

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.



GENERAL MEETING

MEETING #58

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

7 PM



INVOCATION



ARCCC, INC. AGENDA OVERVIEW

- Recognition
- Welcome and Introductions (Quickly)
- Applications for New Membership
- Treasury Report and Meeting Minutes
- Swap Table
- Updates from Committee Directors
- New Business

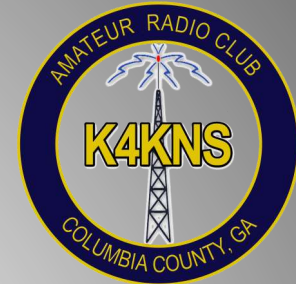
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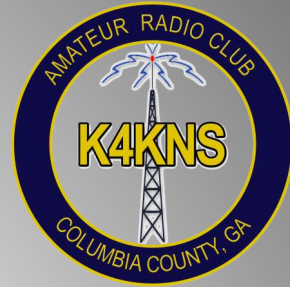




Special Thanks to the ARCCC, Inc. Board of Directors, 2015-2018

- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) - President
- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) – Vice President
- Howard Weeks (K5JCP) – Treasurer
- Shannon Covington (KK4MED) – Secretary
- Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) – Board Member at Large





Congratulations to our 2018 Award Winners!

- ARCCC, Inc. Service Award
Shannon Covington (KK4MED)
- Thomas Kohli Ham of the Year Award
Devon Harris (KM4PHT)



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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
This award is bestowed by
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In recognition and appreciation of contributions to
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The Birmaham Center Club of Commerce, Inc.
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[Title]
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[State]
[Zip]



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AT ALL TIMES





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Please Sign In on the Attendance Log
 - Please PRINT Legibly
- Introductions
 - QUICKLY Go Around the Room and Provide Your Name and Call Sign



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- Are there any additional ARCCC, Inc. Membership Applications which need to be turned in before we vote?

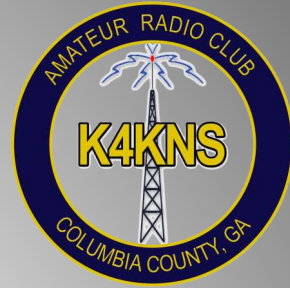


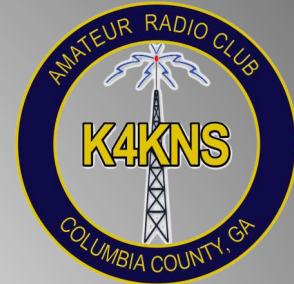
ARCCC, INC. REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
 - Posted on Website



SWAP TABLE





UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01-26-2019 – TechFest, Lawrenceville, GA
- 01-26/27-2019 – Winter Field Day
- 02-8/10-2019 – HamCation, Orlando, FL
- 02-23-2019 – Dalton, GA Hamfest
- 02-26-2019 – ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
– SKYWARN Basic Storm Spotter Class
- 02-23/24-2019 – SC QSO Party
- 03-12-2019 – ARCCC, Inc. BoD Meeting
- 05-17/19-2019 – Hamvention, Dayton, OH
- 06-22/23-2019 – ARRL Field Day

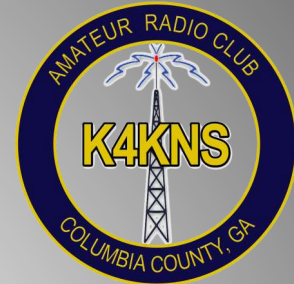


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Basic Storm Spotter Class

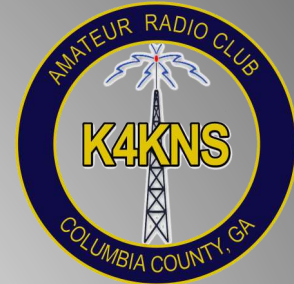
- Tuesday, February 26, 2019
7 PM
- ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- Hyatt Place Augusta
160 Mason McKnight Junior Parkway
Augusta, GA 30907
- Registration is required.
Details are on the
ARCCC, Inc. web page





ARCCC Membership Dues are due in March

- Pay by check or cash to the Treasurer
- Pay with PayPal through the ARCCC, Inc. web page



OLD BUSINESS

- Any Old Business?
 - Previous Motions to follow up on not otherwise covered by a committee?



