

# September 2018

# The Newsletter of the Alford Memorial Radio Club



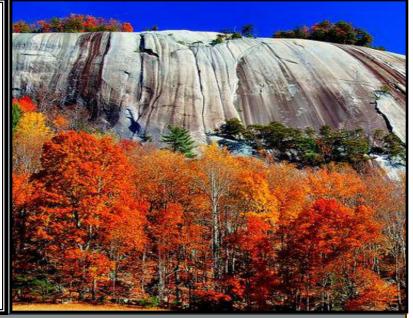
# **Fall Into HAM Radio**



If You
Can't
Get Out
In The
Leaves,
Chase
Someone
Who Is.

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# President's Notes September 2018

Greetings fellow ham radio enthusiasts and members of the Alford Memorial Radio Club! Please remember that it's up to you to promote our Hamfest on the air and to friends who maybe interested in our great hobby. Stone Mountain 2018 Hamfest We're moving forward with planning for a great Hamfest this year. We have several major vendors, flea-market and boneyard folks who have signed up.

The Club needs you! This is our only fundraiser for the club. A profitable Hamfest allows us to maintain our repeater system, pay our power bills, rent bills, and other commitments. With your help and commitment this one weekend a year, we can continue to function as one of Georgia's premier ham radio clubs and repeater systems. We are looking for volunteers to help with running the show for parking, flea-market, and vendors. We need help with testing as well. We already have at least a dozen people planning on taking the test at our Hamfest. Help us on Thursday with load in, marking off the boneyard, set up, Friday for completing setup, Saturday, or Sunday. We need help for all these times. Follow the below link to fill in the document with the dates and times and other information. This will help us plan our manpower needs to have a successful Hamfest. Click Here for Stone Mountain Hamfest Volunteer signup. Or cut and paste this link below https:// docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ d/1puFpxwJzAoM4ecba\_buDpAuAbckR7GCFxGL7 Yjv37xA/edit#gid=548602171.

We have lots of NICE prizes lined up again this year, tickets have been printed and flyers are being sent out. Buy your tickets at the meeting or online at http://stonemountainhamfest.com/index.php/ticket-booth/. Click her to buy online.

We have the most listened to repeater in the Atlanta area. Maybe that's because we have the most members who like to talk and keep the repeater active. This is a great thing. As I travel throughout Ga. I listen to the repeaters which are near me. Most are quiet, very quiet. I'm sure that most repeaters are still being used to check in weekly nets, or to test a new rig or antenna, but chit chat can also be a good thing. When using the repeaters please remember to leave room for others who may be listening to chime in and be courteous.

It has been requested that our club should 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. We'll set up a 2 meter station and need hams to talk to kids on the radio. Maybe even demonstrate Morse code. The age range of the children will be from elementary school to college.

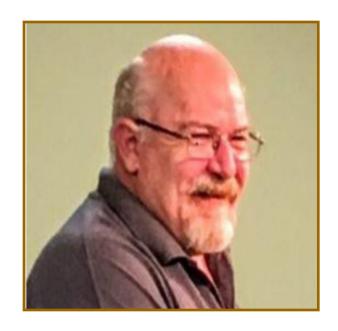
Sign up for the Alford Memorial Groups IO site send me an email requesting access, to make sure you don't miss any important news, information and discussions. You can view and download files, see the club calendar, post questions, and much more. There is a wealth of information and knowledge within the ranks of our club and we are not selfish about sharing it with and assisting others.

For AMRC site click <a href="https://">here</a> https://
alfordmemorialradioclub.groups.io/g/main

For Dekalb County ARES site click <a href="here">here</a> https://groups.io/g/DeKalbARES

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.











#### Stone Mtn. to Host New DMR Repeater

The club has a new DMR repeater! We has requested a new UHF Frequency pair from SERA for the new repeater, and testing should begin when the club is assigned the new frequency pair. The Alford Memorial Radio Club is proud to be the first club in Georgia to sponsor a DMR repeater. We cordially invite all HAM radio operators to participate in this testing. Pictured right, Barry Kanne, W4TGA with Ken Bryant, K1DMR and the new Motorola DMR repeater.



