

## 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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## NEWTON COUNTY HAM FEST- SATURDAY, JULY 26



### COVINGTON, GEORGIA

Our sister club over in Newton County will present their Ham-Fest on Saturday, July 26.

The big event is being staged at Berry's Christmas Tree Farm, 70 Mount Tabor Road in Covington (N 33.62165 W 83.92288).

Admission is only \$5 which includes one raffle ticket.

First prize is a Seiko Analog Quartz watch courtesy of Fletcher's Jewelry. Second prize is a Singa-Link Sound Card presented by the Newton County Radio Club.

Additional prizes include

and the Fest will continue til 3:00 PM.

The club is offering free vendor space and free tail-gating. Parking is free and snacks will be available.

VE testing will be available from 9:00 AM til 11:00 AM. If you plan to take a test, please contact Del Davis (W4DEL) at (404) 229-7555 or w4del@att.net.

Talk-in frequency is no the WA4ASI repeater: 146.925—88.5 PL. Ω



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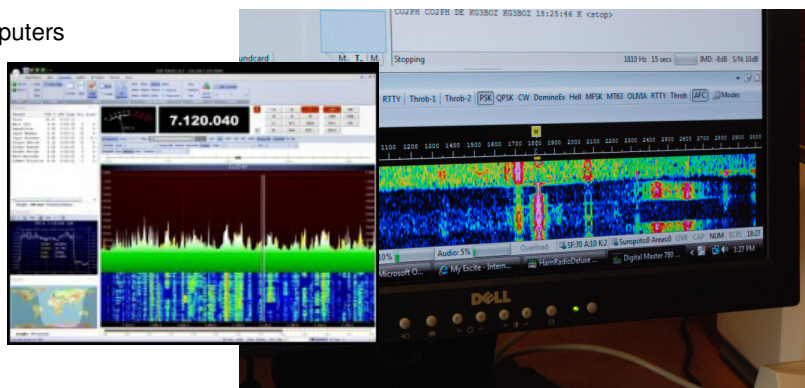
**Weekly Butts County Training Net**  
Sundays at 5:30 PM

**July Club Meeting**  
Monday, July 7  
Fire Station #7

**Extra Class Prep**  
July 8 & 15  
7:00 PM  
Fire Station #7

## DIGITAL TUNE-UP WITH AJ4GU — CLUB MEETING, JULY 7

Bring your laptop computers to the July 7 club meeting and Mike Crowe (AJ4GU) will show us how to operate our rigs using digital communication. If you've already been making digital contacts, this will be a good refresher! Ω





## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### July

**July 7** — Butts County Emergency Communications Auxiliary Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

**July 8** — Extra Class Study Group. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

**July 15** — Extra Class Study Group. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7  
Newton County Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Newton County Law Enforcement Center

**July 17-19** — ARRL National Centennial Convention. Hartford, CT.

**July 19** — BCECA Ham Cram & VE Testing. 8:30 AM. Fire Station #7

**July 26** — Covington HamFest & VE Testing ([ncrcga.org](http://ncrcga.org))

### August

**August 4** — Butts County Emergency Communications Auxiliary Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

**August 16-17** — Huntsville HamFest ([hamfest.org](http://hamfest.org))

**August 19** — Newton County Radio Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Newton County Law Enforcement Center

### September

**September 1** — Labor Day

**September 8** — Butts County Emergency Communications Auxiliary Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7

**September 16** — Newton County Club Meeting. 7:00 PM. Newton County Law Enforcement Center

## FIELD DAY 2014 PHOTO ALBUM







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[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)


## FROM THE BACKCREE — BUZZ (K3GWK) Emergency Coordinator

June has been another calm month for us. The big June event is the Atlanta Hamfest and it was another hot one. Looked like it was fairly well attended although, to me anyway, it seemed like some of the usual vendors were missing. HRO was there and also the Wire Man. There was plenty to look at in the "bone yard" although nothing I absolutely had to have.

