

Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society

Welcome to the Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society January 2004 newsletter.

Message from the President - January 2004

The reconstituted Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society is slowly rising from the ashes. We have had three very successful meetings since we started over and I am looking forward to meeting number 4 to be held on January 17th. No one can deny that the last meeting sponsored by Ray, WA4OMM and Kathleen, KB4HWC, was a resounding success and the best meeting yet. Thanks to them for their hospitality. However, we must keep plugging forward and not allow ourselves to start slipping backward. We have many goals to accomplish that we have set for the club in the past couple of months and it will take some effort on the parts of each and every one of us to make these goals happen. So please recommit yourself this New Year to setting some time aside for the club. At a minimum, try to attend the meetings and check into the nets on Monday night. Your enthusiasm will spill over to others and before you know it, we will be on the hard and fast road to securing our club's future. To this end, please make every effort to attend the next meeting at my QTH!

John Angil of the Barnwell EOC has again reiterated to me that the EOC Offices are available for our meetings. As soon as we are sure we are on the right path with our club, I believe we should consider meeting there. It is important that we make our club's presence felt to our local government officials, and we **must support John in his mission.** If amateur radio has any calling nobler than that of providing emergency communications and assisting in emergency preparedness, I do not know what it is. John also has room for us on his new 70-foot tower, which is in a wonderful spot at one of the highest locations in the local area (just under 200 ft. ASL according to my USGS map). It is a thing of beauty rising above the surrounding buildings located on the circle in downtown Barnwell.

On an associated matter, I have made contact with Barnwell County Council to see if we can get the proclamation that was discussed rolling. This proclamation will go a long way toward serving us in zoning and other political issues that are brought before the council. I'll keep you updated on progress but when the time comes, we will need a good turnout at Council Chambers.

On a lighter note, I hope Santa was good to everyone and their families this year. There is not a whole lot of new stuff in the ham catalogs that is reasonably affordable. But, any new toy is a treat. We attended the Greenwood Hamfest and picked up some pieces-parts. We also saw Ray, WA4OMM, Tim, N4TSS, Kelli, K4KDS, Adam, AF4QZ, and others in Greenwood. We also look forward to attending the Charleston Hamfest on February 7th. Charleston held the smallest hamfest I ever recall them having last year but with the economy the way it was, it's understandable. It was still fun and this year may be better.

So in closing, I would sincerely like to wish everyone a prosperous 2004. With all the pressures of the world today, ham radio is a wonderful outlet full of fun and fellowship. But, we must all do our part so I would like to ask each and every one of you to help out in some small way. Help sustain the revitalization of our club. Attend the meetings. Check into the nets. Have some fun. And most of all, be a good steward of amateur radio's reputation.

73,

Tim Schatzer
KA3IGW

SARS Mon. PM Net	January	February	March	April
Net Control	K4JMV	N4TSS	KA3IGW	KG4UXZ
Back Up	N4TSS	K4JMV	KG4UXZ	KA3IGW

Don't forget to check into the SARS Monday night net at 8pm on the Barnwell repeater 147.030! Joel Livingston (K4JMV) is net control operator for January 2004 with Tim Snyder (N4TSS) as back up. Tim Snyder (N4TSS) is net control for February with Joel Livingston (K4JMV) as back up. For March, Tim Schatzer (KA3IGW) is net control with Gretchen Birt (KG4UXZ) as back up. Gretchen Birt (KG4UXZ) is net control for April with Tim Schatzer (KA3IGW) as back up. (Bill (W4OXA), please correct me if I have these wrong!) Bill Wetzel, W4OXA and Ray Thomas WA4OMM have been handling the net for sometime and are now able to have the break they deserve! Thanks guys! We'll complete the calendar for the remainder of the year in the upcoming weeks.

The SARS Club meets the third Saturday of the month...for January, we meet the 17th at the home of President, Tim Schatzer (KA3IGW), 477 Deer Dust Drive, Barnwell at 10:00am. If you have any problems finding Tim's home, the Barnwell repeater will be monitored prior to the meeting or if you want directions email me back at gtbirt@excite.com and Tim or I will email you directions. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided for the meeting (sorry, the meal won't be the same as Kathleen's, but we have basketball practice prior to the SARS meeting!).

Messages from the Secretary

Happy New Year to everyone! I enjoyed the holidays, and did not want to see them come to an end. However, back to the daily grind! If you made any New Year's resolutions, remember to keep them realistic. It is easier to maintain them and accomplish your goal if the resolutions are doable. Statistics show that most people make unrealistic goals and have broken their resolution by the end of the first month. Then there are those of us who set and revise our goals continuously throughout the year and don't set New Year's resolutions (then we can break them all year!). Speaking of goals and resolutions, I will continue to work on the format of the newsletter as it is published for you each month. I hope to add in more regular information, such as computer tips, listing of officers and various other items. If you have any items you would like to have published in the newsletter, please let me know. For example, Ron Hall, KJ4CN had mentioned on the previous Monday night net that he knew of equipment for sale. I don't recall exactly what it was, or know if it is still available; however, you may wish to contact him to see. If you have or want items, email me, I will put it in the newsletter for you. If you have any announcements you wish the club members to know, email or tell me at the meeting, and I will also add it to the newsletter. Also, if Rosewood Co. or any other businesses or companies would like to alert members of any specials or any info, I would be happy to put that in the newsletter as advertisement.

Bill Riley, K4NGU, shared an old newsletter from May 1963 with Tim and I after the last meeting, which we copied for the club meeting. I found it very interesting and may adopt some ideas from it. He also shared an old SC SSB check in list that was really neat to see. We enjoyed the opportunity to learn some history of the club and Amateur radio in this area.

Don't forget to check out the newly remodeled website, which is still in progress, but looking good! (Thanks Tim Snyder, N4TSS) Tim Snyder had planned to make some more changes over the weekend, so bookmark it in your favorites and make it a regular stop!

Several club members (past and present) were seen at the Greenwood Hamfest this past weekend. Don't forget the Charleston Hamfest on February 7th. Make your plans to attend.

Due to the lengthiness of the last meeting's minutes, I will submit the minutes to members prior to the Club meeting, but not in this newsletter. In order to get the newsletter published promptly, I will hold out the minutes this time.

I would like to recognize birthdays in the newsletter. Please let me know if you have one coming up. Happy Birthday to any January babies we have in our Club!

See you all on the 17th of January!

73

Gretchen Birt
KG4UXZ