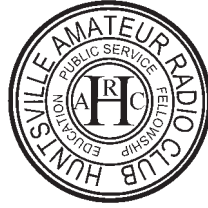


# VOX



## HUNTSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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### The Prez says.

Is it just me or does this year seem to be flying by faster than any other? A lot of public service activities: Spring City Cycle Century Ride, Crow Mountain Hill climb. Coming up: Jamboree on the air as well as the Marathon. Thanks to all that volunteered and help make a difference. Thank You SCCC for your generous donation to the club.

We talked about it before but somehow it has not manifested yet: Extra Class training. Both Tom's are discussing how and when to get this started. Start in November and have a Christmas break or wait till January and do the whole class consecutively. My vote is to get started rather sooner than later. We agreed focus will be on knowledge transfer and understanding, not an Exam Cram class. There is plenty material out there that can help you with that. It will be exciting to get a group of hams upgraded including undersigned.

My father in law who is very involved with the Kiwanis in Decatur, gave me a tip the other night: assign program responsibilities to small groups of members for each month. I thought that was an excellent idea. The hardest part of the officer's job is coming with new ideas every month and I'll be happy to share that responsibility. Give it some thought and let's discuss it at one of the future meetings.

I'm ready to get my suitcase packed for Maui. I'll make pictures and who knows: it maybe another program!

*73 de K4RGG  
Rolf, Your prez.*

### From The Veep

I felt compelled to add a little something...

It's November, that means temperatures are cooling off, but also a prominent secondary tornado season in the South-East. Tornado statistics since 1950 clearly indicate that the southeast, including Alabama, is

unique in the United States with two distinct severe weather seasons. North Alabama, particularly those in South Huntsville, AL along the Airport road corridor who lived through the November 15th, 1989 tornado that left its path of devastation will never forget it. The development of powerful doppler radars operated by the National Weather Service and local media is arguably the greatest breakthrough in weather technology in tornado and severe weather detection, but what the radars cannot "see" is the lowest section of the storm, what is happening on the ground. That is where we as amateur radio storm spotters come in. I encourage you to check into the Madison County ARES training net held every Thursday night at 7:30 P.M., and of course during an actual emergency situation. Stay tuned to local media, NOAA Weather Radio, and local repeaters, as well as the Alabama Emergency net on 3965 Khz, and internet sources for the latest in weather information. Keep those HTs charged, and stay weather aware!

*73, Robby Lock, KG4PLK*

### ARES District 6

In Alabama, Amateur radio operators play an increasingly important role in providing emergency communications (EMCOMM) to our area. Amateur radio operators ("hams") are generally self-trained and self-motivated communicators (with a little help from their friends). Hams fall under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designation Emergency Support Function (ESF) Communications (ESF-2). The word "amateur" refers to the fact that we are unpaid in our role as radio operators, and is not a reflection on the professional execution of our duties during emergencies. However, you should already see that you will need to learn some new terms to be a ham in today's world!

The ARRL (our mother-ship) currently serves the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the National

Weather Service, FEMA, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, the National Communications System, and REACT. A new relationship is being prepared between the ARRL and Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS).

Alabama ARES District 6 encompasses 10 counties in Northern Alabama (Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, De Kalb, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan), with a total population of over 875,000, and a land area of over 7,200 square miles. Within those bounds, we are affected by severe weather; we have a nuclear power plant; we have chemical process plants; we have poultry processing industries (think of HN-51 bird flu virus), etc. In other words, we have plenty of opportunities for disaster - and we have plenty of reason to plan and prepare for the next one, since we might be the only communications that is available "when all else fails."

The justification for the "free" radio spectrum that is allocated to Amateur radio operators is, quite simply, Public Service. What do we mean by that? Many hams like to help out during an emergency by showing up, making their technical expertise (and equipment) available, and by spending the time to handle messages going to and from served agencies. Good operators spend many hours studying disaster preparedness procedures, and participating in training exercises. Our served agencies have found radio amateurs to be trustworthy, and able to provide communications under the most strenuous conditions imaginable. Field operation of radio equipment during actual emergencies is not for the faint-of-heart!

