



BUTTS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUXILIARY

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THE REPEATER

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JULY HAM CRAM NETS 9 NEW TECHS

On Saturday, July 18 the Butts County Amateur Radio Club offered its semi-annual Ham Cram at Fire Station #7.

There were 10 participants in the Ham Cram which has been ultra-successful in getting people through the Technician License test.

There was a husband/wife team who are now new Techs—Mark and Anna Lively! And an emergency room nurse is a new Tech—Sherry Elrod!

In addition to the 9 new Techs, Timothy Clayman upgraded to General and Mark Franks upgraded to Extra!



Of the 10 participants, 9 were successful in passing the test. As of this writing, call signs have not yet been issued but the following are to be commended for passing:

Dennis Wagner, Daniel Stiles, Daniel English, Mark Lively, Anna Lively, Ed Rivers, Brian Thompson, Sherry Elrod, and Charles Hoard.

Two of the new hams are relatives of club members. Daniel Stiles is the nephew of J.D. Van Sickle (KM4DHS). Charles Hoard is the son of Ed Hoard (WX4ED).

Dan (W4DED)'s V.E. Team did a great job of managing the organized chaos that ensues at the end of each Ham Cram. Thanks to the V.E. Team for doing a thorough and professional job.

Our next Ham Cram will be January 16, 2016. That's plenty of time to begin now working on your friends, associates, neighbors and family members. Invite them to get into the world's greatest hobby.

Ham Radio — Talk It Up!

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SAVE THE DATES

Sundays @ 5:30 PM
Weekly Butts County
FM Training Net

Monday, August 3
Pre-meeting meal at
Mesquite, 5:30
Club Meeting, 7:00
PM, Fire Station #7

Saturday, August 15
Hungry Hams, 7:30
AM, Lunch Box
Restaurant



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

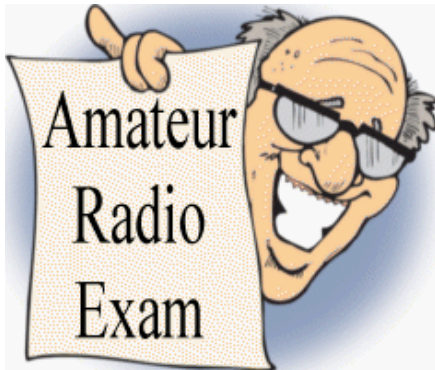


August

- August 1** — Covington Century Bike Ride
- August 3** — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, Jackson. 5:30 PM Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7 Wire Antennas (David Rudd AI5JI)
- August 15** — Hungry Hams, Lunch Box Restaurant, 7:30 AM
- August 16-17** — Huntsville HamFest (hamfest.org)
- August 18**— Newton County Club Meeting. NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER

- September 14** — Pre-meeting dinner and fellowship. Mesquite Grill, 5:30 Monthly Club Meeting & Training. 7:00 PM. Fire Station #7 NBEMS Refresher & SET Preparation
- September 15**— Newton County Club Meeting. NC Law Enforcement Center, 7:00 PM.
- September 19** — Hungry Hams, Lunch Box Restaurant, 7:30 AM V.E. Session, Butts County Rec Center, 9:00 AM



Spalding County

Saturday, August 8
9:00 AM

Spalding Regional Hospital
601 South 8th Street
Griffin, GA

Henry County

Saturday, August 15
9:00 AM

Piedmont Henry Medical Center
1133 Eagle's Landing Parkway
Stockbridge, GA

Butts County

Saturday, September 19
9:00 AM

Butts County Recreation Center
Ernest Biles Drive
Jackson, GA

Huntsville Hamfest — August 16-17 — Huntsville, Alabama



Grand Prizes to be given away are two Yaesu HF Radios





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

I sure hope that everyone had a great July, perhaps with some vacation trips. My family met for our annual beach week on Topsail Island in North Carolina. With the exception of my wife, Freida, our family all live in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Group functions are few and far between. We fill up the little condo and we always have a blast. There was one shark sighting but there were Dolphins in the area and there were no issues.

July was not a very active month for us. Our big event was the HamCram and VE session on July 18. We had a good group including an Emergency Room nurse from Morgan County. Ten people attended the HamCram and nine of those folks passed the Technician exam. At the VE session we had one General upgrade to Extra (100% on the exam) and one Tech upgrade to General. Once again though there were no attendees from Jackson/Butts County. There is a major glitch with the results; the package has not yet arrived at the ARRL VEC office in Newington. Dan is working with the ARRL

VEC to get this corrected.