Our June meeting was the run-up for Field Day. David, Randy and Mike laid out the plans for our 2014 operation. Something new for us this year was to be the use of resonant dipole antennas on 40 and 75, instead of the G5RV antennas used previously, and a brand new 5 band Hex Beam (with rotator) for 10 through 20. Mike was itching to see how his new antenna was going to perform – Field Day seemed like a good time to try it out.

Ask Randy what he thinks...

The new repeater that Mike, AJ4GU purchased at Dayton arrived. It is now on the air from the hospital. Our DEC Jim Millsap was able to get us a sample of 1/2" hardline so we could replace a suspicious piece of coax. In addition to the new repeater and hardline, the pre-amp/pre-selector that was part of Whit's WB4VBX (147.285) repeater is also in-line on the receive side. The repeater is a "work in progress" so be patient.

Including Field Day our group was involved in 7 activities in June totaling 510 hours. We had two miscellaneous events,

both related to the repeater.

Also in June the City of Jackson, the City of Locust Grove and the Butts County Board of Commissioners each presented our ARES team with Amateur Radio Week proclamations. (Ask Whit about the metal detector at the Jackson courthouse.) Our total service for June was 522 hours. Thanks for all your support.

Field Day is over for 2014 and the planning for 2015 has begun. Next year we will move to a new site, the brand new "Tim Kersey" pavilion at the Butts County recreation complex. Everyone involved with field day 2014 did a superb job. We had a real good time, enjoyed Field Day Family Picnic

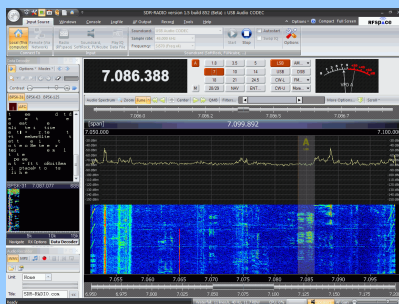


#3 and made more contacts than either previous year. The results are tallied; we made 657 contacts (2012 = 649 and 2013 = 522). Our final score should be over 2000 points. The ARRL will make the final determination based on our claimed bonus score. The new signs turned out to be real people magnets, with well over a dozen folks stopping by. We handed out several pamphlets and may get some additional HamCram attendees. Another great Field Day. Thanks!

Our next HamCram is July 19. The VE session will follow the HamCram at 4:00 PM. Wish our Extra Class Study Group participants Good Luck!

Thanks for all you do...  
73,  
Buzz Kutcher, K3GWK Ω

**Digital  
Tune-Up**  
With Mike Crowe  
(AJ4GU)  
July 7 @  
7:00PM  
Fire Station #7



## Ham Cram

July 19th, 2014  
Fire Station #7



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

### Weekly Training Net:

**Sunday 21:30 GMT 4:30 EST**

**5:30 EDT**

**WX4BCA Repeater 147.285 131.8 PL**



### Net Control Station Schedule

July — Ed (KK4GNH)

August — David Burnham  
(AK4EM)

September —  
Who will volunteer to serve?

If you'd like to serve as NCS, please  
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### BUTTS COUNTY / SOUTHERN CRESCENT AREA NETS — HF, VHF & UHF

Sunday (5:30 pm) GA ARES Digital Net — 3583 KHz (USB) or 7042 (PSK-31) Center 1000 Hz

Sunday (5:30 pm) Butts CO FM Training Net — 147.285 MHz (131.8 PL) Winlink: WX4BCA

Sunday (6:00 pm) GA ARES SSB Net — 3975 KHz (LSB) Winlink: WX4GMA

Monday (8:00 pm) Walton CO ARES FM Net — 147.270 MHz (88.5 PL)

Monday (9:00 pm) Rockdale CO ARES FM Net — 147.210 MHz (162.2 PL)

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

### MONTHLY HOSPITAL NET

1st Sunday (3:00 pm) GA Hospital Net — 7188 KHz

NCS: Ken Reid (KG4USN) ASEC-Public Health: Barry Kanne (W4TGA)

### 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** (KK4GNH)  
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