

Get SET for the 2011 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test

HAM Radio Exams
Saturday, Oct. 1 2011
@1:00 PM
SF College Rm P-144

ARES Meeting
Monday, Sept. 19, 2011
7:00 PM
EOC

GARS Meeting
Wed, Sept. 21, 2011
6:30 PM—AVMED Bldg.
4300 NW 39th Ave.
Gainesville

Mark your calendars: The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is set for October 1-2, 2011. This nationwide exercise is the chance to test your emergency operating skills and the readiness of your communications equipment and accessories in an emergency-like deployment. ARRL Field Organization Leaders at the Section and local levels -- along with many other volunteers who are active in public service and emergency communications -- are developing emergency-like scenarios in consultation with a variety of agencies for whom radio amateurs are known to provide service during emergencies.

To find out how you can step up and be a part of the local or Section-level activities, contact your Section Manager. You can find contact information for all 71 ARRL Section Managers on page 16 of any issue of QST. Additional contact information may also be found on the ARRL website.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), the National Traffic System (NTS), the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and members of the ARRL Field Organization will participate and practice emergency operation plans, nets and procedures.

Building Relationships

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio and to improve them when necessary by experimentation. Community and public service agency officials will learn first-hand by taking a role in the SET and by providing an objective evaluation afterwards from their perspective.

The ARRL has long-standing relationships with several national organizations, including the American Red Cross, the National Weather Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Salvation Army (among several others). Find more information on these and other na-

tional served agencies here.

National Preparedness Month

Once again this year, ARRL is a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member. National Preparedness Month (NPM) is in September, and this is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The US Department of Homeland Security is working with a wide variety of organizations -- including the ARRL -- to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness, as well as to promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation. We encourage you to consider this year's Simulated Emergency Test and all its preparations as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's readiness and as an active participant in National Preparedness Month.

SET to Go!

In consideration of local and Section-wide schedules with agencies and many others, ARRL Field Organization Leaders have the option of conducting their local or Section-wide SET on another weekend in the fall season. Check with your local ARRL Field Organization leadership for the exact date in your area. Your help is needed, and the ARRL SET is a great way to get involved in emergency communications. Information about specific SET guidelines and reporting forms for these ARRL Field Leaders are posted on ARRL website.



Regularly Scheduled Events

Alachua County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Net

Thursdays, 8:00 PM. K4GNV Repeater 146.22/82. Net controls: Jeff, W4UFL; Allan, WA4JD; Mike, K4MPL; Earl, KI4OXD and Susan, KG4VWI.

ARES Meeting

7:00 PM on the third Monday of the month in the EOC Building, 1100 SE 27th Street, Gainesville.

GARS Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of the month, AvMed Building, 4300 NW 89th Blvd., Gainesville.

GARS Saturday Breakfast

1st & 3rd Saturday each month. 7:30 AM at Country Foodly, 5240 NW 34th Street in Gainesville.

GARS Sunday Evening Rag-Chew Net

Sundays, 8:30 PM, K4GNV Repeater 144.22/82, Net Control: Bruce, WA4UF

QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association)

4th Monday each month, 6:00 PM at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 2620 NW 13th Street in Gainesville.

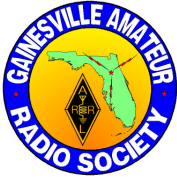
VE Report

On September 3rd we had one person test; she earned an upgrade to *General*. This was a special test session through W5YI, since several people had inquired about a test between the regular bi-monthly sessions. Upcoming license test sessions will include Saturday, October 1st at Santa Fe College; Sunday, October 23rd following a one-day Technician class and test; and Saturday, November 19th at the Starke Hamfest.

