**\*\*\* Georgia on My Mind \*\*\***

**===> American Red Cross and ARES - A Growing Partnership**

ARES groups around the state are continuing to grow and strengthen their

partnerships with the American Red Cross. This past Saturday, November

16th, members of North Fulton ARES participated in a drill that

simulated passing the types of traffic the Red Cross would expect in a

disaster where shelters are opened.

In the scenario, shelters were opened in North Fulton and ARES members

made sure they could pass traffic among the different shelter locations.

Then traffic was passed to and from Nassau County, New York and Palm

Beach County, Florida. The drill included welfare check requests coming

from the New York and Florida locations and being passed to the shelters

in North Fulton.

Being able to pass these types of messages is one of the key

capabilities in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Red Cross

and the ARES groups with which they currently have a relationship. The

Red Cross is hoping to expand these partnerships with many more ARES

groups in the state. They are particularly interested in the ability of

ARES operators to send forms by radio if an internet connection is not

available.

Elsewhere in the state, Clarke County ARES works with the Red Cross at

the University of Georgia home football games. Their mission is to

observe and communicate when people attending the game need medical

assistance. This partnership has proven very successful in the last few

seasons, prompting other universities to observe the operations are

consider implementing similar operations at their games as well.

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Renee Conaway

KK4LOJ

ADEC Northeast GA ARES

PIO, Georgia Section

**===> Club Newsletters from Around the State**

>From the Amateur Radio Club of Butts County (The Repeater)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eJHRFdQxrqddLI5XDjKzS8BmjOMYkgVw>

>From the Thomasville Amateur Radio Club (The Reflector)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Re3WfBqLPh35_aZHJB7T8H-CyAye-A6x>

>From the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (The GARzette)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ujVepRVGZLy-6Bzd4N6RZcXFnRy4k6hc>

I regularly receive positive comments from Georgia on My Mind readers

about reading newsletters about the activities and interests of other

clubs around the state of Georgia. If your club produces a newsletter -

even one that is merely an E-mail to your membership - that covers your

club activties, member recognition, events - post and approaching,

please send them to me at ag4zr@arrl.net. Newsletters don't have to be

monthly - just stuff that your club is doing and its Amateur

membership.

Significant Events that went well in November (thus far):

- The Stone Mountain Hamfest

- HamJam

- The MARS COMMEX (Details below in ARES SEC report)

- ARES Connect Training in Gainsville

- Fall Field Day - for some of those that held it

- JS8Call overview training by Brian Haren W8BYH

Significant Events on the Horizon:

- That State ARES Meeting - January 11th

- Techfest - January 18th <http://www.techfest.info/>

- Digital training in Central District - mid 2020

- ARES Connect Training around the state

- Public Health Communications Exercise - Spring

**===> Registration for the State ARES Meeting in January**

Here is the link for the State ARES Meeting on January 11, 2020. To

register with GEMA, attendees must have a TRS profile to be able to sign

up on TRS with this link.

You can still attend the State ARES meeting (and we encourage everyone

to do so) even if you are not registered with GEMA. As in the past, you

will have to sign in on the GPSTC attendance roster but will not receive

GEMA credit for attending the meeting.

We have added the following offering to the GEMA schedule.

State ARES Annual Convention(ARES100-2)

January 11, 2020 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Forsyth, GA 31029

GPSTC, Auditorium, 1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029

To register directly for this offering, please click on the hyperlink

below.

To establish a GEMA Training Registration System (TRS) profile (if you

don't already have one), go to: <https://training.gema.ga.gov/TRS/>

Click on "Create Account Now" and follow the prompts.

