

# **The MARC**

## **Newsletter of the Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club W4PCF / WB4DOJ September 2014**

### **Club Information**

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#### **Club Meeting**

The Milledgeville Amateur Radio club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday at **10:00 AM** at:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church  
220 South Wayne Street  
Milledgeville, Georgia

#### **VE Testing**

There is a VE testing session at **11:30 AM** after the  
meeting. If additional information is needed please call or  
e-mail Otis Murphy at 478-452-6394;  
[omurphy@windstream.net](mailto:omurphy@windstream.net).

#### **QRZ Web Page**

<http://www.qrz.com/db/WB4DOJ>

#### **Yahoo! Group**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wb4doj/>

#### **Mailing Address**

Milledgeville ARC  
C/O Charles Kight  
319 Weatherford Place  
Macon, GA 31210

#### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

October 11, 2014

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### ***Next Meeting September 20***

#### ***From the Desk of the Club President...***

We'll make plans for "Deep Roots Festival" during this month's meeting of Milledgeville Amateur Radio Club. During the Festival we will put Milledgeville on the Amateur Radio map by placing W4M on the air as a special events station. The official announcement was published in the October issue of QST Magazine. Although they got a few things mixed up. It's basically correct I suppose. This is a great opportunity for Amateur Radio to get a little PR. I hope that you all will support or efforts.

We'll need to decide on food and operators for the special event October 18. I hope to see you all at the meeting September 20, at St. Stephen's Church.

On a personal note, I finally received my ranking as DXCC Honor Roll. With the acceptance of FT5ZM, Amsterdam Island, that gave me 350 total countries (331 current). I finally obtained certification of Honor Roll, a project that began for me in the 1960's. My first DXCC was obtained in 1966. I'm looking forward to placing the beautiful plaque on the wall of my ham shack. Now my final goal is "Top of the Honor Roll"-TOTHR is recognized for working "all current countries". Somehow, that goal seems a long way off.

73,

DE K4GK

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

There were no deposits or disbursements, so our bank balance on both August 7 and September 8 was \$1,176.27. In addition, we also have \$100 in un-deposited cash.

## At Last Month's Meeting...

We had 5 members and 2 guests present at our last meeting. A number of items were discussed including the repeater and the Deep Roots Special Event Station on October 18. We also had a fantastic presentation by Bill Ronay, KM4LS about the ARRL Centennial Celebration held this summer

Please let us know if you have any program suggestions.

## Boy Scouts and Ham Radio

The Central Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, with Bill Hall (WD4WH) at the helm, is looking to get strong support the newly formed Amateur Radio committee. The National Boy Scouts and K2BSA asked the local Councils to assist in promoting Amateur Radio as part of the "STEM" program. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, by assisting the troop with classes for the Radio and Electronics Merit Badges. The application process is pretty painless. We (Bill and I) have the application form to fill out, then a simple background check, and lastly a short on-line class for child protection to keep YOU and the Scouts safe.

At a Ham Radio demonstration at an Order of the Arrow function, the Ham Radio Demo went well and developed some REAL interest from Scouts throughout the council. A number from Warner Robins, Sandersville, and Milledgeville were especially interested. Working with these fine future citizens is a joy. To see the best of our young boys at work, study and play brought back those same memories of our own youth. Several times the leaders as well used the word "WOW" followed on by "you can do that", in surprise.

Personally exercising the ability to extend the promise of our hobby to the next generation, brought out a new enthusiasm that is hard to describe. So my recommendation? Go For It, GET INVOLVED!

### UPCOMING Events at Camp Ben Hawkins (CBH), 2251 Boy Scout Rd, Byron, GA.

**September 26.** CBH 1400 until abt 2000

**October 18.** CBH JOTA 0900 until abt 1500 (may be extended to evening by request of the camp)

**November 8.** CBH 0900 until abt 1500

**December 26 thru 31.** Winter Camp CBH.

Contact Hurb (W1DOG) at W1DOG@ARRL.NET or 478-251-0756 and leave a message.

## Newsletter Deadline and Classifieds

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Saturday, October 11.

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 and dues to:

Charles Kight (AI4UN)  
319 Weatherford Place  
Macon, GA 31210  
478-477-8339 or e-mail to [cekight3@yahoo.com](mailto:cekight3@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Radio Contests, Hamfests & Special Events

DATE	CONTEST
Sep 26-27	W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention <a href="http://www.w4dxcc.com/">http://www.w4dxcc.com/</a>
Oct 18	Deep Roots Special Event in Milledgeville!

There are more contests and special events than can be listed here.

For more information on contests, go to:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

For more information on special events, go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations> or

<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/> and click on Hamfests and Special Events.

## MARC and BCARES Net

When: **Wednesday Evening**  
Time: 8:00 PM  
Frequency (MHz): 146.700 tone 67  
Callsign: WB4DOJ

### Other Nets

Name	Day	Time	Freq	Call
Georgia State ARES	Sun	6 PM	3.975	K4GK
PARES	Sun.	8 PM	146.655 tone 186.2	K4PAR
Old Capitol	Sun	9 PM	147.135	KE4UWJ
Baldwin Co. ARES	<b>Wed</b>	8 PM	146.700	WB4DOJ (Alternate repeater is KE4UWJ)