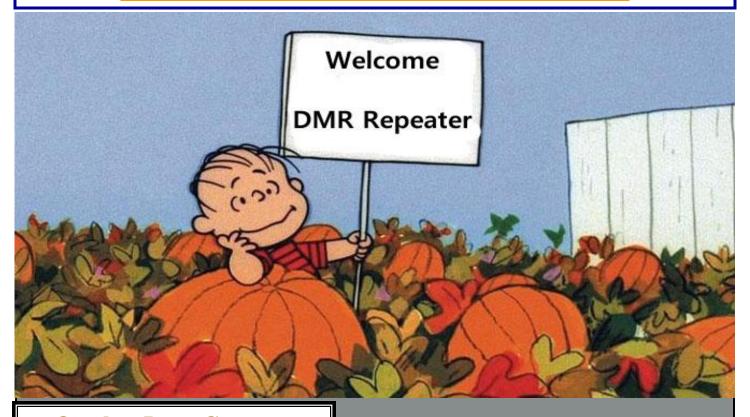


October 2018

The Newsletter of the Alford Memorial Radio Club



Alford Members Sincerely Wait



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Special Drawing

Those without a DMR radio can come to the October meeting to be entered into a special drawing for a chance to win a DMR radio. See you at the meeting!

President's Notes October 2018

Greetings fellow ham radio enthusiasts and members of the Alford Memorial Radio Club! Stone Mountain 2018 Hamfest is approaching fast. This is our only fundraiser for the club. A profitable Hamfest allows us to maintain our repeater system, pay our power bills, make rent, and other commitments. With your commitment this one weekend a year, we can continue to function as one of Georgia's premier ham radio clubs and repeater systems.



Volunteers are needed to help run the show from parking, flea-market, club table, kitchen help, setup and clean up. We need help with testing as well, as we already have at least a dozen that I have heard from planning on taking the test at our Hamfest.

Click <u>Here</u> for Stone Mountain Hamfest Volunteer signup. Or cut and paste this link below

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ d/1puFpxwJzAoM4ecba_buDpAuAbckR7GCFxGL7Yjv 37xA/edit#gid=548602171

Barry (W4TGA) has been working tirelessly on procuring, programming, and setting up our clubs new repeater. A DMR Radio Info folder exists in the groups io site https://alfordmemorialradioclub.groups.io/g/main/files/DMR%20Radio%20Info. We'll will keep all the DMR info in one easy to access location. Bring your DMR radios to Hamfest where assistance in programming the latest code plugs will be available.

As soon as the new DMR 441.825 repeater is on the air, we will start having nets, on the DMR repeater to promote DMR in the Atlanta area. So if you think you'd like to run an informal DMR net, please let me know.

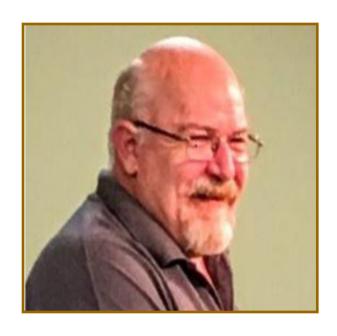
The Stone Mountain Masonic Lodge has requested our club to host an information table and VHF setup at Stone Mountain Lodge on Oct 20th during the Masonic Children's Home visit to Stone Mountain Park. This outreach opportunity will need some assistants from club members. The kids are elementary age to college age.

Congratulations to DeKalb ARES for successfully participating in the Georgia Ares SET on Oct 6 th. Beau, KM4YMI was net control and many participated in the SET. Each ARES county that participated had vhf/uhf check ins through the repeater and simplex, relaying traffic. DeKalb ARES sent Winlink messages not simply on telnet but also RF. Mobile deployment of members successfully sent traffic and received information. DeKalb ARES group completed all areas of tasks assigned. Hats off to DeKalb ARES and its members. Join DeKalb ARES to be part of these team exercises.

See you at Hamfest and at our next meeting.