To receive GEMA credit for attending the ARES Meeting goto to this

link:

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftraining.gema.ga.gov%2FTRS%2FbroadcastInvite.do%3FbiCofId%3D35177&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7C7ea226af3b6e4f15e6ce08d762b9bea9%7Ccb7bd255afe241feacc13254484e732f%7C0%7C0%7C637086422220300706&amp;sdata=zqhP6vTthBdQNVP3fH18O7SFew4xuutAFDvXMtMJZlo%3D&amp;reserved=0>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lynn, KN4YZ

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**===> SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER**

REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

Public Service Honor Roll

K4GK 108

Station Activity Report (Traffic)

K4GK 110, K4BAI 9

Section Nets

Georgia Ares HF Net

QNI 442 QTC 2 Sessions 4 3975 KHz 2200 UTC Sunday K4GK Net Manager

Georgia Ares Digital Net

QNI 255 QTC Sessions 4 3583 KHz 2100 UTC Sunday K4GO Net Manager

Georgia Single Sideband Net

QNI 1614 QTC 18 Sessions 30 3975 KHz 7 PM Daily KN4QJ Net Manager

Georgia Traffic and Emergency Net

QNI 1012 QTC 18 Sessions 30 3982.5 7:15 PM Daily KI4NGD Net Manager

Georgia Cracker Net

QNI 450 QTC 18 Sessions 30 3995 KHz 7 AM M-Sa & 8 AF4XZ Net Manager

Georgia (CW) Training Net

QNI 130 QTC 130 Sessions 30 3549 KHz 9 PM Daily WE4GA Net Manager

Georgia State Net

QNI 355 QTC 85 Sessions 60 3549 KHz 7 PM & 10 AM Daily K4GK Net

Manager

Charles Pennington, K4GK

Section Traffic Manager

Georgia Section

**===> Monthly Section Emergency Coordinator Report to ARRL Headquarters**

ARRL Section: GA Month: OCTOBER Year: 2019

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 860, since last month= +54 reported

# of DECs/ECs reporting this month: (see form 004 link below)

# of ARES nets active: (see form 004 link below)

# with NTS liaison: 15

Click here to see ARES form 004:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=143C6mXne6JHbPhHtZob_uF0OVqtUUc2G>

Calls of DECs/ECs reporting: see below

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: (see form 004

link below)

Person hours: (see form 004 link below)

Number of public service events this month: (see form 004 link below)

Person hours: (see form 004 link below)

Number of emergency operations this month: (see form 004 link below)

Person hours: (see form 004 link below)

Total number of ARES operations this month: (see form 004 link below)

Person hours: (see form 004 link below)

Click here to see ARES form 004:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=143C6mXne6JHbPhHtZob_uF0OVqtUUc2G>

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)

\* 860 members reported, 806 from last report, with reported by EC's

ASECs/DECs/ECs reporting

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP,

DEC Army MARS/K5AES,

DEC Central/KI4BEO,

DEC East Central/WW4KW,

DEC Northwest/AF4DN

ECs:

Central:

Bibb/W4JMB, Crawford/KM6BOR Dooly/KK4REG, Greene/KM4LFT, Houston/WB4EEL,

Jasper/WB4WH, Jones/N5BI, Lamar/N5FBI, Laurens/K4DBN, Macon/KI4BEO,

Monroe/WB4WH, Peach/KK4WTO, Pulaski/N4TUA, Upson/KT4YP,

Wilkinson/WB4NFG

East Central:

Burke/K4BR, Columbia/K1OYQ, McDuffie/NY3Y, Richmond/K4BR

Metro Atlanta:

Butts/Vacant, Cobb/KT4ED, Coweta/N9GQA, Fayette/KN4YZ, Newton/WA4UJC,

North Fulton/KK4PCR, Paulding/K4DMF

Northeast:

Towns/KF5TPQ, Walton/KJ4NMO

Northwest:

Fannin/KK4NTE, Gilmer/KK4NTC, Gordon/AF4DN, Whitfield/K4HYJ

South Central:

Cook/KN4SNH, Telfair/N4BWW, Tift/KE4RJI

Southeast:

Chatham/K4SDJ

Comments:

ASEC/DECs:

DEC Air Force/MARS/WB4BDP, Our fourth quarter COMEX is scheduled for

early Nov. Emphasis is on long term wide spread disasters impacting

Power, Internet and telephone. Amateur radio will be used to gather

situational awareness information in much the same was as it was in the

SET. We have vacancies for new members. If you are interested in AF

MARS, contact, AFS43C@afmars-4th-comm-wing.org. We can also forward

requests for Army MARS to them. Submitted by WB4EEL 43rd AF MARS Comm

Group Commander (GA).

