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ARCS DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

The December Amateur Radio Club of Savannah meeting will be a dinner meeting to be held Thursday, December 11, 2008, 6:45pm, at [Skyler's Restaurant](#), 225 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA. (This is located in the basement of the East Bay Inn.) We will begin to assemble around 6:45pm, with orders being taken off the regular menu shortly after 7pm. For those who wish to take a peek at Skyler's regular menu, their web page is: <http://www.skylersrestaurant.com/> Limited parking is available in a small parking lot adjacent to the Inn. There should be additional parking available on Bay Street or nearby streets.

Musical entertainment is being provided by Philip Neidlinger, KA4KOE, who has offered to play holiday tunes and a few requests on his Theremin.

Election of Officers will also be held.

If you plan to attend, please email me..... andyblackburn3@comcast.net
or call me at (912) 238-4676

(The dinner meeting at Skyler's is being held in lieu of the December Tuesday meeting at Memorial Health University Hospital.)

ARCS PICNIC / AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION - PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AT FT. McALLISTER STATE PARK

The Amateur Radio Club of Savannah is having a picnic under a pavilion in the "day use" area of Ft. McAllister State Park, around noon time, Saturday, January 3, 2009. Hamburger Bar-B-Que will be provided. Please bring something to share....ie. a side dish, drinks, or snacks.

After lunch and setup, members of the Amateur Radio Club of Savannah will demonstrate "ham" radio for the public, from around 1pm to 5pm under the Pavilion. The public is invited to visit the demonstration and see for themselves amateur radio's capabilities. Visitors can also learn how to obtain their own FCC amateur radio license.

Beth Ann and I will be camping at Ft. McAllister campground, January 1 – 4, 2009. If you wish to camp with us, come join us at the campground. As of December 8, 2008, some campsites were still available.

For more information: Contact Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY or Beth Ann Blackburn, KI4ZDN, telephone (912) 238-4676.

--Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY

ARES Notes

Training Activities:

There will be no served agency station testing or familiarization training during the month of Dec. The next station testing will be on Jan 10th. Stay tuned for details.

The Chatham County ARES 2 Meter Net meets each Thursday evening at 8:00pm. More Net Control Operators are needed. If you'd like to give it a whirl, let me know. If we are ever called upon to activate, we could need quite a few operators to support an emergency net as well as our served agencies. Now is the time to practice and prepare. Also, remember that the 1st net of each month is "Emergency Power Net". If you can run on emergency or battery power, please plan to do so.

Served Agency Activity:

On November 13, Steve, K4SDJ and I had the opportunity to bring up and test the satellite terminal at the Savannah Red Cross Station K3SRC. This system is portable in nature and is designed to be easily packed up and transported to any location during an emergency response. The system electronics are in a portable hard case but the satellite dish is not what I would really call "portable." It can, however, be loaded up on a truck or ERV if needed. The station consists of the dish which is currently installed on a cement pad out back of the building near the 40 ft communications tower, an ACU (antenna control unit), a receiver/transmitter unit, a Cisco router, a Cisco wireless access point, two Cisco wireless IP Phones, two Cisco desktop IP Phones, a server, two laptops, and a small UPS. This system allows communications via satellite to a Red Cross data center where the paths to the Internet and the Public Telephone Network are. We successfully tested voice and data on all four phones and two laptops. The Red Cross has asked Chatham County ARES to assist them with testing this station twice a month. This was great fun and reminded me of my Air Force days!



ARES Report for October 2008

- Total number of drills, tests and training - 6
- Number of man hours for drills, test and training - 15
- Total number of Public Service events - 1
- Number of Public Service man hours - 27
- Total number of Emergency Operations - 0
- Number of man hours involved in Emergency Operations - 0
- Total number of miscellaneous ARES activities - 2
- Number of man hours involved in miscellaneous ARES activities - 50

--Guy McDonald, K4GTM, EC Chatham County ARES

ARCS 2 Meter Net

The ARCS Net participation is good. The Thursday Night Net is a great way of keeping up with what is going on with the Amateur Community and the Amateur Radio Club of Savannah. It is also another way of making your interests in the club known. The ragchew portion of the net is a great opportunity to mention what you would like to see us do.

--- Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY, Editor

Items for Swap or Sale

Philip Neidlinger, KA4KOE, provided the following information:

My pastor has some ham radio gear for sale. His name is Bill Strickland with Richmond Hill United Methodist Church, and this is his personal gear he's had since he was a teenager.

Heathkit DX-60 transmitter, CW and AM phone
Heathkit HG-10 matching VFO
Hallicrafters SX-140 receiver

Contact:

Rev. Bill Strickland
Richmond Hill UMC
Telephone 912-756-2190

FOR SALE: MFJ-1798 10 band vertical (80 Meters – 2 Meters). Antenna never assembled / still in original box. MSRP Price: \$289.95

I am asking for: \$60.00

Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY, Phone (912) 238-4676

FOR SALE: Vintage early 70's tube type CB Radios.....Several 23 channel Courier tube type CB Radios: Courier 23, Courier 23+, Courier Royal. Radios are in good cosmetic condition, but operational status is not guaranteed. (No mics or power cords included.)

Serious inquiries only. Great for nostalgia buffs.

Asking price for each unit is around \$100

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GIVE AWAY: I have a partial Ringo Ranger Antenna for 2 Meters that I will give away for cheap. The antenna is missing some parts. You can get the parts from Laird Antennas. Laird bought out Cushcraft.

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ARISS to Celebrate 25 Years of Amateur Radio in Space with Special Events (Dec 1, 2008) -

- Twenty-five years ago this week, Owen Garriott, W5LFL, made history by being the first Amateur Radio operator to talk to hams from space. His historic flight on STS-9 on board the Space Shuttle *Columbia* was launched on November 28 and landed on December 8, 1983. Garriott's ham radio adventure on that mission ushered in a host of what Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, called "outstanding outreach activities that continue today with the ARISS program. -- ARRL News

Articles for the *Key Klix* are always wanted and needed. Email articles to the *Key Klix* editor, Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY.
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Announcements / Dates

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ARCS Thursday Night Net

Thursday Nights at 9:00 PM, 146.970 repeater

Weekly Chatham County ARES Net

Thursday Nights at 9:00 PM, on the primary frequency 146.970 repeater

Weekly Georgia Section ARES Net

The Georgia Section ARES holds a weekly HF net each Sunday at 5:00pm on the primary Georgia ARES frequency of 3975.

Simplex 2 Meter Net

There is an informal simplex net on 146.520 at 8:45 PM, just prior to the ARCS Net; affiliated with no particular group, it is an effort by local hams to ascertain coverage areas and ranges for 2-meter simplex in the Savannah area.

Effingham ARES/Skywarn Net

Tuesday Nights at 9:00 PM, 146.745- (CTCSS 97.4)

First/Third Tuesdays are Skywarn Nets

Second/Fourth Tuesdays are ARES Nets

When Fifth Tuesdays occur, they will be ARES Nets

For further information on Effingham ARES or Skywarn contact NT6H at nt6h@arri.net

Southeast Georgia 6 Meter Ragchew Net

Monday Nights at 9:00 PM

50.130 USB Primary, 50.200 USB Secondary

For more information contact kf4lmt@comcast.net