

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

March 2010

Next Club Meeting

March 23rd
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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

K8YNF	Nick	1st	AB4HR	Charlie	21st
KI4ZFF	Steve	1st	KI4RXZ	Emily	23rd
KF4TJR	Cat	15th	N4GPJ	Arthur	23rd

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

Mar. 6 Albany Marathon
Mar. 6-7 ARRL International DX Contest (SSB)
Mar. 20 Kennehooshee Hamfest, Marietta, GA
Apr. 24 Calhoun Hamfest, Sugar Valley, GA
June 5 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA
June 26 Field Day
Sept. 25 Paulding ARC Hamfest, Dallas, GA
Oct. 9 Lagrange ARC Hamfest

TOSRV South Resurrected

April 17 and 18, 2010



We will be supporting TOSRV again this year. The route will be start in Havana, Florida go to Cairo, Sale City and Albany on the first day.

Capital City Cyclists

The second day will take us from Albany on to Camilla, Whigham and then back to Havana. The route into Albany will take us west under Albany on Highway 234 and then north on Westover up to the northwest part of Albany. The end point in Albany will be Darton.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Clark Harrell on passing his Technician exam. Clark lives in Camilla and is the Deputy EMA Director and 911 Director. Check the club Web Site for his new call. He should have it soon.

New ARRL Web Site

Launch of New ARRL Web Site Delayed to "Get it Right" (Feb 24, 2010) -- After meeting with ARRL staff on February 23 -- two days before the new ARRL Web site was to launch -- ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, made the decision to delay the unveiling of the Web site until late March. "Work on the new ARRL Web site has progressed at a frantic pace but there are still some potential 'bugs' that could affect members. We need to be sure we get it right," Kramer said. "Our members' security, information and ability to actually use of all the options on the new site outweigh any rush to meet an artificial deadline. It's just good customer service."

New Aid to Help Amateurs

Hi, There is a new aid to help amateurs post and report stolen radio's & radio related equipment this is done after you file a police report but you can post the report of the stolen radio's & related equipment before hand, however a police report helps. This new aid is a Yahoo group started by kb5doh in Norman, OK to help get the word out of the stolen radio's and such, it is for all amateurs in the United States and every State the site will be monitored daily no delay and as it moves along hopefully the word will get to pawn shops and everyone that sells and trades radios and related equipment in hope that this will make it hard to re-sale the stolen radio & equipment. The URL is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Amateu...aTheftReports/> KB5DOH is a member of S.C.A.R.S. and a retired State mail agent of the State of Oklahoma, he also is a Storm Spotter & member of ARRL, Contact if URL link fails and Allan KB5DOH will send a invite to join.
73 and God Bless Allan - KB5DOH

HT Call Brings Help To Downed Skier

A Colorado backcountry skier who injured himself in a fall west of Eldora Mountain Resort was rescued. This, after using a handheld amateur radio transceiver to call for help. Boulder County sheriff's officials say 60-year-old Steve Priem, NØYIV, of Boulder used the radio after falling Friday afternoon, Friday, February 19th. According to the on-line Colorado Connection, another unidentified ham radio operator about 120 miles away heard Priem's request for assistance and called 911. Rescue teams were dispatched with part of the coordination taking place using amateur radio simplex frequencies and area repeaters. NØYIV was able to provide rescuers with GPS coordinates for his position and had with him a rescue whistle. He was treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Sheriff's officials described Priem as an experienced backcountry skier who was well prepared for almost any emergency.
(Colorado Connection, ARNewsline™)

All Lithium Ion Batteries May Be Banned From Checked Airline Baggage

Traveling by air with spare Lithium Ion batteries for your HT could soon become impossible. This as Computer World reports that the United States Department of Transportation may prohibit the transport of all spare batteries in checked luggage, regardless of their physical size or capacity. Lithium-ion cells rated at 100 watt-hours and smaller were previously exempt, but new proposed rules would eliminate the exception. The tighter rules would affect smaller professional video cameras along with a host of consumer electronics devices, from the PDA's to audio players and even some hearing aides. Basically any device that uses Lithium Ion cells as a power source. Computer World dug further into incidents of Lithium Ion battery-related accidents reported on aircraft. It found that based on the number of batteries shipped, injuries during a flight due to battery-related accidents were about one in 28 million in 2008. While not very many in number, still enough percentage wise to concern the Department of Transportation and likely prompt the proposed ban.