

Georgia Section Emergency Coordinator's Midmonth Summary

DIGITAL ADECS FOR NORTHWEST AND METRO: The Northwest District and the Metro District have put their digital ADECS into place. Jim Millsap (WX4NWS DEC for Metro District) put together a team of six ADECS to handle the numbers of ARES members and groups in the Metro District. That was followed by a face-to-face meeting at the Atlanta Red Cross office with the DECS from Northwest and Metro. Frank Dean (K4SJR - DEC NW), Jim Millsap, Jim's new team of digital ADECS, Tom Olley (KG4VUB - ASEC Digital Communications), and David Benoist (AG4ZR SEC) attended the Red Cross meeting which gave the two District teams and leadership the opportunity to discuss duties, objectives, and strategies for encouraging the growth of digital communications in Georgia ARES. Among the objectives:

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- Interface with county ARES groups to encourage interest and training in digital communications
- Assess digital capability in the counties and overall district
- Build a working communications network within the District and other Georgia Districts
- Participate in the Tuesday evening State digital net

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Metro Digital ADECS: Robert (Bob) Johnston KK4LAC, Ronald Clifton West WB3ILX, David L. Adcock KA4KKF, Kenneth B Reid KG4USN, Michael David Crowe AJ4GU

Northwest Digital ADEC: Felton Floyd AF4DN

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We're still looking for digital ADECS for the other ARES Districts. If you have a serious interest in digital Amateur communications and have general familiarity with the 3 standard ARES digital software applications (Winlink, FLDigi, and D-RATS), then contact your District Emergency Coordinator. You can find them listed here: <https://gaares.org/php/dec-ec-summary.php>. In addition, look here for the Digital ADEC job description: <https://gaares.org/docs/Digital%20ADEC%20Job%20Description.pdf>. You can also contact any one of the current digital ADECS, the DECS for Metro and Northwest, and Tom Olley ASEC for Digital if you need discussion or direction.

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In any case don't forget the Tuesday evening state digital net hosted by the Northwest District on 3583 USB with a 1500Hz offset. This net uses PSK125, takes check-ins, traffic, issues announcements, and will venture into other digital protocols at times. It's a good way to hone your FLDigi and FLmsg skills. Following the net interested Amateurs can practice peer-to-peer Winlink and pass E-mail and forms. Peer-to-peer Winlink is a good way to pass traffic when you are conveying local communications or unable to connect to an HF gateway.

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ARES DATABASE: We've been keeping an eye on the ARES database application to make sure it works well and to get ahead of any bug that users might come across. So far we've identified a couple of minor issues and resolved them. Bill Watt (K4BLL EC Muscogee) found that the ARES certifications for AUXCOMM and the ARRL EC-16 EmComm were not in the list (resource search). He also found that the ID Issue Type (found on the advanced view display for a member) did not include the ARES ID. All three of these have been added to the ARES database application. Right now only a single ID can be assigned to a member. We are considering a future modification that allows more than one ID to be assigned to a member. Below are the stats for use of the ARES database since its new features were implemented.

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There were 202 logins by 57 unique individuals since going live.
Here are the top 10 users:

Number of Logins	First Name	Last Name	Call	County
23	Buzz	Kutcher	K3GWK	Butts
18	Larry	Ring	KJ4WX	Bacon
13	Jeff	Cawley	WN4JC	Rockdale
11	David	Benoist	AG4ZR	Fayette
8	John	Harmon	N4JCH	Gwinnett
8	Wayne	Chapman	KG5WU	North Fulton
7	John	Coleman	WA4FRI	Laurens
7	Bob	Johnston	KK4LAC	Cherokee
7	John	Turner	KI4BEO	Macon
6	George	Olive Jr.	AI4UR	DeKalb

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There is an introduction document on the initial web site page that covers some important information that one should be aware of before using the new database application for the first time. It will give you some understanding the concept of use, how some features work, and things to be aware of. It will save you some learning curve frustration so please make a point of reading it. Here is the link to that document:

<https://gaares.org/newServer.html>

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WARM SPRINGS D-STAR REPEATER BACK ON INTERNET: I received an E-mail from John Davis (WB4QDX - DEC Georgia Public Broadcasting) telling that the Warm Springs repeater is back on the Internet. For some time it was on the air but not connected to the Internet which no fun for a D-Star repeater. Word has spread pretty quick in the Southwest area of Atlanta and D-Star capable folks are happy to have a more easily connectable D-Star repeater.

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David AG4ZR, Georgia Section Emergency Coordinator

Addendum by the Georgia Section Manager:

Be looking forward to the Georgia State Convention (www.stonemountainhamfest.com) and the Hamjam (www.hamjam.info) events, both in Lawrenceville on successive weeks. The Hamjam (November 14) will feature talks by Mike Corey, N1IU of the ARRL staff in charge of Emergency Preparedness, Jamie Dupree of the Washington Bureau of Cox Radio and another excellent speaker yet to be named. Admission is free, but if you choose to purchase a raffle ticket or 5 know that the proceeds are used to support the ARRL Teacher Institute, scholarships, school ham radio investments such as at Mill Springs Academe and P/R for Ham Radio at such events as the GA Science Teachers' Convention.

Take care of yourselves and of each other!

Gene, W4AYK, ARRL Georgia Section Manager