DEC Army MARS/K5AES, Combined participation in the Oct ARES SET and Mars

COMEX 19-3 with 60 Mtr operations to make contact with Ga Hams for CO

Status Info. DOD COMEX 19-4 is scheduled for 3 thru 17 Nov where ARMY &

Air Force MARS stations will again attempt to make contact with the

amateur radio community on the 60-meter channels using the MS-DMT

digital mode, or other dig modes like MT-63, along with USB to obtain

County Status Reports. The MARS members will be using their assigned

MARS Call Signs for this operation. There is no specific time that MARS

stations will be attempting contact with an amateur radio station. WWV

will be broadcasting COMEX info at 10 Min after each Hr throughout the

COMEX concluding with a Military Sta 60Mtr Ch 1 broadcast on 17 NOV at

0300Z using MS-DMT. On another note, both Army and Air Force MARS

organizations are looking for individual amateur radio operators to join

MARS. The MARS program of today is nothing like it was several years

ago. MARS is engaged in providing vital communications to the DOD and

other Federal agencies. MS-DMT public version for Amateur use can be

downloaded at [www.dodmars.org](http://www.dodmars.org/). This same digital mode is used by both

military and SHARES utilizing plain text in EMCOMM operations, If you

are interested in more information on the MARS program or would like to

join MARS, please let me know. I can handle your Army MARS application

process and if your are interested in Air Force MARS, I can forward your

information to the appropriate Air Force MARS contact.

DEC Central/KI4BEO, Phone calls and emails to ADEC's and EC's.

DEC East Central/WW4KW, Still no EC's for about 1/2 of our counties

despite efforts on my part. Hospital amateur radio rooms are beginning

to come together. Region "G" Hospital Coalition, of which I am a member,

has a plan to provide amateur radio equipment to more of CMS's 17

provider types.

DEC Northwest/AF4DN, Provide communications for the Advent Gordon

Hospital and their 5K Run Around the Park. Continue with normal

operations and training.

ECs:

Central:

Bibb/W4JMB, It's been relatively quiet for the month of October. We are

beginning the transition for the EMA Amateur Radio Repeaters to the new

tower at Breezy Hill. We have installed 1 of 2 new Tri-Band antennas at

the EOC to give us solid comms to the new site from the EOC. We added 1

new member and I adjusted the staff list to reflect all of the lost

members to correct our actual staff number.

Crawford/KM6BOR, Thanks goes out to Sonny Gilbert. No events or

activations this month.

Greene/KM4LFT, Noteworthy event in October. 3 members provided ARES &

Red Cross Support to UGA home games. 3 members were certified as Red

Cross Volunteers in Athens. ARES members participated at the

Spin-for-Kids bike race sponsored by Twin Lakes Camp. Assisted 2 club

members in tower take-down and installations.

Houston/WB4EEL, The monthly Tri-County meeting was held October 24 with

7 members in attendance, from Houston County. Upcoming public service

events were discussed including the Christmas Parade, and Santa Patrol

in December. The time for all events was to be entered by into ARES

Connect for all attendees..

Jones/N5BI, Would like to say thanks to everyone, for all the work these

last few years. This will be my last report, as I am retiring from the

EC position. It's been fun and interesting. 73 to all..hope to see you

all soon.

Laurens/K4DBN, Cooler weather has arrived !

Monroe/WB4WH, Craig Glaze, WB4WH, has been newly appointed as EC for

Monroe County.

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. Central Dist .N0HPU Mike Bruno AEC Peach Co.

Connie Holland KK4ZFL Peach ARES member and KK4WTO Floyd Malone EC

Peach.

Pulaski/N4TUA, Central District activated the VHF Net on the Peach State

Intertie System for the 2019 SET.

Upson/KT4YP, I worked on the 147.390 Repeater, was a VE at a Ham Cram in

Griffin, and attended the Upson County Hazard Mitigation Meeting in

Thomaston.