73,

Mike Smith, KK4KHS



AMRC October Meeting 2018

October Meeting 2018 Board Elections AnnisTown Road Baptist Church October, 11th, 2018, 7:00pm

The Alford Memorial Radio Club 76 Repeater is located on top of Stone Mountain, approximately 110 ft. up the TV transmission tower. Echolink is often available on this repeater.

Since February of 2015 Kenwood commercial grade repeater equipment has been located at Exchange Park.

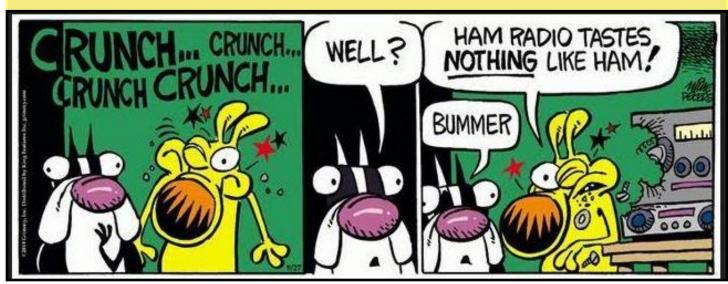












AMRC Membership

As of Oct 1, 2018 Total Memberships=147

Welcome New Members:

Jose Gonzalez KN4LFJ
Marty Olson WW4MO
Carlene Parker, KN4OLG

AMRC MEMBERSHIP

To become a AMRC member, or to renew your AMRC membership, please visit our website

http://totr-radio.org/membership/memapp.htm

To make changes to your AMRC membership (moved, new email address, new phone number, etc.), please email the Membership Chairman-steve.n4tty@gmail.com

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm? job=home

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - http://www.arrl.org

Membership Chair: Steve Garrison, N4TTY

Club Dues Help Support Our Repeaters and Club Activities

Club Membership Renewals are due in January.

HADDY BIRTHDAY!!

From All of Us at AMRC
Birthdays by, N4TTY

OCT 01 W0KIH William Goldberg

OCT 04 KN4JCR Josh Weaver

OCT 04 WW4MO Marty Olson

OCT 06 KD4HPD Lee Flack

OCT 07 Diana Diggs

OCT 17 KI4WLW Ed Paschal

OCT 17 AJ4NI Richard Morgan

OCT 18 N2EST Jim Massara

OCT 18 WD4IJE Forrest Wilson

OCT 20 N2ART Gail Massara

OCT 21 KM4UJP Jon Goodson

OCT 22 KE4UXY Walt Grage

OCT 23 W4PSV Steve Vogel

OCT 25 W4YEK Jerry Mills

OCT 26 KM4FQS Richard Chadwick

3D Printed Parts for Ham Radio By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

One of the things that I keep telling myself that I need to learn how to do is 3D printing. This morning, I ran across a couple more 3D printing projects for ham radio that I thought I'd pass along.

The first I found on reddit: 3D Printed Parts for Portable Tape Measure Yagi Designs (https://www.reddit.com/r/amateurradio/comments/963br3/3d

printed_parts_for_portable_tape_measure_yagi/). The summary on Thingiverse (https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3042505), which is a website where "makers" share their designs, says:

These parts are made for use with 1-in. PVC pipe and 1-in. Harbor Freight tape measure steel. You can use electrical tape to attach the element holders to the side of the pipe, and use the driven element bridge to give structural rigidity across the driven dipole element. I have used this with up to 5 elements on 2m with good success. When not using the antenna, just pinch the elements to remove them from the holders, and store them INSIDE the tube! you can add some end caps to make this ultra portable. Use these parts with any of the multitude of tape measure YAGI design guides online.

Here's a look at an antenna made with these parts:



The element holders are attached to the boom with electrical tape in the photo above. While I haven't tried it, I'd suggest that the antenna might be a bit more robust if you could screw or perhaps glue the holders to the boom.