# AMRC Membership

# As of Aug 1, 2018 Total Memberships= 144

# **Welcome New Members:**

William Goldberg, W0KIH Kristen Goldberg, KN4HKF Josh Weaver, KN4JCR Richard Chadwick KM4FQS Burt Cram K4IO

## 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 - <a href="http://www.arrl.org">http://www.arrl.org</a>

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 SEP 02 KK4VRM Rick Kimsey

SEP 03 AJ4TT John Hyde

SEP 05 K4GKB Angelo Ditty

SEP 09 KD4LXR Manny Romero

SEP 09 KM4LVI Jon Reagan

SEP 11 WA6JQL Ric Buchwald

SEP 14 W4QMH Matt Hicks

SEP 15 K4MWW Mike Westberry

SEP 16 KN4CGJ Richard Canova

SEP 18 N4DRO Phil Parton

SEP 18 N4CNT Anthony Acker

SEP 18 KM4VHF Joe Stevens

SEP 20 KC4ELV Tim Rosing

SEP 22 W7RD Steve Smith

SEP 23 KK4JXV Steve Gorkes

SEP 25 W4ODD Allan Staunton

SEP 27 KJ4GUY Michael Gaertner

SEP 28 WZ4CW Carl Wulfestieg

SEP 28 KJ4ZDL Jay Eady

SEP 28 KM4FPN Stephanie Dickson

# Agnes Scott W0F Special Events Station, 9-6-2018







### Ruth Willet KM4LAO To Receive 2018 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award

Click <u>here</u> to read more about Ruth. http://www.arrl.org/news/ruth-willet-km4lao-is-2018-hiram-percy-maxim-memorial-award-recipient Congrats Ruth! We are so proud of you.



# What-Ever!



The Girl Can Teach You!



#### Cape Cod National Seashore K-0672 for POTA Activated 9-6-2018 By KM4RKT (Greg Mann) and W1MKW (Gretchen Mann) The Historic Marconi Site of First Transatlantic Transmission So. Wellfleet, MA.



#### **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.

## 2018 AMRC Officers and **Committee Chairs**

Mike Smith, KK4KHS President smithrm71@yahoo.com

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Jim Penland, N4RAR Counsel

Zargon Field Day Chair

Frank Haynes, KV4SP VE Team Chair

Gretchen Mann, W1MKW **TOTR Editor** gretchelby@gmail.com





















#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>
   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



# Recipe of the Month Fireball Whiskey Pumpkin Pie

#### THE INGREDIENTS YOU'LL NEED:

Frozen Pie Crusts – 2 (9" each or make your own )

#### PIE FILLING:

- Pure Pumpkin 1 can, 30 oz.
- Evaporated Milk  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  cans, 18 oz.
- Eggs -4
- Sugar − 1 ½ cups
- Salt 1 teaspoon
- Ground Ginger 1 teaspoon
- Ground Cloves ½ teaspoon

Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey – 6 oz.



#### FOR SERVING

Whipped Cream

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

"AND IT'S REAL EASY TO DO!"

#### **GETTING READY**

1. Bring grill temperature up to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### **CRUSTS:**

- 2. Follow directions on package of frozen pie crusts.
- 3. Using a fork, poke small holes all around pie crust.
- 4. Place pie crusts on grill opposite hot coals for 15-20 minutes. Cover grill.
- 5. Be sure to follow cooking times on the package of your frozen pie crusts.
- 6. Remove crusts from grill and reduce heat to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### PIE FILLING:

- 7. Crack eggs and put in a mixing bowl.
- 8. Whisk and combine sugar, salt, ground ginger, ground cloves, pure pumpkin, evaporated milk, and cinnamon whiskey.
- 9. Thoroughly mix ingredients.
- 10. Pour mixture to the top of each pie crust.

# Fireball Whiskey Pumpkin Pie.

#### **MAKING**

- 11. Grill temperature should be 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 12. Place pies on grill opposite hot coals.
- 13. Cover grill and cook for 25-30 minutes.
- 14. After 25-30 minutes, remove cover and rotate pies a half turn for even cooking.
- 15. Cover grill and cook for another 20-25 minutes.
- 16. Remove cover and check pies for doneness. Place a tooth pick into center of each pie and remove. If they come out clean, pies are done. If the pie sticks to toothpick they are not done. Continue cooking until you get a clean toothpick. If you don't have a toothpick, use your Old Hickory knife to check.

#### **FINALIZING**

- 17. Set pies on cooling rack to cool down.
- 18. Cut pies for serving.