Ed Hoard (WX4ED) is heading up another “Newbie Night” for August 13. If you are interested in helping out, contact Ed.

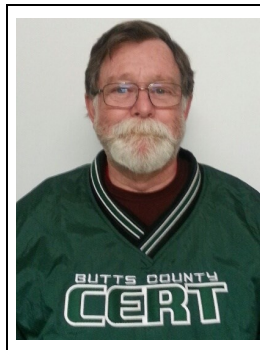
We had seven members of BCECA attend the National Hurricane Center’s ham radio Webinar. It was an on-line roundtable discussion with presentations on the many ways that ham radio serves the National Hurricane Centers in Miami, Florida and in Canada. I think the presentation on WX4NHC looked familiar.

While I am preparing this I am monitoring the WA4ASI repeater in Covington. Sounds like the Covington Century communications team are having a busy day. Just heard some “EasyPal” digital picture signals.

We have had a couple of “course completions” this month. Brent and Anthony Strite (KA3ZPM & KM4DHZ) have completed the Gwinnett

Basic ARES Course and Glenn Wyatt (KK4GNO) has completed IS-100. Hooray!

As most of you know, Butts County ARES is the communications team for the county’s CERT. While it is not an ARES requirement, CERT certification is strongly recommended. Butts County OHS/EM Director, Glen Goens, is



the CERT Coordinator and is forming a Basic CERT Class. The class will begin on August 10, 6:30 PM at BCFD Station 7. It will run for about ten weeks and meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If you are interested, contact Glen. (ggoens at buttscounty dot org)

There will be a special D-Star and DRATS training session on August 29. The session will be held at Piedmont/Henry Medical Center, in the Education Building and will run from 9 AM until Noon. The primary instructor will be John Davis, WB4QDX. The session is open to any ham in the Atlanta Metro ARES

District and should be well attended. D-Star coverage is limited in our area but we will have a D-Star radio at Sylvan Grove Hospital and on the county’s MCV.

Following the D-Star session there will be an NBEMS “digital workshop” so bring your laptops and Fldigi Go-Kits along for that session.

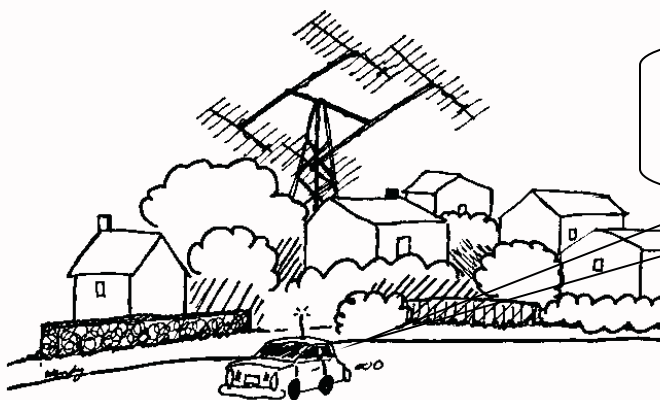
Our special guest presenter for the training session on Monday evening is David Rudd, AI4JI. David will talk to us about wire antennas for HF.

Prior to the meeting (5:30 PM), we will gather at The Mesquite Grill in Jackson.

Thanks for all you do!

73, Buzz
(K3GWK)

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O.K., Fred. I’m on Maple street.....
Now, which one is your house???



Newbie Night

Thursday, August 13
7:00 PM
Fire Station #7



Objectives

- To get new hams started on the exciting journey of amateur radio
 - To answer questions that new hams don't even know to ask
- To give new hams practical information about acquiring and properly operating their very first radio
 - To introduce new hams to their "Elmers" and initiate the mentoring process

Curriculum

Introduction to 2 meter/70 cm Communication

- Simplex communication
- Repeaters
- QSO etiquette
- Nets

Introduction to ARES, Club Life, HamFests

- Emergency communication vs. "Rag-chewing"
- Importance of belonging to a local amateur radio club
- HamFests

Introduction to 2m/440 Radios

- Base Units
- Mobile Units
- HF Radios
- Programming your new radio
- Antennas

Incentive Licensing

- Upgrading to General
- Joy of HF Communication
- Study Materials / Helps
- V.E. Testing

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(KM4DHS)

November — Ken
(KM4HOS)

If you'd like to serve as NCS, please email Ed (WX4ED), Net Manager: edhoard@yahoo.com

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 — 146.715 MHz (146.2 PL) Winlink: WX4BCA

Sunday (6:00 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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