

Georgia on My Mind - April 2018

Amateur Radio News, Announcements, and Activity from around the State of Georgia.

====> APPROACHING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES::

GEORGIA QSO PARTY::

The Georgia QSO Party is sponsored by the South East Contest Club and Southeastern DX Club.

Georgia QSO Party (GQP) has been challenging amateurs all over the world with the best award/plaque program in the US. Hopefully all 159 Georgia counties will be on the air this year. The GQP is held in a pair of ten-hour sessions on the second full weekend in April; this year that will be April 14th and 15th 2018.

Go here for more information:

South East Contest Club: <http://www.t-rexsoftware.com/secc/>

Southeastern DX Club: <http://www.sedxc.org/>

The GPQ: <http://www.georgiaqsoparty.org/>

Days and Times for the party:

Saturday, April 14, 2018 – 9:30AM – 8:00PM Local

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 9:30AM – 4:00PM Local

CALHOUN / SUGAR VALLEY HAMFEST::

April 28th. New location this year.

Coordinates: 34°35'57.4"N, 85°00'18.3"W 34.599274, -85.0061957

Go here for Sugar Valley Hamfest information:

<https://gaares.org/documents/2018-HamfestFlyer-v14.pdf>

SAVANNAH COASTAL AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY SWAPFEST::

April 28th at the Airport Recreational Facility off the Airport Exit on I-95

Go here for the Savannah Swap-Meet:

<http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Swap-meet-2018-flyer-final-revised-2pm.jpg>

====> ATLANTA HAMS SUPPORT THE ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL EXPO 2018::

Joe Domaleski KI4ASK and wife Mary Catherine KI4HHI, who are avid outdoor exercising enthusiasts and consummate professional Amateur Radio operators, traveled to the Atlanta Science Festival (a STEM oriented event) to report on Amateur Radio participation.

Go here to see Joe's article.

<https://gaares.org/documents/Atlanta-Science-Festival-amateur-radio-2018-march-24.pdf>

====> SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER::

GEORGIA SECTION
MARCH, 2018

STATION ACTIVITY REPORT (Traffic)
K4GK 114 K4BAI 9

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL (PSHR)
K4GK 110 K4DRS 90

SECTION NETS

Georgia ARES HF Net QNI 580 QTC 2 Sessions 4
2200 UTC Sundays 3975 KHz K4GK Net Manager
Georgia ARES Digital Net QNI 116 QTC --- Sessions 31
2100 UTC Sundays 3583 KHz K4GO Net Manager
Georgia Single Sideband Net QNI 1734 QTC 6 Sessions 31
7:00 P.M. Sundays 3975 KHz KE4VPD Net Manager
Georgia Traffic and Emergency Net QNI 1025 QTC 2 Sessions 31 3982.5 KHz
7:15 P.M. Daily KI4NGD Net Manger
Georgia Cracker Net QNI 611 QTC 6 Sessions 31 3995 KHz
7 AM Mon-Sa & 8 AM Sunday AF4XZ Net Manager
Georgia Training Net QNI 140 QTC 3 Sessions 31 3549 KHz
9 PM Daily slow CW WE4GA Net Manager
Georgia State Net GSN QNI 372 QTC 31 Sessions 62 3549 KHz
7 PM & 10 PM Daily K4GK Net Manager

Charles Pennington, K4GK
Section Traffic Manager
Georgia Section

====> SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT FOR MARCH 2018::

Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters
ARRL Section: GA Month: MARCH Year: 2018

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 1245 , since last month= -169 reported (+,
-, or same)

of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 64 ,

of ARES nets active: 376 ,

with NTS liaison: 19

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: see below

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 912 Person
hours: 4165

Number of public service events this month: 30 Person hours: 672

Number of emergency operations this month: 18 Person hours: 224

Total number of ARES operations this month: 960 Person hours: 5061

Comments: see below

Signature: Thomas Fuller Call sign: KE4QCM

Please send to ARRL HQ, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 by 10th of the
month FSD-96 (1-04)

* 1245 members reported, 1464 from last report, with -169 reported by
EC's

ASECs/DECs/ECs reporting

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP, DEC Central/WB4NKU, DEC Digital Comm/K4TLG,
DEC GEMA/K5AES, DEC Handham/N0FBV, DEC Metro Atlanta/W4IGE, DEC

National Weather Service/Charleston/KB1WEI, DEC Salvation Army/WA4UJC,
ASEC Section Education/AC4MG

