



## The Prez Sez

As I write this, I am recuperating from our Special event yesterday at the Hiram Trailhead. AND... It was great.

Every time we do something like this, it reminds me of the great camaraderie that we have in this club. Not only the camaraderie we share, but the FOOD... Some of these events can make dieting so difficult. And speaking of food; Please don't forget to bring some food products to our next meeting (Tuesday, June 5th). We collected 70 pounds of food products that was delivered to Helping Hands food pantry. You should have seen the smiles on their faces. Our next special event coming up will be our annual FIELD DAY. So mark your calendars for June 23rd and 24th. There will be more information at our next meeting.

John Reynolds, W4TXA  
President - The Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society

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# W4RSC "Radio Silver Comet"

The Silver Comet ARS Inc. a 501 (c) (3) Not for Profit Organization



## **Editors Notes:**



May was a busy month for the club and your editor. It looks like June will be about the same. My personal calendar is approaching full with summer family commitments, field day and club meetings.

This month's newsletter is full of information on noteworthy events that occurred in May and upcoming events in June and just other stuff. I could not fit everything in this month's NL, but I keep it and it may make a future edition.

Please enjoy this newsletter, but if you have any suggestions, let me know. Submit any items, pictures or articles for publication prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month so I can try and fit them in the newsletter. The earlier the better since I start working on the latest newsletter immediately after publication of the last one.

Thank you all for the kind words you have for me as editor. It is my pleasure to serve you in this capacity while I still have some capacity left (mental).

Chuck K4CGA, Editor

## **Club Shirts!**

With lots of club activities scheduled for the months ahead, don't forget to order your SCARS logo'd shirts now. Wear your call sign proudly and help SCARS grow by displaying the club logo. Tee's and Polo's are the in-thing. See Rick KM4ZMW for order forms and help in placing your order. I got mine, do you have yours?

## **Monday – “SCARS Night Out” Net!**

Just a quick reminder of Monday night's net. Please check in if you get a chance and participate in discussions on just about any subject you choose. Check-in begins at 8:30PM. Look forward to hearing from you.

**73's**

**David Walz – K4BBH**

## *SCARS Family Dinner Night!*

If you missed our May family night dinner at the Hiram O'Charley's, you missed some good eats, good service and good fun. Although lightly attended this year, everyone walked away full and happy. Our "Boss", John W4TXA, (as he announced his title upon entering), gave away some neat door prizes including gift cards. Way to go "Boss"!



Our dinner party also extended huge congratulations to Rick KM4ZMW and his bride Joyce on celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our bunch. Yeah!



Our service staff was excellent and entertaining. The young lady standing behind Joyce announced she was getting married and sought advice from our group. As expected, she got plenty and maybe more than expected. We all wished her well.



## **Groups.io**

The Silver Comet ARS has switched to **Groups.io** for message delivery. An invitation to join will be sent to you, or you can go to <https://groups.io> and send a request for an invitation yourself or you can search within **Groups.io** for *silvercometars*. Watch your email for more information that will be forthcoming. Thank you Lee - WB4QOJ for getting this all set up. It seems to be working well.

## **SCARS Community Food Drive – UPDATE!**



**How can SCARS help?** Starting with our May 2018 meeting, the officers of SCARS requested that members bring an item or two of non-perishable food to each club meeting. And they did! As reported above by our President John, and his wife Cheri, our members DELIVERED big time. 70 pounds of good eats and lots of smiles.

Lets keep up the good work and help fight hunger in our community. Please continue to bring an item or two to our monthly meetings. These items will be delivered in the next couple of days to one or more of the local community food banks for distribution to those in need.



***Please help us help others! Let's show others how SCARS does it right.***



## *Using the N3FJP logger for “W4T” Special Event!*

Our May program featured **Steve - K4ELI**, presenting the basic setup and operation of the **N3FJP “Amateur Contact Log”** logging program that many of the club members use for their personal stations. This software is also used for the clubs Field Day operations. The Special Events committee decided to use this software for the “W4T” event since it is easy to use and can be compiled into a single master log making it easy to verify contacts for certificates and QSLs. In addition, it allows contact verification through ARRL’s LoTW for those “*Grid Chasers*” and contacts that do not want a custom designed paper QSL.

Please view Steve’s presentation on the Silver Comet ARS YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nobYDJJoDPt4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nobYDJJoDPt4)



# ***“ W4T ” - Special Event - UPDATE!***

## ***Celebrating the completion of the Silver Comet Recreational Trail***



Don't forget....The SCARS "W4T On-The-Air" special event is still celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion of the *Silver Comet Trail*.

Our next "On-The-Air" event is scheduled to operate from the Rockmart Trailhead in the Seaborn Jones Park, Saturday and Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> during daylight hours.

This is the perfect opportunity for our club members to view our experienced and seasoned amateurs operating contest style. If you hold a valid amateur license of any class or have no HF equipment, this is your chance to get on HF under the supervision of a General Class or Extra Class licensee.

The 1<sup>st</sup> club group event was held at Dave K4BBH's QTH on Braswell Mountain on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This portion of the special event was a gigantic success.

Our host Dave and his wife Mary were most gracious. Not only did they make their home and Dave's ham shack available to us, but they fed us a marvelous pancake breakfast and lots of snacks too.

Then along comes Cheri K4TXA and Joyce (KM4ZMW's xyl) with more food and snacks. What a deal just for making a few contacts on the air. Thank you all so much. By the way, it was all diet-free.

