

Stone Mountain Georgia



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The Newsletter of the Alford
Memorial Radio Club

July 2016

<http://totr-radio.org/>



Next Meeting July 14th



AMRC members **HEAT** up the airwaves with it's first 5A Field day Stations
+ GOTA



Message from the President

HOT! It is summertime in Atlanta, so hot is expected. But if you made it out to Field Day at Stone Mountain on the weekend of June 25th and 26th, then you know how truly hot it was that weekend! I believe that Saturday was officially designated as our hottest day this year.

By all accounts Field Day 2016 was a resounding success. If you missed it, then you missed a great time. I think the fact that the Park charged us for admission this year did hurt our attendance, but someone counted nearly 50 individuals at the BBQ picnic at 6:00PM on Saturday evening. We operated as 5A (five alpha), which is 5 HF stations on emergency power. Our brand new Honda generators worked flawlessly and for the most part were almost our silent partners. And they managed to consume only a fraction of the fuel that we have used in the past. In fact, we refueled both generators during the lull in operations for dinner on Saturday evening and only one of them was refueled with just a small amount of fuel late Sunday morning. The other one shut off just a few minutes before we ceased operations and was not restarted. The one left running provided enough power for the stations still on the air.

We made just over 700 contacts, with just over 100 of those being digital contacts (FLDIGI), while the CW contacts came in at around 350 and phone contacts close to 250. While the total contacts were not as high as recorded in the past we still had a lot of fun. The GOTA (Get On The Air) station recorded over 100 contacts as well. Great job everyone and thanks for the many hours of work put in by our Field Day crew.

It's time to start thinking about the officers that you want to be in charge of the Alford Memorial Radio Club for next year. This will be my last

year as the President, as I think 8 years is enough and it is time for some new leadership. The nominating committee will have a slate of officers selected by the September meeting and the floor will be opened for additional nominations at that meeting. Then the elections will be done at the October meeting. Not counting this month's meeting that is only 3 months away folks. This is probably a lot sooner than many of you may have imagined.

Speaking of things happening soon, the 2016 HamFest is only 4 months from now, so get ready! We are without a HamFest Chairman at the moment, so the HamFest is being handled by committee for the time being. The committee met recently and most things seem to be on track for our November 5th and 6th date at the Gwinnett County Fair Grounds. We have some great forums already lined up, but we are going to need help from every one of our club members to pull off the best HamFest in Georgia. And I mean everyone. I urge you to set aside at least 4 hours of your time sometime that weekend, and by weekend I'm referring to an extra long weekend beginning on Thursday November 3rd and not ending until around 6PM on Sunday November 6th, to come out and help those that seem to spend that entire time making this event the best that it can be. Unless you have to be out of town that weekend I want to see everyone involved. This is the fund raiser that supports our club, so please plan to help out.

That's about it for this month, try to stay cool!

Until next time, 73

73 *Steve*, **N4TTY**



AMRC July Meeting Program

Hands on Class, Building a roll up J-pole 2 meter or 440

Thursday, July 14th, at 7:00 pm

Join us at Shane's Rib Shack for supper before the meeting

Meetings are held at the Annistown Road Baptist Church
at 4554 Annistown Road, Snellville, Ga. 30039

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,

AMRC Member Spotlight

Chuck KK4TKJ shows a middle school student how to build a roll up j-pole. Chuck is a member of both AMRC and GARS. He is very active in the NPOTA program and has activated many National Parks. Being a VE member and mentoring new hams is one of Chuck's many passions.



June Field Day Pictures





Logging Software PC Based

N3FJP's Amateur Radio Software

<http://www.n3fjp.com/> Excellante Logging package.

Ham Radio Deluxe

www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/ Ham Radio Software. ... Ham Radio Deluxe is the all-in-one solution for your Radio Control, **Logging**, Digital Modes, Satellite, and Rotor Control in one easy

XMLog - Amateur Radio Logbook System for Windows

www.xmlog.com/

- **N7XG Logger** - N7XG Logger is for any individual whether they are a Net Control Station or personal logging.
- **AC Log by N3FJP** - Amateur contact log is a commercial amateur radio log book software.
- **Mircules HAM QuickLog** - Mircules HAM QuickLog is HAM radio logging software for the iPad.
- **Log4OM** - Log4OM is a free windows complete station management including log boo...
- **LOG X** - LOGx formerly Log Window(s) is a complete Amateur Radio information sy...
- **uLog** - uLog (micro-log) is a windows log book program designed as an easy-to...
- **PyQSO** - PyQSO is a Linux logging tool for amateur radio operators. It provides...
- **Ham Radio Deluxe 5.24.38 Download** - Download latest free version of the popular Ham Radio Deluxe 5.
- **DXBuddy** - DX Buddy is a multi purpose ham radio application that let you control...

