

JANUARY 2019 TOTR

Newsletter Of The Alford Memorial Radio Club

The AMRC Proudly Presents 2018 Ham Of The Year
Tom Roderick WA4GIM



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January 2019 President's Notes

Not your Norman Rockwellian Holiday

This holiday season is very special to me and very different than others in the past. The next generation is taking charge. Yep! OMG I'm stressed out!! Family gatherings during the holidays are rarely stress free. Maybe you have that cousin who ruins dinner by igniting political debates, or despite your efforts, the turkey or ham burns.

So why do we get stressed around the holidays in particular? Expectations are one of the biggest reasons. We watch the holiday TV specials or remember celebrating as children, and anticipate a Rockwellian experience. We think this should be a perfect time, the food will be perfect, and our conversations will be respectful. Then, reality sets in and we are disappointed.

In 2018, our club expectations were high, and with the help of the next generation we had a great year! AMRC continues to host several events where members share our hobby with the public, schools, and friends and family. New members have stepped up to fill roles and responsibilities. In 2018 several members activated parks, mountain tops, islands, and seashores. They packed their rigs and went into the field and made contacts with other hams. Club members supported public events like races and parades. We're looking for more of the same enthusiasm in 2019.

The 2019 calendar for Alford Memorial Radio Club is already busy, and beyond monthly meetings. Plans for special events, training classes, field day, and Hamfest prep are already in the making. We're fortunate to have two new officers on the board and look forward to working with them to make 2019 incredible.

The Stone Mountain Hamfest was a huge success thanks to the many club members volunteering their time and energy. Thank you all very much. Let's do it again, but bigger!

So, with that said, the next generation this holiday did fine. I thoroughly enjoyed not being in the kitchen so much and watching grandchildren playing with cousins. I was even cooperative running to the store for the forgotten item which after I returned, was found behind the coffee maker. So, from our family to yours, Happy New Year!

Mike Smith KK4KHS



Meeting Information

Annistown Road Baptist Church 4554 Annistown Rd Snellville, GA 30039

Fellowship Hall in the Back of the Church.

January 10, 2019 (7pm)

AMRC Repeaters

146.760– On St. Mtn. approximately 110 ft up the TV transmission Tower. ECHO LINK available on the 76.

441.8125– on Stone Mountain under the dome.

145.450– Exchange Park

444.250– Exchange Park

224.760– Exchange Park



Repeater Manager Barry Kanne W4TGA

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Should Old QSOs Be
Forgot And Never
Brought To Mind? Should
Old QSOs Be Forgot And
Auld Lang Syne?

AMRC MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2019=

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Welcome New Member:

Jon Welch, KN4QEP

Become a member of AMRC or renew by visiting our website <http://totr-radio.org/membership/memapp.htm> Click here.

To Make Changes to your membership (new address, email, or phone number) please email

Steve Garrison

Membership Chairman

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Update or renew your amateur radio license with the FCC at their website for free <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>. Click Here.

Update or renew your ARRL membership at their website <http://www.arrl.org> Click here

Club Dues are Due in January.

Dues help support our repeaters and club activities. Thank you for promptly renewing.

Steve Garrison

N4TTY

Membership Chair



Happy Birthday from AMRC

DOB	CALL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
JAN 01	AI4UR	George	Olive
JAN 01		George	Burdell
JAN 03	N4EWT	Newton	White
JAN 04	K4JLK	Judi	Kanne
JAN 05	N2MFS	Mike	Stevenson
JAN 08	KN4DNT	Stephen	King
JAN 08	KN4FTZ	Rachel	Wills
JAN 10	KA4BNG	Jean	Sager
JAN 10	KM4SMS	George	Pearl
JAN 11	K4LED	Larry	Dodd
JAN 12	WA4VMF	Wyatt	Walker
JAN 15	KN4QEP	Jon	Welch
JAN 16	KC4ME	Frank	Huggins
JAN 21	KK4WOG	Kevin	Highsmith
JAN 23	KM4VQQ	Brett	Hanus
JAN 26	KJ4SUL	Ruth	Primm
JAN 27	KM4YMI	Beau	Bruce
JAN 27	AK4TL	Clyde	McClain
JAN 29	KM4OXG	Theoan	Le Doux
JAN 31		Lorine	Spencer