Rick KM4ZMW brought his 5<sup>th</sup> Wheeler and camped in Dave's side yard. He went absolutely crazy on FT8. Chuck had another station set up Dave's garage running 40m SSB whenever the band was open. Of course everyone operated Dave's Superstation in the house logging around 900 contacts. As of this printing, approximately 1900+ contacts have been logged and 10511 hams have viewed the W4T QRZ.com webpage.

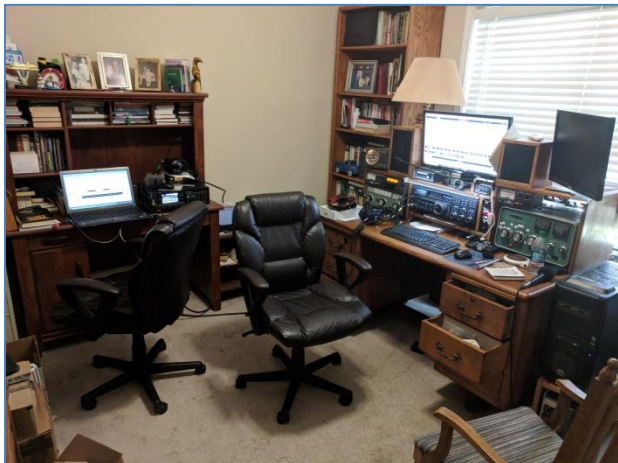
Here are some pictures take at Dave's house on the next page.



*KM4ZMW's mobile ham shack!*



*Special Events Committee  
KM4ZMW – K4CGA – K4BBH*



*K4BBH's Super Station*



*(L-R/F-B) Mary (K4BBH's xyl), KM4IKO,  
K4TXA, KM4ZMW, KM4PEB, K0CZR, K4BBH,  
W4TXA*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> club group event was operated from the Hiram Trailhead Bike Shop (sponsor providing space & power) on Memorial Day, the 28<sup>th</sup>.

I think we had fun. I know we had rain.... And more rain..... And humidity..... And clouds..... And FOOD. Bring on the food; we will worry about making contacts later. No lightning however, yeah!

There is nothing more exciting than putting up portable antennas in the rain, unless it is hearing all those stations calling you once the antennas are connected to the radios!

See more pictures on the next page.



*Our Host – Cycology Bike Shop, provided a nice covered pavillion & power for us.*



*51' G5RV @ 21' worked well  
On 20/40 FT8*



*51' G5RV @ 12' with the ends tied to the fence  
worked well on 40 mtrs.*



*Rick KM4ZMW working FT8 & James KM4IKO  
working 2mtrs. Observing is KN4FVA, while  
K4BBH, K4LDC, K4SSE & son discuss the  
operation.*



*31' Vertical with counterpoise laying on the  
ground worked well on 20 mtrs.*



*Bryan KM4PEB working 40 mtrs SSB*



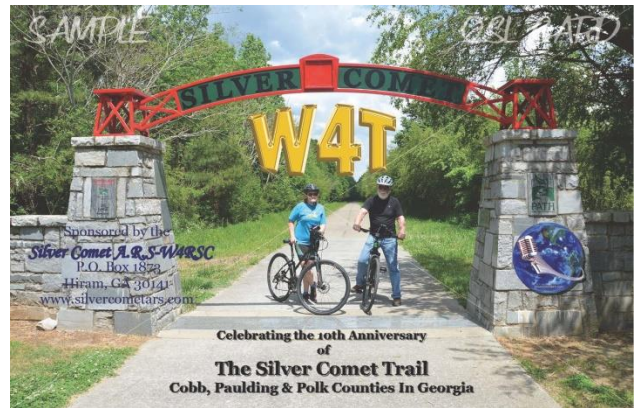
*Our Prez, W4TXA conducting an equipment check on his headphones with KM4PEB watching in the background. Did they fit?*



*KM4MZW working hard on FT8 contacts while KM4IKO is begging for someone to answer him on 2 meters.*



*K0CZR assisting KN4JNC with logging contacts while W4TXA observes.*



*W4T Special Event Sample QSL Card*

More pictures will appear in next month's issue along with the final contact count. There may even be some interesting tales to be told about event happenings. Tune in later.

Should you have any questions, contact of the Special Event committee members, Chuck, K4CGA [K4CGA@Arrl.net](mailto:K4CGA@Arrl.net), Rick, KM4ZMW [RBowhall@bellsouth.net](mailto:RBowhall@bellsouth.net) or Dave, K4BBH [DTWalk@mail.com](mailto:DTWalk@mail.com). **PLEASE COME JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