That does not mean that you need to be able to bench-press 300 pounds to help out during an emergency. In fact, there are quite a few "extremely competent" ham radio operators whom I personally know, who have serious physical limitations, e.g., blindness, im-

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The club's address is Box 423, Huntsville, Ala. 35804. Meetings are held each Friday night at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross Building, 1101 Washington Street. Dues are \$12.00 per year, family memberships are \$15.00 per year. The club maintains a Web Site at "http://www.harc.net"

The North Alabama Repeater Association operates repeaters on 146.34 / 146.94, 147.78 / 147.18, 223.34 / 224.94 and 448.5 / 443.5. NARA dues

are \$16.00 per year and may be sent to NARA at P.O. Box 18941 Huntsville, AL 35804-8941.

The club's packet radio interest group, HUNTSPAC, maintains an extensive packet network for the Huntsville area. Dues for use of this network are \$15.00 per year, and can be paid through the HARC Secretary-Treasurer listed above.

The club's ATV special interest group, TVATV operates an ATV repeater. It's input frequency is 439.25 MHz and its output is 421.25 MHz. A voice coordination repeater is operated with output frequency of 145.33 MHz, input 600 kHz down.

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### CAVEC License Exams

Exam sessions are held at 9:00 AM the first Saturday of each month unless a holiday causes the session to be delayed for one week.

Upcoming sessions are:

Saturday, November 3

Saturday, December 1

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Athens Exam Sessions are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00. They are held at the Athens EOC.

For information contact Bob Hudson, W4RKH, 461-7905

### HARC ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR November, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	31 SE Linked Rptr Net 2000 +442.775/PL 203.5	1 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	2 *TWIAR HARC Meeting	3 *TWIAR CAVEC Exams, ARC Building, 0900
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ATV Net @ 20:00, Check in on 145.33, Tuesdays  
Southeast Linked Repeater Net on +442.775, PL 203.5 Hz @ 20:00, Wednesdays  
Madison County Emergency Net on 34/94 @19:30, Thursdays  
SkyWarn Net on 147.24 @ 20:00, Thursdays

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**Mon - Sat  
10am - 7pm**

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mobility, etc. Their ability to provide EMCOMM is NOT affected by what you and I would think of as their obvious physical handicaps. It is very simple to understand - you can be missing a foot and still run in a foot race. You can be blind and still be a very effective "base station" during an emergency. In fact, Amateur radio is one of the areas where almost no physical handicap is insurmountable. Your "can-do attitude" is much more important than whether you have a left foot.

I have appointed a Special Liaison for Amateur Radio Operators with Special Needs (Mike Werner, KF4BOG). It is my intention to utilize every qualified Amateur radio resource within District 6. To that end, please help me by reaching out to people who want to help provide EMCOMM, and who are able to get a ham radio license, and participate in training exercises with us. According to my Special Liaison, that's not always very easy to do! However, we're going to do the best we can to accommodate special needs.

I'm looking for radio operators who enjoy helping out, who can work with other hams, plus the personnel at the served agencies, and who can leave any bad attitude at home. If you have "special needs", but want to help out during an emergency, we probably have a spot for you. Remember that your good attitude and cooperative nature will get you farther than your ability to send a message from point "A" to point "B". I do care that it is accurate, reliable and speedy, in that order. If that's the kind of challenge that you are looking for, please work with my Special Liaison to help get you up to speed.

If you would like to discuss ARES, RACES, EMCOMM, WinLink, Army MARS, or any District 6 issues, I want to hear from you. email WD0UG (at) ARRL (dot) net

73, Doug Hilton, WD0UG / AAV4YP  
AL ARES District 6 EC

**Madison County ARES / RACES Update.**

It's been a busy time at the Ares / Races group, we just completed the ARRL sponsored Simulated Emergency

Test. Thank you Gary, Chuck, Travis, Steve for taking leadership and thank you all 25 that checked in. Focus was on Digital modes and a lot of lessons were learned / experienced build. A new HF antenna was placed on the EMA's roof for this purpose.

Our Training coordinator Gary found some great training material online and we hope to build our on training sets based on that material. Last month we had a visit to the NWS. Which was well attended and next month we have a class in hydrology and stream monitoring. Hopefully this drought will come to an end soon!

