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The Newsletter of the Alford Memorial Radio Club

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About HRO, But Were Afraid To Ask

by Harold Hawkins, KD8DVY

“The Man”



In 1971, a California Highway Patrol officer and veteran of the Navy Signal Corps, who happened to be a ham, came into possession of a little radio emporium on a wooden train platform in Burlingame, CA. Bob Ferrero (Bob), who was then K6AHV and later became W6RJ, was a dedicated California Highway Patrolman. He loved ham radio and was determined to make a go of starting a business selling amateur radio products.

Today, HRO is a family owned business with 15 sales locations throughout the United States which include a formidable presence on the Internet, making it the Largest Ham Radio dealership in the world.

HRO is continually expanding with our newest location in Milwaukee, WI which opened on August 27, 2016.

With Worldwide distribution, HRO is geared to fill the needs of hams everywhere, whether online on the World Wide Web, over the telephone, or in person in one of our stores. Customer service is one of our primary goals. We employ active hams with varied backgrounds and expertise to be able to assist in any area of the hobby.

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Message from the President

Greetings fellow ham radio enthusiasts and members of the Alford Memorial Radio Club! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. There is nothing better than spending good times with family and friends. As incoming President, I'd like to welcome you to a new year. Please feel free to offer up any suggestions and or tips. I wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone at the first club meeting January 12th.

I can tell you that we hope to have at least two meetings with "hands on" demonstrations, a club DIY project with "Elmering", will be where members can bring their HT and/or mobile radios and our Elmers will assist you in programing them, as well as at least one new activity for the summer field day. There will be more to come regarding these plans. We will be challenged this year by activities that we know are coming and for which we will need the assistance of many of you.

There is an Atlanta Area Fox Hunt January 21. The starting point will be near Sweat Mountain, between Roswell and Woodstock. Specifically, the large Walmart parking lot on the SE corner of Hwy 92 and Trickum Road. Click [here](#) to view a map of the starting point.

Top of the Rock Contest, Last year we had fun with earning points for club members contacting club members and getting points. The top winners will receive gift certificates to HRO again this year.

Color Vibe 5K Run, May 20th Stone Mountain, [click here](#) for more race info. The Color Vibe 5K Run is a fun, quick event where our club members provide communication for the smooth operation of the run, safety for the runners, as well as coronation for the traffic congestion within the city of Stone Mountain. It's a wonderful

chance for you to use your communication and public relations skills to promote the hobby and our club.

Field Day in June, a special event day with a ARRL contest, camping, picnic, games and fun. We plan on being back at Stone Mountain Park again this year so mark your calendar for June 24th and 25th.

[Click here](#) for ARRL information on Field Day. A successful field day requires a lot of commitment from our membership. It's never fun for a few members to do most of the work. Plan to come out and support your club each day until we're finished and packed up. We will have a signup sheet with times that you plan to help.

July 4th the 48th Annual Peachtree Road Race. It takes more than 3,500 volunteers to support the AJC Peachtree Road Race and its 60,000 participants! We will need many ham radio volunteers this year. [Click here](#) for volunteer information and registration.

If you're not signed up to receive messages through the Alford Memorial Radio Club Yahoo Group, You should [click here](#) to stay informed and post your response. Our TOTR newsletter, Club meeting minutes, Pictures, and club financial reports, as well as some presentations will be available under "Files and Attachments" after they are uploaded.

Mike,

KK4KHS



AMRC January Meeting Program

Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 pm

PROGRAM:

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



In February of 2015 the old Micor 145 and 444 repeaters and the cabinets associated with that equipment were replaced with brand new Kenwood commercial grade repeater equipment .

Located at Exchange Park, up and running beautifully,

Up and Running at Exchange Park.

The Lights Are Off!!!
And we can hear again:)

TechFest Jan. 14th
Free Prizes, Free Food,
Free Admission.

What's not to like!!!!

AMRC Membership Page

New AMRC Members Since Last Month

Welcome

**Total Members as of DEC. 30th,
2016
176**

**Membership runs from Jan. to Dec. each
Calendar Year
2017 Dues are Due at January Meeting**

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

**AMRC Club Membership Dues Are
Due in January!**

**Club Dues Help Support Our
Repeaters and Club Activities**

The following members are celebrating birthdays in January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

From All of Us at AMRC

Birthdays by, K4GZZ

Jan 1	Jack Newton
Jan 1	AI4UR George
Jan 3	N4EWT Newt
Jan 4	K4JLK Judi
Jan 5	N2MFS Mike
Jan 10	KA4BNG Jean
Jan 11	KM4DEA Few
Jan 12	KM4KNV Nicole
Jan 12	K4JJL Jared
Jan 13	KK4YDS Jimmy
Jan 13	KJ4TZN George
Jan 16	KC4ME Frank
Jan 19	W4GBK Gwyneth
Jan 26	KJ4SUL Ruth
Jan 27	AK4TL Clyde
Jan 28	KI4BNH Doug
Jan 29	KM40XG Theoan

FUN FACT

Question....The invention of the Bar Code was patterned after what ????

