

The Nov 2nd Club Meeting Will Be Virtual!

Please join us on ZOOM at 7pm for the November club meeting.



The chamber has closed our meeting facility due to the increase in COVID-19. Face-to-Face meetings have been canceled until further notice.

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https://zoom.us/j/97552899499?pwd=Y0NiWjhrVG45dEpPUlppK0xicWlFdz09.

# W4RSC "Radio Siver Comet" The Silver Comet ARS Inc. a 501 (c) (3) Not for Profit Organization



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# Editor's Notes:



**Newsletter Editor Wanted!** Copies of past SKYWAVE newsletters can be found at the club website <a href="http://www.silvercometars.com/newsletter.php">http://www.silvercometars.com/newsletter.php</a>. Please submit your articles prior to the 25th of the month to K4CGA.GA@gmail.com

Chuck DuVall, K4CGA - Editor

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



Please join us on the 146.955 (- 77Hz) repeater at 7:00pm and on Zoom. Check the SCARS Groups.IO calendar for meeting and Zoom link information.

It's fun and informative. Suggestions for Topics of Discussion are always solicited. You don't have to dress up and you can bring your dinner because it's very informal and Troy K4JDA does a great job as the moderator.

# SCARS Media:

**Web:** <a href="http://www.silvercometars.com/index.php">http://www.silvercometars.com/index.php</a> **Groups.IO:** <a href="https://silvercometars.groups.io/g/main">https://silvercometars.groups.io/g/main</a>

Facebook: <a href="https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/2360561620926754/">https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/2360561620926754/</a>

**QRZ:** <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/W4RSC/">https://www.grz.com/db/W4RSC/</a>

Info: <a href="mailto:Info@silvercometars.com">Info@silvercometars.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Silvercometars@gmail.com">Silvercometars@gmail.com</a>

Send SCARS website corrections, comments, or suggestions to Troy (K4JDA) at <a href="mailto:troy.davis@hotmail.com">troy.davis@hotmail.com</a>

# <u> Mark your Calendar!</u>

#### Check the individual websites for lastest status!

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Stone Mountain Hamfest

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day

Nov. 13th – Ham Jam

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day



# **SCARS Community Food Drive!**

*Helping Hands*, our local community Food Bank in Dallas, needs your help! The less fortunate in our community would like to celebrate Thanksgiving with a good meal like the rest of us. You can help make that happen.



If you happen to be in the Dallas area, consider stopping by one of the local groceries or thin out your panty and drop off your donation at their collection facility located behind the Old Dallas Courthouse at 228 W. Spring Street. Be sure to mention your donation is from the Silver Comet ARS.

If you would rather donate money for the food drive, look at this page on the website: <a href="http://www.silvercometars.com/about.php">http://www.silvercometars.com/about.php</a> and click on the Donate button to donate through PayPal. Be sure to notate Food Drive for the purpose of your donation.

If you'd like to donate food, please contact Steve K4ELI, Chuck K4CGA, John W4TXA, or Cheri K4TXA and arrange to drop off the food or to have someone pick up the food.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the recipients and you will feel better. PLEASE HELP! It all adds up.





# Where Did The Year Go?

It's almost that time again? "Time for what?" you may ask. "Membership Dues" is the answer to your question.

You may want to consider paying your 2022 membership dues early before the thought gets lost in all the excitement of Christmas and New Year's.

The easiest way to pay your dues is through the club's Pay-Pal online service at

http://www.silvercometars.com/contact.php#Dues
or mail your check to:

Dave Fuller K4DMF Silver Comet ARS 1124 Regiment Drive Acworth, GA 30101



Since our social meetings have been temporarily cancelled, your chances of meeting and paying our treasurer in person are pretty slim.

If you need help or more information, contact Dave K4DMF for instructions: <a href="mailto:davenesf@comcast.net">davenesf@comcast.net</a>

# **SCARS Annual Family Christmas Dinner**



The club leadership has made the decision to resume our annual tradition of the Family Christmas Dinner to be held on **December 7**<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced.

The location has yet to be finalized but Rodneys in Dallas/New Hope is the primary choice since they have a separate room for our rowdy

gatherings.

If you haven't done so already and would like to attend, please add your RSVP to the spreadsheet at <a href="https://ldrv.ms/x/s!AoxJYa7tpLsCgZABbmmdD5VnA7J82g?e=qrbUFH">https://ldrv.ms/x/s!AoxJYa7tpLsCgZABbmmdD5VnA7J82g?e=qrbUFH</a>. This is necessary to insure the restaurant has enough staff, food and seating.

Additional information will follow by email. Also, please plan to bring your DECEMBER food drive contribution to the dinner on 12/7.

# Silver Comet ARS Club Election Results



Thanks to the hard work by our club Secretary, James KM4IKO, our voting process for 2022 was another success.

