

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

January 2010

Next Club Meeting

January 26th
Palmyra Medical
Center
Training Room
7:00PM

W4MM Repeaters

146.700
146.730
146.820 t110.9
147.360 t173.8
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

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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
AD4KT	Charles Davis	18th	W4GWA	Glenda Adams	29th

CLUB NEWS

New Officers for 2010

The club officers for 2010 are President: Ken Adams K1KBA, Vice President: Dr. Gene Clark W4AYK, Secretary: Leon Perrett K4GCR, Treasurer: Bob Smith K4PHE.

The 3 new members elected to the Board of Directors are Art Walters N4WOY, Bob Smith K4PHE and Leon Perrett K4GCR.
Congratulations to all.

Welcome

We would like to welcome a new member to the club, Ray Wilson KJ4MWP. Ray lives in Leesburg.

Club Dues

Reminder, club dues are due by April 1, 2010.

Repeater fund

The club currently supports 5 repeaters. We are planning on adding a sixth analog repeater on the Pelham PBS tower. That frequency will be 145.150 MHz. The analog repeater will give the club members and other hams quite a bit of coverage. It should also give us increased coverage into North Florida, Southwest GA and into the Moultrie and Valdosta areas. The D-Star repeater planned for that tower will be sponsored by the club but will not require any financial obligation. But, we will have to spend about \$450 on a controller, crystals and etc. to put the analog repeater on the air.

We are starting a repeater Fund and are asking those members that enjoy the benefits of our repeaters to make a donation to that fund. The amount is strictly up to you. Your dues help to provide our club liability insurance for our different activities, supplies for our cookouts and helps maintaining the repeaters and other things the club needs. Having 6 repeaters to maintain has made it necessary to ask for your help. **There will be a place on the Membership Dues Invoice for 2010 where you can indicate whether you want to make a donation to the repeater fund and if so the amount.**



ALBANY MARATHON

The fourth Albany Marathon & Half Marathon will be on **Saturday March 6, 2010**. 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 always good opportunity to spotlight our club.

If you want to see more information on this event, go to:
www.snickersmarathonenergybarmarathon.com/

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

- Jan. 9 TechFest, Lawrenceville, GA
- Jan. 23 Annual ARES Statewide Meeting
- Feb. 12-14 Orlando HamCation
- Feb. 27 Dalton Hamfest, Dalton, GA
- Mar. 6 Albany Marathon
- Mar. 6-7 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)
- Mar. 20 Kennehoochee Hamfest, Marietta, GA
- Apr. 24 Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
- June 5 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA
- June 26 Field Day



From Your Editor Bob Smith K4PHE

ANNUAL GA ARES STATEWIDE MEETING

Saturday January 23, 2010

Meeting time: 10:00AM-12:00PM (open to everyone not just DECs), 12:00PM-1:00PM-Break for Lunch, 1:00PM-4:45PM-afternoon session.

Location: Forsyth, GA-GA Public Safety Training Center

NEW TECHNICIAN QUESTION POOL TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY

The Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators is due to release the new Technician class question pool to the 14 VECs on December 1st. It will then be released to the public in January 2010. This new Technician class pool will become effective on July 1, 2010.

W4PA BUYS VIBROPLEX FROM W4OA

Well-known ham Scott Robbins, W4PA, has purchased the Vibroplex Company and is moving the code key maker's manufacturing facilities from Alabama to Tennessee. Robbins, who is best known as Ten-Tec's amateur radio product manager, left that company in mid-December to devote full time to his new venture. He bought Vibroplex from Felton "Mitch" Mitchell, W4OA, who had owned the company since 1994, and wanted to retire. Vibroplex is the oldest continually-operating business in the amateur radio industry, serving Morse code enthusiasts since Horace Martin invented the semi-automatic "Bug" key in 1904. The company's website, www.vibroplex.com, and its toll-free phone number, (800) 840-8873, will remain unchanged in the move.

FCC PROPOSES CLARIFICATIONS TO VANITY RULES

The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) intended primarily to codify existing policies regarding the issuance of amateur radio "vanity" callsigns. These policies have been issued in various Public Notices but until now, have not been formally included in the Part 97 rules. One proposed change would implement a 30-day freeze on reissuing the cancelled callsign of a deceased amateur in order to provide adequate notice of its availability.

CQ TO ACCEPT eQSL CONFIRMATIONS FOR AWARD CREDIT

CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately.