

Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society

Welcome to the
Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society
May 2004 Newsletter

Message from the President - May 2004

Well folks it has been 6 months since I took over as President of the Salkehatchie Radio Society. If we hold elections toward the end of 2004/beginning of 2005, that means I have reached about the halfway point in my term. Over the past 10 years this is the 3rd or 4th time I have served in this position. As I reflect back on these times, I thought it would be appropriate to review what has occurred in the club in the last 6 months.

- 1) Most importantly, we have kept the core group together and interested. I hope the next couple of months solidify the feeling of unity even more.
- 2) We have re-established our presence in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and thanks to Tim, N4TSS, Barnwell County is now represented in the Statewide EOC. Ray, WA4OMM, and Bill, W4OXA, have also got a new 2-meter antenna to place at the EOC building.
- 3) In spite of some bumps in the road, the club has received recognition from the Barnwell County Council.
- 4) The SARS Club will be sponsoring a booth at the "Festival-On-The-Round" this year to try to get some public exposure.
- 5) The SARS Club has agreed to start holding Field Day again this year.
- 6) With thanks once again to Tim, N4TSS, the SARS website looks as good as it ever has.

Not too bad, but we can do better. With all the goings on (translation: shenanigans) at the FCC and the ARRL, it is up to us to keep going and to keep our local HAM community strong. You can do your part by showing up at the club meetings, club special events, and checking into the net. This month (May), you can kill two birds with one stone! It just so happens that our club meeting on the 15th of May coincides with the Festival-On-The-Round. Show up, help out, and do your part.

Recently, a lot of antenna work has been going on in Barnwell. Not only are there plans to put the 2-meter antenna on the roof of the EOC building, we are going to try to put an HF antenna (G5RV maybe?) up there as well. Also, a group of folks got together on the 1st of May to make some repairs to the antenna farm of Bill Riley, K4NGU. It seems that some tree branches were causing his 40 and 80-meter dipoles to couple a little too intimately. A little roof work, tree trimming, and rope replacements and Bill's SWR readings should be back where they belong. Thanks to all those who helped out. I think N4TSS has some pictures of this event to post on our website so check it out!

Although I haven't seen the final product yet, it is my understanding that Tim, N4TSS, and Kelli, K4KDS, have a patriotic (red, white, and blue) new tower in their backyard sporting a variety of VHF/UHF antennas.

Thanks also need to go out to Lawrence, W4BHK, and Carl, KI4BHC, for taking all of the club's donated items to the Spartanburg Hamfest to sell on behalf of the club. In spite of bad weather, my understanding is that they did all right by the club and came home with a couple of hundred greenbacks to add to our coffers. Thanks also go out to all those who donated equipment for sale!

Attached to this months' newsletter is a list of locally used police/fire frequencies. It is a compilation of what I have come up with over the years. No guarantees of accuracy but feel free to update and pass along.

So, we have talked about the recent past and current goings-on. What does the future hold? Well, a lot will be foretold by how things go at the Festival-On-The Round and Field Day, both of which will be here sooner than anyone can imagine. However, think about continuing our work at and with the EOC. We have antennas to put up and possibly a new rig to install there. I will be working to bring in a couple of guest speakers before my term is out and hopefully we can have a least one more fundraiser.

We also need to get some folks out to the repeater site to do some work. The longer we wait to get out there, the harder it will be to make all the necessary repairs/maintenance checks. With hurricane season approaching, we really should get some emergency power out there. Do you realize it has been 14 years since the last major hurricane hit the South Carolina Coast? Do you know that we are hit on the average of once every 8 to 9 years? That means we are over due folks! I will be pushing hard to get this work done in the next couple of months, before it is too late!

Finally, I have two young hams, Erik and Victoria, whom I believe you all know better as my son and daughter, who are going to start studying for their entry level tickets this summer. Guess what I will be doing after baseball season is over!

