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ARRE SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

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The **Prez Sez**

Well, another month has passed, and we are really getting close to our upcoming field day. We will be talking about the class and equipment needed during

the next two meetings. I would also like to introduce my new e-mail address. It "w4txa.john@gmail.com".Cheri's e-mail address will be: "k4txa.cheri@gmail.com"

I have removed my land line and will have only my cell phone which is 770-715-9640.

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

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Editor's Notes:



Copies of past SKYWAVE newsletters can be found at the club website http://www.silvercometars.com/newsletter.php. Your suggestions and submissions are greatly appreciated. Please email your pictures or articles for publication prior to the 25th of each month. The earlier, the better. If you have not submitted a member biography, please do so.

Chuck K4CGA, Editor

<u> Monday – "SCARS Night Out" Net!</u>

Please check in if you get a chance and participate in discussions on just about any subject you choose. Check-in begins at 7:30PM. Look forward to hearing from you. It's fun and informative.

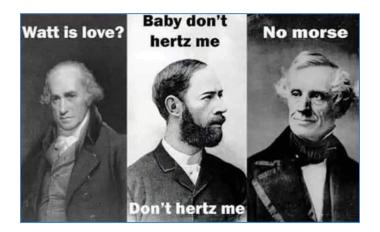
73's David Walk - K4BBH

<u> Mark your Calendar!</u>

May 7th - Club Meeting May 11th - NSS Activated May 18th - Armed Forces Day

May 19th - Dayton Hamvention





SCARS Community Food Drive!



How can SCARS help? We still need your help. Let's 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



<u> April Program - "Our Weather" Recap</u>



Thank you Dave [K4DMF] and Dan [W4DT0] for another fine weather presentation. It was just in time for the severe weather we had in the following weeks.



<u> Amateur Radio Service!</u>

"The amateur and amateur-satellite services are for qualified persons of any age who are interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest." – FCC

What do you really know about the Amateur Radio Service?

- ➤ What are Special Event Call Sigs? How are they assigned? How are they identified?
- What are the International Operating Agreements?
- ➤ What is the FCC's definition of a VE and a VEC?
- What are Reciprocal Operating Agreements and with whom?
- What constitutes a Club or Military Recreation Station?

For answers to these questions and other interesting facts, the FCC has provided a great and easy to understand website at https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/amateur-radio-service

Field Day 2019 - It's Getting Closer!



2019 ARRL Field Day
June 22-23.
Mark your calendars now.



The 2019 Rules are not much different than 2018 and are available on the ARRI's website at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2019-Rules-RevA.pdf



Field Day 2018



Pavilion at Ben Strickland Park in Hiram

Come join us and bring your curiosity and have some fun!

Talk to someone in another part of the country or somewhere else in the world.

Meet some of our new amateurs and chat with some of our "old-timers".

See how it is done in an emergency or get some ideas for your own station.

The Silver Comet ARS Field Day Committee members are:

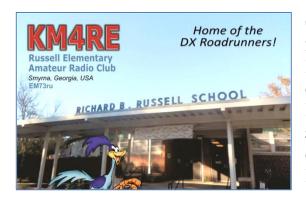
James KM4IKO (Chairman)
Chuck K4CGA Mike K4MWC.
Rick K4ZMW Stan KN4MVZ

Stay tuned for more information that will be presented at the May and June club meetings and on the Silvercometars@groups.io reflector.

K4ELI: ADVENTURE: The respectful pursuit of trouble.

From Our Friends At KM4RE!

EDITOR: I apologize for not including this article in last month's newsletter.



Congratulations to those Silver Comet ARS club members that were able to contact the Russell Elementary Amateur Radio Club – KM4RE during the School Club Roundup last February. Band conditions were tough but there were some pretty hungry operators that were determined to work them and it payed off. Please read the following email sent to K4ELI.

