

Georgia on My Mind Early Edition - Early Edition - August 2017

Highlights::

K2BSA Jamboree
KK4BSA Eclipse Event
Newbie Coastal Cram Course
A Pile of Hamfests

REPORT ON THE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE::

I just returned from the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. K2BSA was active from the Jamboree and over 10% of the youth attending were introduced to Amateur Radio. Additionally, over 300 Scouts earned the Radio Merit Badge. I was proud to be part of that operation. Amateur radio has been a part of the Jamboree experience since at least 1953. K2BSA has been in operation at the Jamboree since 1977. Over that time it has provided demonstrations of amateur radio to thousands of Scouts and helped Scouts earn hundreds of Radio Merit Badges. The 2017 Jamboree operated at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Additionally, we provided a Foxhunting course with over 100 teams completing the course and launched two balloons carrying APRS. The Jamboree station included four Icom IC-7300s, one IC-7700, one IC-7600, one IC-9100, and one ID-5100. Antennas include DX Engineering supplied Hex Beams and verticals, as well as MFJ, supplied dipoles.

Reported by Steve Back WB2OGY

BOY SCOUTS ECLIPSE A SPECIAL EVENT::

To celebrate the eclipse totality over our Scout Camp Rainey Mountain, KK4BSA will be active both Sunday, August 20th and Monday, August 21st. We will be operating SSB on HF and hope those who hear us will help impress any youth present with the Magic of Amateur Radio. The camp will experience 2 minutes and 35 seconds of total darkness (umbra) beginning at approximately 2:35 pm on Monday, August 21, 2017. Hundreds of Scouts and leaders from Northeast Georgia will be at camp to witness the event and take part in other learning activities. KK4BSA is the Amateur Radio Station for the Northeast Georgia Council Radio Club will be on the air as a Special Event Station and will provide a way for those in attendance to learn about radio. I will move the camp HF station from the Tech Studies hill to the dining hall to attract greater interest.

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CRAMMING ON THE COAST::

The Effingham County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group and the Coastal Amateur Radio Society in cooperation with the Georgia ARES Southeast District will sponsor a "License in One Day" training class designed to assist non-radio operators in obtaining their entry level amateur radio license. The class will take place in Rincon, GA on September 16th beginning at 9 AM until 5 PM (Rincon is located just North of Savannah). Registration for the class is required. For more

details email teamradioga@gmail.com or call 229-329-4437

GEORGIA HAMFEST FUTURE::

BYRON Tailgate

Start Date: 09/09/2017

End Date: 09/09/2017

Location: Peach Shops at Byron

311 GA Highway 49

Byron, GA 31008

Website: <http://WA4ORT.com>

Sponsor: Central Georgia Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.850 - (no PL tone)

Public Contact: Robert Tuck , AB4RT

PO Box 2585 Warner Robins, GA 31099

Phone: 478-929-5106

Email: AB4RT@cox.net

DALTON ARC Swapfest

Start Date: 09/09/2017

End Date: 09/09/2017

Location: Prater's Mill

5845 Highway 2

Dalton, GA 30719

Website: <http://www.w4drc.com>

Sponsor: Dalton Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.230 - (no PL tone)

Public Contact: Greg Williams , N4JGW

2815 Quarles Road Rocky Face, GA 30740

Phone: 706-537-5988

Email: n4jgw@arrl.net

68th Annual AUGUSTA Hamfest

Start Date: 09/16/2017

End Date: 09/16/2017

Location: Liberty Park Community Center

1040 Newmantown Road

Grovetown, GA 30813

Website: <http://w4dv.org>

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Club of Augusta

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.490 (PL 71.9)

Public Contact: Ryan Ruby , NE1AM

PO Box 3072 Augusta, GA 30914

Phone: 443-367-1564

Email: ryan.ruby@gmail.com

Al Brock Memorial Hamfest and Tailgate (ROME)

Start Date: 10/21/2017

End Date: 10/21/2017

Location: Rome Senior Center

406 Riverside Parkway NE
Rome, GA 30161
Website: <http://w4vo.org>
Sponsor: Northwest Georgia Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.940- (PL 88.5)
Public Contact: Grover Keith , KA5QFI
13 Fallow Drive NW Rome, GA 30165
Phone: 706-766-1118
Email: ka5qfi@arrl.net

LAGRANGE Hamfest
Start Date: 10/28/2017
End Date: 10/28/2017
Location: Oakside Baptist Church
1921 Hamilton Road
LaGrange, GA 30240
Website: <http://www.lagrangeradioclub.org>
Sponsor: LaGrange Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.7(-) PL 141.3
Public Contact: Rob Momon , N4VPI
877 Stewart Road LaGrange, GA 30241
Phone: 706-594-9035
Email: n4vpj_1@charter.net

Georgia State Convention (STONE MOUNTAIN)
Start Date: 11/04/2017
End Date: 11/05/2017
Location: Gwinnett County Fairgrounds
2405 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30042
Website: <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>
Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 147.075 (PL 82.5)
Public Contact: Mike Smith , KK4KHS
5191 La Paloma Drive SW Lilburn, GA 30047
Phone: 404-509-3104
Email: smithrm71@yahoo.com

HAMJAM 2017
Start Date: 11/11/2017
End Date: 11/11/2017
Location: Mill Springs Academy
13660 New Providence Road
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Website: <http://hamjam.info/>
Sponsor: North Fulton Amateur Radio League
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 145.47 (PL 100.0)
Public Contact: Jeffrey Otterson , N1KDO
4280 Revere Circle Marietta, GA 30062

Phone: 770-518-8070
Email: otterson@yahoo.com

Georgia State ARES Convention & Meeting
Start Date: 01/13/2018
End Date: 01/13/2018
Location: Georgia Public Safety Training Center
1000 Indian Springs Drive
Forsyth, GA 31029
Website: <http://gaares.org/>
Sponsor: Georgia ARES
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: None
Public Contact: Lynn Bianco , KN4YZ
513 Haddington Lane Peachtree City, GA 30269
Phone: 678-464-0311
Email: kn4yz@arrl.net

GARS TECHFEST Convention
Start Date: 01/20/2018
End Date: 01/20/2018
Location: Gwinnett Medical Resource Center
665 Duluth Highway (GA-120)
Lawrenceville, GA 30042
Website: <http://techfest.info>
Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society
Type: ARRL Convention
Talk-In: 147.075+ (PL 82.5)
Public Contact: Neal Gilchrist , W4HNG
180 Canterbury Lane Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Phone: 404-403-6243
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