ECs:

Central:

Baldwin/K4DRS, Bibb/W4JMB, Bleckley/K4WF, Crawford/WB4NKU, Dodge/KG4WQZ,
Dooly/KK4REG, Greene/KM4LFT, Houston/WB4EEL, Jasper/KM4JEX,
Johnson/KM4AUG, Jones/N5BI, Lamar/N5FBI, Laurens/K4DBN, Macon/KI4BEO,
Monroe/KK4TLG, Peach/KK4WTO, Pulaski/N4TUA, Putnam/AF4MM, Taylor/KK4RQB,
Upton/KT4YP, Wilkinson/WB4FNG

East Central:

Burke/K4BR, Columbia/K1OYQ, Jenkins/W4EIZ, Richmond/NY3Y

Metro Atlanta:

Butts/K3GWK, Cherokee/KK4YQV, Fayette/KN4YZ, Gwinnett/W4IGE,
Newton/WA4UJC, North Fulton/KK4PCR, Paulding/K4DMF, Rockdale/WN4JC

Northeast:

Barrow/KJ4EX, Hall/AF4GT, Jackson/KE4JLL, Lumpkin/N4BGS, Towns/W4VFZ,
Walton/KJ4NMO, White/KR4AE

Northwest:

Bartow/KC4DGX, Fannin/KK4NTE, Floyd/KA5QFI, Gilmer/KK4NTC, Gordon/AF4DN,
Pickens/K4SJR, Polk/WB4LCW, Walker/W4LWC, Whitfield/K4HYJ

Southeast:

Chatham/K4SDJ, Evans/KJ4VIG, Liberty/K4YPM, Toombs/KG4BKO

Southwest:

Dougherty/W4AYK

West Central:

Troup/N4VPI

Comments:

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP, We are still in need of new members. If you
are interested in AF MARS, contact, AFS4GA@afmarsR4.org. We can also
forward requests for Army MARS to them. Submitted by WB4EEL AF MARS
State Director

DEC Central/WB4NKU, Most of my time was spent on phone on computer
helping ECs get their info on Monthly Reports done getting credit for
all their nets and exercises. I have not counted any of my report in

with the Crawford County report

DEC Digital Comm/K4TLG, Psk Traffic net 78 checkins. 95% compliance with ICS 213. Psk Net 91 checkins. Thanks to W4DEL and KM4YMI who handled NCS duties this month.

DEC GEMA/K5AES, 1. Participated in MARS QRPEX, (20W PO limit), that included participation of ARMY & AF, units from all over the US, Canada, & the UK...West Point and the AF Academy were also represented. 2. Participated in ARES Special Ops webinar.

DEC Metro Atlanta/W4IGE, Our meeting program in March was CPR/AED certification. We also had several members attend "Stop the bleed" training taught by Gwinnett Hospital System.

DEC National Weather Service/Charleston/KB1WEI, Participated in 8 Regular ARES Nets and 2 GA Health Nets. I also activated 2 Weather Nets (Skywarn) in Chatham and Effingham for the storms that passed through during the month

DEC Salvation Army/WA4UJC, Thank you everyone who checks into the SATERN Nets. Please go to www.SATERN.org for information for the SATERN program.

ASEC Section Education/AC4MG, Processed 6 incoming ID Card requests
Total Active GA ARES ID Cards = 268

ECs:

Central:

Baldwin/K4DRS, We mourn the loss of two stalwarts of the Baldwin county amateur radio community in the past few weeks. Carl Hays (W1ABO) and Otis Murphy (W4OY) passed away in late February and early March. They will both be missed.

Bibb/W4JMB, March began with a monthly meeting to address the agenda for spring and summer. We were able to secure funds thru EMA for new equipment to make our readiness at the EOC even better. The equipment has been purchased and received and we will install on May 5th. New quad band antennas, 6 new batteries for radios and repeaters in the event the generator has issues, trickle chargers for all, 3 ICOM 4 inch extension speakers to clarify audio from all 3 rigs in the radio room. We gained one new member bringing our total back to 30. We may be gaining 4 new members this month from the CERT team in Lake Wildwood. Fingers crossed.

Bleckley/K4WF, Checked in to the GA ARES State Digital Traffic Nets to include Monthly GA ARES Hospital Winlink Net and GHA911/WebEOC Drill . Hope everyone had a happy Easter! 73 from Bleckley County, K4WF.

