

Georgia on My Mind - First Edition February 2018

==> RAMBLER RADIO CLUB DOES SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP NEXT WEEK::

Greetings from the Great Northwest (GA Section)! Rambler Radio Club (W4LMS) enters our 11th year and the second semester of 2018 looking forward to next week's School Club Roundup! School clubs across the United States will be on the air next week, February 12th through 16th, for our second round of competition this year. Any and all contacts are welcome. Rambler Radio Club will be on the air every day next week until 6 pm. Look for us during the day on 20 and 40m PSK and after school on either PSK or SSB. Our goal for the week is 50,000 points.

If you would like to schedule a QSO with us, please let me know.

If we don't hear you on the air next week, we hope to see you at the Dalton Hamfest on February 24.

Go here for the school's radio club webpage:

<http://www.ramblerweblog.org/radioclub/>

Go here for ARRL's School Club Roundup webpage:

<http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

Thanks for your continuing support

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==> 2018 ARES HOSPITAL TRAINING VIDEOS HAVE BEEN "TUBED"::

Some of the hospital training conducted at the 2018 State ARES meeting has been placed on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyytlu3IEKyTcJeeGoFBE9A>

==> CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION PRESENTS AWARD::

Over the past several years members from the Coweta and Fayette County Amateur Radio Clubs have provided communications and participant tracking support for the Cystic Fibrosis Bike Riding events. These events are sponsored by major donation partners who support the foundation. Joe Domaleski KI4ASK accepted the award for the clubs. Go to the NEWS panel on the Georgia ARES website for a photograph: <https://gaares.org/>

==> MORE CLUB RECHARGE::

Are there skills you don't have but know other ham operators do that you would like to learn? You aren't the only one in your club! A fun way to get started learning those skills is by having a Skills Day Picnic.

Similar to how the classes were offered at the state ARES meeting, a Skills Day Picnic relies on the Elmers in your club to teach small groups a skill they are experts in. When we did this with the North Georgia Amateur Radio Club, our first set of skills taught included soldering, antenna building, installing Anderson power poles, and serving as Net Control for our club's weekly net. We plan to have another picnic soon with advanced soldering, another antenna build, and Net Controlling a public service net.

Feed them and they will come! Options for food include ordering pizza, barbeque catering, or covered dish. Trust me, serving food is important as people are more likely to attend events with food. After the food, your classes can be scheduled two ways. All the attendees can move through every class one after the other. This takes time if you offer several classes, and you may see people leaving before all the classes are done.

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Basic Soldering

Power Poles

Net Control

2:00 PM

Satellites

Fox Hunting

Learning CW

Antenna

3:00 PM

Basic Soldering

Programming Your Radio

Antenna Tuning

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Build Antennas

We scheduled three classes to run at the same time and had attendees register for the class they wanted to take during each schedule slot. This worked quite well, and people who missed a class at the last picnic will be able to pick it up when we do it again. The fact that our club members want to have another Skills Day Picnic is proof that it was a great event!

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==> TORNADO DRILL NETS RESULTS::

3975 HF State Net - K4GK NCS - 117 check-ins

DStar Georgia 30B Net - W4HBS NCS - 64 check-ins

Peach State Intertie Net - 40 Check-ins

There were other nets conducted locally. ECs should include these in their monthly reports.

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