# Deed Restrictions Got You Down?

## **The GRASSWIRE Antenna** **Another approach to hidden HF antennas!**

April, 1997 **by K3MT**

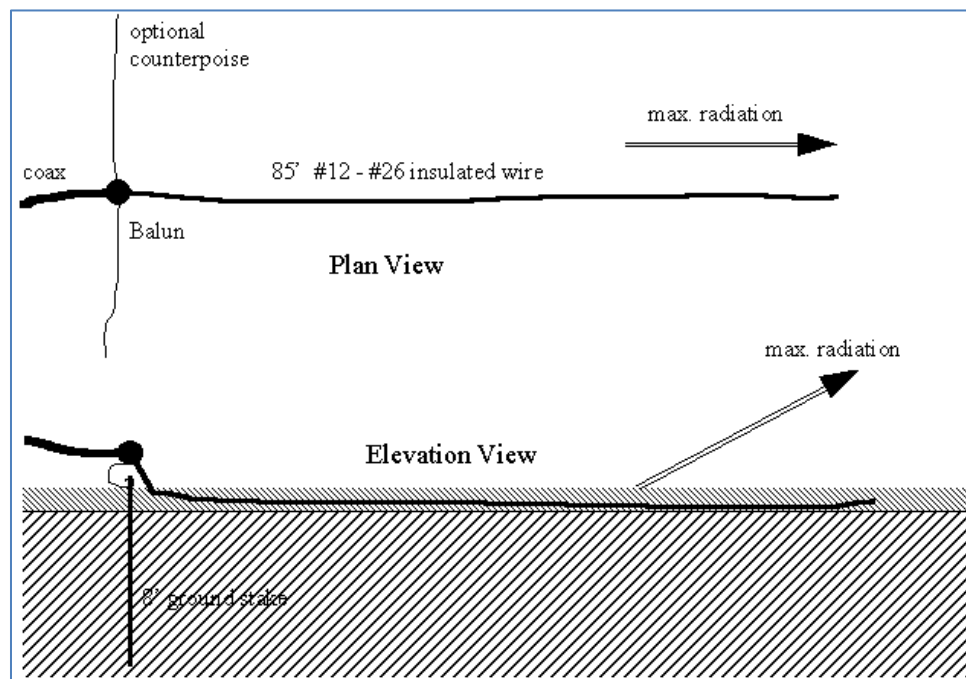
Deed restrictions got you down? Neighbors intimidating your tower plans? Need a really *easy* portable HF antenna? Then the *Grasswire* may be the answer! Virtually invisible, lightweight, and compact (you can carry one in your hip pocket), this antenna works! It has been used by K3MT in various installations for more than 10 years.

Read on - and listen to the "experts" telling you that this is hogwash, that an antenna like this can't work. But it does. And *true* experts, who have taken a decade or more to come to grips with the intricacies of Maxwell's Math, know *why* it works.

This antenna will *not* out-perform a Yagi, or a decent dipole up a half wavelength. Not in gain or signal strength, at least. But it will survive an ice storm, wind storm, and is practically immune to lightning. And it doesn't need a large tower or tall support. I deploy one from my hip pocket at times - the balun to match it is larger than the antenna!

### THE GRASSWIRE - IN BRIEF

What is it? Put simply, it is an end-fed, longwire antenna that is laid right on the grass. Hence the name. The original Grasswire used by K3MT in the summer of 1988 was just 204' of #18 AWG magnet wire laid along the property line, anywhere from 1" to 6" above the ground. This sketch shows plan and elevation views of a typical installation. Both an 8' ground rod and optional counterpoise wires are shown. Use one or the other. Both are not needed.



These antennas are largely resistive, with values ranging from 150 to 500 ohms or so on average ground. They have been used successfully on the average soils northwest of Washington, DC, on the sandy soils of the Cape Canaveral, Florida area, in the rocky, shale soils of the mountains in Somerset County, PA, and on river bottomland of Allegheny County, PA. One was used with great success by K3MT/VP9 in Southampton, Bermuda - the object of nightly pileups on 30 m CW for four nights.

Edited for space: View the full article at :

[http://f5ad.free.fr/Liens\\_coupes\\_ANT/G/K3MT%20Antenne%20gazon.htm](http://f5ad.free.fr/Liens_coupes_ANT/G/K3MT%20Antenne%20gazon.htm)

## **Meet a club member.**

Hello to all club members,

My name is Rick Bowhall and I was born in Alliance, Ohio. My Wife Joyce and I moved to Georgia in 1987. We moved to Paulding County in 2000 at which time I met a Ham Radio operator at the new church we started to attend.

Over the next few years we got interested in camping and on several occasions we would camp together with this other couple. I would sit and listen to him talk to people all over the world on his radio. He attempted on many occasions to get me involved but I was really not interested.

After several years of camping together I finally decided to try and get my license. So in the fall of 2016 I took my tech license exam and passed at the age of 66. I used an app on my phone to study. My first radio was a hand held Wouxun that was given to me as a gift by my mentor.

In Jan. of 2017 I took my General class license and passed it. I bought my first HF Rig from my mentor it was a Yaesu ft-900 and slowly started putting my ham shack together.

I enjoy the hobby very much and I am active in two clubs to include the Silver Comet ARS and the W4IBM ARC. I am looking forward to my next adventure in putting up a tower. If you have not guessed who my mentor is by now, he is putting this great newsletter together for us to read. Thanks very much Chuck for getting me started.

Rick Bowhall

KM4ZMW : Kilo Mike 4 Zebras Make Whoopee

## **KM4ZMW's New (repurposed) Tower!**

Ask Rick about his newly acquired repurposed 60ft crank up TV antenna tower. Wow! Boy, was it fun to get down and get home. Just ask him & John W4TXA who kindly volunteered to help Rick. John is such a great fellow.

*Problem 1:* Let's see, 60 foot divided by 2 sections, hmmm, that equals 30 foot sections.

*Problem 2:* How do you lower a nested 30ft tower section without a crane?  
Resolution: A big tractor with a bucket, lots of rope and 4 people & prayers.

