



November 2017



The Newsletter of the Alford Memorial Radio Club

Hamfest Happy



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Happy Veteran's Day! The AMRC thanks you
for your service.



President's Notes November 2017

Thank you to everyone who came out to help make this year's Hamfest a success.

With the members of both AMRC and GARS, we had plenty of help all three days. Almost everything went smoothly as planned. Old man weather favored us and now we can start planning for next year.

We have a few weeks to get ready for Santa's visit. I hope all of you have been really nice. I am hoping your letters to Santa will be fulfilled with all those new radio toys you've had your eyes on for the entire year.

Upcoming events including helping with the Christmas Parade will be announced on the yahoo group page and the club Facebook page. Subscribe to those and stay updated on all the happenings. Please sign up for our holiday club social. We will have a link up for that soon.

Remember that club membership renewals are due starting January 1, 2018, as our membership year ends for everyone on December 31, 2017. Avoid the rush and get

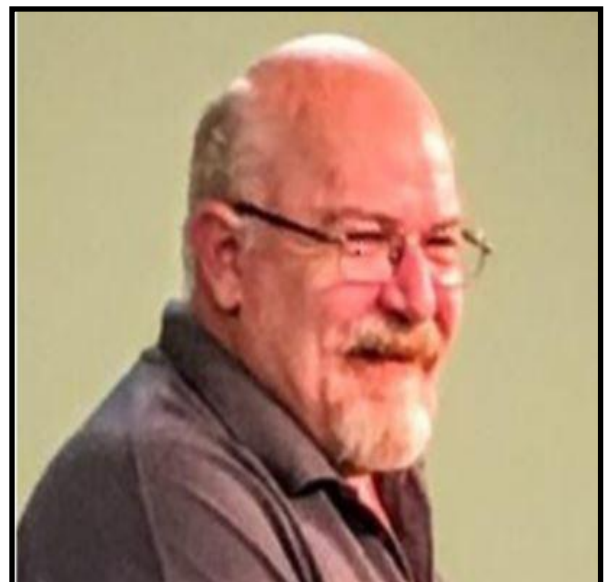
your renewals in early. Let's shoot for a record number of new members this year.

Everyone find someone to mentor as a new ham and get them to join the club. All of you can be an Elmer to someone, and I guarantee you will love the experience of getting someone started in this wonderful hobby that we enjoy so much.

Thank you again for your participation and hard work.

73,

Mike Smith, KK4KHS

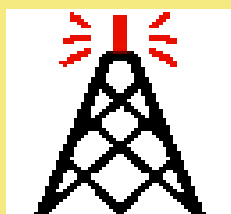


AMRC November

11/9/2017 Meeting *Show and Tell—Home Brew*

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.



Next Month's Meeting: *Holiday Party December 14*

AMRC Membership

**As of November 1, 2017
Total Memberships= 159**

**Welcome
Manny Romero KD4LXR**

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. Pay early to get
2017 price.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

From All of Us at AMRC

Birthdays by, N4TTY

November 4	AB4NW	Karen Whited
November 8	KF4PWI	Scott Hartlage
November 9	AI4UQ	Carolyn Olive
November 9	AJ4XI	Jim Popoff
November 12	KB4JHX	Buzz Ashby
November 12	N0NCQ	Nick Nikley
November 12	W1MKW	Gretchen Mann
November 14	AB4YL	Allison Lynch
November 14	KM4ONE	William Wisenburg
November 15		Elaine Honeycutt
November 16	N3ACK	John Talipsky
November 17	KM4KJA	Sharon Foster
November 19	KI4BQS	Kenneth Dalton
November 20	K4KQK	Jerry Wilson
November 21	K0EHL	Randy Koehl
November 24	KJ4QIB	Puddin Garrison
November 27	KM4FMW	Donna McCord
November 29	W4WDH	John Kirkman (SK)
November 30	N4XHJ	David Mitchell

Famous HAM of the Month:

Jean Shepard, K2ORS

With the holidays just around the corner, November's famous Ham, now silent key, is Jean Shepherd. Born in Chicago in 1921, he grew up in Hammond, Illinois in the neighborhood of Hessville. As a young person Jean worked briefly as a mail carrier and then in a steel mill. He earned his Amateur Radio License (W9QWN) at the age of 16, although some say he claimed to obtain it at an even earlier age. He intermittently attended Indiana University, but never graduated. He was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan.