On Friday, March 29, 2019, 12:26:44 AM EDT, Christian Laster < Christian.Laster@cobbk12.org wrote:

Steve,

I wanted to pass on our appreciation for all of the SCAR folks who worked our kids during the School Club Roundup in February. There were several who got through to us on 40m and also through VHF on 146.4.

Our kids won a 5th national championship (5 of the last 6, and their third consecutive). Their score was high enough that they actually would have placed first in both the high school and college/university divisions.

Our 21st annual 28-hour space mission simulation is May 8-9. Launch is on May 8 at 10:30 am, but it's best to get there at about 9:15 am. Landing is on May 9 around 12:30 pm. Anyone interested in more details or if they would like to be on our email list can contact Kim Donina at Kim's our public relations coordinator.

Thanks and 73, Chris Laster

Check out the Russell Elementary ARC website at: https://russellroadrunners.typepad.com/russell elementary amateu/

Voyage to Bouvet - "Postponed, Not Canceled"

What is it? Bouvet Island is the most remote and isolated island on earth.

Where is it? 1800 miles SW of the Southern tip of South Africa, 2700 miles NE of the Southern tip of South America and 1000 miles N of Antartica.

Why Go there? Check out the Bouvet Island website. Look at the maps and pictures. It is cold, isolated, limited access and really tough to get to. Once there, every ham in the world wants to contact you. You are the rareist of rare DX.

Why try to contact them? If you have been following the Bouvet Island adventure, you will soon realize it may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to contact one of the rareist DXexpeditions on earth.

READ MORE:

https://dx-world.net/3y0i-bouvet-island/ http://www.arrl.org/news/3y0i-bouvet-island-dxpeditionpostponed-not-canceled



KN4MVZ Passes Amateur Extra

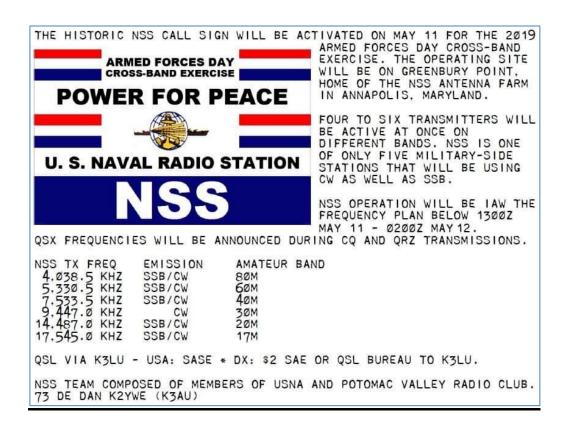


Stan – KN4MVZ receives certificate for passing his Amateur Extra exam.

<u>History of Armed Forces Day</u>

Armed Forces Day dates back to 31 August 1949 to honor Americans who were currently serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard.

Armed Forces Day was first observed as a holiday on 20 May 1950. It remains a day focused on expanding the public's knowledge as a day of honor for all those having served and are now serving in our military forces.



For additional Armed Forces Day info:

http://www.arrl.org/news/annual-armed-forces-day-crossband-test-set-for-may-11 https://www.legion.org/hamradio/clubupdates/214833/armed-forces-day-radio-communications-test-may-11

https://qrznow.com/armed-forces-day-crossband-militaryamateur-radio-communications-test-is-may-13/

https://www.nsa.gov/news-features/press-room/Article/1802716/2019-armed-forces-day-national-police-celebration-set-for-may-18/

<u>Tower And Antenna Upate!</u>

Be Safe!

Since some of our club member will be putting up towers and antennas or climbing to do repairs, proper fall protection is critical. A *fall arrest* system prevents serious injuries or death in the event of an accidental fall. Even with the proper climbing equipment, you should never climb by yourself as there may now be a danger of an equally life-threatening emergency: Suspension Trauma.