There are lots of other cool amateur radio 3D printing projects available on Thingiverse (https://www.thingiverse.com/search?q=ham+radio&dwh=415b6d8da129c3c). Browsing through the list quickly, here are just two that look like they might be useful to me: (con't pg6)

- 1. Soldering Fingers (https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:1725308). This project looks simple and quick.
- 2. μBitx Case (https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:2925336). I still gotta do something with the μBitx I bought. This looks like it might get me started.

Finally getting in gear

Last week, I attended a 3D printing class at our local maker space, All Hands Active (allhandsactive.org), and now I feel like I can finally attempt a 3D printing project. I'm thinking about starting out with the simple Soldering Fingers project. If that goes well, I'll try a Raspberry Pic case and finally start using that in the shack. And, while these projects all seem pretty cool, I feel like I'm only scratching the surface.

Have any of you 3D printed anything cool for your ham radio projects? Is there another source of designs for ham radio 3D printed stuff besides Thingiverse?

When he is not 3D printing enclosures for his ham radio projects, Dan blogs about amateur radio, writes exam study guides (www.kb6nu.com/study-guides), and operates CW on the HF bands. Look for him on 30m, 40m, and 80m. You can email him about your experiences with 3D printing at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Mrs. Lester's Chocolate Fudge Sauce

(Mrs. Lester was a Paraprofessional at EL Miller Elementary in Stone Mountain)

1C Sugar 1C Evaporated Milk 1tsp Vanilla

Mix the ingredients above and add to 1 stick of butter 2 Squares Unsweetened Chocolate

Stir while cooking in a double boiler or Teflon pan. Cook until Thickened.

Great on Ice Cream!

Peach Corner Recipe submitted Gretchen Mann W1MKW

Public Information Steve Vogel W4PSV

AGNES SCOTT OBSERVATORY & SHACK OPEN HOUSE

SCHEDULE 2018-19. Bradley Observatory and **Delafield Planetarium 8-9pm**

October 19, 2018: Student Lecture & Open House Terry Melo & Sara Sloman (Agnes Scott College) - New Developments in High Mass Star Formation.

November 9, 2018: Open House Amy J. Lovell (Agnes Scott College) -Physics in the Monastery

December 14, 2018: Gongjie Li (Georgia Tech) Obliquity Variations of Stars and Planets: Hints on the Formation and Habitability of Exoplanets

January 2019: No Open House

February 8, 2018: Chris De Pree (Agnes Scott College) - Other Worlds in Science Fiction

March 22, 2018: William A. Calder Spring Equinox Concert

April 12, 2018: Alumna Lecture & Open House

May 3, 2018: Kevin Marvel (American Astronomical Society)

For more information about the Agnes Scott Partnership or events, please contact Steve Vogel at sygec@bellsouth.net. For Directions Click here. Or copy and paste the following https://www.agnesscott.edu/maps-directions.html



AGNES SCOTT

Merchandise from Alford Memorial Radio Club

Stop by the Merchandise table at the next AMRC meeting and order your Ham vest, check out the new AMRC polo shirts with club logo and your call sign. See Greg Mann KM4RKT or email him at km4rkt@gmail.com with questions about items, or size and cost.

Greg can now accept Credit/Debit (Including chip cards), Google Pay and Apple Pay to make purchasing your apparel needs easy.

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Hamfest Volunteers Needed

Ares State Net Listings:

Georgia State SECTION HF NETS!!!!!

- Georgia ARES Statewide 3975 KHz 2200 UTC Sunday K4GK Net Manager
- Georgia ARES Digital 3583 KHz 2100 UTC Sunday K4GO Net Manager
- Georgia Single Sideband Net 3975 KHz 7 PM Daily KE4VPD Net Manager
- Georgia Traffic & Emergency Net 3982.5 KHz
 7:15 Daily KI4NGD Net Manager
- Georgia Cracker Net 3995 KHz 7 AM M-Sa & 8 AM Sun AF4XZ Net Manager
- Georgia Traffic Net 7287.5
 KHz (3587.5 Alt) Mon-Sat; WA0CGZ Net Manager
- Georgia Training (CW) Net 3549 KHz slow speed CW; 9 PM Daily; KG4FXG Net Manager
- Georgia State Net (GSN) 3549 KHz 7 PM & 10 PM Daily; K4GK Net Manager

Georgia ARES Web Site, Check it out!!!

https://gaares.org/index.php

Sign up now for the Stone
Mountain Hamfest.
It's a fun four days and
volunteers are appreciated for
all days, areas and times
available.