*Problem 3:* How do you get it home once it is down? Reminder: 30ft sections.  
Resolution: Borrow K4ELI's (nice fellow) 20ft trailer, drive slowly, and have W4TXA follow you closely.

No YouTube on this one, sorry. Just pictures & a good story



# ***Your Elmer!***

## **Your Elmer -- Did you Thank Him Yet???**

Steve Walls K4ELI May 2018

Who / What is an Elmer ????

From the ARRL Web site:

The ham radio mentor who inspired the term “Elmer” — Elmer P. “Bud” Frohardt Jr, W9DY (ex-W9GFF), of Madison, Wisconsin — died on March 22, 2016. He was 93. A friend and co-worker of the late Rod Newkirk, W9BRD (later VA3ZBB), who edited *QST*’s “How’s DX?” column, Frohardt was the “Elmer” that Newkirk had in mind when he used the name in his March 1971 column, referring to someone who helped to mentor new Amateur Radio licensees and calling them “the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio.”

(Reference to this complete document at the end of this article.)

So, why this article???? A bit of background.

A dear friend, Elmer, computer guru/teacher, mechanic, and just all around great guy passed away a couple of months ago.

Elbert WA4TNZ ( yep Tiny Naked Zebra ) was all the above to me and more.

He was ALWAYS there when I needed him, and I NEEDED him REALLY REALLY BAD one day in early 1980---a story for another day.

Elbert worked his career at Lockheed---as long as I knew him, he was in-house support for all the C-130 field reps scattered around the globe. If a C-130 made the news anywhere in the world, all I had to do to find out the ‘rest of the story’ was call Elbert. Most of the time I got the whole story, usually some different than the TV news version, sometimes, he could not talk about it. My memory seems to say, the mid-eastern pilots were slightly less than stellar. When he retired, he started a computer consulting business---he ended up pursuing computers much more diligently than I did.

We met in 1975-76 when I got my Novice and then Technician license and joined the Kennehoochee ARC, and the Atlanta Radio Club. He lived near the ‘Covered Bridge’ in Smyrna. There were several hams in his neighborhood that became very good friends of mine. You know one of them, Wyatt WA4VMF, a recent addition to the SCARS club, was part of the group. The ‘gang’ lived on the 88 repeater or more often on 147.57 simplex.

Included in the group was Al, WA4VMV, whose autograph I have on my "First SSB contact" certificate. Al became SK several years ago.

Elbert's daughter has asked Wyatt and I to help disburse his ham radio and computer equipment.

When I first entered that familiar room in the basement, his ham/computer shack, it brought back many memories. I just sat for a bit and thought about the good times there. Computers, radios, life, automobile problems, and who knows what else, we covered it all in that room.

In fact, most of the time over there, especially in the early days, we spent on TRS-80s --- Model IIIs. Do you even know what those are----grin???? We were both pretty mean basic programmers at that time.

If we did not cover the topic in the shack, well then, we covered it riding to a ham-fest somewhere in the Yellow and White 1974 GM truck. That truck is still sitting in the carport---more memories.

My first child was born in 1978, and the second in '84. As many of you know, that will change your priorities and life. In 1982, I moved several miles further away from Elbert's house. All those things combined to cause us to spend less time together than we had in the past.

Unfortunately, this trend continued thru the years. We would swap an occasional email, or phone call, but not much else. As best I can determine, our last communication was some time after I changed my call from WB4AJT to K4ELI. His comment about that went something like-----"That just won't ever be right"----as he had known WB4AJT for 35-36 years by then.

Enuf of life history----I hope you enjoyed my walk down memory lane-----much refreshed by recent hours spent in that familiar surroundings. I have smiled lots thinking about some of the adventures. And I've been very sad that those times have past.

-----Back to "ELMER"-----

I have earned a number of certificates and awards during my 43 yr. ham career. DXCC, WAS, etc., etc.

None stand out, nor are as precious to me, as two plaques I have hanging directly above my station----Elmer awards-----the other awards and certificates are hanging over on a side wall. See the 2 pictures at the end of the article.

Along with these 2 plaques, and hanging beside them, is a letter from a club member, thanking me for continuing to send out the weekly contests and special event activities. He had participated in a DX contest and had added 20-25 new countries to his count that weekend.

If I had to grab 2-3 items and run out the door, these 2-3 items are at the top of my 'grab and run' list

As I look at those early days as a ham. Elbert was certainly my #1 Elmer. Al was probably #2.

Q1---Did they know that ???

Q2---Did I tell them that ???

Q3---Did I do anything to show them that ???

My answers-----

Yes, sort of-----Never told them-----Never showed them!!!

Man----do I ever regret it now-----that opportunity is GONE!!!

Do you have an Elmer today??

Do you appreciate what he has done/is doing for you??

-----look at the 3 questions above-----

-----how do you answer them for your Elmer??-----

So, what do you do about your "Elmer"???

One thing you can do: Go to this web site, fill out the info, and send it in. You can figure out what to do next.

<http://www.arrl.org/elmer-award>

Elbert and Al should both have had one of these from me hanging on their wall, long before they passed away.

---AND THEY DID NOT-----what a regret I have there----

This knife sort of has 2 edges-----Now for the 'old' guys.

How many folks are you 'elmering' right now ????

None-----HHhhhhmmmmmm----why not????????