With 49% of our club members voting, here are the results of the Silver Comet ARS 2022 elections:

#### **2022 Club Officers**



W4DTO (Re-elected)



Steve Walls K4ELI (Re-elected)



км4іко (Re-elected)



Dave Fulle K4DMF (Re-elected)

#### 2022 Board Of Directors













# AM Broadcast Band DX Contest Winner!

The SCARS 7th Annual AM Broadcast Band DX Contest is over. John-W4TXA turned in the only log with 116 stations logged which makes him the 2022 winner of the AM-DX Contest Award. John reported all contacts logged were heard on the factory installed radio in his truck.



Although other members participated in the contest, their scores were lower than Johns and were reported through the club's POTA contest log. Congrats John.

#### It's All About Youth!

Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:15 - 1:00pm

The Metropolitan Club, 5895 Windward Parkway, Alpharetta GA 30005



### **Presented by**

### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**



#### **Endorsed by**

SouthEastern DX Club, Alford Memorial Radio Club,
Atlanta Radio Club, Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club,
Cherokee Amateur Radio Society, Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society,
North Georgia QRP Club, Sawnee Amateur Radio Association,
Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club,
Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society

### **HamJam Sponsors Throughout the Years**

FlexRadio - ICOM - Elecraft - Kenwood - DX Engineering - Geochron - Yaesu - StepIRR - Ham Radio Deluxe - ARRL BuddiPole - Begali - Vibroplex - The Daily DX - The DX Magazine -MFJ - Diamond Antenna - LNR Precision - CQ Magazine Ham Radio Outlet - N3FJP

HamJam is an ARRL Affiliated Event

# **SCARS 1st POTA Contest - Results**



The SCARS 1<sup>st</sup> POTA Contest developed by Troy-K4JDA was a great success and enjoyed by those that participated. Contacts from the AM-DX contest were incorporated. Three awards were given for the POTA contest: 1<sub>st</sub> place -> Greg-WD5GNX, 2<sub>nd</sub> place -> Steve-K4ELI and 3<sub>rd</sub> place -> Eddie - WD3D.



Ed-KO4BWN & Steve-K4ELI

# **Just Funny!**







# <u>Interesting Links</u>

#### Icom7100 New release of Win4IcomSuite

icom.va2fsq.com

#### **Ham Cockpit**

https://ve3nea.github.io/HamCockpit/

#### Multipsk 4.45.4 Test version 2

http://f6cte.free.fr/MULTIPSK\_4\_45\_4\_test\_version\_2.zip

#### Ham Radio CAT, PSK31, FT8, JT9 and JT65 Interfaces

http://www.xggcomms.com/Icom-Interface-Shop(2066628).html

#### **Installing RMS Express on Linux with Wine**

http://k6eta.com/linux/installing-rms-express-on-linux-with-wine

#### **IC7100/IC7300** control

https://www.maniaradio.it/en/ic7100bkt.html and

https://www.maniaradio.it/en/ic7300bkt.html

#### ARRL Clubs - SILVER COMET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/silver-comet-amateur-radio-society-inc

#### Silver Comet ARS YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaL7UG0gkRJxV7lnTj\_P3IQ/videos

#### **Silver Comet ARS Website**

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

#### Silver Comet ARS - ARRL Clubs

http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/silver-comet-amateur-radio-society-inc/type:club

#### Silvercometars@groups.io|HOME

https://groups.io/g/silvercometars

#### Decoding Digital RF transmissions from across the spectrum

http://www.kd0cq.com/2013/07/sorcerer-decoder-download/

#### **Shortwave Central**

http://mt-shortwave.blogspot.com/

# Breakfast @......YOUR HOUSE! BYOFAD!

Please join us on the 146.955 repeater and on "ZOOM" on Thursdays @ 8:30am. In person gatherings are canceled until further notice due to Covid-19 safety concerns! For "ZOOM" information, check the SCARS Groups.IO calendar.

Have you joined us for casual conversation, informal Q&A, problem solving and occasional humiliation?

We normally meet at the McDonalds in Hiram (in front of WalMart), but due to the increase in Covid-19 concerns and the substantial decrease in service from lack of staff at McDonalds, the majority of attendees have agreed to suspend our breakfast gathering temporarily.

BYOFAD.. Bring Your Own Food And Drinks! And NO COMPLAINING!

#### **Come Join Us!**

Thursday Mornings
We Gather Around 8:30 +/Until the last one leaves!
Even on the Repeater or ZOOM!