Jean maintained his interest in amateur radio throughout his life. After leaving Hammond, he obtained the call signs W4QWN (Kentucky), W8QWN (Ohio) and W3STE (Pennsylvania). Upon his arrival at WOR in New York in 1955, he obtained the call K2ORS, with which he would often be heard speaking to other ham radio operators for the remainder of his life.

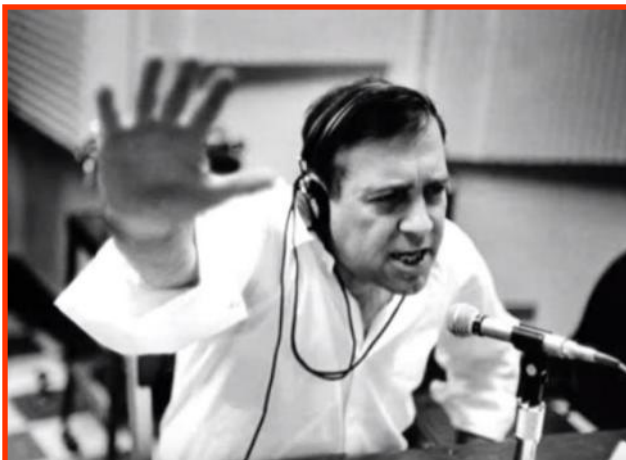
Throughout his professional radio career, he performed entirely without scripts. His friends in radio marveled at how he could talk so long with very little written down.

Shepherd wrote a series of humorous short stories about growing up in Hessville and its steel towns, many of which were first told by him on his programs and then published in Playboy Magazine. The stories were later assembled into books titled In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash, Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories: and Other Disasters, The Ferrari in the Bedroom, and A Fistful of Fig Newtons. Some of those situations were incorporated into his movies and television fictional stories. He also wrote a column for the early Village Voice, Car and Driver, numerous individual articles for diverse publications, including Mad Magazine. ("The Night People vs. Creeping Meatballism", March/April 1957), and introductions for multiple publications. In an interview with New York magazine, Donald Fagan of the band Steely Dan says that the figure from his solo album *The Nightfly* was based on Jean Shepherd. In 2005, Shepherd was posthumously inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame, and in November 2013 he was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame.

He kept his private life most secret, married four times. One of his sons reported that his dad returned home late most nights, if at all. He moved to Florida with his fourth wife and passed away from natural causes in a hospital near Fort Meyers in October 1999.

Jean Shepard was most known to modern audiences as the author of the story that was scripted into the movie *The Christmas Story*. He was the narrator in the 1983 movie, as the voice of Adult Ralphie, the main character.. While it is suspected that there was fact and fiction in the story about Christmas in the area of the world where he grew up, certain facts have been proven, such as the childhood playmates "Flick" and "Schwartz" who were found in his school's yearbooks. (Source Wikipedia)

Click [here](#) to hear him in radio voice, reading from the short story that would eventually become a Christmas Story. This month's Famous HAM is dedicated to those people, like my dad, who are transported by A Christmas Story, to a time in their childhood rebirth through his amazing radio voice. 73!