I'm working with 5-7 folks right now, helping with radios, antennas, etc., etc. I know several of you are heavily involved, thanks for your good work. The rest of you, get busy, raise your hand, let me or someone know if you are available, and would like to help a new guy. What is your area of expertise???? I usually tests 2 times a month, there is almost always someone with their hand in the air at the test sessions wanting some help.

We have been seeing the results of this in the increased attendance at club meetings. A number of these new folks have joined the group. Most of them are just starting---no ham background at all. They need help with everything.

Give me a yell if you have any questions.

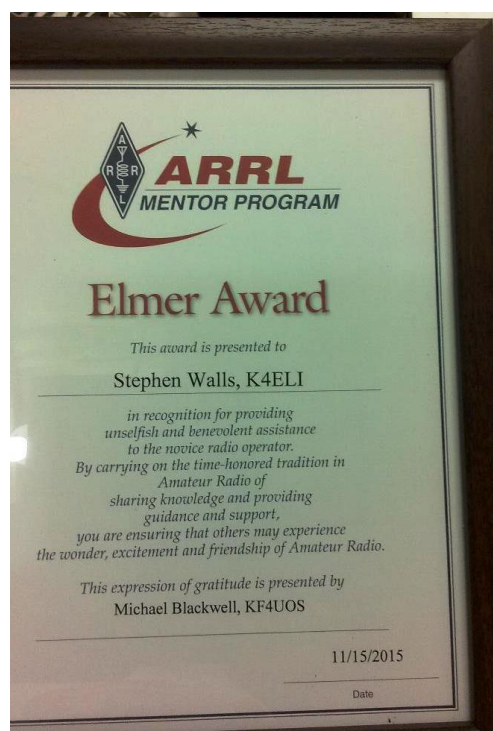
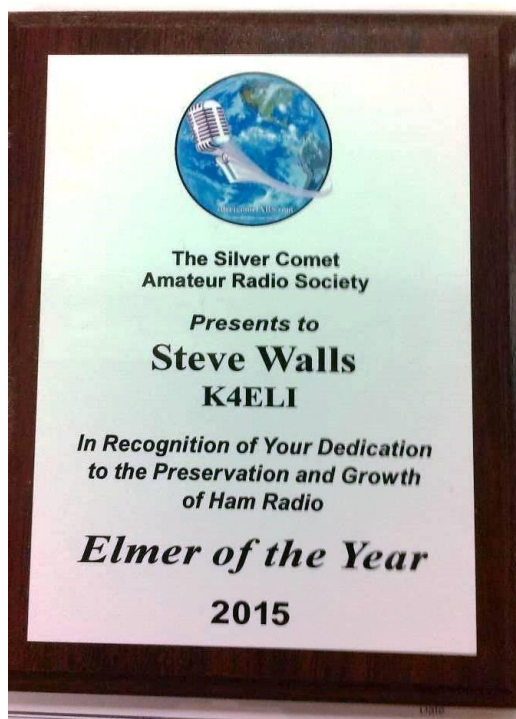
If your Elmer is still kicking ----- tell him 'Thanks'.

If he has passed, and you did not do this-----I know the feeling well.

#### References:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/elmer-inspiration-elmer-bud-frohardt-jr-w9dy-sk>

<http://www.arrl.org/elmer-award>



**Submitted by Steve Walls – K4ELI**

## **Trivia (maybe Trivial)!**

- Overheard at our Thursday morning breakfast! (hmmm)  
*"After he worked on my shaft, he tightened my knob"*  
Sure hope this had something to do with a radio!
- Interstate 70 has a mile marker 419.99 since mile marker 420 keeps getting stolen. It is in Colorado.
- McDonald's salads are more fattening than their burgers.
- If you add all the numbers on a roulette wheel (1-36), it equals 666.
- From the menu of a popular Metro area restaurant  
*"Messy, Noisy, Unruly Kids.....\$29.99"*
- From the menu of a restaurant I used to frequent:  
*"Service, Quality, Price: Pick any two"*
- When a CAT rubs your face, you are considered their family.

### **If you want your dog to take a pill:**

1. Get a piece of chess
2. Eat the cheese for energy
3. Get ready to wrestle your dog

MANZOKU

**Smart Plug: WiFi Outlet Smart Plugs for Smart Home App Remote Control Outlets (AC 110-125V/16A/1800W)**



<https://www.amazon.com/Control-110-125V-Required-Electrical-Compatible/dp/B077YWG5VS>

Turn anything OFF and ON remotely or set a timer or schedule.

# **Digital Update!**

## **JTAlert Advanced warning!**

JTAlert support for XP and Vista will be dropped after the next public release (due in a weeks' time).

After the next release, any new releases of JTAlert will refuse to install on Windows XP and Vista.

The new JTAlert V3 under development will only support Win7 and higher due to the .NET Framework version being used (4.7.1). As V3 development continues, there are several of the already coded components that are much more responsive and offer better performance compared to their V2 counterparts, such that I have decided to integrate them into the existing JTAlert V2 code-base rather than sitting on them waiting for the V3 release. As such, with the .NET framework requirement, XP and Vista cannot be supported.

Sorry, this is non-negotiable. de Laurie VK3AMA

*Submitted by Lee - WB4QOJ*

## **FT8 New Digital Modes Changing Complexion of Bands and Perhaps of Ham Radio**

*11/02/2017*

The wave of software-based digital modes over the past several years has altered the atmosphere of the HF bands. Some suggest the popularity of modes that make it possible to contact stations neither operator can even hear has resulted in fewer CW and SSB signals on bands like 6 meters and 160 meters. Traditional modes require far more interaction and effort on the part of the operator; the newer digital modes not so much. The recent advent of the still-beta "quick" FT8 mode, developed by Steve Franke, K9AN, and Joe Taylor, K1JT — the "F" and the "T" in the mode's moniker — has brought this to a head. Some now wonder if FT8 marks the end of an era and the start of a new, more minimalist age.

