

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

June 2009

Next Club Meeting

June 27th and 28th
Field Day will be
the June Club Meeting

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

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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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

KI4FAO	John Shalack	4th	W4AYK	Gene Clark	20th
K4PHE	Bob Smith	7th	KI4ZFD	Lisa Furman	25th
WG4JOE	Joe Woody	8th	WA4GKI	Billy Wiggins	27th

CLUB NEWS

Welcome

We would like to welcome a new member to the Albany Club, **Connie Hardison KJ4EXS**. Connie lives in Leesburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

June 6 Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA
June 21 HAPPY FATHERS' DAY
June 28-29 Field Day
July 1-5 Original 13 Colonies Independence Day Special Event
Aug. 8 Ellijay Hamfest

SANDY DONAHUE W4RU SK



The ARRL is sad to report that Southeastern Division Vice Director Sandy Donahue, W4RU, of Dothan, Alabama, passed away on May 4. He was 63. Donahue, an ARRL Life Member, served as Vice Director since January 2002 and as Georgia Section Manager from 1997-2001. In his professional life, Donahue worked at a television station in Atlanta for almost 25 years before retiring.

Licensed for almost 50 years, Donahue received his first call sign - WA4ABY -- at age 15. Exhibiting a lifelong commitment to public service throughout his amateur career, he always supported the ARRL and the Amateur Radio Service. Donahue was a fixture at every major Hamfest in Southeastern Division -- and many across the country -- as well as many of the smaller ones in his area, promoting the ARRL. He spent the weekend of May 2-3 at the BirminghamHamfest 2009.

Former Southeastern Division Director and current ARRL Honorary Vice President Frank Butler, W4RH, appointed Donahue as an Assistant Director in 1982. "We spent hours and hours together at the ARRL table at so many Hamfests and conventions," Butler recalled. "Sandy became my Vice Director in 2002, and in the next six years, I got to really know him. Over the past 26 years, we must have sold thou-

sands worth of ARRL books, study guides, operating aids, pins, patches and stickers. Sandy was always promoting the League to hams, encouraging them to become active members of the ARRL. He took great pride in the number of people who joined the ARRL through him."

Butler said that after a hard day's work at the ARRL booth, "all Sandy ever wanted was a good dinner! He loved to eat, and he showed me many fine places to do that, from Atlanta to Birmingham, to Orlando to Miami! I'm glad we got to do that again the last weekend of his life -- at the BirmingHamfest 2009."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said that even before Donahue sought elective office in the ARRL, "Sandy was a fixture at conventions and Hamfests, promoting the League and supporting the association in any way he could. Sandy thought of the ARRL as his family, and he was an important part of it."

BOBBY JONES WA4MMK SK



Another one of our Albany Hams has passed away, **Bobby Jones WA4MMK**.

A native of Rome, GA Bobby lived in Albany most of his life where he retired from the Albany Fire Department after 32 years and Brinks for 10 years. He was a member of Dougherty Lodge #591, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Hasan Temple. He was also a member of the Exchange Club of Albany and the Albany H.O.G. Chapter Motorcycle Group. He was an **Amateur Radio Operator**. Bobby was a member of Gillionville Baptist Church and former member of First United Methodist Church of Albany. He also played in the Country Western Band The Bill Carver Band for 30 years. Bobby was the brother of **Fred Jones KA4AFL** and his wife **Joyce KA4KCC**.



The Official 2009 ARRL Field Day Web page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/> is up and running. This page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. The page also includes a quick link to the map-based Field Day Station Locator where users can search for public Field Day sites. "Field Day is the largest on-the-air operating event," said ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "The event draws tens of thousands of radio amateurs to the airwaves over a single weekend." **This year, Field Day is June 27-28.**

At this time a location for the Albany Club W4MM site has not been established.

VANITY CALL SIGNS FEES MAY BE RAISED

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 14th seeking to raise fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$12.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$13.40 for 10 years, an increase of \$1.10.

ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL EVENT

NY-NJ-RI-GA-PA-NH-SC-VA-CT-DE-MD-MA-NC

On July 1st to July 4th 2009, all thirteen 1776 original colonies will be on the air. One S.E. station per Colony state. A full color certificate printed on heavy card stock or parchment paper, with a map and the state flags of all the 1776 colony states will be available to each station who works one or more or ALL of the Special Event stations. All bands will be in play except 60M and the WARC bands. The Colony stations will be operating on or near the "13" of each band (Eg.14.213, 14.313, 7.213, et.). 2 meter and 6 meter simplex is encouraged. Our very own **George Young KE4VPD** will be the Georgia station **K2G**.

For all the details see <http://home.comcast.net/~dzabawa/ThirteenColonies.htm>

CLUB ID CARDS

Club ID cards should be ready by the next club meeting.