Crawford/WB4NKU, We practiced our Digital, VHF, and HF modes. Had Tri County meeting in Warner Robins Thanks to the following KK4BHS, KJ4DFP, K4BCO, W1LQJ, K4RAD, WB4NKU, KM4JCP, KJ4R XR,

Dodge/KG4WQZ, 27 licensed Hams were sent ARES membership forms with an invitation and explanation. Three have been returned with more expected.

Tommy is in process of drawing up a rotating schedule to man the hospital equipment for the 1st Sunday Hospital net. We had 5 people representing Dodge County at the Three Rivers ARC meeting – Tommy Giddens, Teri Burton, Nelson Davis, John Fickler, and Jimmy Joines as members. A brief discussion was held about a display board to promote Amateur Radio, possible venues, and who would be interested in helping. Chris coordinated the St Patrick's Special Event Station. Teri Burton and John Fickler represented Dodge County with manned stations, Mel Frerking stopped by for support. Other club members and hams were represented also. Sixteen people stopped by to see what was happening and two people were interested in getting more information. It was decided to do this again next year. Teri Burton was NCS for 1 net for the month and Chris Graham was NCS for 4 nets. (Chris is a member of Dodge and Laurens ARES so he decides which activities to report to which County.)

Greene/KM4LFT, PARES serves both Putnam and Greene county. The reported NETS, tests, and drills represent the combined efforts in both counties.

Houston/WB4EEL, The monthly Tri-County meeting was held Feb 22. Five members from Houston, one from Crawford, and three from Peach were present. There was no formal program, but multiple discussion on various issues and up coming events were held. We were called to a EMA WX briefing at the EOC.

Jasper/KM4JEX, Met Megan Craft, the new Healthcare Coalition Facilitator for Region H, at the Region F Coalition Mutual Aid Task Force Meeting. Will be contacting her regarding Jasper Memorial Hospital and Region H Coalition Meetings. I will also be working with her to request the additional equipment needed to get Jasper Memorial Hospital compliant with the Medicare/Medicaid communications requirements.

Jones/N5BI, Quiet month, but great check ins to our weekly net. Many thanks to everyone, especially our two AEC's, N4RWK AND KG4WVL for their steadfast dedication to our community.

Lamar/N5FBI, Recent discussion with Larry Law, EC - Upson, to put together a ham cram in Thomaston. Date to be determined.

Laurens/K4DBN, Finished work on Peach County Repeater--Working Good and has a Great Coverage in The area !

Macon/KI4BEO, KI4BEO attended the Area 4 EMAG meeting. KI4BEO, KI4KHC, KK4RQH and KN4HXS attended the LEPC meeting.

Monroe/KK4TLG, Kind of a slow month for ARES. KW4SZ and KM4YPN operated the Hospital Radios during the monthly exercise. KW4SZ, KM4YPN and KM4JEX worked on the Hospital HF antenna. Unfortunately some problems were discovered and another work day will have to be rescheduled. 2 weather related events this month in Monroe County. 42 check ins to the Central District Digital Net.

Peach/KK4WTO, Thanks to the Peach Co. ARES members who operated the Peach Co Hospital radios during the monthly Hospital net. WA4RG Rick Gunderman, AEC Peach Co. WA4NKU Sonny Gilbert DEC Central Dist .WA4JGH John Hughes AEC Peach Co. and KK4WTO Floyd Malone EC Peach.

Pulaski/N4TUA, Deployed mobile to be near Taylor Hospital to check into the Hospital Net.

Upton/KT4YP, KG4NPN, KB5SKH, and I operated Hospital net from URMC. WD4BFP and I worked on 147.390 repeater.

East Central:

Burke/K4BR, Welcome Chris Clark, K4NXA, East Central District's new DEC for National Weather Service - Columbia, SC. All is well in Burke County and we are ready for whatever this spring weather, etc. brings us.

Columbia/K1OYQ, We had four nets - 50 man-hours. The EOC station is currently is operable now after renovations - 5 man-hours of activity to get it up and running again. Conducted a Technician Licensing course on March 10 & 11 - 70 man-hours. We had 10 students for two 6 hour days, plus instructors and VE. Worked on training presentations and materials - 10 hours. Participated in a local club net as SME on the "Newcomers Net" - the subject was ARES - 4 man-hours. EC Admin time reviewing and updating the database- 1 man-hours. Added one new member this month. I am working with the EMA to put together more training and renovations of the ARES station in the EOC. I will be reviewing the Columbia County ARES database to see if all current members desire to continue with ARES. I know some ARES members have aged out, and others may have moved out of the area. I will spend some time in the near future reconciling the database membership.