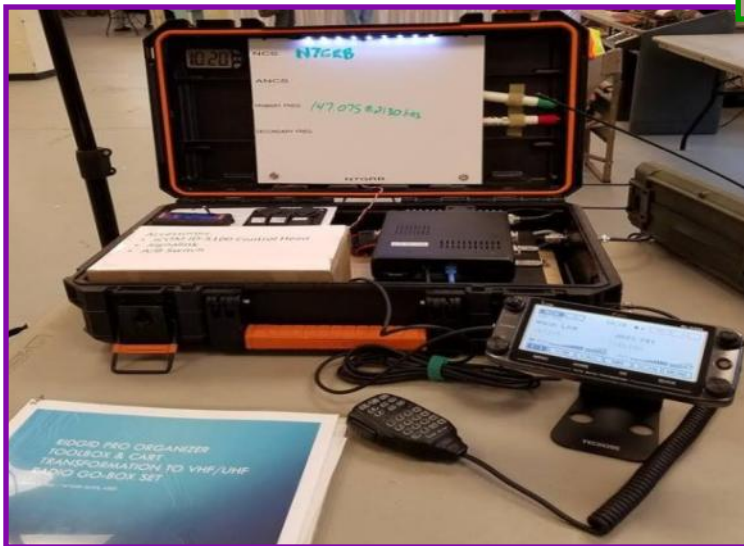


DRUMROLL PLEASE..... **Go Box Winners at HAMFEST**

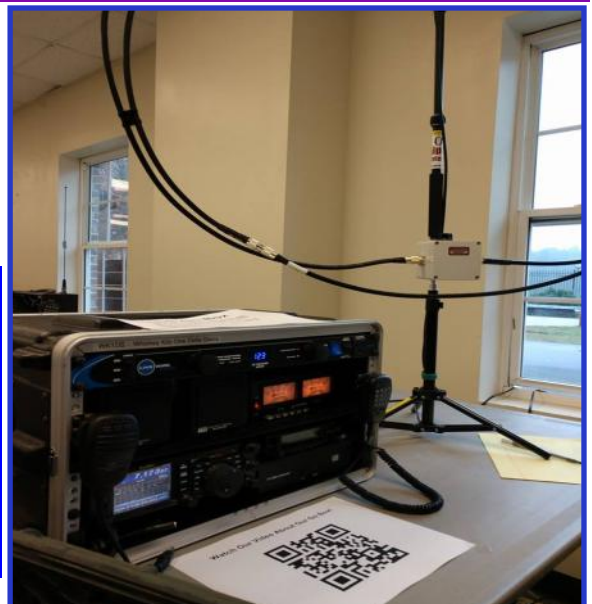
There were so many Go Boxes in the competition at HamFest All of them were different, and there were lots of ideas to steal. The contest was judged by ARRL's Michael Corey, KI1U head of Emergency Communications at ARRL and Greg Sarratt ARRL's Southeastern Division Director . The boxes were admired by all. They were built for emergency and recreational purposes. Thank you to everyone who entered. The 3 Winners were.....

KJ4ADQ

Sherri Bennett



N7GRB
Mark T. Bell



The Lea Kids!

Michelle, N8ZQZ , Zechariah, WX4TVJ,

**Faith Hannah, AE4FH , Hope, KM4IPF, and
Grace, KM4TXT**

UP-COMING PROGRAMS FOR ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB

Join us for our weekly
breakfast gathering at
7AM most Saturdays at:
Metro Café Diner

1905 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Agnes Scott Announcements:

Agnes Scott is on its way to obtaining an official club. Dr Amy Lovell, KK4ZII, the Professor of Astronomy, upgraded to Extra at the Hamfest. (Congratulations!) Dr Nicole Ackerman, K8PHA (her grandfather's call sign) is the Assistant Professor of Physics, and holds a General. Amy's husband, Dr David Smith, is an Extra and their son, now in college has his Tech. **If you would like to visit the Agnes Scott Shack, future dates include November 10, December 8, February 9, March 23, April 13, May 4. Starting at 7:30. There is usually a program at 8 on various topics and then the opportunity to visit the shack or look through the telescope. If you plan on attending one of these dates contact the AMRC Public Information Head [Steve Vogel, W4PSV](#).**

The AMRC would like to thanks GARS for their assistance with this month's HAMFEST. They are an amazing group to partner with in this endeavor. We love GARS!



