

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

January 2009

Next Club Meeting

January 27th
Palmyra Hospital
Meeting Room
7:00PM
Program on NTS
by Charles K4GK

W4MM Repeaters

146.820- t110.9
146.700-
146.730-
444.500+

W4MM-15 DigiPETER

144.390 MHz
QTH of WB4TFW
The coordinates are:
31°34.057' N Lat
84°05.077' W Long

W4MM-12 DigiPETER

144.390 MHz
Emergency Comm
Trailer

CLUB OFFICERS

President

Ken Adams K1KBA
Kba1@surfsouth.com

Vice President

Joe Woody
wg4joe@bellsouth.net

Secretary

Leon Perrett K4GCR
K4gcr@bellsouth.net

Treasurer

Bob Smith K4PHE
K4phe@bellsouth.net

Editor

Bob Smith K4PHE
K4phe@bellsouth.net

WEBMASTER

Bob Smith K4PHE
K4phe@bellsouth.net

MONDAY NIGHT NET

Every Monday at 9:00PM Local Time on the 146.820 Repeater

GA ARES HF NET

Every Sunday at 6:00PM Summer, 5:00PM Winter on 3.975 MHz

SW GA ARES VHF NET

Every Sunday at 4:00PM on the 146.820 Repeater

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | | | | | |
|-------|---------------|------|--------|-----------------|------|
| NT9U | Hank Baker | 7th | K4VBH | Jim Poole | 26th |
| N4FD | Larry Smith | 16th | W4GWA | Glenda Adams | 29th |
| AD4KT | Charles Davis | 18th | KF4KMO | Charles Freeman | 30th |

CLUB NEWS

The election of Club Officers and Board Members was held at this year's annual Christmas Party. There were 51 people in attendance. The food was great as usual. A big Thank You to Gloria Parker for preparing a wonderful meal and allowing us the use of their facilities.

We were honored to have a special club member from Quinton, Alabama **Charlie Akins AB4HR** and his wife **Joyce**. Also we had several Americus Club members join us, **George KE4VPD** & **Cat KF4TJR** (who are also members of our club), **Lynn AE4JU**, **Mickey KE4TFD** and **Doug K4SDB**.

The Club Officers for 2009

President: **Ken Adams K1KBA**
Vice President: **Gene Clark W4AYK**
Secretary: **Leon Perrett K4GCR**
Treasurer: **Bob Smith K4PHE**.

New Board Members for 2009-2011

Arthur Shipley N4GPJ
Jerry Grange W5VRV
Richard Morefield WB4TFW

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and Board Members.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Term Expires December 31, 2009

Brinson Phillips W4SBP
Dave Furman KK4PQ
Ron White KI4HLL

Term Expires December 31, 2010

Gene Clark W4AYK
Joe Woody WG4JOE
John Shalack KI4FAO

Term Expires December 31, 2011

Arthur Shipley N4GPJ
Jerry Grange W5VRV
Richard Morefield WB4TFW

ALBANY CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year's parade was held on Saturday December 6th. Thanks to all of the members that helped by providing communications and various other duties. Everything seemed to go very well and we always seem to make improvements from the previous year.

We will have a debriefing meeting after the first of the year to discuss any problems or concerns and how we may be able to make next year's parade even better.

ALBANY MARATHON



The third Albany Marathon & Half Marathon will be on **Saturday March 7, 2009.**

The Albany Club has again been asked to provide communications for this event.

Mark your calendar as we will need all the volunteers we can get to support this event.

This is another good opportunity to spotlight our club.

If you want to see more information on this event, go to:

www.snickersmarathonenergybarmarathon.com/

CLUB DUES

Invoices for 2009 club dues will be mailed out on January 1, 2009. We hope everyone will continue to support the Albany Club.

STATEWIDE ARES MEETING 2009

Mark your calendars now. The date for our statewide meeting has been set for **Saturday, January 24th.** It will be held, once again, at the Public Service Training facility in Forsyth.

Agenda

- 1000 - 1145 DEC Meeting
- 1145 - 1300 Lunch
- 1300 - 1315 Welcome + Awards
- 1315 - 1400 Public Health Barry Kanne, W4TGA (5 minutes), Stan Edwards, WA4DYD (25 minutes), Ed Roller, N4ZRA (15 minutes)
- 1400 - 1410 Break + Raffle
- 1410 - 1440 NWS Lans Rothfusz, KD5EJN
- 1440 - 1450 Q & A
- 1450 - 1500 Break + Raffle
- 1500 - 1550 Mark Ruggiero, KB6HPD
- 1550 - 1600 Break + Final Raffle
- 1600 - 1615 Q & A for Mark
- 1615 - 1630 GPB & D-Star John Davis, WB4QDX
- 1630 - 1700 SEC comments, General Q & A

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

- Jan. 24 Statewide ARES meeting
- Feb. 13-15 Orlando HamCation
- Feb. 28 Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA
- Mar. 7 Albany Marathon
- Mar. 1-2 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)
- Mar. 21 Kennehoochee Hamfest, Marietta, GA
- Apr. 11-12 GA QSO Party
- June 6 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA
- June 28-29 Field Day

FEBRUARY 12-26 SET FOR KP5 DESECHEO DXPEDITION

The 7th most-needed DXCC entity world-wide!



The ARRL says the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has told Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, that their team of no

more than 15 operators may put Desecheo Island (KP5) on the air for a two-week period beginning February 12, 2009.



There has been no amateur radio operation from the uninhabited island off the west coast of Puerto Rico since 1994. The approval

culminates a several-year-long effort to get permission to reactivate the island. Allphin says he also got approval to do a "shift change" approximately halfway through the expedition, allowing more people to participate. He says the current plan is for the entire team to assemble in Puerto Rico on February 8 for mandatory unexploded ordnance training (the island once was used as a gunnery range), for the first "shift" to head to Desecheo on the 12th, to get on the air as quickly as possible and to stay on as long as possible before their departure on the 26th.



**AMERICUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC.
K4FAR Kilo 4 Friendly Amateur Radio**

Repeaters:

- 147.270 t 131.8, Vienna, 147.375 t 131.8
- Montezuma, 146.640, Parrott, 147.360 t 173.8
- Club meetings 4th Thursday each month.
- Red Cross Chapter