Jenkins/W4EIZ, Good things happening in Jenkins. Have been in near constant contact with our local EMA director. Jenkins EMA has purchased a 25' trailer designed to be used as a mobile command and EOC for Jenkins county and we are at the center of that operation. Provisions have been and are still being made to accommodate ARES and our operations as much as possible. EMA director Alvin Burke has go so far as to take and pass his technician license test and in the next month will be going for general. This is all the more encouraging to our commissioners to invest the money required to purchase much needed radio equipment. We already have enough radio equipment to outfit us for vhf/uhf communications and Director Burle is in the process of purchasing an Icom 5100 w/D-star . Next we will be in the market for an HF rig for long range comms. We are also designing our radio station so that it can be used in either the command trailer or likewise "plug and play" in the established EOC facility and like wise serious and often special considerations are being afforded to the efforts and operations of Jenkins Co. ARES. Additionally we are also starting up a Ham club here in Jenkins county and hope to be rolling with it very soon. Please stay tuned for more on that. ALL IN ALL we are receiving shocking support from the Jenkins Co. EMA and things are going great. Stay tuned as I hope to be able to better this report next month.

Richmond/NY3Y, 1. Wrens Repeater upgrades completed - maybe start using for weekly/monthly ARES nets 2. Augusta University Hospital has equipment, still no dedicated room or Lead Operator 3. Doctor's Hospital D-Star 100%, extremely dedicated staff, always present 4. Amazed at dedication of all members, always looking to better their equipment and themselves.

Metro Atlanta:

Butts/K3GWK, Our monthly training was a very informative presentation and demonstration by Chandler Freidman, W2NP, on FT8. 22 members and guests attended. Our hospital team operated the Sylvan Grove station during the monthly net (KK4GNO, KM4HOS, W4DED, KM4NRP). The ham radio station at Sylvan Grove Hospital was relocated and the Butts County radio club purchased to UPS units for the hospital station and the repeaters. There were no takers at the March VE Session, thanks to the team who were present (K4NEP, KM4HOS, KI4NWD, N4TZY, W4DED, W4TXA). There were 4 FM voice nets, 4 WL2K tests and 4 NBEMS training sessions. Membership: 10 Deployable, 13 Active, 6 Pending Total service hours for March 137.5 (Value \$3,319.25)

Cherokee/KK4YQV, 5 nets, 1 drill with 164 participants totaling 289 hrs. Classroom training with 33 participants total 66 hrs. 5 nets with 112 participants totaling 70.5 hours, 1 drill with 33 folks for 66 hours. 1 Misc, volunteered for GA Death Race with 15 folks totaling 138.5 hrs. 2 trips to repeater site for 2 folks and 14 hours. Total time 289 hrs worth \$7,514.00 of volunteer time. Great job.

Fayette/KN4YZ, Lots of March activities! KI4ASK and KI4HHI supported the Atlanta Science Festival and had a great time! Four of our Hams braved the drive and weather to north GA to support the Death Race. Great job KI4ASK, KI4HHI, AI4RT, and W4MEZ. AI4RT provided support for the Publix Atlanta Marathon. We had an activation of WX4PTC for the severe weather on March 19. With many of us on NWS Chat, we need to be careful what we post to the chat room. I observed a couple of posts that were not appropriate to be shared with the media and EMA community. Some big news on the south side as we have a new Winlink digipeater on 145.790. This can link to either the KN4YZ-10 or AG4ZR-10 gateways. Preliminary reports show we have coverage from the Thomaston area in Upson County to well north of the Atlanta Metro area. Drop us a line if you use the new digi! We are planning for several events in the future to include the March of Dimes Walk for Babies and the 3rd annual Balloon Festival. We had the usual section level meetings for AG4ZR and KN4YZ and the usual nets.

Gwinnett/W4IGE, Our meeting program in March was CPR/AED certification. We also had several members attend "Stop the bleed" training taught by Gwinnett Hospital System.

Newton/WA4UJC, We continue to assist the Newton/Covington 911 Center by deploying several operators each week to weather siren locations and reporting to the NCS the condition of their operation. This information is forwarded to the 911 center. We have been doing this for over 5 years and as a result the system has become more reliable. We have changed our meets from once each month to once a quarter. April will be the first quarterly meeting.