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 Richard Dickson, W4WRD or email him at richie707@aol.com with questions about items, or size and cost.

If you are interested in being the AMRC's new apparel manager please contact Mike Smith, KK4KHS. Richard has agreed to stay on to train a new manager. Please consider. Richard has done a wonderful job over the last three years, Thank you Richard!

2017 AMRC Officers, Committee Chairs

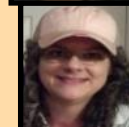
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Tip of the Month by Joe Stevens, KM4VHF

I needed a splitter for a microphone and speakers, so I made it myself. I took a pair of headphones with a microphone and cut them in half, I then soldered the wires one at a time to figure out which wire was which. The red wire was for the microphone, the gold one and green wire was for the left and right and the blue wire was for the ground.

Next, I took a 3.5mm cord and cut it in half exposing a yellow, white, and red wire. The yellow was ground and red and white were left and right. For the microphone, solder the left/right to the microphone wire (red from headset) and the yellow to the ground (blue from headset). You have a 3.5mm mic plug. To the other end of the 3.5mm cord solder the red wire to one speaker cord on headset (yellow or green) then solder the white to the other headset wire (yellow or green). Lastly solder the yellow wire from the 3.5mm cord to the ground wire on the headphones (blue). - Joe Stevens, KM4VHF

Congratulations to Suzanne Widenhouse WW4SUZ

(Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club).

Suzanne attended the HAMFEST and passed her exam last week upgrading to Extra Class. What an amazing Fall it has been in her HAM journey. She recently received her Technician License on October 7th in Augusta. She then tested and passed her General Upgrade Exam on October 21 in Milledgeville. She tested last weekend at the Stone Mountain Hamfest for her Extra. Congratulations Suzanne! Thanks for attending and testing at our Hamfest! The AMRC appreciates all attendees and congratulates all those who tested and passed their exams last weekend.



Congrats to all ARMC members who tested at the Hamfest this past weekend and passed! We are super proud of our own Rachel KN4FTZ, who is a new HAM and obtained her General upgrade recently Welcome to the amazing world of HF !



AMRC Member Spotlight

Larry Whited, AB4NX

AB4NX



Larry Whited, AB4NX from Stone Mountain, GA is a member of the AMRC. He is a retired Registered Nurse. He lives with his wife, Karen Whited, AB4NW who just celebrated a birthday during Hamfest (Happy Belated Birthday Karen!). When he is not in his fabulous Shack, Larry can be found sailing especially small boat cruising, paddling, or participating in website storytelling. Larry has an amazing blog about his journey with his sailing hobby and his boats. It can be enjoyed by clicking [here](#). It is amazing the time and work he has put into, obtaining, repairing, and maintaining his hobbies.

Larry has hopes to sail the “Big Circle Waterway” around the eastern USA. This would include the Bahamas, the Sea of Cortez, and the Inside Passage from Puget Sound to Alaska. He will of course share his journeys with his readers through his website and magazine articles. We are supporting these dreams and look forward to his bucket list adventures.

Besides the AMRC, Larry is a member in ARRL, Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society, Gwinnett Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Amateur Radio Relay League, Waterway Radio Cruising Club, West Coast Trailer Sailing Squadron (Florida) . He and Karen are also W5YI and ARRL VEs.

In Amateur Radio, Larry really enjoys digital modes, including , packet , PSK31, HF APRS, WSPR, JT65. Please friend Larry in person and on facebook. Click [here](#). We would like to thank Larry for all his hard work at the Hamfest! He was