#### **SERVING**

- 19. Top with whipped cream.
- 20. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

Submitted by Mike Smith KK4KHS, source https://bbqpitboys.com/fireball-cinnamon-whiskey-pumpkin-pie/

### **Tip of the Month**

#### Pat DeLoe

#### N<sub>4</sub>MPC

**Painters Tape** is a wonderful tape. It is easily written on, and I have been using it to secure my coax and cables. When removed, it has no sticky residue like other tapes leave. Be sure to add painter's tape to your shack materials.



# Stone Mountain VE Team Gets Thank You. Testing with St Mtn Fosters Connection and Hope.

Good Morning Mike,

I am sending you this email hoping that you will positively recognize your VE team for their help with a student at my school who is trying to get his license. This student has been preparing for the license exam on his own, for the most part. As part of his preparation, he searched for locations that offered the test on a date when his mother could take him to the site. He happened upon the ARRL test locater site and saw that your club had a session last Saturday. I was happy that he chose this place since this is where I took my first license exam.

On his behalf, I contacted Steve G to let him know that this student would like to take his test with the AMRC team. Steve shared this info with Frank KV4SP. I also asked if I could be there for the testing to read the test to this student who has issues with dyslexia. Frank welcomed me to do this and invited me to join his VE team for breakfast, which I did.

What a great group of hams were there to give this test to this one student: Frank, Steve, Greg and Sharon Foster, and Russell Prevost. Breakfast offered a chance to chat with these folks and share some laughs. Steve met us at the test site and was actually the first one to meet and welcome this student and his mother there. Such friendly greetings is so reassuring to folks starting out in this hobby, as I know personally.

I read the test to the student from start to finish twice while the team patiently waited. Then we stepped outside as they graded it. As I suspected from the answers I saw him darken on the second time through the test, the results were not what the student, nor any of us, had wanted. He did not pass. None the less, the team was gracious and reassuring to the student and his mother. 'Next time,' they offered. Though I'm sure the student was disheartened at the result, I don't think he was discouraged.

With the exception of Steve, members of the team each had to drive a pretty long way to be there to administer this test to this one student. There was not one complaint or comment sighed about this. The attitude the whole time was positive, welcoming, and encouraging – a totally professional team of amateurs. They represented your club and the hobby well.

I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet and work with them.

73,

Martha

W4MSA

The Alford Club provides VWE testing on the 3rd Saturday of odd months. 9:30am at the Stone Mountain Masonic Lodge. Appointments Required. Contact Frank Haynes KV4SE to schedule a testing session. (fhaynes@vatmom.net 678-467-3712)

# Buy, Swap, Sell

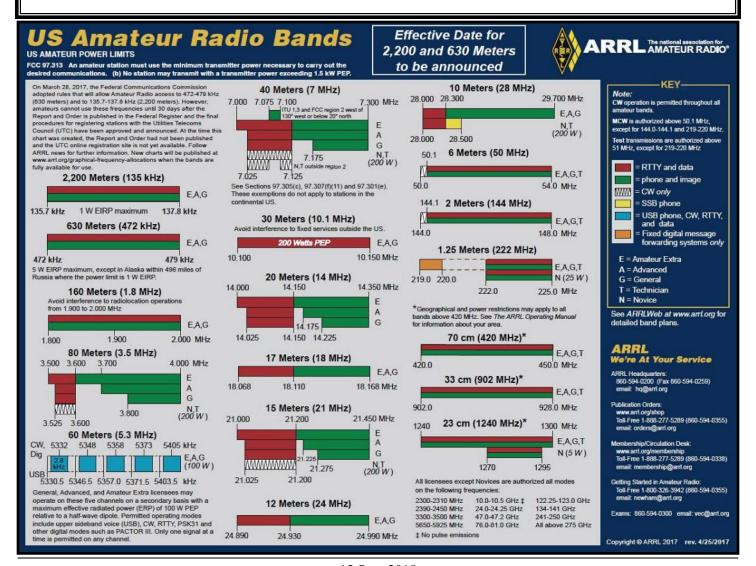
Kenwood TS120s - 100 watts ...with power supply. \$100.

