



# Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

June 2002

## C.C.A.R.E.S.



**Emergency Coordinator:** Steve Hammond K4SAH email: k4sah@arrl.net

**Weekly Net:** Monday Nights 8:45pm – 145.370 (- offset and 100hz Tone) KB4IZF Repeater  
Third Monday of Month is a Simplex Net on 147.420 Website: <http://www.qsl.net/ccgaares/>

**Monthly Meetings:** First Saturday of each month 10:00AM - Locations Announced on NET

### WELCOME

to the Cherokee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) Newsletter! This Newsletter is provided to enhance the services of CCARES to Cherokee County, utilizing Amateur Radio, and it's membership.

### MEETING NOTICE

We invite you to come be a part of our exciting group and come join us at our ***Next Meeting, Saturday, June 22, 2002, 10:00am, at Fields Landing Park, Fields Landing Rd, off Hwy 20, just east of Knox Bridge and west of Canton, Ga.*** The C.C.A.R.E.S. meeting is being held in conjunction with **Field Day-2002** and with the fine folks of Cherokee Amateur Radio Society, to free up July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Come join in the meeting and enjoy Field Day with us!

#### **Volunteers are needed to serve as C.C.A.R.E.S. Net Control Station Operators**

If you are interested in conducting the Monday night NET, please contact Steve Hammond.

#### Leadership Team

**Emergency Coordinator:** Steve Hammond - K4SAH

#### Assistant Emergency Coordinators

**Liaison:** Steve Cook - KE4WLQ

**Operations:** Bobby Dranzek - KG4QGK

**Early Warning Station:** Markus Powell - AF4VS

**Early Warning Station:** Jodi Powell - AG4BK

**Official Emergency Station:** Richard Byrd - KA4PRN

**Chaplain:** Mike Hill - K4JKM

**Newsletter:** Jim Millsap - N4ZFU

#### C.C.A.R.E.S. ID CARDS

If you need a Cherokee County ARES ID card, please contact Steve Hammond, K4SAH at: **stevehammond@bellsouth.net**

Members who need an ID card from the Cherokee County Fire-EMA, please contact Sharon Young, 770-479-2080, before going to the Public Safety building on Main St. in Canton, Ga.

We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Mr. Hugh Pearson, KB4IZF**, for the most gracious use of his repeater, 145.370mhz, located at 3,300 ft. on Mt. Oglethorpe, east of Jasper, Ga.

**Cherokee County ARES** held it's June monthly meeting on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, held at Jim R. Miller Park in Cobb County. Thirteen folks were in attendance. **Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS) group President, Mike Hill K4JKM**, presented a homebrew ground plane antenna. Steve Hammond C.C.A.R.E.S. EC, conducted the meeting. Topics included: Upcoming First Aid-CPR Course, that will be taught for free, by Cherokee County Fire-EMA. If you would like to attend, please contact Steve. We are looking into a group class for the ARRL EC 001 Course later in the year. Discussion about Field Day, June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Field's Landing was held.



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### County News

#### **Cherokee County Fire – EMA Cautions Residents Against Possible Scam Artists**

(Canton, GA)—Officials at Cherokee County Fire-EMA wish to caution Cherokee County residents against anyone representing himself as a firefighter wanting to visit their homes under the premise of conducting water quality and/or parasite inspections. Cherokee County firefighters will only come to a home to do fire safety inspections at the request of the homeowner.

If anyone calls claiming to be a firefighter wanting to inspect your home, please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately. These are not genuine offers and could be a scam. Again, the only legitimate inspections that Cherokee County Firefighters conduct are for fire safety and at the request of the homeowner.

Cherokee County Sheriff's Office - 770-928-0239  
City of Canton - 770-720-4883  
City of Holly Springs - 770-345-5337  
City of Woodstock - 770-592-6019

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**Severe Thunderstorms** caused several power outages across the county late Monday afternoon, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to OPCON 3 and Storm Spotters were activated.

#### **Hurricane Season begins June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

HISTORICALLY, TROPICAL SYSTEMS HAVE CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE RIGHT HERE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY. WE ARE HUNDEREDS OF MILES INLAND, HOWEVER THE POWER OF THESE SYSTEMS HAVE CASUED WIDE SPREAD WIND DAMAGE AND FLOODING HERE AT HOME. Hurricanes can be dangerous killers. Learning the hurricane warning messages and planning ahead can reduce the chances of injury or major property damage. Have disaster supplies on hand.

- Flashlight and extra batteries
  - Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
  - First aid kit and manual
  - Emergency food and water
  - Non-electric can opener
  - Essential medicines
  - Cash and credit cards
  - Sturdy shoes
  - Make arrangements for pets.
- Pets may not be allowed into emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.  
Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.

# CCARES Feature Page

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Each month we would like to feature one of our group members via a submitted article, their ham shack, or any other item of interest for our fellow hams. We also will include any “**Swap Shop**” items that you may have, so send in you articles, pictures, and items for trade or sale.

This month we would like to feature fellow ARES member, Treasurer and Net Manager of the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society (CARS), Mr. Bill Coffee, N4RYB. Bill does a tremendous job calling nets for both the ARES and CARS groups on Monday evenings. As the pictures below reveal, his hamshack compliments the definition of “Amateur Radio Emergency Service”, pulling out those far away stations on simplex nights! Thanks for all you do and the great pictures, Bill.

**N4RYB**

**Bill Coffee**



Bill described his setup as:

“The tower is a tilt over and is 80 feet tall with a 12 foot mast and topped off with a Ringo Ranger 2. That puts the 2 meter vertical at over 100 feet. The beams are a 2 meter quad homebrew that I bought for \$35.00 and the HF is a Sommer XP 50 Log Periodic. There are some dipoles also on the tower.”

Jim Millsap  
N4ZFU

Articles for the newsletter may be submitted via email to: [N4ZFU@bellsouth.net](mailto:N4ZFU@bellsouth.net)