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Michael Corey, KI1U

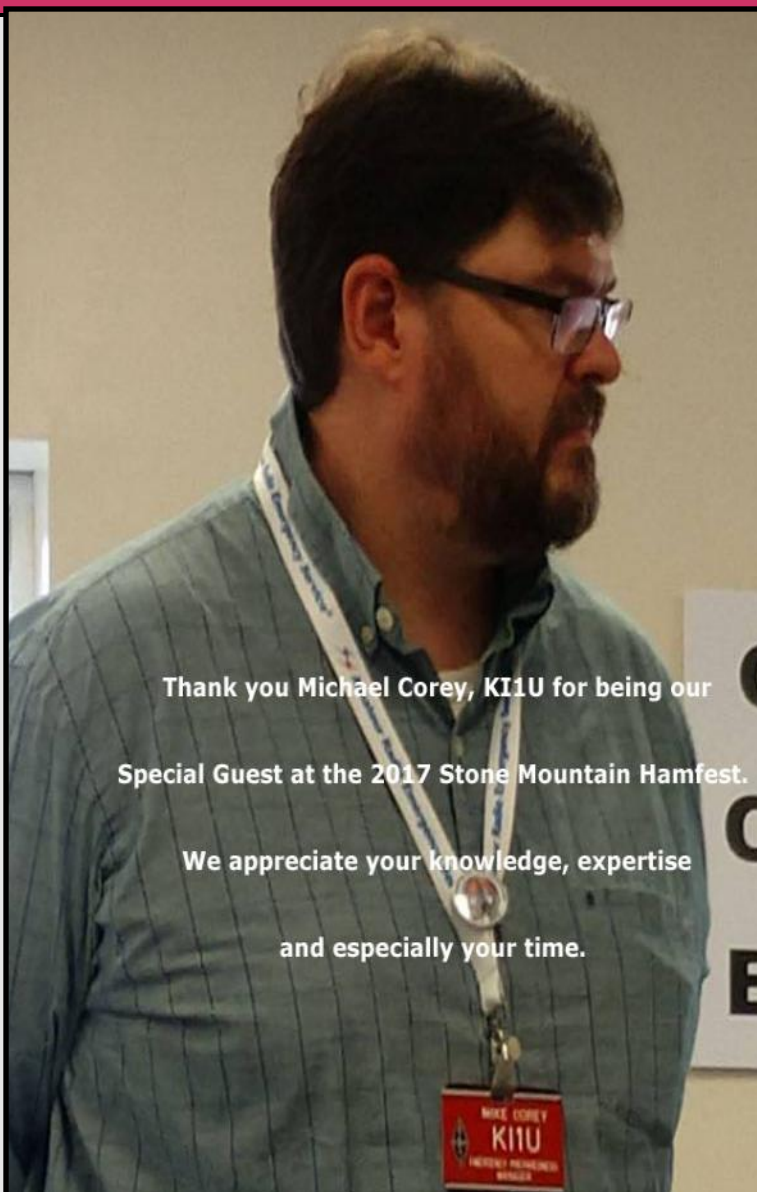
Ares State Net Listings:

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>



- ♦ 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



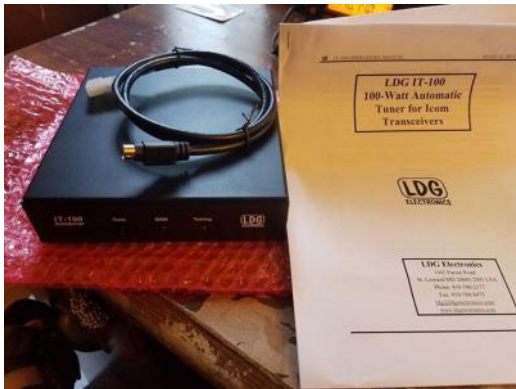
\$\$ Buy Sell or Swap \$\$

1. **Contact Gene Blackburn N4UJ** (g.blackburn@j-omega-l.com) is selling 7 complete years of **QST** magazine, good condition, 1964-1968 and 1974-1975. 1975 was last year for the "little" magazines (6-1/2 x 9-1/2). Whole box for \$10.



2. (Below) Swap Shop Item! LDG IT-100 Automatic Tuner

I purchased this from HRO 9/8/17 but realized It only works for ICOM. I can't get up to HRO much because they close at 530 everyday. Its listed on ebay at the moment but I would rather sell it to a local if anyone is interested. I am asking \$150. If anyone has any questions please send them to me directly at Nicholasblubaugh@gmail.com \$150.00.



