# AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.



THE ARCCC, INC. WELCOMES YOU!

The meeting will begin at 7 PM

# AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.



GENERAL MEETING

MEETING #148

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7 PM



# INVOCATION

## MEETING AGENDA



- Welcome & Introductions
- Presentation: After Action Review of Hurricane Helene
  - ARCCC, Inc. Members
- Membership Applications
- Monthly Reports
- Upcoming Events
- Business Items
- Committee Updates
- Amateur Radio Club of Augusta
- North Augusta Belvedere Radio Club
- East Central/Columbia County ARES
- AmRRON
- Review Motions and Assignments
- Adjourn

# **SWAP TABLE**

KAKINS

COLUMBIA COUNTY, ST.

Now at

https://arcccinc.groups.io/g/swapsellortrade/topics





# Welcome and Introductions



- Please Sign In on the Attendance Log
  - Please <u>PRINT</u> Legibly

- Introductions
  - QUICKLY Go Around the Room and Provide Your Name and Call Sign



# 2024 Ham of the Year Award

## Presentation



# Hurricane Helen After Action Review

ARCCC, Inc. Members
Not an Exhaustive List
But More of a Discussion

# TIMELINE (1)



- Monitor Pending Threats prior to arrival
- Safety of Family during threat
- Check on others after threat is clear and is safe to do so

# TIMELINE (2)



- Emerging from Safety to find damage and those in need
  - Assist with Aid and Report Injuries
  - Document Damage
  - Work to prevent further Damage

# TIMELINE (3)



- Determine and Manage Needs/Duration
- Needs vary based on location
  - Rural/Urban and person
- Various Main Needs
  - Water/Food
  - Shelter
  - Safety

# TIMELINE (4)



- Various Needs
  - Water/Food
  - Shelter
  - Safety
  - Meds
  - Elderly
  - Pets
  - Special Needs

# TIMELINE (5)



- Rusty's Items
  - Document a using Timeline Method
  - Communications Methods (Varies based on Duration)
    - Which Repeaters are Operational and For How Long
    - What other operators have done the same
  - Backup Power
    - Generator Fuel and Treatment
    - Exhaust

# TIMELINE (6)



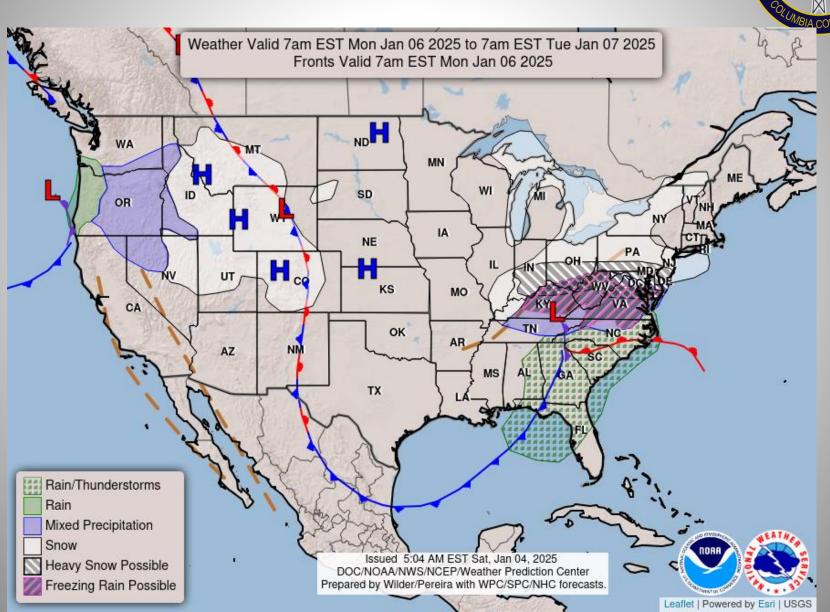
- Rusty's Items
  - Generator
    - Load Rotation
  - After a period of power loss
    - Turn off Main Breaker to Home
      - Especially when I am not home to monitor the powering on of items that have experience a long term power loss
      - Order of turning on breakers

# TIMELINE (7)



What other items can the ARCCC, Inc.
 Membership share?