Click <u>here</u> to sign up or copy and paste this link in your browser window.

See you at the HamFest:
https://docs.google.com/
spreadsheets/
d/1puFpxwJzAoM4ecba_buDp
AuAbckR7GCFxGL7Yjv37xA/
edit#gid=548602171

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd
 Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
- Every Sunday at 7:00 pm: AMRC Sunday Night Net on the 146.760 repeater.
- Every Sunday at 8:00 pm: DeKalb ARES Net on the 145.450 repeater.
- Every Saturday at 7:00 am: AMRC Weekly Breakfast, Metro Café Diner, Stone Mtn, Ga.
- Turnip Truck Net at 11pm Saturday Night



DeKalb ARES SET EXERCISE

October 6, 2018 Report

UNIT LOG		Incident Name Georgia Simulated Emergency Test	2. Date Prepared 10/6/2018	3. Time Prepared 14:38L	
nit Name/Designators		Georgia Simulated Emergency Test 5. Unit Leader (Name and Position)	6. Operational Period	14.36L	
DeKalb County ARES				OL to 2018-10-16 1500L	
Dertail County	TILLO	7. Personnel Roster Assigned	2010 10 00 000	02 10 20 10 10 10 10 0002	
Name		ICS Position	lome Base		
James Pop	off	ARES Member	NCS Team		
Thomas Fu	ller	Dekalb ARES AEC - Net Operations	gital Team		
Gregory Ma	inn	ARES Member			
Gene Blackt	oum	ARES Member	CW Team		
J. Anthony A	cker	ARES Member	Rep	eater Team	
Steve Garris	son	Dekalb ARES AEC - Digital Operations	Winlink Team		
Pat De Lo	e	ARES Member Repeater Team			
Rick Mahor	ney	Lauren Co. ARES Member (Portable in DeKalb Co) Fire Station 3 (Forrest Park)			
		8. Activity Log			
Time		Major Events			
2018-09-30 2000L	Commun	icated key information to DeKalb ARES members about	upcoming exercises; det	ermined FIPS is 13089	
2018-10-05 2000L		key documents from GA ARES website and had net with			
2018-10-05 1150L	Assigned a	vailable team members into teams and developed dutie		e distributed to the group	
2018-10-06 0900L		Initiated DeKalb ARES Net on p			
2018-10-06 0909L		Thomas Fuller reports successful			
2018-10-06 0912L		Gregory Mann reports successful 8			
2018-10-06 0926L		Rick Mahoney is arrived at F			
2018-10-06 0927L		Thomas Fuller reports successful			
2018-10-06 0930L		Anthony Acker arrives on site at			
2018-10-06 0956L		Beau Bruce reports successful P			
2018-10-06 0957L		Rick Mahoney's station is establish			
2018-10-06 0959L		Steve Garrison reports that our message v			
2018-10-06 1000L		Succssful hourly check-in; we complete a co		est	
2018-10-06 1012L		Thomas Fuller reports successful MT63-1			
2018-10-06 1023L		Gregory Mann reports successful 8		talian 40	
2018-10-06 1030L	l	Pat De Loe reports successful D-STAR 30B check			
2018-10-06 1037L	James Popoff makes 30B D-STAR check-in; Anthony unable to check-in by D-STAR at Fire Station 16				
2018-10-06 1040L	Gene Blackburn reports successful check-in for the CW net on HF				
2018-10-06 1100L	Successful hourly check-in for DARES and with GARES HF SSB				
2018-10-06 1120L	Gregory Mann reports successful 80m SSB check-in and that our message validation number was passed				
2018-10-06 1130L	Two bidirectional Winlink P2P simplex links were tested: KM4RKT <-> KM4YMI; N4TTY <-> KM4YMI				
2018-10-06 1159L	Steve Garrison reports that he received WeFAX and successfully sent a synopsis				
2018-10-06 1200L	Successful hourly check-in for DARES and with GARES HF SSB				
	ermitted stations to secure as all SET tasks were complete - AJ4XI, N4UJ, and KM4JLM continue to monitor and prepare ICS				
2018-10-06 1300L	Successful hourly check-in for DARES and with GARES HF SSB				
2018-10-06 1400L	Successful hourly check-in for DARES and with GARES HF SSB				
2018-10-06 1405L		Steve Garrison reports that he received confi			
2018-10-06 1420L	Steve Garrison reports 5 Winlink checkins; I report 5 D-RATS (KM4YMI, KM4RKT, KE4QCM, N4TTY, N4MPC)				
	Beau Bruce transmits ICS-214 to GA ARES Anticipated close of the DeKalb ARES Practice Net				
2018-10-06 1437L 2018-10-06 1500L					