Wilkinson/WB4NFG, There is more to ARES than checking into a net on a

regular basis. A disaster can happen at any moment. Are you ready? Have

you made provisions for emergency power? Support you local ARES programs

and nets !

East Central:

Columbia/K1OYQ, The Columbia County EMA and ARES ran a semi-unannounced

SET that required in-the-field response on Oct 12th, 2019. Here is the

scenario: The Columbia NWS issues an advanced severe weather warning for

the CSRA with the strong possibilities of tornadoes (SKYWARN NET in

145.490 repeater). A severe weather front is slowly approaching the CSRA

from the west and going south and is spawning many tornadoes in its

path. The severe weather is expected to impact the southern counties

(Jenkins, Burke, Jefferson, south Richmond, and Aiken SC, but not

Columbia County. The Columbia County EMA receives official notification

that Columbia County should prepare to receive evacuees from those

affected counties. The Columbia County EMA contacts the Columbia County

ARES Emergency Coordinator and requests that local amateur radio

operators come to the EOC and setup communications in advance of the

expected evacuation (ARES NET on 146.985 repeater). He specifically

requests communications stations be setup at the EOC and shelters at

Patriots Park, Evans, GA and Liberty Community Center, Grovetown GA.

Once communications are established the EOC begins sending message

traffic to and from the shelter locations. The EOC monitors the local

amateur radio repeaters and processes information as received. When

sufficient communications have been established and they have

effectively passed message traffic the EMA will terminate the exercise.

We had 4 major goals for this exercise - 1. Get local amateurs to

respond in the field (we got 6 out of 15) 2. Setup EOC GO-Kits in the

field and establish message handling net. 3. Pass message traffic using

ICS-213 forms. 4. Document station activities using ICS Forms. The after

action critique considered the exercise a success with some improvements

need. The two major lessons learned were 1. ARES needs to do more to get

local hams to respond beyond just checking into a net (ie., better

response in the field) and 2. Use digital messaging to reduce paperwork

and improve efficiency. The Go-Kits were a huge success. We will be

planning and conducting more training on digital communications. A

SKYWARN Net was activated Oct 31st, 2019 in the CSRA with multiple

shelter in place warnings going out due to tornado activity in the area.

No reports of damage were received just funnel clouds spotted.

McDuffie/NY3Y, Nothing new to report. George Ribas, Emergency Manager

for University Hospital of McDuffie. George will be leaving this

position Nov 1st, his successor has yet to be named. Currently he is

apprehensive on implementing anything as he is leaving... he wants to

defer making decisions to his replacement. Will continue to make contact

but progress looks to be stalled until a replacement is named.

Metro Atlanta:

Butts/Vacant, OCT2019 Monthly meeting presentation was about DMR,

presented by KJ4PLJ and KN4RXM. The hospital radio team operated the

Sylvan Grove ham station for the monthly Hospital Net. W4DED, KK4QJR,

KW4AQ, NI2Y, AJ4GU and K3GWK provided communications support for the

Spin For Kids 100 mile bike ride in Morgan County. The Morse code class

continues instructed by W8XC. KM4HOS attended a Butts County DPH POD

Drill planning meeting and K3GWK attended the school system Safety Team

meeting. We continue to hold an NBEMS message training net following our

weekly FM net. The Fox Hunt planned for 19OCT was canceled due to the

weather. KM4HOS, NI2Y, K3GWK, KA8LAD and W8XC continue to support the

Thursday DPH Dstar Net from the Butts County DPH office. KM4HOS served

as NCS for the GA ARES Digital Net on 06OCT. There were nine nets held

in October, 49.5 ham hours. There were five NBEMS training sessions

also. Total calculated ham hours: 180.5 (Value $4,540.00) Membership: 12

Deployable, 10 Active, 5 Pending (K3GWK, AEC)

Cobb/KT4ED, Cobb ARES operators supported the Boy Scout radio merit

badge program every weekend of October using our EMCOM trailer deployed

to their annual campsite. Many scouts got their first exposure to hf

radio and the amateur radio hobby, as well as ARRL info.