# WHAT ABOUT FUTURE THREATS?



# **COLD TEMPERTURES (1)**



- Protect Outdoor Plumbing
- Protect Plumbing in Exterior Walls
  - Open Cabinet Doors to expose plumbing to heat
- Automotive/Generators
  - Check Antifreeze
  - Prep for Lower Pressure in Inflatables like tires
  - Windshield and Mirror Covers (RainX)
  - Ice Scraper
- Charge Batteries
- TURN OFF SPRINKLERS!!!

# **COLD TEMPERTURES (2)**



- Salt for Sidewalks and Driveway
- Gather proper clothing
- Prepare for Power Outages
  - Frozen Precipitation will cause trees and powerlines to fall
  - Generator Preparations
- Top off Fuel Tanks
- Communications Methods?
- Monitor Forecasts
- TURN OFF SPRINKLERS!!!





# **UPCOMING EVENTS (1)**



• 01-07-2025	ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
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01-09-2025 ARCCC, Inc. BOD Meeting

• 01-11-2025 Greenwood Hamfest

01-11-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session (Last one till March)

• 01-25/26-2025 Winter Field Day

02-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

02-07/09-2025 Orlando Hamcation

02-22-2025 Dalton, GA Hamfest

03-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (Battery Care)

• 03-07/08-2025 Charlotte, SC Hamfest

03-08-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

03-15-2025 Sevier County, TN Hamfest

# **UPCOMING EVENTS (2)**



•	04-01-2025	ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (Geochron)
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04-05-2025 Ridge Amateur Radio Club Tailgate Batesburg-Leesville

04-05-2025 Raleigh, NC Hamfest

04-12-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

O5-06-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (RTSystems)

05-10-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

05-16/18-2025 Hamvention

06-03-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (Rocket Machine Worx)

06-07-2025 Atlanta Hamfest

06-14-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

06-28/29-2025 ARRL Field Day

# **UPCOMING EVENTS (3)**



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07-12-2025

• 08-05-2025

• 08-09-2025

• 08-16/17-2025

• 08-29/31-2025

• 09-02-2025

• 09-13-2025

ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

**CSRAHamExams Exam Session** 

ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

**CSRAHamExams Exam Session** 

Huntsville, AL Hamfest

Shelby, NC Hamfest

ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

**CSRAHamExams Exam Session** 

# **UPCOMING EVENTS (4)**



10-07-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

10-11-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

10-17/19-2025 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

11-01/02-2025 Stone Mountain Hamfest

12-02-2025

12-13-2025

11-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

11-08-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

ARCCC, Inc. Annual Awards and Holiday Party

**CSRAHamExams Exam Session** 

# ARCCC, Inc. Upcoming Presentations



- 01-07-2025 Helene AAR
- 03-04-2025 Battery Operations and Care
- 04-01-2025 Geochron
- 05-06-2025 RTSystems
- 06-03-2025 Rocket Machine Worx
- Ropes and Knots
- Meshtastic

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS



Are there any ARCCC, Inc. Membership Applications for consideration?

# ARCCC, INC. MONTHLY REPORTS



Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County

Printed on 1/3/2025

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Update from Treasurer
  - September 2024 Through
     12-31-2024 Due to cancelled
     October 2024 and November 2024
     Meetings

**Secretary's Report** for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting:

09-03-2024 Meeting Minutes

#### CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

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ARCCC ACCOUNTS	ΔΝ.	10UNT
ARCCC ACCOUNTS	AIV	100111
7513 - Main Account	\$	1,681.96
4913 - Pay Pal Account	\$	490.00
Pending Transfer from PayPal	\$	1,478.69
Petty Cash - Treasurer	\$	160.00
Petty Cash - Asset Committee	\$	-
Pending Deposit - Checks	\$	-
Pending Deposit - Cash	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$	3,810.65
Less Commitments		

2025 Budget

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING \$ 3,810.0	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING	\$ 3,810.65
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# ARCCC, INC. MONTHLY REPORTS