"Fall arrest gear is meant to reduce the chances of death from falling from a tower. But dangling at the end of a rope in fall-arrest gear places you in grave peril from Suspension Trauma or "Harness Hang Syndrome (HHS)." According to the linked article, you have about 10 minutes before the effects of HHS start. You should always have a ground crew that can summon help and assist in your rescue, and the article provides some suggestions on what *might* be effective to delay HHS if you are in this position." – N9ADG

For more information:

https://www.dynamicrescue.com/blogs/news/13262417-ask-a-pro-what-is-suspension-trauma-aka-harness-hang-syndrome

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fall arrest

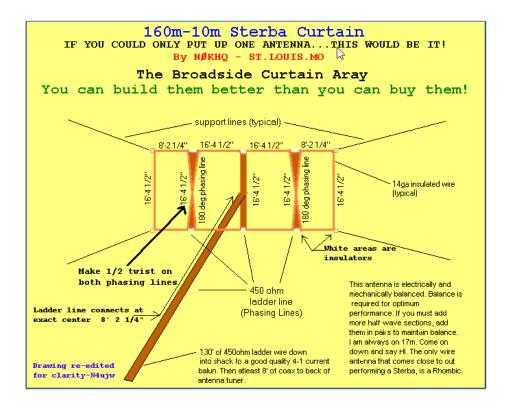
https://safetyequipment.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Fall_UseGuide-2015.pdf





KM4VTE- Tommy's new HEX Beam is up!

<u>Build a Sterba Curtain – 160m thru 10m</u>



For construction details: http://www.hamuniverse.com/sturba.html

Interesting Links to visit!

Silver Comet ARS YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaL7UG0gkRJxV7lnTj P3IQ/videos

fldigi 4.1.03 posted: You can download this version at:

http://www.w1hkj.com

The Computer Museum of America

https://youtu.be/WUBaXtv3AYc

Joe Taylor K1JT has announced a new digital mode, **FT4**, which is 2.5 times faster than FT8.

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2019/april/new-digital-mode-ft4.htm#.XL-ABC MzvV

Icom IC-7300 Walkthrough video

https://qrznow.com/icom-ic-7300-hf-6m-radio-walkthrough/amp/?

<u>Digital Bit Bucket!</u>

WB4Q0J says: "It's Time to warm up your weak signal programs!"

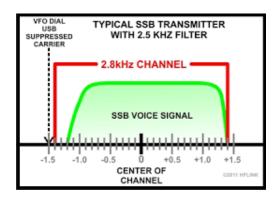
EXPERTS PREDICT A LONG, DEEP SOLAR MINIMUM:

If you like solar minimum, good news: It could last for years. That was one of the predictions issued last week by an international panel of experts who gathered at NOAA's annual Space Weather Workshop to forecast the next solar cycle. If the panel is correct, already-low sunspot counts will reach a nadir sometime between July 2019 and Sept 2020, followed by a slow recovery toward a new Solar Maximum in 2023-2026.

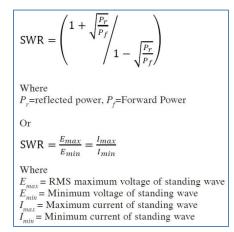
"As you can see – we haven't quite reached the lowest levels of the last cycle – where we experienced several consecutive months with no sunspots. However, the panel expects that we should reach those levels [between now and the end of 2020]."

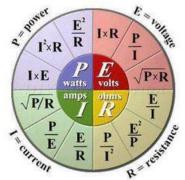
More Info: http://spaceweather.com

Useful Stuff



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Hmm! Very Interesting

Vacuum Tube Nightlights

Whimsical steampunk illumination from Steam-Funky.

From the nightlights' creator: The nightlights are LED powered. They produce six lumens, stay cool and safe. They are rated for 30,000 hour life (3 1/2 years) of steady illumination. All decorations are non-toxic.

A great gift idea for your favorite ham or yourself.