# **Upcoming Special Events**

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

<u>http://www.arrl.org/special\_events/search/page:2/Date.start:2016-09-14/Date.end:2016-12-31/model:Event</u>

# **Contest & Special Events**

**2021 ARRL Contest Dates** 

January 2021	February 2021				
1 <u>Straight Key Night</u>	8-12 School Club Roundup				
2 <u>Kids Day</u>	20-21 International DX - CW				
2-3 RTTY Roundup					
16-18 January VHF					
March 2021	April 2021				
6-7 International DX- Phone	18 Rookie Roundup - Phone				
June 2021	July 2021				
12-14 <u>June VHF</u>	10-11 IARU HF World Championship				
19 <u>Kids Day</u>					
26-27 Field Day					
August 2021	September 2021				
7-8 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	11-13 September VHF				
21-22 10 GHz & Up - Round 1	18-19 10 GHz & Up - Round 2				
22 Rookie Roundup - RTTY	10 17 10 dilz & op Round 2				
October 2021	November 2021				
18-22 School Club Roundup	6-8 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW				
23-24 EME – 2.3 GHz & Up	20-22 Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone				
	20-21 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz				
December 2021					
3-5 <u>160 Meter</u>					
11-12 10 Meter					
19 Rookie Roundup-CW	Check your emails				
	for additional				
	contest and special				
	event activities				
	event activities				

#### 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/

# SCARS Amateur Radio Licensing Schedule.

#### **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.

No walk-ins. Register or call ahead. See sign at Front Desk for Room #.

#### 2021 Schedule

The Governor's directives in effect at that time will be adhered to.

Nov 04 \* Dec 02

For more information, contact Steve Walls, K4ELI: <a href="mailto:swalls46@att.net">swalls46@att.net</a> (404)697-9840

All classes of license exams will be available.

#### **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

#### 2021 Schedule

Due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions, contact John W4TXA w4txa.john@gmail.com for test session schedule information.

Nov 09 \* Dec 14

For more information, contact John Reynolds, W4TXA: w4txa.john@gmail.com

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 <a href="http://www.silvercometars.com/about.php#TEST\_SESSION">http://www.silvercometars.com/about.php#TEST\_SESSION</a>

ARRL <a href="http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training">http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training</a>



# Silver Comet Amateur Radio Society 2021 Calendar

\*\* Don't forget our club breakfast every Thursday morning around 8:30am \*\*

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:	01-05-2021 7pm	02-02-2021 7pm	03-02-2021 7pm	04-06-2021 7pm	05-04-2021 7pm	06-01-2021 7pm
Meeting Location	"On The Air" 146.955– 77Hz & "Zoom"	"On The Air" 146.9 <del>5</del> 5– 77Hz & "Zoom"	"On The Air" 146.955– 77Hz & "Zoom"	"On The Air" 146.955– 77Hz & "Zoom"	Paulding Chamber Of Commerce	Paulding Chamber Of Commerce
Meeting Activity	Contest Station (K3UR) Owner DX Engr.	Toroids & Baluns (N4XL)	Which Ant. Is Best (K4ELI)	Weather (K4DMF)	Last Man Standing WB4QDX	Field Day Prep (FD Team)
Additional Activities	TBD	TBD	TBD	GA QSOP	TBD	Field Day
Hamfest & Conventions	TBD Lawrenceville TechFest	TBD Dalton, GA Orlando, FL (HamCation)	TBD Birmingham Ellijay, GA	TBD Mobile, AL Calhoun, GA	Dayton, OH	TBD Atlanta, GA

This calendar is "Subject to change". Submit change request to K4ELI Steve V2021.05

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	July	August	September	October	November	December
Meeting 1st Tuesday Date/Time:	07-06-2021 7:30pm	08-03-2021 7pm	09-07-2021 7pm	10-05-2021 7pm	11-02-2021 7pm	12-07-2021 7pm
Meeting Location	Paulding Chamber Of Commerce	Paulding Chamber Of Commerce	"ZOOM"	"ZOOM"	Who Knows	Good Question
Meeting Activity	Baluns or Propagation (K4ELI)	POTA, SOTA, ISS	Bob Heil Video AM DX Contest	POTA (K4ELI)	Power Supplies (K4ELI)	SO2R Advanced (SMW)
Additional Activities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Club Elections	Christmas Party TBD
Hamfest & Conventions	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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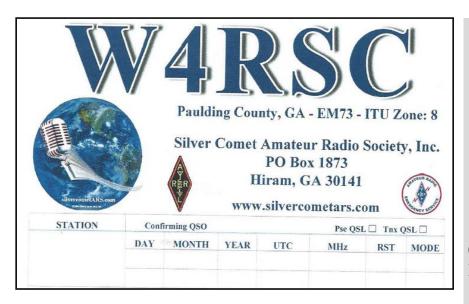
Them: why do you always carry a knife?

Me: last time I tried to open a bag of chips with my 9mm there were problems.





Scott Baily KO4EAC "I wonder how I contacted COVID-19. Maybe it was the doorknobs!"



# SILVER COMET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

**CONTACT US:** 

Groups.io Request: SilvercometARS@groups.io

Repeater: 146.955 (-) (77hz)

Contact: Club President Dan Ozment, W4DTO

Email: dan@ozment.net

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