#### ARCCC, Inc 2025 Budget (Draft) Effective Date 01/01/2025

### **2025** Annual Budget

Request for Approval

Name	<b>Budget CY2025</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	
Administration			
PO Box Rental	\$216.00	01-Feb-25	
Fed Tax 990 Renewal	\$40.00	15-Feb-25	
Ga Corp Renewal	\$30.00	15-Feb-25	
Liability Insurance	\$200.00	01-Dec-25	
Asset & Inventory Committee			
Equipment Insurance	\$332.00	15-Dec-25	
HH Radio Donation to CSRA VE Team	\$200.00	01-Apr-25	_
Field Day Committee			
Winter Field Day - Food	\$200.00	30-Jan-25	
ARRL Field Day - Food	\$250.00	30-Jun-25	
Facility Rental	\$0.00	SemiAnnual	
Nominations Committee			_
Gift Cards	\$50.00	15-Nov-25	
Appreciation Plaques	\$100.00	15-Nov-25	
IT Committee			
Domain Name Renewal	\$265.00	01-May-25	
Dropbox Subscription	\$144.00	Monthly	
Amazon Web Services	\$1,000.00	Monthly	
Groups.io Subscription	\$220.00	01-May-25	
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$3,247.00		_

Projected Income				
Membership Dues (80 Paying)	\$1,920.00			
Donations (Regular)	\$750.00	Note 1		
Fund Raising	\$1,000.00	Note 2		

TOTAL AMOUNT \$3,670.00

Budget Total \$423.00

- Note 1 Average of recent donations by members.
- Note 2 Proposed activities to raise additional funds.

# **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**



- Simply visit <u>www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com</u>
- Login to your existing account or create an account
- Click on Community
- Enter "<u>DF873</u>" and <u>Amateur Radio</u>
   <u>Club of Columbia County, Inc.</u> should appear.
- Select our organization and donate!

**\$24.28** Received!!!

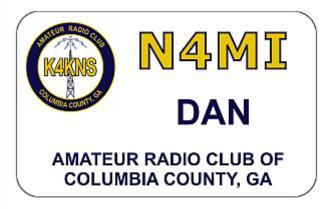








Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Ga Name Badge



ARC of Columbia County, Ga Badge price \$13.50

MEGA-STRONG Magnetic Bar

\$3.75

# The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Order at this link:

https://thesignman.com/clubs/columbiacogacart.html

## **Business Items**



- HamClubOnline.com
  - \*\*NOTE: Membership Expiration Notices are sent 60 Days prior to the date of expiration.
  - \*\*NOTE: There is a 7 Day Grace period where you can pay and not have to reapply for membership.
  - ARRL Email Addresses are not valid, please update your email address within HamClubOnline
    - ARRL Forwarding Email System is unreliable
- Groups.io
  - https://groups.io/g/arcccinc
- Please email all monthly meeting presentation items to the President no less than 7 days prior to the General Meeting.

#### HamClubOnline - Club Self-Check (ARCCC)

#### **Member Statistics:**

Active Members 99 Expiring Soon Members 1 Inactive Members 45 Non-Members Affiliates 0

#### Rank Statistics: (Active Members)

Member 93 Trustee 2 Officer 5 Total 100

#### Member Types Statistics: (Active Memberships)

 Family Membership
 9

 Family Membership (Free)
 6

 Full Membership
 68

 Full Membership (Active Military)
 1

 Honorary Membership
 1

 Life Membership
 15

 Total
 100

#### Pending Applications:

Name	Status	<b>Application Date</b>
JOHN MORRISON KQ4NTI	Pending Membership	2024-02-07 00:44:47
ANTHONY SWOGGER KQ40EQ	Pending Membership	2024-10-24 22:31:15
Steve M Burinsky K3SMB	Pending Approval	2024-12-04 02:23:02
Hans Van Loenen KQ4MTX	Pending Approval	2024-12-31 01:36:11

#### Members Expiring Soon:

Name Callsign Expire Date
William W Byrne KO4TLS 2024-12-31

#### Members with Invalid E-Mail Addresses:

 Name
 Callsign
 E-Mail

 JOHN T CARTER II
 KJ4MC
 kj4mc@arrl.net

 CHARLES A PENNINGTON JR
 K4GK
 k4gk@arrl.net

#### Members with Expired Licenses:

Name Callsign Lic Exp Date
LINDA P ANTOPOLSKY N4LDH 2024-12-22

#### Inactivated Members: (Last 90 Days)

Name Callsign Remove Date By Jefferson L Williams KQ4LNS 2024-10-23 (HCOL SYSTEM)