Website: https://www.steamfunky.com/



Courtesy WB4QOJ



K4BBH's New High Speed CW Key



Courtesy K4LDC



Courtesy K4LDC

How the Navy Rescue Code Was Born>>

In March 1899 we can date the first use of wireless communications for the request for assistance and help at sea. The Ship Orient Goodwin, due to a thick fog, reports that it was rammed by the "SS RF Matthews" military ship at the south-east coast of England. The rescue request was received from a ground station located in the town of South Foreland (UK), from there promptly began the rescue and recovery activities of the survivors.

The practical use of wireless telegraphy was only possible after the invention of the radio by Guglielmo Marconi, until then the ships leaving the port for the open sea remained isolated until their return to any port. Many ships left for trips that lasted several months, without being able to give any information. An unthinkable situation you have today. A ship on the high seas could also suffer during the journey a failure, an accident and anything else and no one would ever know anything more about the fate of the sailors and the ship itself, perhaps lost forever falling into oblivion of time. For this reason Marconi mainly concentrated his efforts on communication in the naval sector. After the invention of Radio and "Marconigrammi", ships equipped with wireless systems were no longer isolated as they did before.

At the time the Marconi Wireless had in hand the monopoly of the nascent communications and with it the "habits" of the operators. It is no coincidence that the first RT operators were called Marconists. The Marconi Company immediately adopted a conventional signal for the request for help with the known Q code. The sequence was CQD, the code consisted of the two letters used for the general call CQ and a third letter D indicating "extreme urgency"

The distress signal as we know it today was for the first time adopted by the German government on 1 April 1905 introducing the Morse sequence, three points - three lines and three points as a "Notzeichen" distress signal for radio broadcasts, was the SOS. With the second International Radiotelegraph Conference in Berlin, year 1906 the SOS code was adopted as an international distress signal, replacing the CQD signal used up to that moment. The new SOS signal had to be transmitted as a single signal and not as three distinct and separate letters. This sound produces an effect completely different from any other Morse signal, such that is unmistakable. The law contained this provision was signed on November 3, 1906 and came into force from July 1, 1908. However, there was a certain reluctance on the part of the Marconists or better than the English-speaking nations, who for some years usually continued to adopt the CQD, or to use the two codes together CQD followed by SOS. The unique use of the SOS actually started in 1912, after the sinking of the Titanic.

Breakfast @.....

Come join us for casual conversation, informal Q&A, problem solving and occasional humiliation at the McDonalds in Hiram (in front of WalMart).

It has a variety of food, is reasonably quick, has decent prices, and is convenient to the majority of the club members.

Visitors, spouses and friends are welcomed.



Come Join Us!

Thursday Mornings
We Gather Around 8:30 +/Until ??????



Recent SCARS Website Updates:



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

- **Digital Modes** page updated with links to:
 - o Pi-Star Support Forum's
 - Playing with Pi-Star (KE0FHS)
- Added links to ARRL's Considerate Operator's Frequency Guide on the following pages:
 - o Contest Corral page under Reference Websites:
 - o **DX Corner** page under DXing RESOURCES:
 - o **Education** page in the Reference block.

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



Which one of us is different?

Contest & Special Events

2019 ARRL Contest Dates - Ver B - 2 November 2019

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January 2019	February 2019		
1 Straight Key Night	11-15 School Club Roundup		
5 Kids Day	International 16-7 DX - CW		
5-6 RTTY Roundup			
19-21 January VHF			
March 2019	April 2019		
2-3 <u>International DX- Phone</u>	14 Rookie Roundup - Phone		
June 2019	July 2019		
8-10 June VHF	13-14 IARU HF World Championship		
15 <u>Kids Day</u>			
22-23 Field Day			
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August 2019	September 2019		
3-4 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	14-16 September VHF		
17-18 10 GHz & Up - Round 1	21-22 10 GHz & Up - Round 2		
18 Rookie Roundup - RTTY	21-22 <u>EME - 2.3 GHz & Up</u>		
October 2019	November 2019		
21-25 School Club Roundup	2-4 <u>Nov. Sweepstakes – CW</u>		
19-20 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz	16-18 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone		
	16-17 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz		
December 2019			
6-8 <u>160 Meter</u>			
14-15 <u>10 Meter</u>			
15 <u>Rookie Roundup-CW</u>	Check your emails		
	for additional		
	contest and special		
	event activities		
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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://ncjwecom/