Answer.....The patterns of Morse Code were used to invent Bar Codes that are scanned in stores.

Her call-sign is K5PSG, her name is Peggy Sue, and her then boyfriend wrote a song about her. Who was this famous rock and roller?

Buddy Holly

UP-COMING PROGRAMS FOR ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB

January. Harold Hawkins KD8DVY

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

1905 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087

New 2017 Officers

Mike Smith, KK4KHS President
Pat De Loe, N4MPC Vice President
Allison Lynch, AB4YL, Secretary
Greg Mann, KM4RKT, Treasurer

**Thank you Steve and Barry for your many years of
service to the club.**

Public Information for Alford Memorial Radio Club

See Steve Vogel, W4PSV or email him at
svdec@bellsouth.com with questions about club public events
or for sharing public event information.

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.

2017 AMRC Officers, Committee Chairs and Coordinators

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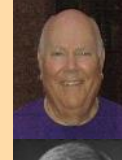
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Frank Haynes, KV4SP
VE Team Chair

HF Net Opportunities

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

New Georgia ARES Web Site, Check it out!!!

<https://gaares.org/index.php>

[POTA Parks On The Air is going strong. Click on the link](#)

AMRC Recurring Calendar

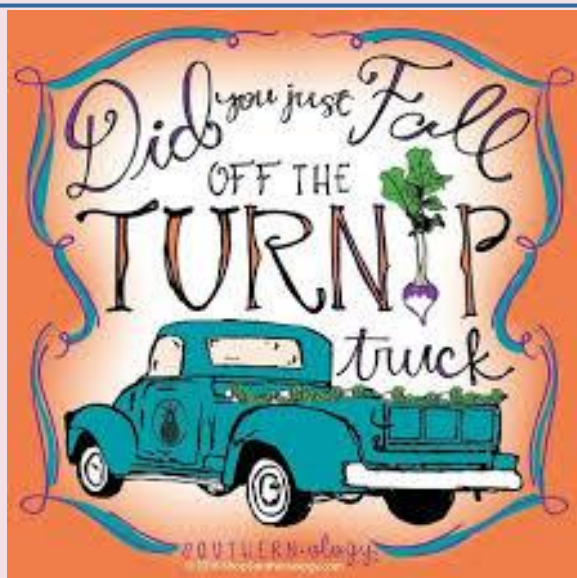
- ♦ Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm
- ♦ Every Sunday at 7:00 pm: AMRC Sunday Night Net on the 146.760 repeater.
- ♦ Every Sunday at 8:00 pm: DeKalb ARES Net on the 145.450 repeater.
- ♦ Every Saturday at 7:00 am: AMRC Weekly Breakfast, Metro Café Diner, Stone Mtn, Ga.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

01/14/2017 | TechFest 2017 Location: Lawrenceville, GA Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.techfest.info>

01/21/2017 Atlanta Area Fox Hunt Sign up to be on the Alford Memorial Radio Club Fox Hunting Team.

Jan 28 & 29 2017 Winter Field Day At GARS

3/19/2017 Publix Marathon & Half Marathon. More Info coming.



Saturday nights at 11pm.

On 146.760

DECEMBER NETS REPORT

AMRC		DeKalb ARES			Turnip Truck	
Sunday Night Net			RF	Winlink/DRats		
December 4	40	December 4	17	11/8	December 3	12
December 11	26	December 11	16	11/4	December 10	15
December 18	28	December 18	9	7/4	December 17	17
December 25	0	December 25	3	2/2	December 24	0

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JAN 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 7am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner 11pm Turnip Truck Net
8 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	9	10	11	12 Alford Memorial Radio Club Meeting 7pm	13	14 DeKalb ARES 1pm 11pm Turnip Truck Net
15 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	16	17	18	19	20	21 7am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner Fox Hunt 11pm Turnip Truck
22 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	23	24	25	26	27	28 7am Breakfast at Metro Café Diner 11pm Turnip Truck Net
29 Christmas Day 7pm AMRC Sunday Night Net 8pm DeKalb ARES NET	30	31				



ATLANTA, GA:

Store Hours:

10AM-5:30PM Mon - Sat

Telephone hours:

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

LOCAL: 770-263-0700

FAX: 770-263-9548



From ARRL Contest Calendar

January 2017

1 Straight Key Night

7-8 RTTY Roundup

TBD January VHF Sweepstakes

February 2017

TBD School Club Roundup

18-19 International DX - CW

March 2017 4-5 International DX - Phone

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

**CARTOON QSLs
-- AND MORE!**

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