Allan West WA4JD

Area Repeaters

Bell (Gilchrist Co. ARES)	147.285+	PL 123.0
Chiefland (DARK)	147.390+	PL 123.0
Ft. McCoy	147.360+	PL 123.0
Gainesville (GARS)	146.820-	PL 123.0
Gainesville (GARS)	146.985-	
Gainesville (GARC-UF)	146.910-	
Gainesville (GARS)	146.685	
K4EAC Memorial Sta. (SFC)	146.790-	
High Springs	145.470-	
Keystone Hgts. (KF4EHP/KF4DRU)	145.130-	
Lake City	145.490-	
Lake City	146.940-	PL 123.0
Ocala	147.330+	PL 123.0
Ocala	146.970-	PL 123.0
Ocala	145.170+	PL 123.0
Starke (ARC-BA)	145.150-	
Gainesville (GARS)	224.160-	
Gainesville (GARS)	444.925+	



Gainesville Amateur Radio Society

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MEETING SCHEDULE

GARS regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM local time at the AvMed Building, 4300 NW 89th Blvd., Gainesville. All interested in Amateur Radio are welcome to attend the meetings.

ARRL & QST

When members join ARRL via the club treasury at regular rates, GARS receives a discount bonus for its treasury. All ARRL members receive QST as part of their membership.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ROSTERS, CORRECTIONS

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MATERIAL FOR GARS MOUTH

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GARS MOUTH COPY DEADLINE

Two weeks prior to the meeting date. Editor may accept, reject, edit, delete or add to any copy submitted. Opinions & views expressed in this newsletter are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect opinions or policies of GARS or its members.

TESTING, UPGRADING, LICENSING

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North Central Florida Ham Clubs

Columbia Amateur Radio Society (CARS) - Meets 7 PM 3rd Monday each month at Lake City Baptist Temple Exit 423 on I-75 1/2 mile N on SR 47 in Lake City. Contact Wes, KI4ZBO (386) 755-2000 E-Mail: ki4zbo@gmail.com

Dixie Amateur Radio Klub (DARK) - Meets 7 PM 3rd Monday each month at Lighthouse Restaurant on US-19 in Fanning Springs. Traffic and Information Net every Monday night except monthly meeting night at 8 PM on the 147.390+ DARK club repeater. Anyone in the listening area is welcomed to check in.

Timco Amateur Radio Club (TARC) - Timco Engineering, 849 NW SR 45, Newberry, FL Contact: Mario, N4TSV, (352) 472-5500

Sun Country Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) - Meets 7:30 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact: Mario, N4TSV, (352) 472-2240

Silver Springs Amateur Radio Club (SSARC) - Meets 7:30 PM 3rd Tuesday at Green Clover Hall in Marion County Government Complex. Weekly net Mondays 7:30 PM 146.610 repeater.

August 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes

For August Board meeting and General meeting GARS board 8/4/11 Called @ 1846 by K4GLM

Sickness & Health:

Janet back

NO4AL doing better after being dead. repeatedly.

K9PDL's mom broke pelvis but healing. Afraid was hip, relieved was pelvis

K4GLM: KF4QEX hot, tired , wants to go home

All: worried about WA1WTF, if sounds really bad , please call ki4vsv on phone [352 505 1242]

Data storage committee - Pete Winters , Kerry Grubel, Jim Carr : Jim Carr to host on his servers. Backups, Personal data/hacked? Security.

Want to store logging software, GARS Mouth Archive, pictures, etc.

Add public site... Voted to present @ general meeting, also offer password for read-only public, and/or history available via anonymous access

W4UFL - ARES reports, events

K4GLM - working on field day reports for arrl, errors in tabulating

K4GLM - asked ki4vsv to report re: Paul Eakin. Agreed to present to general meeting in condensed form

W4TKE - north florida regional medical center memo of understanding w/GARS , radio room @ hospital. Paper filed w/ secretary

Repeater not yet transferred, K4GLM working on it. W4TKE has handled repeater council [some] , K4GLM needs to finalize

W4TKE: where is file cabinet that KF4QEX had? no one knows.... Have made attempts to get, will continue. Planning a raid with some people assigned as distractors. "archive retrieval strike force committee".

W4TKE suggests storing @ repeater site once re-captured. Need crew to move/organize so there's a spot.