Last Wednesday was Fall Severe Weather Awareness day and boy was that right on target as severe weather starting breaking out in the Midwest the very next day. By the time this goes to press it should all be history. Hope you reviewed your procedures for activation and the status of your radio gear and power option.

Sure hope you attended the Storm Spotter Training last Tuesday!

The ARES/RACES group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, just before this newsletter goes to press. You are always welcome to join or visit and consider membership. We meet at the EOC on Fountain circle at 6PM sharp. We usually have pizza, so you don't have to stop for dinner first. We require that you do a storm spotter training at least every 2 years and get trained in CERT as well as a few online FEMA courses, but we give you at least a year to complete it. So come on over and check us out. Volunteer work is very gratifying. For general information checkout: [www.MadisonCountyAres.com](http://www.MadisonCountyAres.com)

*73 de K4RGG, Rolf Goedhart  
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**2007 Crow Mountain Hill Climb - Successful**

Hello HARC members.



First of all. A very big Thank You for the ham radio support provided for the 2007 Crow Mountain Hill Climb (CMHC) by ham radio operators from Huntsville, Madison and surrounding areas

It was extremely gratifying to see the ham radio communications we were able to provide as a team for the 2007

CMHC. This is a big event. The event is organized by the Huntsville group of sports car enthusiasts. It is a Huntsville orchestrated event that happens to be in Jackson County only, since there has been a stretch of road identified suitable for this kind of event.

This year, the event went off like clock work, even more so as it did in 2005 and 2006. All of us worked together so well, as if we had done that for years already. Never mind what one's work location was, everyone willingly accepted whatever position required them to be in. It is gratifying for me to work with such a dedicated group of ham radio operators.

This event can not take place without good reliable communications at all needed locations. Before looking for ham radio help three years ago, the organizers had investigated using cell phones, CB radios and FRS radios. None of these systems worked at that location. Ham radio operators with their equipment and expertise have become a vital part for running this event.

The 2007 CMHC, as the two previous CMHCs could not have succeeded without the help from ham radio operators from Huntsville and Madison. The following shows where all of the hams for this event came from:

- 11 - Huntsville AL
- 3 - Madison AL
- 8 - Scottsboro AL  
and sur-rounding area
- 1 - Anniston AL
- 1 - Toney AL
- 2- Harvest AL
- 1- Warrior AL
- 1- Ft Payne AL
- 1 - Cleveland TN

Last year, we had about seven more hams from Tennessee helping, all sports car club members. They could not help this year due to a scheduling conflict. Two sports car events on the same weekend.

Where the CMHC is being held near Scottsboro, we decided in our very small Jackson County Amateur Radio Club (JCAR) to try organizing the ham radio help for this event, and to support it as best as we can. JCAR has approximately



one dozen paid up members. Supporting this event with eight of the JCAR members is a big commitment.

Where this event is a Huntsville event that takes place in Jackson County, I propose that HARC becomes an active partner in supporting this event, to become a part owner in helping to secure enough help with future CMHCs. We in Jackson County do not look at this event as a Jackson County event. We need and depend on help from Ham Radio Operators from all over. Personally, I don't mind soliciting for and organizing our ham radio support for future CMHCs, but, if someone wants this job, he or she is welcome to it.

*73 de Dieter kx4y  
(HARC member)*

**The Giggle Box**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYBODY THAT WAS BORN IN NOVEMBER!!

A note from Giggles: As I was searching for some stuff to put in the Giggle Box, I realized that there wasn't much in this month's emails that I get from different people. I sure am glad that I started my Fodder file. I try to make a note in the Fodder file where I won't duplicate any stories because I know everyone gets tired of the same old junk. Steve, KD4TFN and I went to the Crow Mountain Hill Climb and had a lot of fun. We were moved further up the hill and were told that the station was a little more active. There was a little more action, but not at our station. Thank goodness, no one was hurt and the cars were not damaged too badly. Since we were in a shaded area, I thought the weather would be a little more nippy, but the weather was just right. If you have considered helping out with CMHC and were afraid that it would be too uncomfortable for one reason or other, I'm sure that Deiter S.

would work it out with you. It is an fun experience.

