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WELCOME

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

Cherokee ARES has successful October Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

Cherokee ARES members had a strong showing during the 2010 SET on October 2nd. Overall, the SET was a success as our members activated at the EOC, established communications at a Shelter and POD (point of distribution), and deployed members to perform radio tests from 43 shelters and 27 fire stations throughout the county. Many modes were used including voice and digital. Communications were conducted on Winlink, Dstar VHF, UHF, and HF (thanks to new 80m dipole at EOC). Pictured at right is EOC work party. Special thanks to all who participated.



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CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Weekly Net**
8:00pm Monday
443.075 + 107.2 hz
Echolink: W4SKB-L
backup 145.270 - 100 hz
Simplex 147.585
- **Monthly Meeting**
2nd Saturday, 10am
Oak Grove Community
Room at Fire Station 19,
Hwy 92 @ 100 Ridgemill Ct
Acworth, Ga. 30102
- **Check for updates on web-site:** www.cherokee-ares.org

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From the EC's desk

At the heart of any successful ARES groups are the results that speak volumes about the members and their monthly contribution to provide a service. I am pleased to report that **Cherokee ARES has volunteered 1,210 hours in the first 9 months of 2010! (WOW)**

September's monthly State ARES report was exceptional, reporting 278 man hours (a new monthly record for us) with 167 hours contributed toward Public Safety. The two Public Safety events were the American Heroes Air Show in Canton, GA. and we supported Paulding County ARES on a full scale Public Safety exercise with a simulated plane crash.

We continue to build long lasting relationships to support Cherokee County and reaching outside our County to our fellow ARES members.

Cherokee ARES continues to grow in membership, adding new members monthly. The secret is not a secret at all. Folks who volunteer their time want to be involved with a group that contributes, plans and implements in a timely manner, trains for events with the latest technology, and has fun with a group of positive people. This sums up the Cherokee ARES group when 75% turn out for meetings, events, and work parties.

Our group enjoys ladders of success and continues to climb. Dare to climb higher, setting new goals. Hang out with climbers because they motivate. Stay focused while climbing to support each other. An analogy is 70% of mountain climbers die going back down, because they are not as focused. Regret looks back, Worry looks around, but Vision always looks ahead. Thanks!



**Jim Millsap, WB4NWS
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AEC's Corner Cherokee County ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinators

The October 2nd SET group assembled at 8am at the Cherokee County EOC. What a great group of hams! Excellent Job, thanks!

L-R: Jim Wauford, Steve Bramham, Andy Mills, Chuck Earhart, John Mitchell, Tom Olley, Earl Simmons, Bob Flavin, Duane Reece, Dan Michel, John Murray, Mike Smith, Darrell Dobson, Ken Dean, and Keith Hunsaker. Not pictured participants were: Juan Quiroga, James James, Monty Allen, Sandy Hansen, Jim Alderdice, Pat Wauford, Keith Douglas, and picture taken by Jim Millsap.



October 2nd Simulated Emergency Test, Cherokee Style

To practice with this year's SET, Cherokee ARES wanted to cover all bases and did a superb job accomplishing the objectives for the State ARES SET and the County. The Cherokee OHS/EMA was included in the plans and the EOC ham station was activated, along with a shelter and point of distribution (POD), and 13 rover stations covering up to 43 shelters and 27 fire stations. A Press Release had been sent out prior to the SET and was published in the Cherokee Tribune newspaper on October 2nd. GREAT JOB!



Top L: Tom Olley, KG4VUB, and Earl Simmons, N4LES set up a complete HF, VHF, UHF, Winlink, DStar, station at a **shelter location**. ICS 213 forms were sent/received using FLDigi and FLMsg, and Tom acted as NCS for the State ARES Digital Net on 3.583mhz all on emergency power and portable.

Top R: Jim Wauford, WA4REV, and Chuck Earhart, KM4KB set up a complete station like Tom's at a **Point of Distribution (POD)** to send/receive their ICS 213 forms as well.

Right: Jim Millsap, WB4NWS, EC-Cherokee County ARES and John Mitchell, N4ZGD, worked at **EOC** to send/receive ICS forms via UHF repeater and simplex.

Bottom: Steve Bramham, W4SKB, DEC-GSP and AEC Cherokee, covered HF with the FT-950 station at the EOC.





Cherokee ARES assists Paulding ARES for Drill

On September 22nd, members from the Cherokee ARES group assisted Paulding County ARES on a full County Exercise. The drill was a simulated plane crash at Paulding County Airport. Pictured below on left is Major Kevin New, Paulding County FD with Paulding County AEC Emory Gordy, KJ4KUT, at Incident Command. Emory was Acting EC during this event. Below right is the Paulding County Command Bus. The event included all agencies in Paulding with triage, transport to hospital, and ham stations.



Left: During any event, ARES members must be able to fully communicate inside, outside counties and the State as proven during past hurricanes, floods, fires, etc. With emphasis on Public Safety to use ICS (Incident Command System), the ICS 213 form to pass messages is now more common. During the Paulding County exercise, an ICS 213 message was transmitted from the Incident Command location to Cherokee County OHS/EMA as seen to the left, via a laptop connected to a ham radio and sent at PSK125 over the 443.075 Cherokee ARES repeater. Cherokee OHS/EMA received the message and replied back, all without the use of internet. A printer was in the backseat, to be used with a 12v power inverter to print and deliver the message. Pictured at right is from WB4NWS, Jim Millsap's vehicle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11-13-2010: ARRL VE TEST SESSION –Cherokee ARES will be hosting a VE Test Session at Oak Grove Community Room, at 1:30pm on November 13, 2010. The address is 100 Ridge Mill Ct, Acworth, GA. 30102 and is located on Hwy 92 at Ridge Mill Ct, in front of Fire Station 19, approximately 1 mile east of I-75 on Hwy 92. From Woodstock, the community room is located 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Woodstock Rd and Hwy 92. The session will begin promptly at 1:30pm. Thanks!