

ALBANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

W4MM

Newsletter

<http://www.w4mm.com>

September 2009

Next Club Meeting

September 22
7:00PM
Palmyra Hospital
Training Room

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

W4SBP	Brinson Phillips	1st	K4BML	Pat Grange	27th
K4STX	John Jones	25th			

CLUB NEWS

Congratulations

To **Pat Grange K4BML** on passing her GENERAL and to **Jamie Sullivan KJ4OPY** on passing his TECHNICIAN. Jamie lives in Baconton and is with the Georgia State Patrol.

New ARRL SM Elected

Georgia will be getting a new Section Manager starting on October 1st. This as **Eugene "Gene" Clark, W4AYK** steps into the position taking over from **Susan Swiderski, AF4FO**, who has been Section Manager since 2002. Swiderski, who is the co-recipient of this year's Joe Knight Distinguished Service Award, decided not to run for another term of office. Clark has been the Georgia Section Emergency Coordinator for the last year and was a District Emergency Coordinator prior to that appointment.

Nut Roll Bike Ride

This year's Nut Roll bike ride from Chehaw Park to Plains and back will be **September 12th**. The Albany Club will be providing communications for this event. The ride starts at 8AM. If you can help with this event contact **Gene Clark W4AYK** at w4ayk@mchsi.com. If you have already let him know thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009

Oct. 3 LaGrange Hamfest
Oct. 10 Augusta Hamfest
Nov. 7-8 Lawrenceville Hamfest
Nov. 14-15 Montgomery, AL Hamfest
Dec. 5 Albany Christmas Parade.

VANITY CALL SIGN FEES TO INCREASE SEPTEMBER 10

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 10, 2009.

HAM RADIO TO COORDINATE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK

Ham radio is about to become involved with improving the environment. This with word that the KP1-5 Project, which sponsored the 2009 Desecheo Island DXpedition has announced that it will be serving as national coordinator for Amateur Radio's involvement in the 2009 National Wildlife Refuge Week from Sunday, October 12th to Saturday, October 18th.

The goal this year is to combine amateur radio's communication skills with ones enjoyment of the outdoors to help others learn about the National Wildlife Refuge System. Hams worldwide can help spread the word about the National Wildlife Refuge System by operating in or near a refuge during National Wildlife Refuge Week.

Only authorized, responsible access to refuges is sanctioned by this event. For more details please visit www.nwrweek-radio.info

By the way: This year the National Wildlife Refuge System celebrates 106 years of conservation and quality recreation in 2009.

MFJ ACQUIRES CUSHCRAFT AMATEUR ANTENNAS

In ham industry news, MFJ Enterprises, Inc., of Starkville, Mississippi has purchased Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas Product Line from Laird Technologies, St. Louis, Missouri. The sale was effective July 31, 2009 and MFJ has announced that Cushcraft products will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire.

According to MFJ Founder Martin Jue, K5FLU, Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antenna products have long been a popular source for a wide range of HF, VHF and UHF vertical, beam and yagi antennas for the amateur radio community. He says that the acquisition of Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas will bring over fifty new products to MFJ's amateur radio product line. Jue added that his company will add more new products to this antenna line and will continue the Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas name long into the future. Look for more information soon at www.mfjenterprises.com. (MFJ)

RADIO SHACK TO BE KNOWN AS THE SHACK

And in case you have not heard the latest, Radio Shack will call itself the polite version of what hams have long called the chain. The Shack.

According to Chief Marketing Officer Lee Applbaum, customers, associates and even the investment community have long referred to Radio Shack as 'The Shack. So says Applbaum the company has decided to embrace that fact and -- in his words not ours -- to share it with the world.

According to Applbaum customers see more of a focus on mobility and wireless products in the new advertising. He says that the company is contemporizing the way it wants people to think of the brand, rather than actually changing the official name of the company.

The word contemporizing does not seem to appear in any dictionary but we did find the words contemporize. It means to give a modern or contemporary character or setting or to update. It also means to place in or regard as belonging to the same age or time.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION K4UGA

To be hosted by local clubs at Sanford Stadium, beginning 9 am Saturday October 10th, for 30 hours, celebrating 30 years of area hams providing communication for UGA football games, see <http://k4uga30.wordpress.com/>.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Susan AF4FO reports that **JOHNNY FEARON, W4WKP**, is currently in isolation in the ICU of the Walton County Regional Hospital. Many of you have known Johnny for many years, so I thought you might like to send him a get well note or QSL card to let him know that you're thinking about him. You can send it to his home address at Lot 25, 1296 Magnolia Ridge, Monroe, GA, 30655. His wife told me today that he's improving, but she's sure that hearing from some of his old ham friends would make him feel even better.