Tip of the Month

APRS

Tip of the Month Pat N4MPC

Most Ham Radio Operators do not appreciate the messaging possibilities that areavailable with APRS. From the father of APRS, Bob Bruninga, WB4APR web site http://aprs.org/: "APRSwas never intended to be just a vehicle tracking system (GPS was added in the 1992 time frame when GPS became affordable). APRS should enable local and global amateur radio operator contact at anytime-anywhere and using any device."

APRS is a set of specifications to pass messages over an ad-hock network to a station-where the path may not be known. With that in mind, APRS messaging is fully support with the following applications: APRSLink - An APRS interface to the Winlink system so that any APRS radio can be used to send and receive Email via the Winlink system. https://winlink.org/APRSLink

SMSGTE - Allows two way messaging between APRS users and any capable SMS phone number. http://smsgte.wixsite.com/smsgte

DMRaprs - Available through BrandMiester network making it possible to send and

receive APRS messages with a DMR radio. https://wiki.brandmeister.network/index.php/APRS

Registration is required on the above systems to use available APRS features.



Buy, Swap, Sell

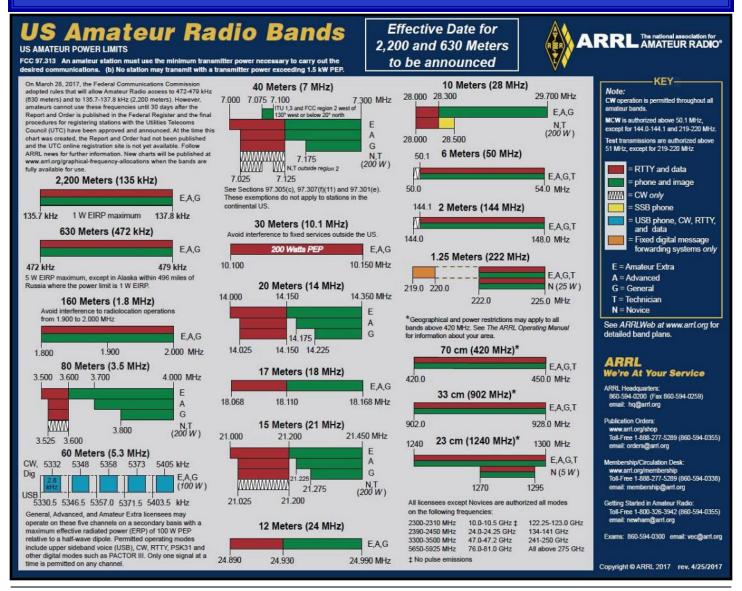
Kenwood TS120s - 100 watts ...with power supply. \$100.