Taylor would agree. As he sees it, FT8 won't replace modes such as CW or SSB. "Nevertheless, it's clear that — at least in the short term — many hams enjoy making rapid-fire minimal QSOs with other hams, all over the world, using modest ham equipment," he said. "For this purpose, FT8 shines."

*Except from <http://www.arrl.org/news/new-digital-modes-changing-complexion-of-bands-and-perhaps-of-ham-radio>*

# What is GOTA?



## **Q. What is the GOTA station?**

**A.** It is an opportunity for any Technician or Novice licensees, newly licensed amateurs, other generally inactive licensees, and non-licensed persons to experience first-hand the fun of amateur radio by allowing them to **GET ON THE AIR (GOTA)**.

## **Q. What are the bands for the GOTA station?**

**A.** The GOTA station may operate on any amateur band on which Field Day operation is permitted (HF or VHF) for which the control operator has operating privileges.

## **Q. What modes may the GOTA station use?**

**A.** The modes and frequencies are determined by the license class of the control operator of the GOTA station. There must always be a control operator with operating privileges for the frequencies and modes desired present at the control point of the GOTA station any time it is transmitting.

## **Q. May a non-licensed person operate the GOTA station?**

**A.** *A non-licensed person may never operate an amateur transmitter.* They may participate at the GOTA station by speaking into the microphone, sending CW, or making digital contacts but may do so only under the direct supervision of a properly licensed control operator at the control point of the transmitter.

## **Q. What call sign does the GOTA station use?**

**A.** The GOTA station uses a call sign different from the call used by the group's main Field Day operation. The GOTA station must use the same, single call sign for the duration of Field Day. Remember that you must have permission of the holder of the call sign in order to use it for the GOTA station.

## **Q. What Field Day exchange does the GOTA station send?**

**A.** GOTA stations use the same exchange as its "parent" station.

## **Q. Who may the GOTA station contact?**

**A.** The GOTA station may contact any other amateur radio station, with a couple of exceptions. The GOTA station may not work its "parent" Field Day station. It may not contact any station operated by a person who was involved with their group's Field Day operation.

## **Q. What is considered a generally inactive licensee?**

**A.** The GOTA station is not for everyone. The generally inactive licensee provisions pertain to someone who holds a General or higher class license but has been inactive. The intent and the spirit of this station is to provide an opportunity for persons to gain on-the-air experience and progress to operating the regular club stations in the future. The intent is not to develop a group of "permanent GOTA Field Day operators".

## **Q. May someone operate both the GOTA and the main Field Day stations?**

**A.** It is permissible for someone to operate both GOTA and the main stations. However, remember that to use the GOTA station, you must meet the requirements of license class and be generally inactive. It is not permissible for a seasoned operator to operate the GOTA station.

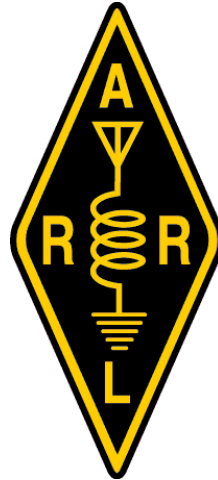
## **Q. I am an active Novice licensee. May I operate the GOTA station?**

**A.** Yes. The GOTA station may be operated by any Novice or Technician licensee, under the terms of their license privileges, or under the supervision of a control operator.

Edited for space. For full article: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2017/12-2017%20FD%20GOTA%20FAQ.pdf>

# Are you ready for ARRL Field Day 2018?

## FIELD DAY (W4RSC) STYLE



CQ  
FD



CQ FD CQ FD DE W4RSC

**Mark your calendar! JUNE 23rd & 24th.**

Site Hours 1200(local) June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 1600(local) June 24<sup>th</sup>

Operating Hours 1800(UTC) June 23<sup>th</sup> to 2059(UTC) June 24<sup>th</sup>

Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Park, Pavillion#2, Hiram, Ga.