#### New Memberships: (Last 90 Days)

Name	Callsign	Membership Type	Amount	Start Date	<b>End Date</b>	Poster	Post Date
ANDREW H BREJDA	KA5VLY	Full Membership	\$25.00	2024-10-04	2025-10-03	ANDREW H BREJDA	2024-10-04
Daniel A Nelms	KK4CNM	Full Membership	\$25.00	2024-12-03	2025-12-02	Daniel A Nelms	2024-10-06
William L Kimbell	K9PAL	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-01-15	2026-01-14	William L Kimbell	2024-11-15
George Williams	KN4THO	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-01-27	2026-01-26	George Williams	2024-11-27
Steve M Burinsky	K3SMB	Full Membership	\$25.00	2024-12-04	2025-12-04	Steve M Burinsky	2024-12-04
Hans Van Loenen	KQ4MTX	Full Membership	\$25.00	2024-12-31	2025-12-31	Hans Van Loenen	2024-12-31



 1/1/25, 10:31 AM
 HamClubOnline.Com - ARCCC Club Self-Check

 Stephen C Martin
 KO4CVU Full Membership
 \$25.00
 2025-01-27 2026-01-26 Stephen C Martin
 2025-01-01

<u>Club Menu</u> <u>Main Menu</u> <u>Logoff</u>

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# ARCCC, INC. MEMBERS

**COMMITTEES** 

BOD

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**



#### **Directors provide QUICK UPDATES on their committees**

- IT
- Repeater
- Net Control
- Volunteer Examiner
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Field Day
- Asset/Inventory
- Nomination
- Chaplain and Visitation
- Fundraising
- Mentoring
- Outreach

#### **Appointed Positions:**

- K4KNS Trustee
- Public Information Officer
- QSL Manager



# Board of Directors (BOD) Nominations & Elections



- Members were notified at the August meeting of upcoming BOD elections and were encouraged to self nominate or nominate another club member to serve.
- A notification from Groups.io was sent on August 26, 2024 with detailed instructions on how to nominate an individual for a BOD position.
- Nominations were also accepted from the floor.

## **BOD Nominations & Elections (cont.**

 The Bylaws Committee Co-Directors have received the following nominations:

President Rusty Welsh / KG4HIR

Vice President
 Dan Marshall / N4MI

TreasurerBill Clark / WK4F

SecretaryShannon Welsh / KK4MED

Member at Large Steven Kitchings / KN4RVU

## **Board of Directors Elections**



- As noted in the Groups.io notification, all club members in good standing received a ballot with all nominees for the five BOD positions via HamClubOnline on or about Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with ballots due by midnight on September 15, 2024.
- Ballots received after the deadline were not counted.
- Election results should have been shared at the October club meeting.
  - Due to the October 2024 Meeting Cancellation and uncontested election, the election results are being shared now.

# ARCCC, Inc. Board of Directors Slate for 2025-2026



- Thank you to those who have voted in the 2025-2026 election.
- 49% of the ARCCC, Inc. Membership voted in the 2025-2026 election.

#### HamClubOnline - Election Results (ARCCC)

#### Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. Board of Directors 2025-2026 Results:

(Voting from 2024-09-09 17:05 EDT thru 2024-09-15 23:59 EDT)



#### **#1: PRESIDENT**

1. Rusty Welsh (49 votes, 100.0%)

#### **#2: VICE PRESIDENT**

1. Dan Marshall (49 votes, 100.0%)

#### **#3: SECRETARY**

1. Shannon Welsh (49 votes, 100.0%)

#### #4: TREASURER

1. Bill Clark (49 votes, 100.0%)

#### **#5: BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE**

1. Steven Kitchings (49 votes, 100.0%)

#### **Election Statistics:**

49 ballots cast, 101 ballots sent = 49% voted

## Newly Elected Board of Directors 2025-2026



- President
  - Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)
- Vice President
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI)
- Secretary
  - Shannon Welsh (KK4MED)
- Treasurer
  - Bill Clark (WK4F)
- Board Member at Large
  - Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU)

#### Thank You!



- Past Treasurer
  - Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX)
- Past Board Member at Large
  - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)

## 2025-2026 APPOINTMENTS



- K4KNS Trustee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
- QSL Manager
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI)
- Net Manager
  - Bill Clark (WK4F)
- Presentations
  - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)



- Fund Raising Committee
  - Pull out your tickets!!!