Speaking of weather, I have a feeling that it is about to get chilly in a few weeks. As I write this, I hear the weather man talk about some severe storms around midnight. I'll believe it when I see it. I wouldn't mind a few inches of SNOW and cold weather for this winter for a few weeks anyway. Yeah, I guess I've just about lose what mind I thought I had. GRIN That is one way that the little tiny varmints can be killed off. Right now, I think they are like us, LOOKING FOR WATER. Gotta go. TTYL

**A Story or Two**

(I am submitting the following story because Veteran's Day is November 11th. I want to salute the men and women in the military. Thank you.)

**Beautiful Story - A good airline story**

This past week I was on a four and a half hour, non-stop flight from Seattle, Washington, to Atlanta, Georgia. In all my years of traveling, I have learned that each time a plane has the opportunity to stop, there is potential for unexpected challenges. Flight delays, weather and airline crews can create unanticipated challenges on any trip. Therefore, I always try to fly non-stop between my destinations. About an hour into this particular flight, the Captain's voice rang over the intercom. He asked if there was a physician or nurse on the plane. If so, he asked them to identify themselves by ringing the flight attendant call button beside their seat. I listened carefully but heard no one ring their bell. I immediately began to wonder what was happening. In a few minutes the Captain informed us that there was a medical emergency on board and asked again if there was a physician or a nurse who could help. When there was no response, we were told that we were going to make an emergency stop in Denver, Colorado.

He apologized but told us that there would be a medical emergency team waiting to meet us at the gate and that we would probably only be delayed by about thirty minutes though it was necessary, we knew we would all be inconvenienced by the extra stop. About half an hour later, we landed at Denver International Airport and the medical crew immediately came on board. However, everything took longer than had previously been expected. An elderly gentleman, about 85 years old, had suddenly taken ill. It was not clear whether he had experienced a stroke or heart attack. Even after the gentleman was carried off of the plane, we still sat there for quite a while. The original "short" stop turned into about an hour and a half.

When we finally pushed back from the gate and were in the air, the pilot apologized profusely for the unavoidable delay. He said that since the stop had taken longer than expected, those passengers who needed to make connections in Atlanta would miss their flights but would automatically be booked on the next flight out. You could almost hear the moans and groans throughout the airplane of everyone who was being inconvenienced by the unexpected stop.

Then the pilot did one of the classiest things I have personally ever seen or heard anyone do. He spoke into the intercom and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I thought you might be interested in one bit of information. The elderly gentleman who was taken off the plane was a Marine in WWII. I am holding in my hand a copy of the Congressional Medal of Honor that was awarded to him and signed by President Harry Truman in 1945." The pilot went on to say, "I realize that we have all been inconvenienced today. However, in light of the fact that this gentleman was a war hero and was inconvenienced for four years of his life in order that we might experi-

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ence the freedoms that we enjoy today, I thought you all should know that." Immediately the airplane was filled with applause. Everyone was cheering and so pleased to know that the gentleman had been cared for in a way that was fitting and appropriate.

As we continued to fly, I thought to myself, "Isn't that interesting? We were concerned that we were inconvenienced for a couple of hours and yet, this gentleman's entire life was interrupted and inconvenienced for over four years while he went and fought in a war to protect the freedoms and values that we love and hold dear in this country today." I breathed a prayer for the gentleman and asked God to bless him for all he had done to help us understand what freedom is all about. "History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid." - Dwight D. Eisenhower -

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### The Making of a Memory 2005 Kathleene S. Baker

One can't predict when or where they will come from; those memories that stay with us a lifetime and never fail to bring us warm, fuzzy feelings. My husband had just finished loading his car, he made one final lap back through the house, and then into the kitchen. "I guess all I need to do is fill my thermos and then I'm off." Down the drain went the hot water that had been warming it. With a very nostalgic look on his face he softly said, "When I filled this earlier, I thought of your mom."

"Oh honey, that's so sweet. I know she's watching right now with a big smile on her face." The tears brimming my eyelids were about to spill over.