Picnic planning - @ general

August 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes (continued)

W4UFL -

WA4JD has completed ics300/400 and now has EOC radio room key County bought a yaesu 10/6/2/70cm radio, magnetic signs & vests next meeting @ American Red Cross 1411 nw 6th street, monday 15th 7pm GARC:balloon launch w/ham or radio tracking Dante Buckley on cubesat workshop, brought teachers in , showed ham radio Skywarn - contacted surrounding counties, working on website for all to use .. N7WWK coordinator, working on echolink for this Emily degraded, dead, no worry at this time Survey from general meeting discussed , only 10 people signed up, so hard to diversify

ARISSat-1 launched, without 70cm antenna, but still sending Tower accident in arrl news, remember to be careful

Launch 8/5 of atlas 5 to jupiter 11:35 am, unsure about visibility or audio

K4GLM - think about new officers... next tuesday K4GLM testing in Ocala for general radio operator license, maybe someday do that here

W4TKE motion to adjourn

passed out @ 19:42

August 2011 General Meeting Minutes

GARS General Meeting 8-17-11

called @ 18:44 by K4GLM

Sickness & Health

WA1WTF - dng better, but not yet able to meeting NO4AL - better, on radio, KI4MUQ - now walking 5 - 6 miles/day, passed elements 1,3,8 GROL K4GLM - passed 1,2 GROL W1DVM - silent key, services last night Ernie Seacrest WD4EPK - Walt sighted him at services, is living in orange springs, no radio, Walt offered him crystal controlled 820 only radio. Inside Joke: Ernie is a packet afficinado

985/97 repeater crosstalk between GARS and Ocala folks - not much can be done

W4DFU 910 repeater issues - W4UFL says no one actively maintaining, W4TKE offered to help

W4TKE- 220 repeater blew final, being worked on. 820 blew board, swapped, repairing old board to have spare

Guest Speaker - Gary KA3FZO, EC Jefferson County Deployed to Alabama after tornadoes, talk about what he saw

Secure server / files : public and members only

Treasurer Report:

Pete Delivered

Motion KI4VSV, second W4UFL, passed

Minutes as in Gars Mouth, motion K9PDL , seconded Carolyn, passed

K4GLM - field day not sent in,

Picnic - no site yet, 1st or 3rd weekend in November, maybe at channel 20 park

Starke Hamfest November 19/20

28.400 - David - don't just listen, talk!....AI4YC: I'll be on around 6am, but 5w and mobile

KI4VSV - petition to recall Paul Eakin, if ARRL member be aware, suggest find out more, decide if you think accusations are true or not. Must have 341 signatures to trigger a recall election.

August 2011 General Meeting Minutes (continued)

ARES - W4UFL:

Senior center - Bob suggested member of board talk about using building for meeting KI4OXD -motion to appoint bob to run with idea, second AI4YC, Bob says he hasn't the time, motion withdrawn W4UFL - push topic to board meeting

W4UFL - Ray leaving board, need to fill vacancy, K4GLM warns- show up or you may be nominated unto a post 1st thursday of month 6pm Piccadilly on 13th Street

Motion to Adjourn - KF4QEX, Seconded by K9PDL, passed by acclamation

September 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes

gars board meeting 9/1/11

Treas report - good- pete

nominate nick k4nik to replace ray both for web & board Acclaimed
at next general meeting, have election to confirm

k9pdl news- went to auction, got 25.33 acres!

picnic nov 5 - where?

nominations: crosscreek , channel 20 park, vetaran's memorial park on tower road, k9pdl-land, various
other county parks mentioned *tower probably busy, need to get someone there early to hold a pavilion
*Noonan's park - pavilions?

k4glm - motion for northside park. boulivar springs as secondary

ki4vsv seconded

passed

w4ufl :

Florida Preparedness Month - September,facebook.com/floridaSERT

Home oxygen issues when no power

Suggestions for what we can tell them to put on website about GARS?

Info about storm effects from w1aw

Keeping an eye new storms

ki4oxd -9/11 nat'l missing children week, 9/12 nat'l missing children day [Florida]

w4tke: question: does icounty still keep batteries for loans?

k4glm - will check

w4ufl: request from k1om- ban wa1wtf from repeater , says has enough to get fcc to pull ticket, wants
club to act w4tke - peter talking to unisc on repeater trying to get him to be a ham, recorded, other
things, 17 tapes.

