

***** 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 and consider implementing similar operations at their games as well.

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==> 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 activities, 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 Gainesville
- 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&data=02%7C01%7C%7C7ea226af3b6e4f15e6ce08d762b9bea9%7Ccb7bd255afe241feacc13254484e732f%7C0%7C0%7C637086422220300706&data=zqhP6vTthBdQNVp3fh18O7SFew4xuutAFDvXMTMJZlo%3D&reserved=0>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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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:

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Comments: see below

Signature: Thomas Fuller Call sign: KE4QCM

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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 way 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. 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 you 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: WD4GTU 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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