur Radio Testing Session—4:00-6:00 PM

July 22—Leadership Butts 5K Glow Run/Walk, 5:30 PM



August

August 7— Monthly Club Meeting, Exchange Club,
Pre-meeting dinner, Mesquite Grill, 5:30 PM

August 15 — Hungry Hams
Huntsville Hamfest

August 16 —Huntsville Hamfest



SECOND REMINDER AND DATE CHANGE Gordon West is still coming to town !

July 15, Saturday, at noon, by way of live video, Gordon West will join us during our first offering of a two day technician class.

He is excited about our club's activity and will be present via video chat this July

Please don't miss this great opportunity to meet with the one and only Gordo.



POST FIELD DAY UPDATE — 2017

Our results have been submitted to the ARRL

Current projected score (must be validated by the ARRL) is just under 3,500 points.

73, Mark/N12Y, FD coordinator

Mark/N12Y, Field Day Coordinator





Butts County Board of Commissioners and the City of Jackson Proclaim the Last Week of June as Amateur Radio Week





Is Your Workbench Neat?

There are many tools that are needed for use on a workbench. It is nice to have a way to keep your tools neat, orderly, and accessible. Of course, you cannot keep all of your tools at your fingertips, but you can keep the most often used ones handy.

Various screwdrivers, nut drivers, side cutters, needle nose pliers, ruler, ice pick, adjustable wrench, pen and pencil are among those items that are likely to be on your workbench. You will have to decide which tools you want at your fingertips. Then you can make the tool holder(s).

Several small blocks were chosen to be tool holders. These blocks were scraps of 4" by 4" by various length that were available. You could use a block that is 4" by 6" or larger. A triangle shaped block could also be used. There is no right or wrong way or size to make the holder. All blocks were left with no finish. They could be painted or some other finish applied. The arrangement will depend on how much of what size tools you desire and how much space can be devoted to the blocks. Do enough planning to ensure that you have what you want as best you can. Several small holders, several medium holders or a large holder were chosen to build.

3 sizes of holes were chosen. They are 1/2", 7/8", and 1" and drilled to a depth of about 3". As the blocks are used, additional holes of the same size or a larger size may or may not be desired. Already planned is a block with several larger holes.

Below is a picture of the blocks that were made.

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Weekly Training Net:

**Sunday 21:30 GMT
4:30 EST 5:30 EDT
WX4BCA Repeater
147.285- PL131.8**

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

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

August August : RMS Express/Winlink - send ICS-213 to WX4GMA (WX4GMA@Winlink.org)

Sunday (5:30 pm) GA ARES D-RATS - send ICS-213 to port: gaares.ratflector.com:9000

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)

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

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