



Holiday Edition Nov & Dec 2016



The Newsletter of the Alford
Memorial Radio Club

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A GREAT YEAR IN REVIEW

Club Events for 2016!!!

Top Of The ROCK EXPLOSTION

ATLANTA AREA FOX HUNT

2016 ARRL FIELD DAY STONE MOUNTAIN

HANDS ON BUILDING EVENTS

2016 Stone Mountain Hamfest

Alford Memorial Radio Club
2016 Christmas Holiday Party
December 8, 2016

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Message from the President

The HamFest is now in the sunset, and from all indications it was a big success. Next on the horizon is the Holiday Christmas Party on December 8th, and then before you know it we will be into a new year. As I've said in more than one of these monthly notes, time is certainly flying by, and now as I reflect back on this year and the seven years previous to that, I can see that I almost wish things would slow down a little.

It is at this time of year when we think about Thanksgiving and all the things we have to be thankful for that we all should think about where we've been and where we wish to be in the future. As I bring to a close my eight years as the President of this great amateur radio club I wish to thank all of you who have had a hand in making these past eight years an unforgettable period of time in my journey through life. All of you have made an impact whether you realize it or not.

I'm thankful for those now Silent Keys who helped me along the way as well. Just to name a few, John Aaron, KI4ESV, VP during my third term as President, Bud Roeske, KE4IPX, my own Elmer and the ham who started me on this journey, and most recently, Carter Bennett, K4CB, our Repeater Manager for over four years and one of my best friends. And of course Gordon Anthony, KF4OKA, a past President of Alford, a great spokesman for amateur radio and the Alford club, as well as a friend to all who ever heard him on the radio.

My best wishes to the incoming slate of officers for 2017. Mike Smith, KK4KHS, has been more than just a capable VP for

the past two years, but a good friend as well. Pat De Loe, N4MPC, as he takes over the reins of VP, and to our returning Secretary Allison Lynch, AB4YL, along with Greg Mann (Rocket Man), KM4RKT, as he steps into the job of Treasurer. I wish you all the best.

And I owe more than just a thank you for a job well done to Barry Kanne, W4TGA, in the position of Treasurer for the past six years. He did a little bit of everything from repeater work to just about anything that needed doing.

I could go on and on, but in the interest of keeping this note to just one page and not take up the entire newsletter I'll stop right here.

And as I guess this is my last "President's Notes" column I'll end with best wishes to each and every one of you for a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season. Remember, I'm not going away, just going to be in the background and a little less noisy!

73, Over and Out,

Steve, N4TTY



AMRC December Meeting Program

AMRC Holiday Party

Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm

Party will be in the rear of the church in the Fellowship Hall of 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,

Alford Memorial Radio Club 2016 Christmas Holiday Party

December 8, 2016

This year's Christmas Party will again be in the fellowship hall at the Annistown Road Baptist Church at 7:00PM.

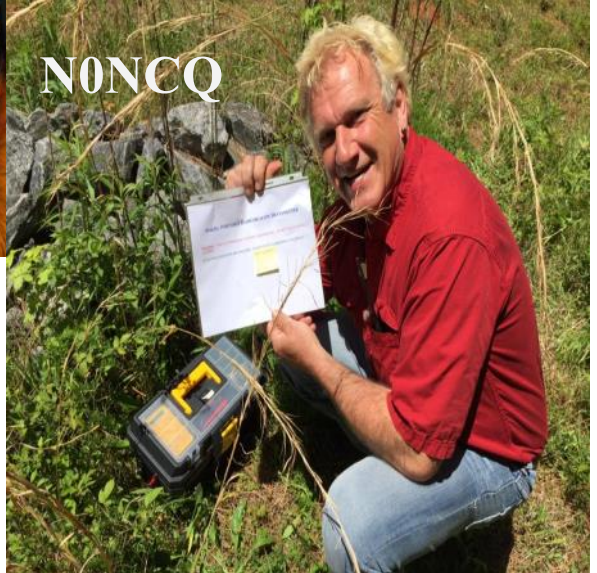
This year we will be asking for \$15.00 from each individual over the age of 16. Those 16 or younger still eat for free.

This is being done to help defray costs to the club and to help cut down on the amount of food that has been left over each year.

All reservations must be made by midnight on November 27th.
Click here to make your reservations. http://www.totr-radio.org/Christmas_2016.html

AMRC Members at GARS Tech Fest in January 2016 ➡

TOTR EXPLOSION CONTEST
increases membership and
activity on our repeaters. March



AMRC Club teams win first
Atlanta wide Radio Fox
hunt, traditional method.
The hard way! April !

2016 AMCR Field Day
June



Allison, AB4YL, helps with
the Antenna Building Project
at AMRC meeting. Sept

AMRC Members Chase and Activate NPOTA and support other Civic activities.





Stone Mountain Hamfest Was A Great Success!!!