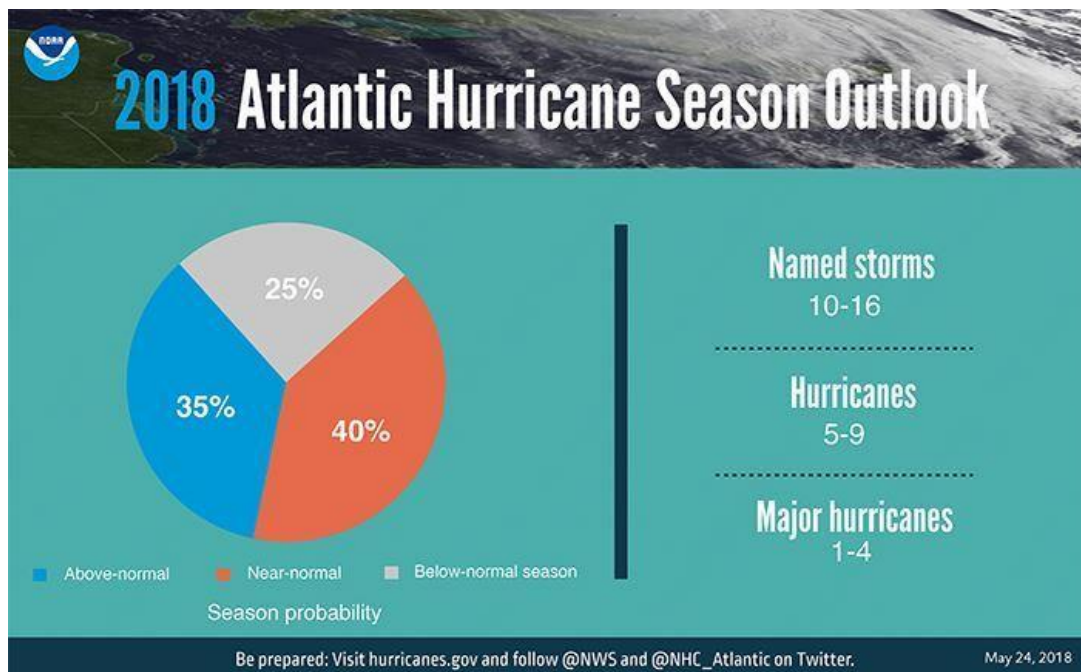
Let's welcome the W4IBM RC members that will join us again this year!

More information to follow. Watch your email.



## Find the Cat?

Find the cat in last month's picture? It is there!



## *Recent SCARS Website Updates:*



<http://www.silvercometars.com/index.php>

- [SCARS YouTube](#) channel updated with:
  - Video of **N3FJP** logging software setup from 1 May 2018 meeting.
- [DX Corner](#) page updated with link to:
  - **DX-World.net** added to the DXing RESOURCES section.

Send SCARS website corrections, comments, or suggestions to K4LDC (Larry) at [K4LDC@arrl.net](mailto:K4LDC@arrl.net)

## *For Sale by KM4IKO*



Just in time for Fathers Day! Yaesu FT-450D HF Radio for \$625.00

Includes original packaging, manuals, power cord & microphone.

Plus..... RT-systems software and cable.

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## Breakfast @.....



The "Official" Breakfast Joint of

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**Come Join Us!**

**Thursday mornings  
Around 8:30 - 9am +/-  
Until ??????**

**Located on Hwy 278 in Hiram between  
the Goodwill and Racetrack across from  
the Home Depot.**

**Show them your Greystone Connections  
Card for a discount.**

**Kyle has elected to move on in his career  
and has left Bo's. However, we are still  
very welcomed by the remaining crew.**

# **Contest & Special Events**

2018 ARRL Contest Dates - Ver 1.0 - 30 June 2017

<b>January 2018</b> 1 <b>Straight Key Night</b> 6 <b>Kids Day</b> 6-7 <b>RTTY Roundup</b> 20-22 <b>January VHF</b>	<b>February 2018</b> 12-16 <b>School Club Roundup</b> 17-18 <b>International DX – CW</b>
<b>March 2018</b> 3-4 <b>International DX– Phone</b>	<b>April 2018</b> 15 <b>Rookie Roundup – Phone</b>
<b>June 2018</b> 9-11 <b>June VHF</b> 16 <b>Kids Day</b> 23-24 <b>Field Day</b>	<b>July 2018</b> 14-15 <b>IARU HF World Championship</b>
<b>August 2018</b> 4-5 <b>222 MHz and Up Distance Contest</b> 18-19 <b>10 GHz &amp; Up – Round 1</b> 19 <b>Rookie Roundup – RTTY</b>	<b>September 2018</b> 8-10 <b>September VHF</b> 15-16 <b>10 GHz &amp; Up - Round 2</b> 29-30 <b>EME - 2.3 GHz &amp; Up</b>
<b>October 2018</b> 15-19 <b>School Club Roundup</b> 27-28 <b>EME - 50 to 1296 MHz</b>	<b>November 2018</b> 3-5 <b>Nov. Sweepstakes – CW</b> 17-19 <b>Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone</b> 24-25 <b>EME - 50 to 1296 MHz</b> 11/30-12/2 <b>160 Meter</b>
<b>December 2018</b> 11/30-12/2 <b>160 Meter</b> 8-9 <b>10 Meter</b> 16 <b>Rookie Roundup–CW</b>	

## ***Additional Contest Calendars***

<http://www.contestcalendar.com//index.html>

[http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_contests/cq\\_annual\\_contest\\_calendar/cq\\_annual\\_contest\\_calendar.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_annual_contest_calendar/cq_annual_contest_calendar.html)

<http://ncjweb.com/>

## **Upcoming Special Events**

Please look for K4ELI's email notices regarding contest and special events on the SCARS Group.io reflector or visit the ARRL website at:

[http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:2/Date.start:2016-09-14/Date.end:2016-12-31/model:Event](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:2/Date.start:2016-09-14/Date.end:2016-12-31/model:Event)

## **SCARS V.E. ACTIVITIES**

**K4ELI and the VE Team will be testing at 7pm at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church, 5145 Due West Road, Powder Springs on the following dates:**

### **2018 Schedule**

Jan 11	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 5	May 3	Jun 7
Jul 12	Aug 2	Sep 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec 6

**All classes of licenses will be available.**

### **BRING:**

- Original and copy of existing license.
- Copy of FRN # if you have a GMRS license or some other license.
- \$15 cash----exact change
- Photo ID