North Fulton/KK4PCR, Work on our normal digital training this month focusing on FLDIGI & FLMSG 213. RMS and Winlink set up and practice

Paulding/K4DMF, Our participation in the monthly hospital nets include both Paulding Wellstar and Douglas Wellstar hospitals by checking in

with our regional hospital - Kennestone - which is manned by Cobb ARES. One special event for March was participation in the Atlanta Marathon for two members. We had one WX net during the month with several reportable events relayed to NWS via NWS Chat. Two of our members have current access to NWS Chat and are on the notice list for special WX briefings from NWS. Paulding EMA is increasing the linkage with ARES and CERT groups and is encouraging training that includes members of both groups to help familiarize each organization with the other's capabilities and personnel. I will be presenting a program on Weather at the Silver Comet Radio Club meeting in April just in time for the spring severe weather season. Let's hope for a less than active spring WX season this year. Planning continues with our participation for the 10th year in the annual GEMA Interoperability exercise at Lake Lanier in early May. Will report more next month as our plans gel and we prepare for any new things they might throw at us as a challenge to overcome. Even after 10 years of doing these exercises, we learn something new at every one of them and are able to help others less experienced to overcome their obstacles. Can't wait for this year's edition!

Rockdale/WN4JC, WX4RCA now has a brand new 440 repeater and now working to get new antenna installed on tower. Thanks to the leadership at GA ARES state level as we continue to get this machine up and running. We had one member K4GUP David help and support The GA Death race this month.

Northeast:

Hall/AF4GT, AEC Warren Walker, NE4T, conducted the program at the March meeting. He recently attended a Public Health training course on how to take care of people contaminated by a nuclear event. His presentation focused on radiation basics, overview of Community Reception Center operations, and exposure and contamination detection tools. The program was an eye opener, and was well received by the members. Hall County ARES members participated in the monthly GHA radio nets using the radios at the Northeast Georgia Health System Gainesville Hospital. The weekly training net is conducted on the alternate repeater, W4TL, 145.31, minus offset, tone 123.0, on the last Wednesday of each month.

Jackson/KE4JLL, Participated in an exercise planning meeting with Athens/Clarke ARES and EMA for an exercise this fall. Provided support for the Publix Marathon in Atlanta. Presented at the Region E Coalition Meeting.

Lumpkin/N4BGS, Participated in an exercise planning meeting with Athens/Clarke ARES and EMA for an exercise this fall. Provided support for the Publix Marathon in Atlanta. Presented at the Region E Coalition Meeting.

Walton/KJ4NMO, We are preparing to assist with the annual Tony Serrano Century Ride scheduled for April 7th.

Northwest:

Fannin/KK4NTE, We continue working through our members that have communications shortfalls and helping them upgrade radios or antennas to give them better coverage. We have covered two more of our members this

month and are continuing to work through the rest. Bret Smith continues with the Hospital Nets and working with the operators for the hospitals across the state. Our team participated in the Georgia Death Race where we manned the Sapling Gap Aid Station again. We have had a great response from our folks to join and participate. Our next Activity will be a multi-agency drill on April 3rd, headed by the American Red Cross. ARES will be providing communications support as there will be simulated loss of telephone, internet and commercial power. 73!

Floyd/KA5QFI, Conducted several emergency weather drills. One total over 40 check ins. Selected 2 members, David/WW4DW and Eugene/KK4IAJ to represent ARES during the Mobility Inoperability Exercise at Lake Lanier. A participating member of the Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Committee, gave input and updates. Met with Redmond Regional Hospital Emergency Director to look into the possibility of establishing an emergency communication set similar to Floyd Medical Center's.

Gilmer/KK4NTC, Gilmer Co., Earth Quake exercise, SORBA Bike race, GA Death Race, Gateway install

Pickens/K4SJR, Pickens Co. had 4 nets Monday night 8:00 pm, \$ NW-GA nets Tuesday night 8:00 pm. Pickens EMA was activated for weather, WD4AOG call a weather net. We worked at 2 aid stations in the Ga. Death Race. AS# 3 WD4AOG,KG4YOL,KE4HSV,KN4ENW & KN4ENY. AS# 7 K4SJR, AG4ZR,KG4VUB, KKYLX & W4DTX. Set up 2 tempera Gateways for the GDR at K4RWG's house 145.790 & 50.620. On Mount Oglethorpe I moved the W4NWX-15 145.790 Digipeater from a X50 at 60' to the DB229 antenna at 170'. Installed a new Digipeater on 145.790 W4NWX-15. Thanks to all that came out to work the racetracks for the State Winlink net. We broke 180 check ins with over 165 ICS-213's 90% good job.