Coweta/N9GQA, (1) Coweta County ARES Simplex Net. GA Simulated Emergency

Test.

Fayette/KN4YZ, Some of our highlights include: WD4GTY working with the

Red Cross during UGA home games. 9 of us supporting the 39th Peachtree

City Classic Road Race. AI4RT helped with not only the PTC Classic, but

with the Cochran Mill event and the PNC 10 Miler. Several of us

participated in this year's Simulated Emergency Test. NF5F is taking

CERT training. W8BYH continues to contact MARS along with Situational

Map improvements and Webmaster duties. We hosted a monthly webinar where

we received Digital training. KN4YZ continues to volunteer with our 911

center and worked on the Amateur Radio Skills Day at GPSTC. We had the

usual section level meetings for AG4ZR and KN4YZ and the usual nets.

North Fulton/KK4PCR, Work on our normal digital training this month

focusing on FLDIGI & FLMSG 213. & extra emphasis on sending and

receiving packet radio messages both VHF & HF winlink as well as

telnet.

Paulding/K4DMF, Final plans are underway for our fall SET which will

occur on November 9 and will include getting our EMA and the CERT team

involved in the exercise. Our plans necessarily changed in order to

coordinate with training already scheduled with the CERT Team and the

EMA. Our support of the monthly hospital nets continues and allows

Paulding Wellstar Hospital to document compliance with alternate methods

of communications which are now required under Georgia Hospital rules.

Our biggest unfinished project is the update to our Operations Manual

which continues and it is hoped to be complete by the end of the year.

Northeast:

Towns/KF5TPQ, We are having pretty good turnouts to our weekly Nets for

a small county. Hospital Nets are working pretty good as well. We are

adding an external J-Pole at the Chatuge Nursing Home to allow us better

comms from that location.

Walton/KJ4NMO, Walton County ARES members participated in the S.E.T. and

Frank Hobbs, KN4QJ, conducted 2 HF nets on 3975 for the S.E.T.

Northwest:

Fannin/KK4NTE, The 2019 SET was a great exercise for the new EOC

equipment and our team of operators. We simulated all phases of loss,

and recovery, of power, internet, phone, etc. We look forward to the

next test. Four of our members are set for the AUXCOMM training that was

rescheduled for November 8-10. Bret Smith continues with the Hospital

Nets and working with the operators for the hospitals across the state.

73 from Fannin County!

Gilmer/KK4NTC, Busy month -Set Exercise, Gilmer Apple Fest Parade,

Sawnee bicycle race, Flood Drill Communications exercise.

Gordon/AF4DN, Provide communications for the Advent Gordon Hospital and

their 5K Run Around the Park. Continue with normal operations and

training.

Whitfield/K4HYJ, Do to schedule conflicts we had no local net on

Thursday Oct 3rd.

South Central:

Cook/KN4SNH, NET Participation KN4SNH was NC for 4 NET Continue to

develop and work on Facebook Page- Cook County, GA ARES Standby for

Nestor- 10/19 Standby for Severe Weather 10/29 Standby for Severe

Weather 10/31 Misc Activity was monitoring the Georgia Public Health Net

on DSTAR Thursday mornings on 30B 1 Testing Session 10/12 at Cook 911

Telfair/N4BWW, On 10/19 ran a weather net on Zello Georgia

Interoperability Network while watching tropical weather using

Radarscope and NWSchat. This began at 0900 hrs. At 6:50pm a tornado

warning was issued for Crisp County. Rotation was followed and Tornado

Warning was issued for Dodge and Telfair. Rotation was followed while

communicating position and path with Telfair EMA director and Dodge Asst

EMA Director. Rotation dissipated near Chauncey at 2030 hrs. Screen

shots of weather system and rotation (using GRlevel2 Analyst) were taken

and disseminated over Zello GIN during progress of storm

Tift/KE4RJI, Attended 1 special event, Updated software on all

computers. Hospital net check in

Southeast:

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