Yaesu FT-920 -100 watts - bands 6 thru 160. No power Supply. Internal antenna tuner does not work. \$600.

Contact Karl Phillips K4GZZ

K4GZZ.karl @gmail.com or call cell - 770-617-5723

US Amateur Radio Bands



Recommended TGs for typical users are marked x(PTT) or X (Full Time).
Also Program a DMR simplex and 446.000 analog for a total of 16 channels.

	Talk Groups	TS	TG#
	All Call	1/2	16777215
X	ATL Metro	1	8 (FT)
X	BM-NA	1	93
X	BM-WW	1	91
X	Bridge	2	3100
	Comm1	1	3777215
	Comm2	2	3777216
	Crossroads	2	8710
	DC State	2	3111
	DE State	2	3110
	DMRpUSA	1	133
X	FLstate	2	3112
X	First Coast	2	31121
X	GAstate	2	3113 (FT)
	ILstate	2	3117
	Instate	2	3118
	JOTA	2	907
	JOTA TAC1	2	9071
	JOTA TAC2	2	9072
	KYstate	2	3121
X	Local2	2	2
X	Local9	1	9
X	Local9	2	9
	MAreg	2	3173
	MAstate	2	3125
	MDstate	2	3124
	MIstate	2	3126
	MNstate	2	3127
	Mtreg	2	3177
	MWreg	2	3169
X	NA-Call	1	3
	NET 31001	2	31001
	NEreg	2	3172

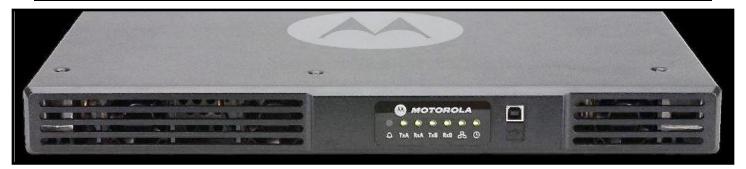
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	NYstate OHstate	2	3136 3139
		2	
	PAstate	2	3142
X	Parrot	2	9998
	SCstate	2	3145
	SEreg	2	3174
	SPreg	2	3175
	SWreg	2	3176
	TAC1	2	8951
	TAC310	2	310
	TAC311	2	311
	TAC312	2	312
	TAC313	2	313
	TAC314	2	314
	TAC315	2	315
	TAC316	2	316
	TAC317	2	317
	TAC318	2	318
	TAC319	2	319
	TNTEN	2	314710
X	TNstate	2	3147
	TXstate	2	3148
	UA All1	2	119
	UA All2	2	129
	UA Eng1	2	113
	UA Eng2	2	123
	UA Ger1	2	110
	UA Ger2	2	120
	UA Spa1	2	114
	UA Spa2	2	124
	USA	2	1776
	VAstate	2	3151
	WIstate	2	3155
X	WW-Call	1	1
	WWE-Call	1	13
	WWG-Call	1	10
	WWS-Call	1	14

AMRC DMR REPEATER

We purchased the repeater, new, from a Motorola dealer and ham (K1DMR) in N. Georgia. The duplexer was purchased from a fellow ham (W4MO) in Florida via eBay. The duplexer was several years old and required a thorough cleaning and tuning to our new frequency. This service was provided by Duplexer Repair Service in Opelika Alabama also operated by a fellow ham (KK4ICE).

The installation at Stone Mountain is scheduled for 10/8 (means "in service" in the public safety 10-code) and will await the provision of the internet connection which should happen by the end of the week. After testing the "go-live" date will be October 23rd if there are no negative issues.