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

SCARS V.E. ACTIVITIES

SCARS/BHBC Test Session (aka East)

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:

2019 Schedule

Jan 10 Feb 7 Mar 14 Apr 4 May 2 Jun 6 Jul 11 Aug 1 Sep 5 Oct 3 Nov 7 Dec 5

 ${\it Please check the ARRL website for changes or corrections.}$

For more information, contact Steve Walls, K4ELI: swalls46@att.net

SCARS/Paulding CoC Test Session (aka West)

W4TXA and the VE Team will be testing at 6:30pm at the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce, 455 Jimmy Campbell Pkwy (Hwy 278), Dallas, on the following dates:

2019 Schedule

Jan 8 Feb 12 Mar 12 Apr 9 May 14 Jun 11 Jul 9 Aug 13 Sep 10 Oct 8 Nov 12 Dec 10

For more information, contact John Reynolds, W4TXA: john-w4txa@comcast.net

All classes of license exams 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 following web sites for more details:

SCARS http://www.silvercometars.com/about.php#TEST_SESSION



Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society

2019 Calendar

: 	** Don't forget	our club breakf	ast every Thurso	lay morning aro	und 8:30am **	
	January	February	March	April	May	June
Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:	01-08-2019 7pm	02-05-2019 7pm	03-05-2019 7pm	04-02-2019 7pm	05-07-2019 7pm	06-04-2019 7pm
Meeting Location	Paulding Chamber of Commerce Bldg					
Meeting Activity	Portable Operations (W4DTO)	QSL Cards for Beginners (K4ELI)	Peanut (WB3ILX)	Weather (K4DMF)	ТВА	BSA Merit Badge Class
Additional Activities	TBD	Fox Hunt	TBD	GA QSOP	Family Night Dinner	Field Day

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Birmingham,

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Mobile, AL

Calhoun, GA

Dayton, OH

Atlanta, GA

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Dalton, GA

Orlando, FL

(HamCation)

Lawrenceville

TechFest

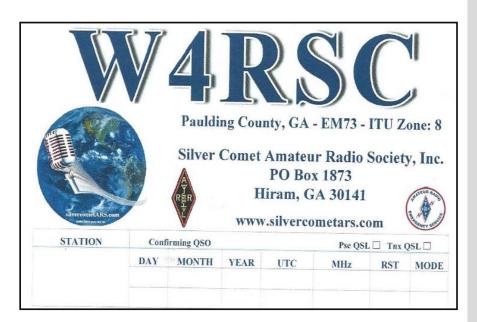
Hamfest &

Conventions

Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society 2019 Calendar

** Don't forget our club breakfast every Thursday morning around 8:30am **						
	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:	07-02-2019 7pm	08-06-2019 7pm	09-03-2019 7pm	10-01-2019 7pm	11-05-2019 7pm	12-03-2019 7pm
Meeting Location	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
Meeting Activity	Digital (Wb3ILX)	Computer Controls (TBD)	V.E Work & Adv. Licensing (W4TXA)	HF / VHF / 160 Band Work (TBD)	Hint & Kinks The Basics Pt1 (KOCZR)	Hint & Kinks The Basics Pt2 (KOCZR)
Additional Activities	TBD	TBD	Club Fall Picnic	AM DX Contest	Club Elections	Christmas Dinner
Hamfest & Conventions	Cullman, AL	Huntsville, AL	SEDEC DX	La Grange, GA Chattanooga, TN Rome, GA	Lawrenceville GA Montgomery, AL.	
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