Why have a club newsletter?

The purpose of our newsletter is to serve as a resource for you to find the most up-to-date information as to what is going on within the club and the amateur radio world.

Our newsletter continues to grow each month, but with the start of a new year comes the need for fresh, new articles and stories to share with you! All articles, stories, and blurbs (whether they are 2 sentences or 20) are always welcomed and appreciated!

Please send us your most interesting finds or stories and we will publish them in an upcoming edition of TOTR Newsletter. We look forward to seeing what you all come up with! Send to Mike Smith, KK4KHS, email smithm71@yahoo.com

ASK YOUR ELMER

They say one of the best ways to learn something is to ask questions, and some of our best resources are right within our club.

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Field Day Recap.

“Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal **contest** and, most of all, FUN!”

Field Day is all about practicing our operating skills in emergency conditions. The **contest** is the radio operating practice for the event. Operating on crowded, noisy bands and successfully completing contact after contact is pretty much what the amateur operator should expect under real emergency conditions. Keeping records while operating helps train us for the real thing. Like everyone else I enjoyed the great food and socializing that is Field Day.

CW Contacts	Phone Contacts	Digital Contacts	GOTA Contacts
334	257	114	112

AMRC Membership Page

New AMRC Members Since Last Month

John Talipsky N3ACK
Greg Foster KW4JK
Sharon Foster KM4KJA

Welcome

**Total Members as of June. 30th,
2016**

161

Membership runs from Jan. to Dec. each
Calendar Year

If you haven't renewed do so now.

The following members are
celebrating birthdays in July:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

From All of Us at AMRC

Birthdays by, K4GZZ

July 2	WB4WTN	Bill
July 5	Rosemary Russell	
July 9	KJ4AKA	Robert
July 11	N4RRF	Agnes
July 13	KB9VTM	Jim
July 15	KJ4TZP	Austin
July 17	John Krueger	
July 17	KK4SPS	Martha
July 17	KB4VEO	Lori
July 17	N4IHP	John
July 18	KE4SFO	George
July 20	KM4BHM	Tammy
July 21	WB2PSB	Zargon
July 22	KE4AXE	Mary Ann
July 23	WB4FFC	Bob

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 Committee - 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 steve.n4tty@gmail.com

It's 2016

AMRC Club Membership Dues Are Due in January! **Individual \$25 Family \$25 Student \$15**

Help Support Our Repeaters and Club Activities

UP-COMING PROGRAMS FOR ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB

**Aug: LX Expeditions Blending
Vacation and Your Hobby.**

Sept:

Oct: Hamfest Prep

Nov: Homebrew Show and Tell

Dec: Christmas Party

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

1905 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Alford Memorial Radio Club Merchandise

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. Visit www.arl.org/shop/ for additional merchandise.



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

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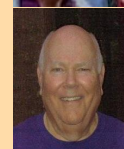
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VE Team Chair

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

<http://www.13colonies.net/index.html>

Rookie Roundup

Rookie Roundup is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December).

Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event!

<http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

Georgia 400 Hospitality Bike Ride

July 12, 2015

This is a great event and more volunteers are needed. Contact Wayne, KG5WU at KG5WU@arrl.net for details.

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

Websites I have found helpful for those new to HF:

<http://www.bandconditions.com/>

<http://www.dxmaps.com>

<http://www.ncdxf.org/beacon/>

<http://www.dxsummit.fi/#/>

<http://www.ac6v.com/>

National Traffic Net allows you make contacts in a controlled net environment to see how your rig/antenna is performing. Also has a live chat function:

<http://www.natanet.info/>

Submitted by Greg/Rocket Man km4rkt

"AMRC JUNE NETS REPORT"

AMRC Net		DeKalb ARES Net			Turnip Truck Net	
Sunday Night Nets			RF	Winlink/DRats		
					June 4	15
June 5	29	June 5	17	8/8	June 11	28
June 12	26	June 12	13	8/6	June 18	16
June 19	28	June 19	13	7/2	June 25	10
June 26	30	June 26	11	4/4		

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2016

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



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