

Gaston County Amateur Radio Society

We had an outstanding turnout with Cleveland and Gaston Counties this past Saturday for a joint foxhunt. We met at 8:30 AM at the Golden Corral in Shelby for a good breakfast and some pre-hunt fellowship and teasing about how good the several teams were going to be. We even had one all ladies team and they were not the last team to find the sly ole fox. He was located in Caser up in the NW corner of Cleveland County.

We will be hosting the joint event on Saturday, March 1, 2008. We will start with breakfast at the location picked for March, probably at the Feb. meeting. Our fox will start transmitting at 10:00 AM from within Gaston County. Shelby Amateur Radio Club will be joining us. We would love to see GAARC put in a good team or two! Mecklenburg County would also be welcome!!

We had 15 people take exams at our last session. Congratulations to Steven Burke, KI4FAQ on his upgrade to Amateur Extra Class at the session. We also had one blind HAM from Statesville come down who had the exams read to him by an extra set of three VE's and he also upgraded to Extra!

Our next VE session will be held on March 15, 2008. This will be the Saturday

following the Charlotte hamfest. VE's need to be there at 9:00 AM and those testing at 9:30 AM with photo ID, any CSCE that are still pending, your original license and a copy of all but your ID. The ARRL fee is \$14.00 for the 2008 year.

Don't forget to get your Charlotte Hamfest tickets. The 'fest will be March 8 & 9 this year. For information and tickets, go to <http://www.w4fbf.org/hamfest2008/hamfest.html> and follow instructions.

Saturday breakfast get-togethers this month will be at Munchies on Chestnut Street in Gastonia. This pick was by Dennis, KG4ZJF and Barbara. Next month, Danny, KG4ZJJ will be the 'Picker' of the month. If you haven't been to one of these, you are missing some good fellowship. If you are free, come join us at 8:30 AM.

Field day is rapidly approaching, so we need to start making our plans. Ray, KE4VPO has the field day site reserved already for the full 24 hours plus a couple on each end. Since this is "Practice Emergency" contesting, we should plan to operate the full time again. We will need lots of operators to do this. We already know there will be tons of GREAT FOOD as usual.



Jim Hood-KG4RQT, President



Scott Weaver-KI4FAU, Vice President



Tom Agerton-KI4JCR, Secretary



Cy Rowe-K1CY, Treasurer

REMEMBER OUR NETS:

Tuesday Evenings as follows

444.55 Pacemaker Net at 8:30 PM ——— 147.12 Pacemaker Net at 9:00 PM

147.12 Trader's net following Pacemaker by 1 minute



GCARS - February 2008



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 <i>Joint FOX HUNT in Cleveland County GCARS GAARC SARC (host)</i>
3	4 <u>GCARS Meeting 7:00PM Red Cross</u>	5 Pacemaker Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Net	6	7 ARES Net on W4BFB Club Repeater on 145.23 MHz <i>G.A.A.R.C. meeting @ Schiele Museum, 7 PM</i>	8	9 Breakfast at Dallas Masonic Lodge, S. College St. at 8:30 AM Everyone invited
10	11	12 Pacemaker Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Net	13	14 ARES Net on W4BFB Club Repeater on 145.23 MHz	15	16 Breakfast at Munchies on Chestnut St. in Gastonia at 8:30 AM Everyone invited
17	18	19 Pacemaker Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Net	20	21 ARES Net on W4BFB Club Repeater on 145.23 MHz	22	23 Breakfast at Munchies on Chestnut St. in Gastonia at 8:30 AM Everyone invited
24	25	26 Pacemaker Nets 444.55 8:30P 147.12 9:00P Trader after 2 Meter. Net	27	28 ARES Meeting at EOC at 7:00 PM	29	1 <i>Joint FOX HUNT in Gaston County GCARS (host) GAARC SARC</i>