Happy Belated Birthday

DOB	CALL	First Name	Last Name
DEC 01		Nancy	Martin
DEC 02	KI4ZLF	Lisa	Hartlage
DEC 05	KK4KIJ	Jennifer	Sheppard
DEC 08	KK4TKJ	Chuck	McCord
DEC 08	KB4VFH	Gayle	Walker
DEC 12	KD4HLI	David	Phelps
DEC 13	AF4FO	Susan	Swiderski
DEC 15	K4FUM	Jere	Sandidge
DEC 16	WB1AKQ	Pam	Meridy
DEC 16	K9YRO	Madeline	Sheppard
DEC 18	KV4SP	Frank	Haynes
DEC 22	WB4UVW	Charles	Griffin
DEC 25	KI4UDT	Nick	Olive
DEC 25	KM4YNT	KT	Thornton
DEC 27	KN4KHB	Zack	Buersmeyer
DEC 28	WB4WFB	Shirley	Pearson

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Dear Hams, now go call CQ!

Anthony Acker ND4AA

Member Spotlight of the Month

Excerpt taken from Anthony's QRZ Page. Visit Anthony's QRZ page for more. Anthony is the new AMRC Secretary. Welcome to the Board Anthony!

I did it. I took and passed the test to get my General Class ticket on 1 February 2018. Now I need to decide which HF antenna I want so I can join the conversations on the HF bands. I'm considering the either the **Diamond BB7V Multi-band Vertical Antenna** or the **Buckmaster 7-Band 300-Watt OCF Dipole Antenna**. What are your thoughts? I live in a community that has an HOA with strict covenants, but I can hide the vertical easily. I will be measuring my backyard for the dipole and check for covert installation.

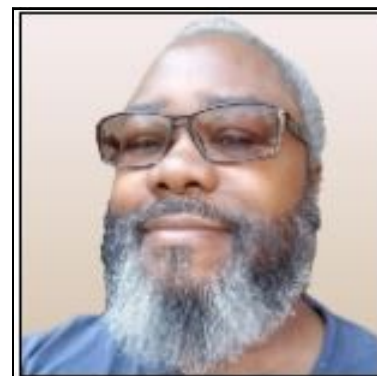
It's 7 March 2018, and I'm 95% complete with my **Buckmaster 7-Band 300 Watt OCF Dipole Antenna** installation. I'm listening to QSOs on HF for the first time on my rig. I've monitored the 20, 40 and 80-meter bands so far. Some of it is crystal clear, and some QSOs aren't very legible at all. It's exciting to be hearing folks from various places in the world.

YAY! On 5 April 2018, I sat for the Extra Class ticket and almost aced it. I went into it with trepidation despite the time I invested in preparing for the test. When the VE asked me how I thought that I did, I told him that "it could go either way." The VE said that when he put the template on my exam paper, immediately there was no doubt that I passed. I thanked the Lord.

If you knew my story as a stroke victim and Service-Connected 100% disabled Vet, you'd understand my trepidations. Memory and concentration is a challenge for me. I share this only to encourage anyone considering taking the test but feeling intimidated. You CAN DO IT. Just give it a reasonable effort and find a study aid that fits your style. I used some of Dave Casler's, KE0OG, **Amateur Extra Course Introduction: Updated for 11th Edition** course. Also, I studied a little bit using the course offered by **LCDR F. L. Benson, USNR (ret.)**, NC4FB. I also used the Kindle version of The ARRL Extra Class License Manual.

Additionally, I viewed some of John D's **Ham Radio Extra Class License Course**. While these were great resources, none of them were as beneficial as **HamTestOnline**. After about 36 hours of study using this method I tested for my license and did far better than I could have expected. It turned out to be the best \$35.00 I can remember spending.

As of 24 April 2018, the FCC granted me my new call sign. I'm retiring N4CNT, which is **leetspeak** for "NASCENT." I chose "Nascent" at the beginning of my ham career because it means "just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential." I'll now be known by the call sign ND4AA. Which renders to "InDeed for Anthony Acker." An easy mnemonic for recalling my call sign and my name.



Update your QRZ page and let the tottr editor know at gretchelby@gmail.com and you can be chosen for Member Spotlight of the Month.



**Allison Lynch
AB4YL**

Past Club Secretary

Contact Allison on the air and request her QSL card.

