

March

"The PACEMAKER"

2011

Gaston County Amateur Radio Society

M EETING

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2011 then again on May 2, 2011 at the Gaston County Red Cross meeting room at N. Oakland & Franklin Blvd. intersection. Above United Way.

E XAMS

Next exams will be May 14, 2011 at the Library on Garrison Avenue. This will be a WCARS VEC session.

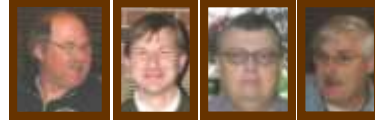
All VE's are requested to be there at 9:00 AM and those taking exams should be there by 9:30 AM. Be sure to bring a picture ID, your original and a copy of your current license, \$10.00 and all the correct answers in your memory banks. We will give your license back, the FCC just requires us to examine it. We will keep the copy for our records.

F OX HUNT

The next "Fox Hunt" will be conducted in Cleveland County. If anyone wants to ride along who has never fox hunted before, you can ride with one of the 'ole pros' if you would like.

We will start the morning at 8:30 AM with breakfast at the Mountain View Restaurant located on 74 Business in Kings Mountain. **They have some great food, so come eat with us even though you may not take part in the hunt.**

Our latest hunt involved about 10 cars of hunters and a lot of fun was had by all.



Mark Thornburg-NC1G, President
Bill Stevenson-AJ4JZ, Vice President
Gerald Rankin-AG0R, Secretary
Allan Thompson-KJ4DLL, Treasurer

AG4EI and AJ4QJ arrived first with Danny, Pop, Scott and new General Mike right on their heels.



R epeater Report

We now have two new repeaters located on Spencer Mountain. The equipment is a TKR 850K on 444.55 and a TKR 750K2 on 147.12. We will be using for the time being, an RC210 controller that will handle both repeaters. We are going to try to have a 100 Hz tone available so if you know of any of our members who does NOT have sub-audible tones on their radio, LET US KNOW!! We want everyone to access it, so

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we can use the tone for emergency only. In-interference, we turn it on, it goes away, we turn it off.

Each repeater is running 25 watts output. They will run 50 watts output, but only at 50% duty cycle. That in mind, we feel that we should not push our luck. The Vertex 5000 were only running 20 watts, so we do have a gain of 5 watts over what we had.

We have tested the linking feature of the new controller and can very easily link both repeaters together.

We do have more tweaking to do, so let us know of ANY problems you may encounter.



Before Above
&
After Below



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Fox Team



1st & 2nd
3rd, no picture

4th & 5th



6th&7th



Gaston County ARES

Don't forget our next ARES meeting. They are held the last Thursday of each month in the Gaston County EOC, N. Highland at Davidson in the bottom floor.

We now have 19 members who are NIMS certified on the state database. These 17 may be sent to ANY disaster per FEMA regulations.

8th & 9th





GCARS - April 2011

<http://www.gcars.org/>
 <http://www.teamgcarsve.gastonhams.org/>



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Breakfast 8:30 AM Munchies on Chestnut St.
3	4 GCARS Meeting @ Red Cross 7:00PM	5 Pacemaker & ARES Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Net	6 ARO & ARES Net 9:00 PM 146.805 Repeater 100 Hz Tone	7 GAARC meeting 7:00 PM Southminster Presbyterian Church ARES Net 147.12 MHz	8	9 Breakfast 8:30 AM Masonic Lodge in Dallas
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