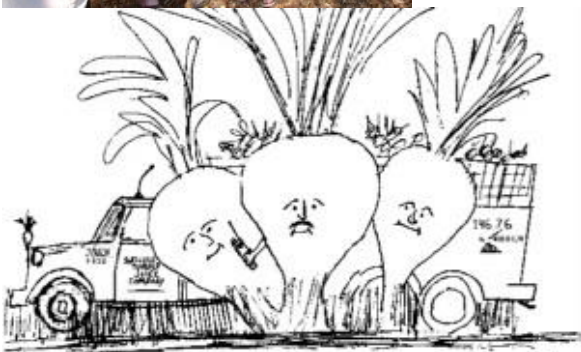


Some of the workers who made the 2016 Stone Mountain Hamfest as fantastic as could be hoped.



New Extra News: !!Turnip Teck Talk!!

2016 Field Day Pictures



Come ride the Turnip Truck with us on Saturday nights starting around 10:30p or so on the Stone Mountain Repeater.

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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2016 Field Day Fantastic Results 5A

Total contacts 800

61 Signed the Roster

TOTAL POINTS 4,166

We placed 2nd in Ga for the 5A category

We placed 19th in the United States.

Top 25% of the 5A Group

Karl - K4GZZ

AMRC Membership Page

New AMRC Members Since Last Month

Neil Martin KK4SKY
Charlie Broome WD4CCZ
Donna Broome
Beau Bruce KM4YMI
Richard Jones KM4YOR
KT Thornton KM4YNT

Welcome

**Total Members as of Nov. 30th,
2016
174**

Membership runs from Jan. to Dec. each
Calendar Year
If you haven't renewed do so now.

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

The following members are celebrating birthdays in November & December:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

From All of Us at AMRC

Birthdays by, K4GZZ

Nov 4	AB4NW Karen
Nov 6	W4KXM Larry
Nov 8	KF4PWI Scott
Nov 9	KS4MM Chris
Nov 9	AI4UQ Carolyn
Nov 10	KM4DEB Tom
Nov 12	N0NCQ Nick
Nov 12	KB4JHX Buzz
Nov 14	AB4YL Allison
Nov 15	Elaine Huneycutt
Nov 16	N3ACK John
Nov 17	KM4KJA Sharon
Nov 19	KI4BSQ Kenneth
Nov 20	K4KQK Jerry
Nov 21	K0EHL Randy
Nov 24	KJ4QIB Puddin
Nov 27	KM4FMW Donna
Nov 30	N4XHJ David

12/1	Mamcy Martin
12/2	KI4ZLF Lisa
12/5	KK4KU Jennifer
12/8	KK4TKJ Chuck
12/12	KD4HLI David
12/13	AF4FO Susan
12/15	K4FUM Jeere
12/16	K9YRO Madeline
12/16	WB1AKQ Pam
12/17	K8PHA Nicole
12/18	KV4SP Frank
12/22	KK4NFV Noelle
12/22	WB4UVW Charles
12/25	KI4UDT Nick
12/25	KM4YNT KT
12/28	WB4WFB Shirley

UP-COMING PROGRAMS FOR ALFORD MEMORIAL RADIO CLUB

Dec 8th 7:00pm: Christmas Party [Click Here](#) to make your reservations

**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

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.

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Counsel



Al Hughes, NZ4A
Field Day Chair

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>

Christmas Parade. TBA

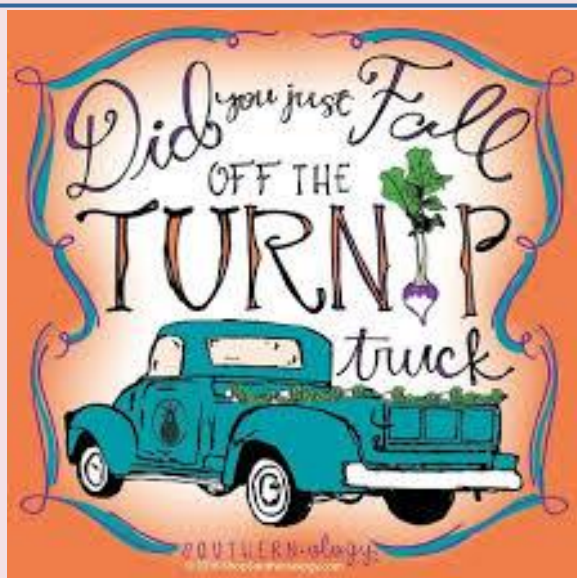
TechFest Jan 14th

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

01/28, 29 2017 Winter Field Day At GARS

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



Saturday nights at 11pm.

On 146.760

"AMRC OCTOBER /NOVEMBER NETS REPORT"

AMRC Net		DeKalb ARES Net			Turnip Truck Net	
Sunday Night Nets			RF	Winlink/DRats	10/1	12
10/2	35	10/2	?	10/6	10/8	10
10/9	28	10/9	17	9/7	10/15	19
10/16	28	10/16	15	11/2	10/22	8
10/23	32	10/23	12	11/7	10/29	15
10/30	24	10/30	10	10/8	11/5	5
11/6	40	11/6	13	6/2	11/12	21
11/13	26	11/13	12	7/0	11/19	14
11/20	31	11/20	16	10/8	11/26	

AMRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DEC 2016

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



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Store Hours:

10AM-5:30PM Mon - Sat

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

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From ARRL Contest Calendar

December 2016 2-4 160 Meter

10-11 10 Meter

18 Rookie Roundup—CW

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>

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