Fund Raising Ideas are Welcome!



- Bylaws/Nominations Committee
  - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) Co-Director
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director

## **Bylaws Committee Update**



- While preparing for the upcoming Board of Director elections, the Bylaws
   Committee identified two minor changes that are recommended for approval to
   ensure our upcoming election of new Board of Directors officers is consistent with
   the requirements of the bylaws.
- Section 2.07 of the Bylaws currently states:
  - "The Board of Directors will be elected every two years at the November meeting of the organization and the new Board will assume their roles effective January 1 of the following year. Nominations will be offered at the September or other designated meeting by the Board and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Nominees must confirm that they are willing to accept if they are present or in writing if they are not present. Nominees will be listed and the list distributed to Full Members via email at least two weeks prior to the November meeting. Only Full Members in good standing and at least 18 years old may hold office in the organization. A term for a Board Member is defined as two years. A Board Member can serve in the same position for no more than 5 years. The nominating committee will be the Board, unless a nominating committee is established by the Board of Directors."

## **Bylaws Committee Update**



- The proposed changes to Section 2.07 are as follows:
  - "The Board of Directors will be elected every two years at the November meeting of the organization and the new Board will assume their roles effective January 1 of the following year. Nominations will be offered at the September or other designated meeting by the Board and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Nominees must confirm that they are willing to accept if they are present or in writing if they are not present. Nominees will be listed and the list distributed to Full Members via email at least two weeks prior to the November meeting. Only Full Members in good standing and at least 18 years old may hold office in the organization. A term for a Board Member is defined as two years. A Board Member can serve in the same position for no more than 5 consecutive years. The nominating committee will be the Board, unless a nominating committee is established by the Board of Directors The nomination process will be determined by the Bylaws Committee Director / Co-Directors."

 This serves as the second reading of the proposed bylaws change. We invite your comments and feedback.

 A vote to accept the bylaws changes proposed is now needed.



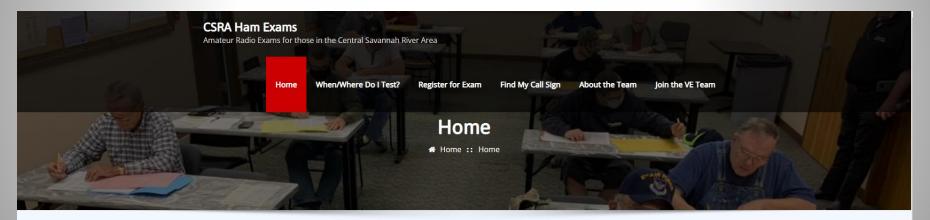
- Finance Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
  - David Slabodnick (KO4LDS)



- IT Committee
  - Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
  - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)



- Examinations
- CSRAHamExams.com



Welcome to CSRA Ham Exams.com!

Are you looking to take an Amateur Radio Exam within the Central Savannah River Area? Centered in Columbia County/Richmond County, Georgia, the CSRA Ham Exams Team is excited to help you get started in the Amateur Radio Hobby or to help you advance to the next level License Class. Either way we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

To ensure you are prepared to take an exam with the CSRA Ham Exams Team please follow the instructions on the https://www.csrahamexams.com/when-where-do-i-test/ webpage.



- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director



- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- DMR Repeater
  - CONVENTIONAL REPEATER OPERATION ONLY
  - 449.9000 In (Subscriber TX)
  - 444.9000 Out (Subscriber RX)
  - CC 15
  - Timeslot 1 TG358
  - Timeslot 2 TG985



- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- Belair Site Helene Updates
  - DB-224 is Slightly Bent
  - Repeater Shack does flood with enough water but also drains over time
  - 146.985 Was placed on batteries for the duration of the power outage
  - UPS Batteries discharged completely and bulged during recharge (repaired)











- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- 6 Meter Repeater Relocation
  - Due to Damages Sustained during Helene 6
     Meter Repeater Equipment was retrieved and relocated to the Belair Site
  - After further discussion and donations, the 6
     Meter Repeater was placed on the air at the Belair Site

