"You know, I never fill my thermos that I don't think of her and I always smile too." The tone in his voice was tender as he spoke of my mother, who is no longer with us. Years ago we had been visiting my parents and the morning we were leaving Mother watched as Jerry began to fill his thermos. She casually offered up a tidbit of advice, "Jerry, if you would fill that with hot water and let it sit a while, your coffee would stay hot longer on your drive." The look on his face was priceless as her simple suggestion sunk in. Well of course it would! It only makes all the sense in the world! Who wouldn't know that? He dumped the small amount of coffee already in the thermos, ran the tap until it was piping hot, and then refilled. Jerry poured a fresh cup of coffee and sat down to enjoy a few more minutes with Mom, and to discuss this unique new idea. Words of wisdom from a loving Mother-in-law made an impact that will never be forgotten. When spoken that morning, Jerry didn't realize he would always hear those words ringing in his ears, or that they would bring a smile to his face time and time again. Moreover, Mother would never have dreamed her words would be a treasured and everlasting memory in the heart of her son-in-law.

*(Giggles' note: When I read this one, I remember telling some friends of mine (Yes, Steve, I have friends.) to watch what they say and do in front of others because you never know what one might remember in the future.)*

### \*\*\* Children's Views on Angels

I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. Olive, 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. Jack, 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The basic message is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado. Regan, 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter. Sara, 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonia, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. Katelyn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it. Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. Sarah, 7.

### The Hint for the Month of November

You only need two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

### Thought for the Month of November

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

### Solve the puzzle:

DGO DAME NMA ROFEEB NOAWM OS AS TO VIGE  
IMH METI OT HINKT FO AN NSWRAE ORF RHE RIFTS  
QNUOEITS.

73, Peggy Bell (Giggles) K4EGB  
pbell@hiwaay.net SEW LONG!

### The Flea Market

#### FOR SALE -

Dual-fuel (gasoline or natural gas) motor generator set. Generator: 120/240 Volts, 33.3/16.6 Amps at 60 Hz, 4 kW continuous duty. Motor: Tecumseh 4-cycle with electric start and recoil pull cord start. Unit has always been run on natural gas. Physical: Unit on factory steel tube frame w/ two wheels and handle. Other: Hookup panel w/ enclosure vent fan,

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- MFJ-1275 (FOR PSK-31): \$30
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#### From The Editor's Wastebasket

Agree with Mr. President that this year seems to be progressing with surprising speed. It's already time for the Fall severe weather season and, as this is being written, the weather prognosticators are predicting possible (hopefully not too severe) storms for tonight. Heed what our esteemed Veep says and keep track of all available sources of information when something like that is on the offing.

Got to be a bit envious of Rolf -- playing around in the Pacific Vacation Paradise while we hang around home and cope with the vagaries of North Alabama's weather. I never managed to get to that part of the world. All my "playing around" was done either right here in North Alabama or in the Caribbean area -- not a bad playing around area either.

I hope his camera holds up and he returns with a good slide show for a club meeting sometime - preferably on a cold, miserable night.

Heard nothing but good reports on our participation in the Crow Mtn Hill Climb.

This year's Jamboree On The Air Scouting activity will be going on as you read this (unless you are really late downloading the Vox). I hope we get a similarly good report out of that activity. It possibly will be restricted by the relatively poor propagation that seems

to be going on now, but who knows. Openings seem to crop up even when they aren't expected.

It sure would be great to see some spots on Old Sol in the near future. They make Amateur Radio a lot more interesting for the lower band devotees.

To continue on the weather topic, I've been seeing shots on KTV of Lake Lanier, which is the source of water for the Atlanta area. The part they show lookss more like a red dirt desert than a lake and predictions are for it to get worse in the next couple of months. I know we, here in the Huntsville area are MANY inches behind in rainfall. Fortunately the Tennessee River drains some areas where the rainfall is not down, so (I hope) we will not be in quite the same "fix" at the Atlanta area.

Can't help wondering if maybe we shouldn't get some of the Cherokees that used to live in the area to brush up on their rain dances. We need something!

Be ready to help out with the public service opportunities coming up with the holiday season -- and be sure and be ready for the HARC Christmas celebration when it comes up in December.

*73, Frank Emens, W4HFU*