

# W4BKM



## Macon Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Welcome to this addition of the **Macon ARC News**  
October, 2014

### QST In This Issue

**SET – Via Charles Pennington, K4GK, Section Traffic Manager, Georgia ARES Net**

**Scout Update  
MORE!!!**

**Simulated Emergency Test OCT 4<sup>th</sup>** with the following Schedule for the State Net: (Local Times)

#### **ARES**

- 08:30 3975 Voice
- 09:45 3583 Digital – PSK31
- 10:00 3975 Voice
- 10:45 3549 CW
- 11:00 7287.5 Voice
- 12:00 7287.5 Voice
- 13:00 11:00 7287.5 Voice (GA Traffic Net)

#### **Georgia Regional Coordinating Hospitals Net**

- 09:15 7188 Voice

**WE lost to Alabama last year** with a **SECOND** place of the 50 States. Competition? **NO** But Alabama folks? So **DO check in early and often!** Georgia should be **#1 IN THE NATION** in SET response...

Our Macon ARC monthly meeting for October will be Thursday the 15th. The meeting will include updates on the Macon/Bibb ARES, HR hospital net infrastructure, Camp Ben Hawkins & Scouting Support, BKM Equip. update, Old Business and some Exciting New Business! **ELECTION TIME !!**

October **PRESENTATION** will be on basic **Direction Finding**. This fun Radio sport can be shared with your non Amateur Radio Licensed friends since they will be receiving only. All they need is a directional antenna scanner (receiver) for the frequency and an attenuator.

### OFFICERS



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### Newsletter Deadline and Classifieds

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is October 25th, 2014.

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 \(cekgit3@yahoo.com\)](mailto:AI4UN@cekgit3@yahoo.com) for what is needed *PRIOR* to the day of your element 2 testing for *proof of prior licensing* requirements by our VEC.

- <http://www.w4bkm.com/home>
- <https://sites.google.com/site/bibbgaares/home>
- [http://www.scouting.org/jota/radio\\_merit\\_badge.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/jota/radio_merit_badge.aspx)

**Place YOUR Questions for 'Ask the Veep'  
Or have a submission for an article or add?  
Place Them Here!**

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**THANK YOU WAYNE KG4WVL** for your timely Demo on **NBEMS** software. The **SET** and the **ARES** Digital Net recommends the use of NBEMS. NBEMS Software can be found for free at:  
<http://w1hkj.com/download.html> (Download Page)  
<http://w1hkj.com/Fldigi.html> (Main Program)  
<http://w1hkj.com/flmsg-help/index.html> (Message form decoder)

The download page offers other Add-Ons.

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### Section Update for MACON!

The ARRL section is looking to have a booth and some presentations at the Georgia Science Teachers' Association Conference at Macon in February <http://www.georgiascienceteacher.org/>. This event is attended by K-16 science teachers from across the state. Opportunity Knocks!

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**FROM Nick Brown, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Homeland Security Division Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security**

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) is proud to announce an upcoming Auxiliary Communication (Aux Comm) training opportunity designed specifically for volunteer auxiliary emergency communication groups. The Aux Comm course is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security course and provides training for personnel to better understand all aspects of working with and supporting government and non-government organizations during special event and disaster communication operations.

The Aux Comm class is scheduled for October 18 and 19, 2014 and will be held at the Georgia Public Safety

Training Center located in Forsyth, GA (Monroe County). The class is free for attendees but all expenses including lodging, travel and meals are the responsibility of each student. Interested parties should review the attached class announcement and registration information and follow all guidelines prior to the October 3 registration deadline.

Please distribute this announcement to all DEC's, AEC's, EC's and any other personnel you feel would be appropriate. All correspondence regarding the Aux Comm class should be directed to my Gmail account ([nick.brown.ga.swic@gmail.com](mailto:nick.brown.ga.swic@gmail.com)) to keep the course coordination streamlined.

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**Antenna NEC runs?....** Do you want to see the basic performance prediction of your antenna? Send the dimensions, height and any other info to: [W1DOG@ARRL.NET](mailto:W1DOG@ARRL.NET)

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Do you know what the **OLDEST CONTINUING AMATEUR RADIO NET** in Georgia is? Find it early Mornings on 3995, the **Georgia Cracker Net**. Operating every day since on or before 1936 (Those records vary), the **GA Cracker Net** has been held. Even through the Ham Radio shutdown in World War 2 the Cracker net was allowed to continue under **SPECIAL** permission from the War Emergency Radio Service. **TNX K4GK** for the information.

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**SUPPORT SCOUTING....** E-Mail Bill Hall [WD4WH](mailto:WD4WH@cox.net) at [kq4fa@cox.net](mailto:kq4fa@cox.net). Bill is looking for Hams to mentor the Radio Merit Badge and maybe Scouts for their Amateur Radio Technician License!

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**That is All**