Board of Directors Transition

- Dan Marshall (N1ADM) – President
 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) – Vice President
 - Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) – Treasurer
 - Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF) – Secretary
 - Devon Harris (KM4PHT) – Board Member at Large
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- Transition of positions at BoD Meeting on January 10, 2019
 - Transfer of bank account signatories (mostly) complete
 - Discussion with CCEMA Director about possibility of meetings at EOC
 - Beginning work on proposed budget for 2019

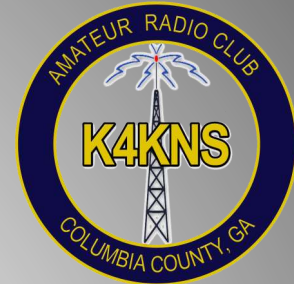


ARCCC, INC. COMMITTEES

NEW CO-DIRECTORS NEEDED!

- Asset/Inventory Committee
 - Donation Subcommittee
- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**
- Chaplain and Visitation Committee
- **Field Day Committee**
- Fundraising Committee
- IT Committee
- **Mentoring Committee**
- Net Control Committee
- **Nomination Committee**
- **Outreach Committee**
- Repeater Committee
- Volunteer Examiner Committee
- Public Information Officer (PIO)
- QSL Manager

JOIN A COMMITTEE AND GET INVOLVED IN CLUB ACTIVITIES



COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Directors should provide QUICK UPDATES on their committees
 - REMINDER:
 - All Committees should be coordinating meetings on their own with the Co-Directors providing updates at the General Meetings and issuing any requests for the members to vote on.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Asset/Inventory Committee
 - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) and Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) are Co-Directors
 - Assignments
 - Coordinate with Treasurer for Insurance on recently added equipment to be completed before May



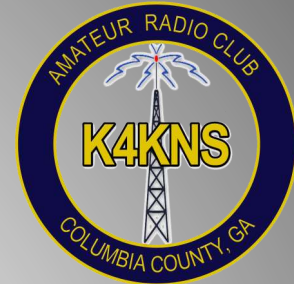
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- Asset/Inventory Committee
 - Donation Subcommittee
 - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)
 - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS)
 - Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)
 - Dan Marshall (N1ADM)
 - Storage facility update
 - Remaining items for sale
 - Equipment displays at future meetings



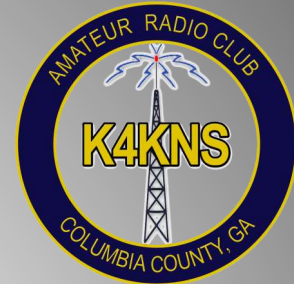
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 - Doyle Windham (WE4GW) and Richard Sturgis (KR4XN) are Co-Directors



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2019 FIELD DAY EVENTS

- Winter Field Day Association (WFDA)
 - January 26/27 2019
- ARRL Field Day
 - June 22/23 2019



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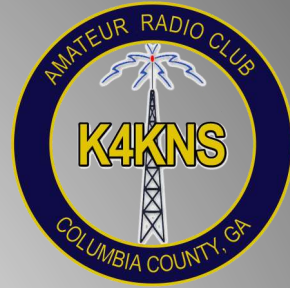
- Log into <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Select the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. as your charity
- Amazon Gives!

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When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**,
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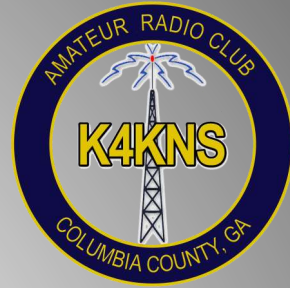
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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

- The ARCCC, Inc. has been enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program!
- Kroger will pay up to \$187,500 on a quarterly basis to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

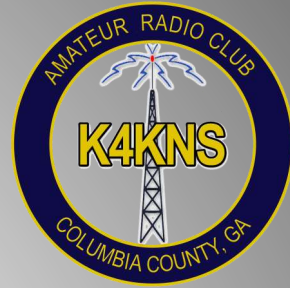




KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

- What does that mean?
 - The ARCCC, Inc., as a participating organization, could receive a maximum of \$8,000 quarterly.
- What you need to do!
 - Link your Kroger Plus Card to the ARCCC, Inc. #29603!





KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

- Simply visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- Login to your existing account or create an account
- Click on Community
- Enter "29603" and Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. should appear.
- Select our organization and save!





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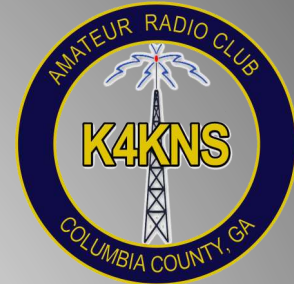
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 - Accounts and IT Support for New Board of Directors
 - Anticipated Committee Co-Director Changes



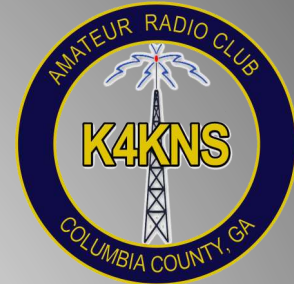
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 - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) is a Co-Director
 - Technician licensing courses have been requested
 - Plan club workshops for 2019



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- Net Control Committee
 - Bob Hunter (KC4KPN) and Devon Harris (KM4PHT) are Co-Directors



COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Net Committee – Bob Hunter (KC4KPN) & Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

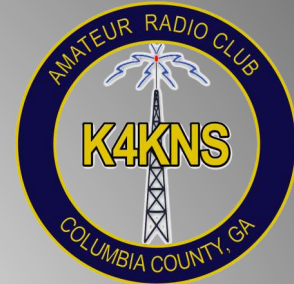
– Net Controllers WANTED!!!

– ARCCC, Inc. Net

- Monday's at 7:30 PM Local Time on 146.985, TSqI 71.9

– AmRRON Net

- Monday's at 21:00 on 146.985, 71.9 TSqI



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 - Needs an additional Co-Director!
 - Awards program for 2019



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 - Needs new Co-Directors!
 - 2019 events:
 - JOTA 2019 (October)
 - Oliver Hardy Festival (October)

GB9SL – a joint venture celebrating Laurel and Hardy

Feature



The Laurel & Hardy statue in Ulverston (left). The Furness ARS caravan shack was used at Gleason Water Mill for GB9SL in conjunction with the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, USA.

two clubs, from different countries, working together for a joint event.

The next few months were spent sending emails back and forth between the two clubs, with discussions on locations, kit, manpower, modes (the Furness team would concentrate on SSB only) and other arrangements. ARCCC advised by early summer of 2018 that their location on site at the festival had been confirmed and they had secured the callsign W4O.

Part of the plan was for the two stations to work each other, so thought needed to be given to the aerial and bands most likely to make this possible. The aerial of choice was to be a hexbeam that has worked well for many other special event stations and was, in fact, used for GB125SL with great success three years previously.

The Furness team thought long and hard about the location to use. It was not practicable to operate from the house where Stan Laurel was born in Ulverston, as this is a private house and having a bunch of radio amateurs in someone's house is a tall order, and that's before you start to think about room for an aerial and all the

other kit. Other locations in Ulverston were considered and finally Gleason Water Mill was decided upon. This is situated in a small village just a few miles from Ulverston and is very conveniently owned by a Furness ARS club member. There is plenty of land for the mast and aerial, and the club's caravan 'shack' could easily be accommodated. After a search, GB9SL was chosen.

A QRZ.com page was created and QSL cards were designed – with a picture of the Stan and Ollie statue in Ulverston. The W4O team had been busy publicising their event, and they had been featuring the Furness ARS companion station. Both stations planned to be on the air on 6 October, with some minor operating on days either side if possible. Due to the time difference this would mean both stations would only be on the air

GB9SL – a joint venture celebrating Laurel and Hardy continued from page 53

simultaneously for a few hours on the 6th, but it was hoped there would be enough time to allow stations to work each other.