Send the Totr your QSL card and we will feature it in the Totr. Or if you have received a unique card, share it with the club by sending it to gretchelby@gmail.com

Ham Radio Member Resolutions Checklist 2019

- 1. Join/Renew Your Alford Memorial Radio Club Membership**
- 2. Bring one new friend to the meeting this year.**
- 3. Join DeKalb ARES or the ARES organization in your county.**
- 4. Volunteer for one or more community club event, Hamfest, Techfest, Makers Fair, or Masonic Lodge Events.**
- 5. Activate a Park, Special Events Station, Contest in ARRL, participate in Summits on the Air.**
- 6. Share your knowledge in a program at the meetings.**
- 7. Sign up for Net Control for 1 Sunday Night Net every quarter.**
- 8. Write a story, send pictures, recipes, QSL card, updated QRZ page to gretchelby@gmail.com**



In Memoriam 2018

Thomas Mullins KC4LOY– 1/1/2018

Cooper Morris WA4PZD– 1/10/2018

Harvey Pearson W4HLP– 4/1/2018

Bob Kinsey KM4BHK– 9/26/2018

Ed Paschal KI4WLW– 11/6/2018

-In our hearts forever-



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Welcome to our new officers...

**Anthony Acker ND4AA and
Zack Buersmeyer KN4HKB**

January 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2 Emm Comm Rag Chew 8pm DMR Net 8pm	3	4	5 Breakfast 7AM Hardees Turnip Turck Net 11pm
6 AMRC Sunday Night Net 7pm	7	8	9 Emm Comm Rag Chew 8pm DMR Net 8pm	10 AMRC Monthly Meeting 7pm	11	12 Breakfast 7am Hardees State ARES Meeting Turnip Truck Net 11pm
13 AMRC Sunday Night Net 7pm	14	15	16 Emm Comm Rag Chew 8pm DMR Net 8pm	17	18	19 Breakfast 7am Hardees Turnip Truck Net 11pm
20 AMRC Sunday Night Net 7pm	21	22	23 Emm Comm Rag Chew 8pm DMR Net 8pm	24	25	26 Breakfast 7am Hardees Techfest GARS Turnip Truck Net 11pm
27 AMRC Sunday Night Net 7pm	28	29	30 Emm Comm Rag Chew 8pm DMR Net 8pm	31		

Public Information



By: Steve Vogel W4PSV

2019 Schedule Agnes Scott

Observatory and Shack Open House

8-9 pm :

January: No Open House

February 8: Chris De Pree (ASC)- Other Worlds in Science Fiction

March 22: William A Calder Spring Equinox Concert

April 12: Alumna Lecture and Open House

May 3: Kevin Marvel (American Astronomical Society)

**For More Info about Agnes Scott Partnership or Events, contact Steve Vogel W4PSV
svdec@bellsouth.net**

AMRC Merchandise

Jackets

Polo shirts

Tshirts

Hats

Name tags

Emergency Vests



Contact Greg Mann KM4RKT

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Cash, Credit/Debit, Checks

Google Pay, and Apple Pay

Accepted.

DECEMBER 2018 NET NUMBERS

AMRC		DeKalb ARES			Turnip Truck	
Sunday Night Net			RF	Winlink/DRats		
December 2	25	December 2	16	8/8	December 1	No Report
December 9	19	December 9	13	8/8	December 8	11
December 16	24	December 16	12	9/8	December 15	16
December 23	20	December 23	11	7/8	December 22	10
December 30	21	December 30	14	6/7	December 29	16

To participate as Net Control for the Sunday Night Net , please go to the club's website at <https://www.totr-radio.org>. Scroll down and Click on the link to the Net Control sign up sheet or click [here](#). Thanks for your help.



2018 Holiday Party and CHOA
Parade. Thank you to all our
members who participated.
Happy New Year.



We hope
you all had a
wonderful
Holiday !

Many more
From the
Alford
Memorial
Radio Club!



PSK 31 Meeting Spots

PSK31 meeting spots on HF:

160 meters – 1.838.150 MHz

80 meters – 3.580.150 MHz

40 meters – 7.040.150 MHz

30 meters – 10.142.150 MHz

20 meters – 14.070.150 MHz

17 meters – 18.100.150 MHz

15 meters – 21.070.150 MHz

12 meters – 24.920.150 MHz

10 meters – 28.120.150 MHz

Every day you can tune into 14.070 MHz and hear the warbling of PSK31, i find this a good place to start for Europe wide contacts.