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

# Hurricane Florence Update Click <u>Here</u> http://ares-sc.org/.





2018 Amateur Radio

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# COVINGTON HAMFEST



COVINGTON, GEORGIA

**SATURDAY— SEPTEMBER 29** 

Gates Open to Public 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

\*FREE VENDOR SPACE / \*FREE TAILGATER SPACE
TABLES & CHAIRS ARE NOT PROVIDED — BRING YOUR OWN!
Vendor / Tailgater Set-Up: 8:00 A.M.

Admission: \$5.00 (12/Under Free)
\*EVERYONE PAYS ADMISSION — INCLUDING VENDORS / TAILGATERS

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\*\* Additional Raffle Tickets \*\* \$1.00 / Each or (6) / \$5.00

> NOT NECESSARY TO BE PRESENT TO WIN 1ST PRIZE

#### PRIZE DRAWINGS

10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

12:00-NOON

#### VE TESTING 9 AM - 11 AM

VE Contact: Dan Darsey W4DED dandarsey@yahoo.com

Talk-In 146.925 (88.5 PL)

WA4ASI Repeater Hamfest Contact Vickie Henry KK4VUG (770) 597-8042 vbhtbn@hotmail.com

Newton County Radio Club http://ncrcga.org facebook.com/k4ncr K4NCR



### Sept NETS REPORT

| AMRC             |    | DeKalb ARES |           |               | Turnip Truck |    |
|------------------|----|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----|
| Sunday Night Net |    |             | RF        | Winlink/DRats |              |    |
| August 5         | 28 | August 5    | 14        | 13/10         | August 4     | 16 |
| August 12        | 37 | August 12   | 15        | 9/7           | August 11    | 24 |
| August 19        | 26 | August 19   | No report | No report     | August 18    | 17 |
| August 26        | 25 | August 26   | 16        | 9/7           | August 25    | 15 |
|                  |    |             |           |               |              |    |

# AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR Sept 2018

| Sun  | Mon | Tues | Wed                             | Thurs  | Fri | Sat   |
|--|-----|------|---------------------------------|--|-----|---|
|  |     |      |                                 |  |     | 1 7am Breakfast at Hardees 11pm Turnip Truck Net        |
| 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET                | 3   | 4    | 8pm Em Com<br>RagChew Net       | 6<br>7pm AMRC<br>Meeting<br>Annistown Road<br>Baptist Church | 7   | 7am Breakfast at<br>Hardeea<br>11pm Turnip Truck<br>Net |
| 9 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET              | 10  | 11   | 12<br>8pm Em Com<br>RagChew Net | 13   | 14  | 15 7am Breakfast at Hardees  11pm Turnip Truck Net      |
| 16<br>7pm AMRC Sunday<br>Night Net<br>8pm DeKalb ARES<br>NET | 17  | 18   | 19<br>8pm Em Com<br>RagChew Net | 20   | 21  | 7am Breakfast at<br>Hardees<br>11pm Turnip Truck<br>Net |
| 23 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET             | 24  | 25   | 26<br>8pm Em Com<br>RagChew Net | 27   | 28  | 29 7am Breakfast at Hardees  11pm Turnip Truck Net      |
| 30<br>7pm AMRC Sunday<br>Night Net, 8pm Ares<br>Net          |     |      | 15 Sont 2018                    |  |     |   |

### **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<br>Saturday of<br>the month | North GA QRP<br>Club meeting | www.nogaqrp.org   | This small, but growing, group of amateur radio enthusiasts, most of whom are within 90 miles (and more) of Atianta, are interested in promoting the development of low power amateur radio known as QRP. Meetings are normally held at the <b>Shepherd Center</b> , 2020 Peachtree Rd., NW Atlanta, GA 30309 |  |  |
| Second<br>Sunday of<br>the month   | Sunday Tech                  | SecondSunday.tech   | 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the <b>DeKalb Peachtree Airport</b> . This is a monthly hands-on technical session for hams and people interested in Amateur Radio activities. Check website for any changes in location.   |  |  |



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http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com

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Thank you Steve Vogel, W4PSV, for all the work you do that we don't even know about. Steve Vogel captured here by Judy Kanne K4JLK. He was volunteering providing Public Safety for the Decatur Book Fair.

Those book readers can get out of hand! Steve Vogel is our Public Information Chairperson. He is instrumental in our partnership with Agnes Scott College.

# ARRL Contest Calendar

http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar Click Here