Special event station can only take place if there is available manpower. Furness ARS is a small club but we are always lucky to have enough people available to make the events work. A team met at Gleason Water Mill on the Friday where the hex beam was assembled and mounted on a rotator and portable mast, the club's Icom IC-7300 was set up along with an Elecraft linear amp, meaning 400W were available. The decision to use the hex beam meant the bands that could be used were 20m, 17m, 15m, 10m and 6m – but the reality was 20m and 17m would be the bands of choice given current conditions and operating times. There was talk of putting an aerial up for 40m, but the logistics didn't make it possible.

To alleviate the pressure of the main day of operating, GB9SL and W4O had a QSO on 20m SSB and FTB on the 5th, but it was hoped that a QSO could also take place on the Saturday.

The day of operating GB9SL started around 8am. SD Logger was used for logging and the first QSO was in the log by 8.30am, which was a PY station. We then missed a JA calling CQ due to QSB. It was a slow start with only 4 QSOs in the log in the first hour. Band conditions didn't improve massively over the course of the day, but sheer determination and perseverance – thank goodness for the IC-7300's voice keyer – kept the QSOs coming in on both 20m and 17m. Including 'CQ Golf Bravo 9 Stan Laurel' definitely helped bring the QSOs in and a lot of people commented on watching their films when they were younger, which shows the worldwide attraction Laurel and Hardy had. We told every one of our QSOs to listen out for W4O that would be on the air later in day, and many were keen to try and get both stations in their logs.

A total of 110 QSOs were made. All were made in SSB, except for two FTB contacts.

Austria (3), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada (2), Canary Islands, Costa and Mexico, England, (3) Finland (4), France (7), Germany (9), Guernsey, Hungary, Kuwait, Israel (2), Italy (22),

Morocco, Poland (3), Portugal (3), Romania, Russia (4), Sardinia, Serbia, Slovenia (4), Spain (12), Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA (18) – States: Alabama, Florida, Georgia (including W4O on both SSB and FTB), Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.

We didn't manage to work W4O on the Saturday, so we were pleased we'd work on the prearranged sited the previous day. The plan to operate into the evening was abandoned when our QOs stopped delivering results around 5.30pm. We later heard the W4O station didn't fare too much better with band conditions on that particular day. It was a great way for two clubs in two countries to work together on a joint event and we hope to join ARCCC in another joint event in the future.



The hex beam was assembled and mounted on a rotator and portable mast.

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Chris Laviston, M0KWP
m0kpw@aol.com

Back in November 2017, Furness ARS were contacted by a member of the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County (ARCCC) in the USA. One of the annual events their club supports is the Oliver Hardy Festival, which is held during the first weekend in October. He was born in Columbia County.

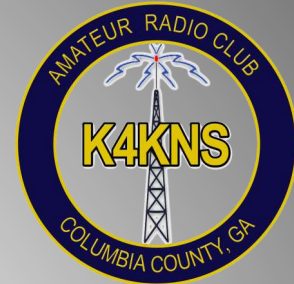
They were keen to organise a special event station in 2018 to mark the 30th annual Oliver Hardy Festival. And they were also interested in the idea of having a companion special event station operating in the UK during the same weekend, commemorating Stan Laurel. They discovered that Furness ARS had operated a special event station to commemorate Stan Laurel in the past (in 2015 for Stan Laurel's 125th birthday). Stan Laurel was born in the market town of Ulverston, then in Lancashire (now Cumbria) and Furness ARS are based only a few miles from Stan's home town.