Lucidity issues

No one sure what to do

K1om is not a paid member....wa1wtf is

k9pdl - always one person who refuses to join because of someone else.... let things ride w4tke - suggest
considering when next wa1wtf's club renewal comes up general madness ensues

ARES Report

Notes from the ARES meeting, followed by a brief summary of the ARRL's ARES E-Letter:

* UPDATE ON LOCAL RED CROSS SUPPORT

- ARRL signed a new MOU with Red Cross in March 2010. Read it here:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-red-cross-sign-memorandum-of-understanding>

- We need to develop our own local statement of understanding with the North Central Florida chapter. Refer to last three pages of the MOU.

- A meeting with the Red Cross Emergency Services Manager is being coordinated along with site visit to the new ham radio room

- If you are interested in joining the Red Cross support team, let W4UFL@ARRL.net know.

*911 OUTAGE SUPPORT TEAM

Alachua County purchased 4 EMCOMM vests and 5 sets of magnetic signs for team members.

Contact W4UFL@ARRL.net if you want to participate on the team.

*TROPICAL ACTIVITY IS BREWING!

Check this site to see what's brewing in the tropics. We are getting into peak hurricane season as we approach mid-September.

There is an 80% chance there will be a Tropical Storm Harvey sometime today or tomorrow in the Caribbean.

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo_atl.shtml

We're still building a team of deployable shelter communicators to support Alachua County Emergency Management.

Contact W4UFL@ARRL.net if you want to participate on the team.

*INDIANAPOLIS STORM WAS NOT A "FLUKE"

Severe weather like the wind gust and stage collapse that killed 8 people, and the folks struck by lightning in Orlando at Sea World is not a fluke.

These events are monitored by the National Weather Service and advisories, watches, and warnings are issued when conditions warrant.

The NWS SKYWARN program teaches how to identify the signs of severe weather. If you have had the Spotter training, or would like to have training, contact W4UFL@ARRL.net if you want to participate on the Skywarn team.

Read a meteorologist's account of the storm and see the actual warning that was issued 10 minutes in advance.

http://www.weather.com/outlook/weather-news/news/articles/indianapolis-tragedy-not-a-fluke_2011-08-15

ARES Report (continued)

The ARRL publishes the ARES E-Letter once a month. For full details on each story, please go to the link shown below:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/?issue=2011-08-17>

ECAC Studying ARES/NTS Issues

The Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC) is hereby tasked by the Programs and Services Committee (PSC) to recommend improvements to ARES and NTS so that the amateur service can better serve the public in providing emergency communications.

Specific topics should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) ARES and NTS objectives and organizational structures;
- (2) integration between ARES and NTS;
- (3) Training, certification, and credentialing; and
- (4) relationships with served agencies.

Progress reports should be submitted to the PSC every 90 days and the final report should be submitted by June 1, 2012."

Readers are invited to contact their ECAC representatives to provide their own input on these questions. Rick Palm, K1CE (Southeastern Division representative). ARRL HQ liaison is Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, W5MPC.

EC-001 Updates

Field Classes and Exams for Introduction to Emergency Communication (EC-001) Ready to Launch

EC-001 Field Instructors Needed

Field Instructors are volunteers who commit their time and expertise to offer classroom instruction of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course.

Volunteer instructors may now conduct classroom instruction covering the material in the new Introduction to Emergency Communication course.

Field Instructors must be registered with the ARRL Continuing Education Program and must meet certain requirements.

ARRL Partners' Roundup

American Red Cross - Heat Wave Safety Checklist

FEMA - National Preparedness Month (Sept.)

APCO Intl - 77th Conference & EXPO

ARES Report (continued)

Salvation Army - Photos from Minot, ND flooding

REACT Intl - Board meeting

NWS SKYWARN - Updated MOU with ARRL

National Public Safety Telecomm Council - Quarterly Newsletter

Letters from Readers

Ham radio operators should be viewed as a Force Multiplier, Not Last-Ditch Fall Back (i.e. "When All Else Fails...")

Hurricane Season Heats Up: Review ARES Disaster Principles

1. Keep the QRM level down.
2. Monitor established disaster frequencies.
3. Avoid spreading rumors.
4. Authenticate all messages.
5. Strive for efficiency.
6. Select the mode and band to suit the need.

Wanted

Chris Christensen , W4IOK is looking
for some tubes...

12JB6A 6LF6 or sub (6MH6, 6LX6, 6KD6)

He can be contacted on the K4BAR re-
peater(145.150 no tone) or email to
W4IOX@live.com