

April

# "The PACEMAKER"

2010

Gaston County  
Amateur Radio Society



## MEETING

Our next two regular meetings will be Monday, April 5, 2010 and May 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross building. Remember, if you need the elevator be sure to call on the repeater to let someone know ahead of time.

## FOX HUNT NEWS

The April "Fox Hunt" for GCARS, GAARC and SARC will be held in Cleveland County in April 2010, date undecided. This one is to be slightly different. We start this one with Breakfast at "Mountain View Restaurant" in Kings Mountain at approximately 8:30 AM. Again we will be looking for a "Go-Box" rather than a 'sticks out like a soar thumb' vehicle. The hider will be nearby in a non-ham car/truck as the "game warden" watching over the fox. A note will tell you where to join him.

## VE EXAMS

[www.teamgcarsve.gastonhams.org](http://www.teamgcarsve.gastonhams.org)

There will be exam session on May 8, 2010 at 9:30 AM at the library in Gastonia. All VE's are asked to be there at 9:00 AM to help set up. Those taking exams should be there by 9:30 AM. Also if you have any pending FCC actions, be sure to bring any needed CSCE's along with a copy for our records. You will also need the original and a copy of your current HAM license and a photo ID.

*Morganton Hamfest*

The Catawba Valley Hamfest at Morganton is coming up

on **April 17, 2010**. This is a very good hamfest. Several of us will be going up again this year.

Exams are by WCARS VEC at \$10.00. Bring a photo ID, Original and a copy of your HAM license and ANY CSCE that have not been acted on by the FCC according to your current license.

### **SARC Important new activities**

SARC has just replaced all their repeaters after several years with new ones. They are more modern units and with the new tower on Whitaker Mountain the 146.88 “machine” has promise of greatly improved coverage. The tower is a 150 foot free standing tower and can be seen very well as you travel south on I-85 through the Blacksburg area.

The 147.345 is also a new unit and operates very good locally and up into Rutherford County.

The club has also purchased two new DSTAR Icom repeaters that will be put on the air in the very near future. One on 2 meters and one on 70 cm.

### **HF activities**

Do you operate HF?? There is quite a large group of local, state wide, Tenn., PA and GA hams every morning 5:30 till 8 AM on 1.928 MHz then switching to 3.923 MHz from 8AM until 9-9:30 every day. Come on down and join in on the High Frequency (HF) fun with us.

## **NOTICE OF PENDING VOTE**

Amendments to our Constitution are to be voted on at the May meeting. Be sure to be at the meeting to let your voice be known. These are mostly just clarification of conflicting articles.

## **ARES Section**

Our next ARES meeting will be **Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7:00 PM.** It will be held at the County EOC. Your help is needed to make this service work, and remember, our hobby is allowed **ONLY** to serve as a service to the community, not just to have a place to talk to each other, even though it is fun!

## **Advanced Skywarn Class**

Ares will be holding an Advanced Skywarn class on or around **May 15, 2010** at the EOC. It will be taught by the US Weather Service located at Greenville, SC. This will help with your weather reporting very much if it has been a while since you took it. The class should be over quicker than our last one since we only have the one class.

Start time will be 10:30 AM at the Gaston County EOC unless notified otherwise. If that happens, it will be either the County or Gastonia PD. Listen to the local nets for any update.

## **New Gear**

Our ARES group should be the owners of four new radios by our next meeting. We are getting one new Yaesu FT-450 rig for the EOC to replace the old rig and three new Icom ID-880H's. One for the EOC, one to go at the Red Cross and one to be used in the trailer or any necessary go box for shelter use.

The old Yaesu in the EOC will be relocated to the Red Cross along with one of the new power supplies we have. This is going to give us all the coverage we should need between the Red Cross and the EOC.

The three ID-880H units are DSTAR enabled so all we will have to do is run D-Rats software and with the embedded ICS 213 form our traffic handling between the Red Cross and/or any other state/local emergency units will be greatly improved.

*George Poteat, K4GLP - EC*  
**JOIN ARES TODAY!!!**



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				<b>1</b> <b>GAARC Meeting</b> <b>7 PM</b> ARES Net on W4BFB Club Repeater on 145.23 MHz	<b>2</b> 146.88 net 8:30 PM	<b>3</b> Breakfast 8:30 AM Munchies on Chestnut St.
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u><b>GCARS Meeting</b></u> <b>7:00PM</b> 146.88 net 8:30 PM	<b>6</b> Pacemaker Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Pacemaker Net	<b>7</b> ARO & ARES Net 9:00 PM 146.805 Repeater 100 Hz Tone	<b>8</b> ARES Net on W4BFB Club Repeater on 145.23 MHz	<b>9</b> 146.88 net 8:30 PM	<b>10</b> Breakfast 8:30 AM <u>Masonic Lodge in Dallas</u> <u><b>VE TESTS</b></u>
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