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Congrats Nick NONCQ for Best Club Booth Display Stone Mountain Hamfest 2017



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS



!!GRAND PRIZE
Winner is KA4KRN!!

IC-7300 HF PLUS 50
MHZ Transceiver



**Grand Prize-Congrats James “Jim”
White KA4KRN– Jim is a person very
dear to our hearts at AMRC, as he was
the man with the truck that drove our
first
repeaters to the Top of the Rock. Thanks
Jim! Enjoy your**



!!SECOND PRIZE
Winner is KJ4NMO!!

IC-7100 HF VHF
UHF MOBILE
Transceiver

D-STAR Ready



**2nd Place Prize: Congrats
Truman Robison!
KJ4NMO!**

Enjoy your Mobile Radio!



!!!THIRD PRIZE Winner is KI4RDP !!

Kenwood TH-D74A D-STAR Ready!

APRS, UHF/VHF HT



3RD Place Prize .

Congrats Michael Mill KI4RDP. Enjoy your HT!



!!!FOURTH PRIZE Winner is KC4HQS !!!

ID-5100 DELUXE VHF/UHF 144/430 MHZ Dual Band Transceiver

!!!!D-STAR Ready!!!



**4th Place Prize: Harry Decker KC4HQS
Enjoy your Dual Band Transceiver!**



!!!!Special Drawing
Early Bird Ticket
Winner is KM4NIQ



The new Signalink™ USB sound card

KM4NIQ Robert Thornton. Congrats! Enjoy your Signalink!

OctoberNETS REPORT

AMRC		DeKalb ARES			Turnip Truck	
Sunday Night Net			RF	Winlink/DRats		
Oct 1	20	Oct 1	9	8/5	Oct 7	16
Oct 8	29	Oct 8	15	12/0	Oct 14	20
Oct 15	30	Oct 15	14	8/7	Oct 21	15
Oct 22	28	Oct 22	11	10/9	Oct 28	17
Oct 29	27	Oct 29	10	12/7		

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 8pm Em Com RagChew Net	2	3	4 7am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner 11pm Turnip Truck Net
5 7pm AMRC Sun- day Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	6	7	8 8pm Em Com RagChew Net	9 7pm AMRC Meeting Annistown Road Baptist Church	10	11 7am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner 11pm Turnip Truck Net
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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.

Radar Man (author unknown) Submitted By Tom W4GIM

The Radar Man

If ever you saw upon the street
 A man whom walked with dipole feet
 With a lagging train of pips behind
 He was a radar man with a micromind.

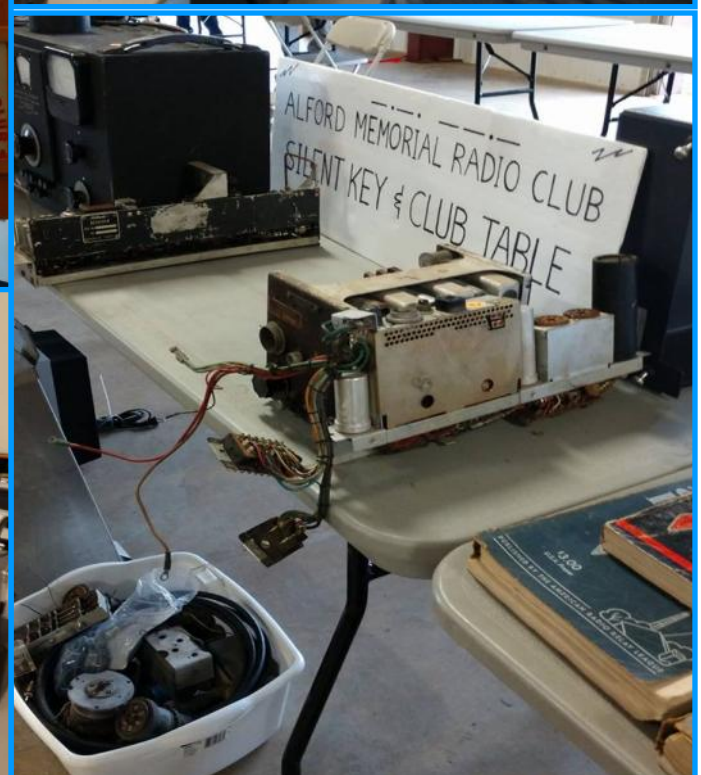
With microseconds and microwaves
 And microvolts, he filled his days;
 And thus in the course of passing time
 His brain had shrunk to a micromind.