Whitfield/K4HYJ, March was a rather busy month. Besides having 5 weekly nets, our group participated in NCS and training activities for 5 state and district nets, 2 public service events and one Skywarn weather net. SORBA Bike race on Mar. 17 was successful with all operators doing a fantastic job. Many operators were working this event as their first public service event. The majority of aid stations could be worked using HT's which makes a great event for first timers. Once again, using Johns Mtn as a simplex relay point for stations west of the Trade Center headquarters worked well. Additionally as the race progressed and aid stations closed, incident command moved from Johns Mtn to Middle Mtn when Snake Creek was the only aid station west of Middle Mtn. The combination of VHF simplex and repeater operation worked well. We had volunteers from Murray, Pickens, Catoosa, Walker, Gilmer, and Whitfield Counties. We appreciated the help as this has turned into an event for all of the NW ARES District. We had a large Skywarn net on the 19th with 27 stations over a 90 minute period. AI4ZV maintained net control for the entirety watching RADAR and staying in contact with the NWS. Luckily for us, the severe weather avoided our area. The Georgia Death Race was held the last of this month (31 - 1). Our group manned the race start station at Vogel State Park and the 1st aid station at Whiteoak Stomp (formerly known as Coosa Bald). AI4ZV solely manned Vogel and delivered the initial list of race runners and their start times. His list also included last minute runner additions and those runners that were not able to participate. K4HYJ manned Whiteoak with the help of KN4CNX and KK4NTC. The majority of comms were via packet. Whiteoak - as always -

was busy for a solid three hours. We had runners move through even earlier as some racers were allowed to start before 4AM so they could finish the race even though their times would not be counted. We tracked 300+ runners through the aid station and was able to copy their times into the master racer spreadsheet and send them along to incident command and the next aid station (Mulky Gap) - in enough time for AS #2 to have relevant data!!! With the redesign of the W4NWG-15 digipeater, packet peer-to-peer and peer-to-gateway worked exceptionally well. Voice comms for the 1st 3 aid stations used repeater coverage, which between 4AM and 9AM worked fine as there almost no incidental traffic. The use of W4NGT and N4KHQ VHF repeaters made voice comms a largely HT function. KK4NTC had several J-pole antennas deployed 20' above ground as precautionary measure at Whiteoak - they allowed voice and packet comms to be conducted with 1 watt or less. April brings another digital training class in the district. We will holding class in Gilmer County for setting up and using Winlink and FLDIGI. The class will allow participants to bring their entire station (PC, TNC, soundcard, and radio) to class to be configured and put on the air with provided HF/VHF antennas. This is a small class due to the amount of work involved in setting up each individual station. April is traditionally an active month of severe weather. So April may be another busy month!!

Southeast:

Chatham/K4SDJ, After much prayer, pulling of hair, and frustration, we were finally able to get the Buckmaster OCF dipole installed at the hospital and operating properly. All we need now is to receive the Kenwood TS-480SAT back from the repair center and Memorial University Hospital should be fully operational. My thanks to the volunteers who assisted us in this project.

Liberty/K4YPM, No local net this month, only checked in to those nets listed. Misc activities include repeater maint, CERT trailer 2 meter. Antenna maint at hospital and EOC.

Toombs/KG4BKO, 3 people participated in Monthly Hospital Net onsite at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia GA.

West Central:

Troup/N4VPI, The ARES project this month has been the Warm Springs DStar repeater. This repeater has been off the DStar Network for about four years. With the help of Richard (AX4GY), David (AG4ZR), and Steve(WB4BXO) the DStar repeater is connected to the internet. To get everyone "caught up" on the operation of DStar, we are having a net each Monday evening at 8:30pm local time, informal net to discuss questions concerning the operation of the repeater. We are also having a Digital Net each Monday at 9:15pm local, with Cooper (KA4BKD) the net control. This is psk 63, 3583, 1500 ± on the waterfall. Also every Monday, Cooper has a Winlink net, with check-in using ICS-213. I have updated the TROUP COUNTY ARES MEMBER LIST, removing several from ACTIVE, but adding more members, with a + shift of 4. This is great news, and a indication of more interest in the program.

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