K = Over

KN = Over (and only the station addressed should respond)

SK = Silent Key (used at the end of a QSO – means you've finished transmitting to the other station)

BTU = Back to You

TNX = Thanks

PSE = Please

OM = Old Man (used to refer to any male operator)

FB = Fine Business (good)

GM = Good Morning

GD = Good Day

GE = Good Evening

Sending a CQ call

Answering a CQ call

Starting a QSO (<their-call> de <your-call>)

Your station details (Name/Location/Grid Reference/Radio/Antenna etc...)

Ending a QSO (SK)

Warning! Once you check into the Turnip Truck Net on Saturday Night at 11pm, you will forever be known as a Turnip.

Once a Turnip, Always a Turnip.

Choose wisely.



GEORGIA DMR REPEATERS

CITY	CALLSIGN	FREQUENCY	CC	NETWORK	NOTES
Atlanta (Downtown)	PLANNED				
Between	N4TAW	443.7375+	3	K4USD	TS1/TG8 GA Metro TS2/TG2 K4USD Net
Clermont (Wauka Mountain)	KA3JIJ	444.950+	1	K4USD	NA and ATL Metro share full time on TS1
Columbus		444.6125+	1	Brandmeister	DMR, Allstar, Fusion, 441.975 Analog all Bridged
Cumming (Sawnee Mountain)	W4CBA	444.6250+	1	K4USD	TS1/TG8 Atlanta Metro TS2/TG2 K4USD Net
Dalton (Dug Gap Mountain)		442.1750+	1	Brandmeister	
Decatur	W4BOC	444.2500+	1	K4USD	
Devereux		444.0500+	1	Brandmeister	
Jasper		444.3750+	3	GA-DMR	
Jesup		441.8125+	1	DMR-SE	TS2/TG2 First Coast
Kingsland	W1KFR	444.6250+	3	DMR-SE	TS2/TG2 First Coast TS1/TG9 Local TS1/TG311307 Digital Link (DMR, Fusion, NXDN, P25)
Lawrenceville		442.7000+	1	Brandmeister	
Lookout Mountain		444.7125+	1	Brandmeister	
Marietta (Little Sweat Mtn)	W4KIP	444.775	1	Brandmeister	
Marietta (Sweat Mountain)	KD4Z	444.9750+	1	K4USD	
Sandy Springs	KE4OKD	441.9500+	3	GA-DMR	
Snellville	W8RED	442.6000+	3	K4USD	TS1/TG8 Atlanta Metro TS2/TG2 K4USD Net
Stone Mountain	W4BOC	441.8125+	1	K4USD	TS1 TG9 ONLY IN TESTING PHASE NO CONNECTIVITY
Valdosta	KC4VLJ	147.0750+	1	Brandmeister	
Waleska		444.0500+	1	Brandmeister	

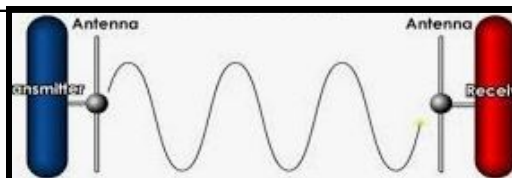
(Pine Log Mountain)					
Waycross	KM4DND	444.0250+	3	DMR-SE	TS2/TG2 First Coast TS1/TG9 Local (Linked with BM TG 311350)

K4USD Network http://www.k4usd.org/	Brandmeister https://brandmeister.network/	GA – DMR www.georgiadmr.com	DMR – SE http://192.223.28.176:42420/welcome.html
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Please check out the new Atlanta-Metro Talk Group
(includes all K4USD network repeaters in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area)
DMR-MARC Atlanta Metro Talk Group TS1/2 (Repeater Dependent) TG8
DMR Brandmeister Network – Atlanta Metro Talk Group 31131

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Watts, Allison's (AB4YL) Family Dog Does his Best Impression of a Power Pole. Send us your Pet doing HAM radio or impressions of Ham equipment and we will include them in the Totr.



ARRL Contest Calendar Jan-Feb 2019

January 2019
1 Straight Key Night
5 Kids Day
5-6 RTTY Roundup
19-21 January VHF

February 2019
11-15 School Club Roundup
16-17 International DX - CW