Until next time, 73,

Tim Schatzer, KA3IGW
President SARS

SARS Mon. Night Net	May	June	July
Net Control			
Back Up			

Don't forget to check into the SARS Monday night net at 8pm on the Barnwell repeater 147.030! Thanks to all of the net control operators the past several months!

The SARS Club meets the third Saturday of the month. The May meeting will be the 15th of May held in conjunction with the Festival on the Round on the Circle in Barnwell. The Club voted to have a booth set up at the Festival and have our meeting there. The Festival is from 8:30am until 2:30pm. Please let me know what time you can help man the booth so that one or two people are not over-committed for the entire Festival. There will be a walk beginning at 8:30am; therefore no vehicles will be allowed on the Circle after 8:30am. We need all the help we can get, please! (This is also a good opportunity to test portable equipment in preparation for Field Day.) Thanks, Gretchen

Message from the Secretary

Greetings all!

I apologize for the newsletter not being sooner. I had it almost complete with the exception of my message, and I intended to complete and send it by Monday. Unfortunately, I had an emergency that interfered with my schedule! Tim, KA3IGW, was involved in a motorcycle accident on Sunday afternoon. He was broadsided by a car while riding his motorcycle through town. Luckily, there was no broken bones or internal injuries; however, he is pretty banged up, very sore, has a very bruised hip and ankle. I took time off from work this week to be able to stay with him. We did come home from the hospital on Monday, but he was unable to be alone. The abrasions are very bad and painful, especially when I clean them. They are primarily from elbows to fingertips. His mobility is very limited, and he has swelling in various areas, such as elbow, hip and ankles. We continue to manage each day, and there is some improvement each day. We realize it could have been worse and are counting our blessings.

This brings me to the subject of Saturday for the Festival on the Round. I will need as much help as I can get on Saturday. Tim really shouldn't be out for too long, but he committed to be there and wants to fulfill that commitment. I will need to keep him off his feet and out of the sun, so I appreciate any additional members being able to be there to man the booth. **If you plan to bring equipment for display, you can drive around the circle only until 8:30am. Our booth location is 39. I do not know where that will be, there was no indication in the information. Parking for vendors will be beside City Hall. The booths must be removed by 3:30pm. Hope to see as many of you as possible!!**

See you all on the 15th of May!
73,

Gretchen Birt
KG4UXZ

Local Radio Frequencies for SARS Club As of May 2, 2004

1	31.020	Barnwell County	26	159.270	Barnwell Fire tower
2	31.060	Barnwell County	27	159.300	Barnwell Parks
3	31.180	Barnwell County	28	159.450	Barnwell Parks
4	42.080	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 4	29	159.970	SC State Police
5	42.260	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 5	30	453.150	SC State Police
6	42.120	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 3	31	453.800	Barnwell County
7	31.900	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 1	32	453.525	SC State Police
8	42.340	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 6	33	458.150	SC State Police
9	42.140	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 7	34	458.425	SC State Police
10	42.060	SC Highway Patrol Ch. 8	35	458.500	SC State Police
11	45.080	Emergency Preparedness	36	458.800	Barnwell County
12	45.480	Emergency Preparedness	37	30.860	SCDHEC
13	45.320	City of Williston	38	31.780	SC Forestry
14	154.665	SC State Police (SLED)	39	31.900	SC Forestry HQ
15	154.695	SC SLED HQ	40	453.550	???
16	154.295	Barnwell Fire	41	154.055	???
17	154.400	Barnwell Fire	42	458.325	Barnwell County
18	153.980	City of Williston	43	153.830	Barnwell Fire
19	155.955	SC State Police	44	153.890	Barnwell Fire
20	155.205	Barnwell County	45	453.325	Barnwell Sheriff
21	155.220	Barnwell County	46	453.575	Barnwell Sheriff
22	155.340	Barnwell County	47	155.595	???
23	155.640	SC State Police	48	122.800 (AM)	Life Flight
24	158.910	SC State Police (HT's)	49	31.900	SC Highway Patrol
25	159.060	SC State Police	50		
No guarantees about accuracy. Many frequencies shared by surrounding counties.					