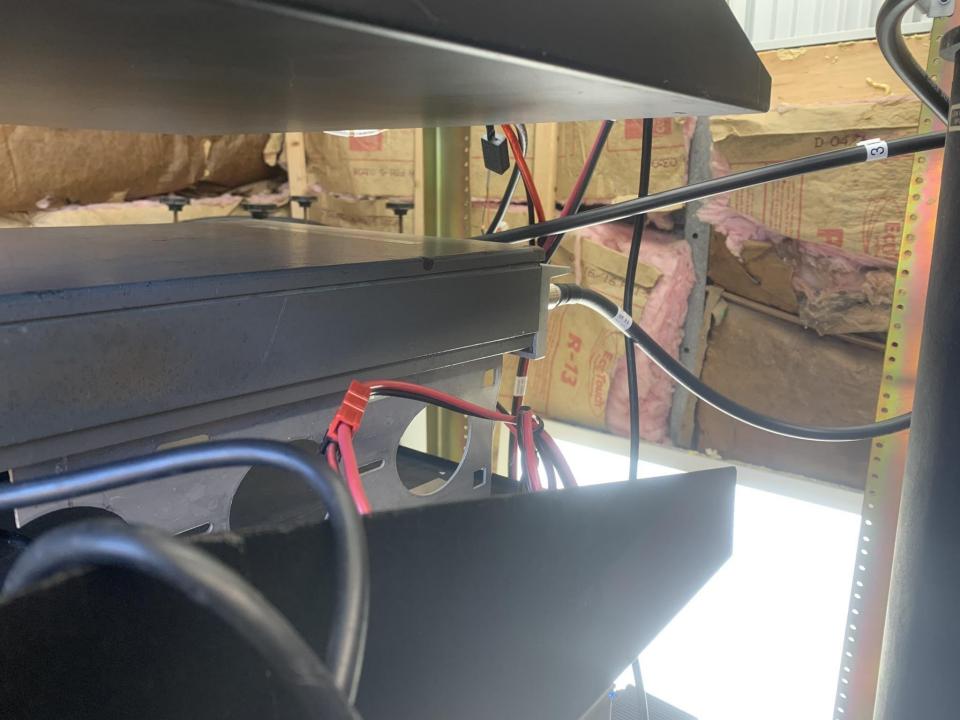














- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- 6 Meter Beacon Relocation
  - Due to Damages Sustained during Helene 6
     Meter Beacon Equipment was retrieved and relocated to the Belair Site
  - Currently Off Air







- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- 6 Meter Beacon Relocation
  - Due to Damages Sustained during Helene 6
     Meter Beacon Equipment was retrieved and relocated to the Belair Site
  - We are currently seeking a new location for the ARCCC, Inc. 6 Meter Beacon



- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) Co-Director
- 6 Meter Beacon Relocation Request
  - Free
  - Located in Columbia County, GA
  - Climate Controlled Secured Facility (w/Access)
  - Away from any other Amateur Radio
     Operations and where constant transmit will not interfere with anything nearby



- Field Day Committee
  - Edwin Davis (KQ4SRF) 2025 Co-Director
  - Sam Reeder (WW4ZT) 2025 Co-Director
    - To Join the Field Day Committee
      - You must join via Groups.io
      - <a href="https://arcccinc.groups.io/g/fieldday/topics">https://arcccinc.groups.io/g/fieldday/topics</a>



Edwin (KQ4SRF)



Sam (WW4ZT)





### **ARCA General Meeting**

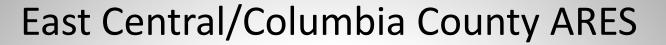
January 21, 2025 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM POB-1 (formerly H2U) Building

# North Augusta - Belvedere Radio Club



### **NABRC General Meeting**

January 13, 2025 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Department of Public Safety Station #2
501 W Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29860







#### Susan Messick, WA0B

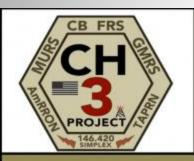
East Central District Emergency Coordinator
Columbia County GA ARES Emergency Coordinator

#### David Corsiglia, WA6TWF

Columbia County GA ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator







# **AmRRON**



The American Redoubt Radio Operators Network and The American Preparedness Radio Network (TAPRN)

## **REVIEW**



Review motions and assignments

 We would welcome your presentations and ideas for presentations.

Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting?



**THANK YOU!!!**