His eyes gave out with a neon gleam,
 His nose lit up like a radar screen,
 His ears worked like an electronic gate,
 And his heart pumped blood at a video rate.

This man obtained, in passing years,
 Infinite impedance between his ears.
 At last he succumbed to heavy jolt
 When he probed what he thought was a micro-volt.

The Doc looked up from his microscope
 And said to the nurse, Behold this dope!
 Since of his brain not a trace can I find,
 He was a radar man with micromind.





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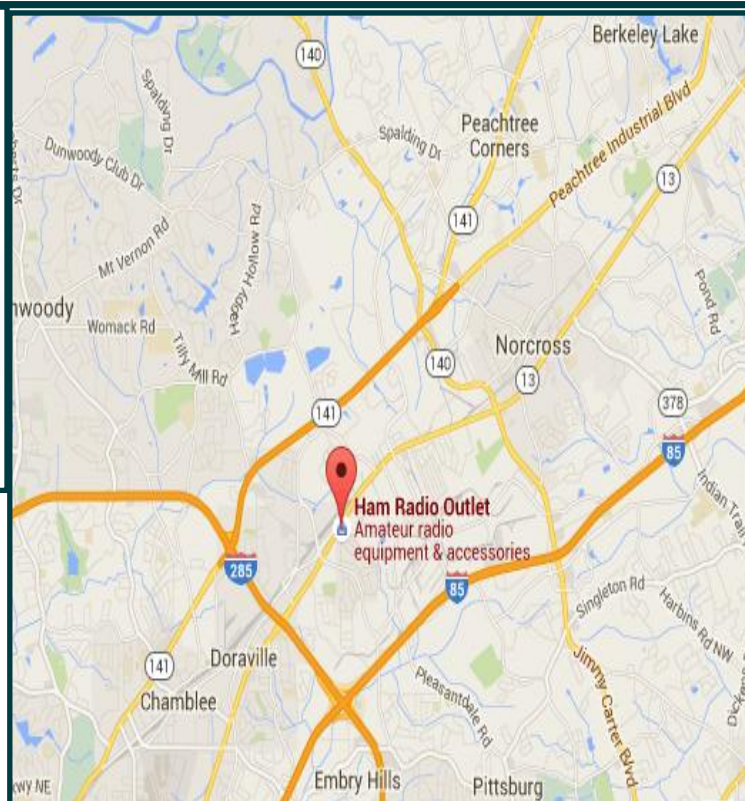


**Thanks to
Everyone!**

**See you
Next Year!**



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ATLANTA, GA:

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10AM-5:30PM Mon - Sat

Telephone hours:

9:30AM-5:30PM Mon-Sat

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Special Thanks from the Editor (W1MKW) to:

1. Steve Garrison N4TTY– Membership/ Net #s/ Bdays
2. Mike Smith KK4KHS– President's Notes/ Hamfest photos/
3. Tom Roderick, WA4GIM- Radar Man poem
4. Joe Stevens KM4VHF– Tip of the Month



Thanks Greg Sarratt W4OZK (ARRL) for Supporting and Participating in our HAMFEST.

ARRL Contest Calendar

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

November 2017

4-5 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

4-6 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)

18-20 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)

December 2017

1-3 [160 Meter](#)

9-10 [10 Meter](#)

17 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

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