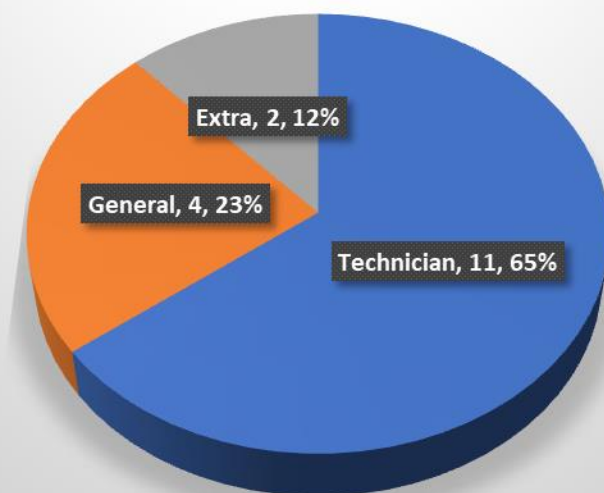
**See the ARRL or SCARS web sites for more details.**



# **SCARS V.E. ACTIVITIES** *(YTD as of 3 May 2018)*

Call	Date	Session Time	Name	City	State	Class
KN4ILS	10-Jan-2018	19:00	Kevin Zgonc	Powder Springs	GA	Gen
KN4IXX	11-Jan-2018	19:00	Gerald B. Jones, Jr.	Dallas	GA	Tech
KN4JLV	1-Feb-2018	19:00	Andrew D. Rockwell, Jr	Dallas	GA	Tech
Pending	1-Feb-2018	19:00	Alvin G. Shepherd	Austell	GA	Tech
N1SEA	1-Feb-2018	19:00	Daniel Ramaswami	Milton	GA	Extra
WA4VMF	1-Mar-2018	19:00	Wyatt Walker	Smyrna	GA	None
KX4JN	1-Mar-2018	19:00	Daniel McMahonill	Woodstock	GA	Tech, Gen, Extra
None	1-Mar-2018	19:00	Margaret McMahonill	Woodstock	GA	None
KN4KKN	1-Mar-2018	19:00	Jason Vannoy	Powder Springs	GA	Tech
KN4KKO	1-Mar-2018	19:00	James Grayson	Douglasville	GA	Tech
WA4VMF	1-Mar-2018	19:00	Wyatt Walker	Smyrna	GA	None
KN4LLB	4-Apr-2018	19:00	John R. Reich	Atlanta	GA	Tech
KN4LLC	4-Apr-2018	19:00	Wesley C. Bramlett	Kennesaw	GA	Tech
KN4KTJ	4-Apr-2018	19:00	Douglas P. Burnett	Marietta	GA	Gen
KM4QHL	4-Apr-2018	19:00	Luz M. Heaton	Rockmart	GA	Gen
KN4MFG	3-May-2018	19:00	Lucas A. Saltz	Brookhaven	GA	Tech
KN4MFH	3-May-2018	19:00	Sean B. Corby	Marietta	GA	Tech
WA4VMF	3-May-2018	19:00	Wyatt Walker	Smyrna	GA	None
KN4MFI	3-May-2018	19:00	Gavin T. Claugus	Marietta	GA	Tech
KN4EKZ	3-May-2018	19:00	Joshua C. Emory	Loganville	GA	None
WA4VMF	3-May-2018	19:00	Wyatt Walker	Smyrna	GA	None

## 2018 SCARS VE Session Statistics



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## 2018 Calendar

**\*\* Don't forget "BABJ" [Breakfast At BoJangles] every Thursday morning at 9am. \*\***

	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>
<b>Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:</b>	<b>01-02-2018 7pm</b>	<b>02-06-2018 7pm</b>	<b>03-06-2018 7pm</b>	<b>04-03-2018 7pm</b>	<b>05-01-2018 7pm</b>	<b>06-05-2018 7pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg
<b>Meeting Activity</b>	Digital (WB3ILX)	CW Training	Digital (WB3ILX)	Severe WX Presentation (K4DMF)	Digital (WB3ILX)	Logging Techniques (K4ELI)
<b>Additional Activities</b>	TBD	TBD	Fox Hunt Date TBA	GA QSOP.	Family Night Dinner O'Charley's Hiram May 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	Field Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Hamfest Schedule</b>	Lawrenceville TechFest	Dalton, GA	Birmingham, AL  Elijay, GA	Mobile, AL  Calhoun, GA	Dayton, OH	Atlanta, GA

	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
<b>Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:</b>	<b>07-03-2018 7pm</b>	<b>08-07-2018 7pm</b>	<b>09-04-2018 7pm</b>	<b>10-02-2018 7pm</b>	<b>11-06-2018 7pm</b>	<b>12-04-2018 7pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg
<b>Meeting Activity</b>	Digital (WB3ILX)	QSL Cards (K4ELI)	Cheap Antennas (K4CGA)	Clusters & Nodes (WB4QOJ)	Station Grounding (W4TXA)	TBD
<b>Additional Activities</b>	TBD	TBD	Club Fall Picnic	AM DX Contest	TBD	Christmas Dinner
<b>Hamfest &amp; Conventions</b>	Cullman, AL	Huntsville, AL	SEDEC DX	La Grange, GA Chattanooga, TN Rome, GA	Lawrenceville GA  Montgomery, AL.	

This calendar is "Subject to change". Submit change request to W4TXA John.

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