

# W4BKM



## Macon Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Welcome to this addition of the **Macon ARC News**

August, 2014

### QST In This Issue

MARC member KG4KUJ Silent Key  
The August Meeting  
Ham Radio Payload to Circle the Moon

The Middle Georgia amateur radio community is saddened to learn of the passing of Jerry Bowden, KG4KUJ, of Jones County. Jerry was a member of the Macon club. Jerry's son, Parker Bowden, KG4LMR, recently passed his Tech test with the Macon, VE team. Jerry's brother, Wayne Bowden (KG4WVL), is an active member of the Macon, Jones County and Milledgeville clubs and the associated VE teams. Our sympathy goes out to the entire Bowden family. The obituary is located at:

<http://www.bridgesfh.com/id1289.html>

Our Macon ARC monthly meeting for August will be Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will include updates on the Macon/Bibb & HR hospital net infrastructure, Camp Ben Hawkins & Scouting Support, more Old Business and some Exciting New Business!

**To The Moon Alice!** A lunar flyby with a ham radio payload transmitting JT65B mode on 145.990 MHz is expected to take place toward the end of this year, giving earthbound radio amateurs the opportunity to receive some otherworldly DX signals as the payload flies around the Moon. The Chinese orbiter, which arrived by air in Xichang, Sichuan, on Sunday, August 10, can be decoded using the free WJST software by Joe Taylor, K1JT.

For more click on: <http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-payload-to-circle-the-moon>

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### Newsletter Deadline and Classifieds

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Saturday, September 13.

Do you have ham equipment to sell? If so, it can be listed here. Please send description, price, and contact information in time to make the Newsletter Deadline.

Please send newsletter and classified submissions to:

Hurb Ingles (W1DOG)  
296 Haddock Drive  
Haddock, GA 31033-2326

478-251-0756 or e-mail to [w1dog@arrl.net](mailto:w1dog@arrl.net)

### VE Testing

**Ready to Upgrade or have a perspective NEW HAM under your wing?** Our VE Team CAN Help. Testing candidates will be accepted between 5 PM and 5:30 PM on our regular Club meeting date each month. Please bring a picture ID, a copy of your current license (if licensed), plus any Certificates of Completion (CSCEs), calculator and a sharp #2 pencil. We will accommodate candidates with a special need as prescribed by our VEC & the FCC, though we may require an advanced notification. We will do our best.

**NOTE:** Those with expired Technician Class operator licenses granted before March 21, 1987, General, Advanced, or Amateur Extra class licenses, claiming element 3 and/or 4 credit, PLEASE contact [AI4UN \(cekgight3@yahoo.com\)](mailto:AI4UN@cekgight3@yahoo.com) for what is needed *PRIOR* to the day of your element 2 testing for *proof of prior licensing* requirements by our VEC.

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