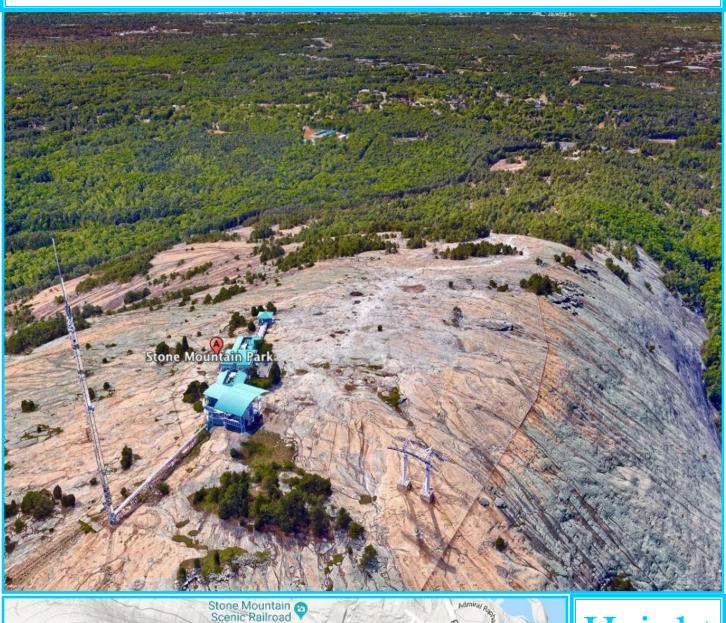
Ken Bryant, (K1DMR) will be presenting a DMR seminar at the upcoming Stone Mountain Hamfest and he will be manning a booth with other local DMR operators, to offer answers to your DMR questions. They also plan to provide "code plug" assistance for the various DMR radios owned by visitors to the hamfest.







Eagle Eye View Of Our Beloved Mountain.





Height is our Friend

Sept NETS REPORT

AMRO	C	DeKalb ARES			Turnip Truck	
Sunday Nig	ht Net		RF	Winlink/DRats		
September 2	18	September 2	No report	No Report	September 1	10
September 9	25	September 9	No Report	No Report	September 8	17
September 16	36	September 16	17	7/6	September 15	23
September 23	37	September 23	16	7/8	September 22	11
September 30	32	September 30	12	10/9	September 30	20

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR Oct 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7am Breakfast at Hardees 11pm Turnip Truck Net
7 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	8	9	8pm Em Com RagChew Net		12	13 7am Breakfast at Hardeea 11pm Turnip Truck Net
14 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	15	16	17 8pm Em Com RagChew Net	18	19	20 7am Breakfast at Hardees 11pm Turnip Truck Net
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET			8pm Em Com RagChew Net			7am Breakfast at Hardees 11pm Turnip Truck Net
28 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	29	30	31 8pm Em Com RagChew Net			
			15.0 + 2010			

Activities

Date	Event	Website	Location / Notes
Monthly	Club Meetings	First Thursday of Month → Second Tuesday of Month → Second Thursday of Month → Third Tuesday of Month →	Atlanta Radio Club www.atlantaradioclub.org (Atlanta) Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society www.gars.org (Lawrenceville) Alford Memorial Radio Club www.totr-radio.org (Stone Mountain) North Fulton Amateur Radio League www.nfarl.org (Alpharetta)
Second Saturday of the month	North GA QRP Club meeting	www.nogaqrp.org	This small, but growing, group of amateur radio enthusiasts, most of whom are within 90 miles (and more) of Atlanta, are interested in promoting the development of low power amateur radio known as QRP. Meetings are normally held at the Shepherd Center , 2020 Peachtree Rd., NW Atlanta, GA 30309
Second Sunday of the month	Sunday Tech	SecondSunday.tech	2:00 – 5:00 PM at the DeKalb Peachtree Airport . This is a monthly hands-on technical session for hams and people interested in Amateur Radio activities. Check website for any changes in location.



NOV. 3 - 4, 2018
The Largest Hamfest in Georgia!

SATURDAY: 8 AM — 4 PM SUNDAY: 8 AM — 2 PM

The Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Surgarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, Ga 30045

http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com

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ARRL Contest Calendar

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Join us for
Breakfast
every Saturday am at
7AM . Meet
us at Hardees
on 5259
Stone
Mountain
Hwy, Stone
Mountain, GA
30087. Start
Your Morning