Furness ARS were keen to run a companion station and help support the USA team, plus it would be a good exercise in



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- QSL Manager
 - Dan Marshall (N1ADM)
 - Send/receive QSL cards for club events (Field Day, W4O)
 - Maintain QRZ.com, LoTW, eQSL online logs



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 - Functions currently performed by ARCCC, Inc. Secretary
 - Public correspondence & ARCCC, Inc. Facebook page



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 - 444.900 repeater (Evans)





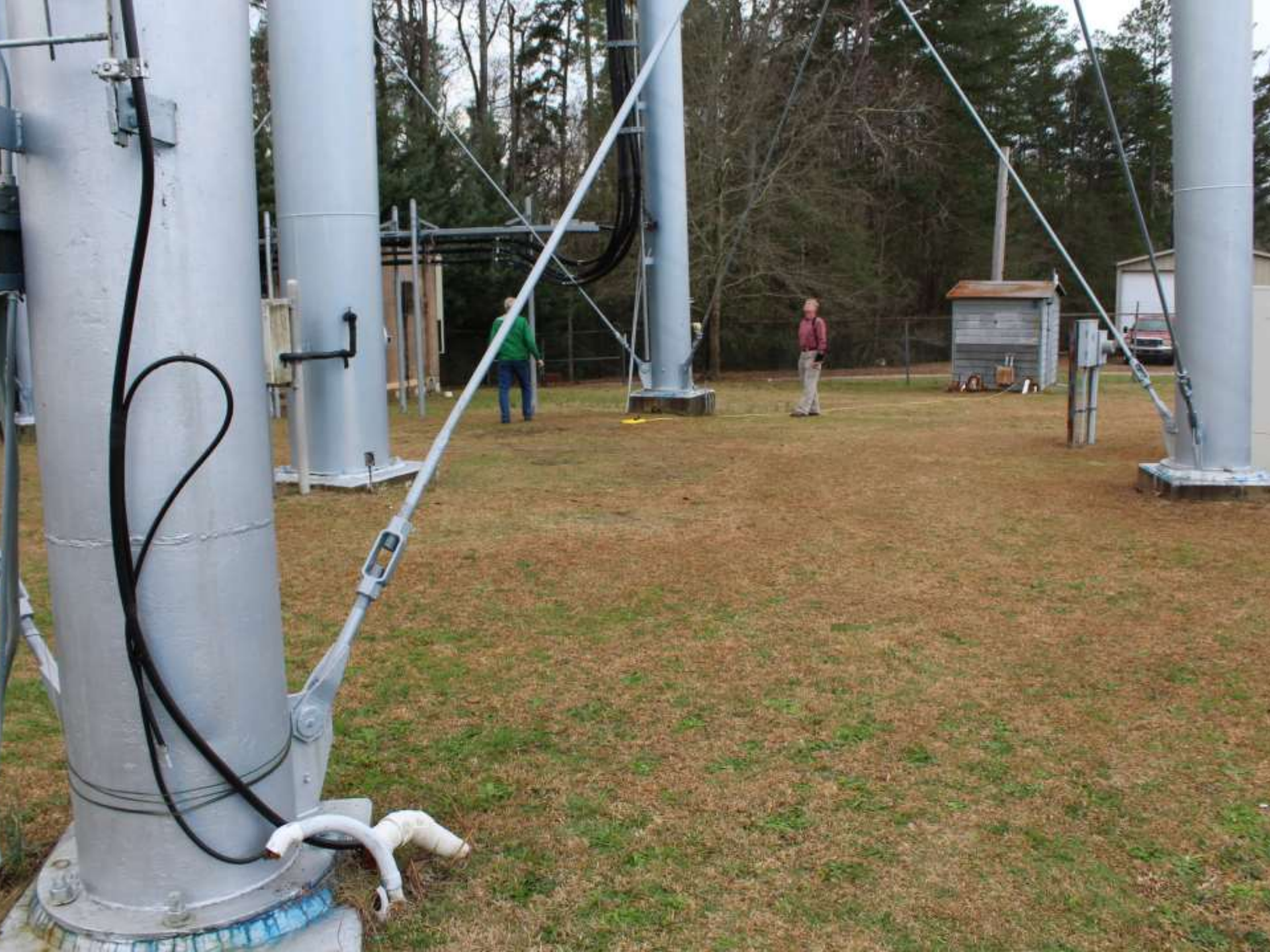
































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 - Richard Sturgis (KR4XN) is the K4KNS Repeater Trustee



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- K4KNS Trustee
- VE Team Committee
 - Shannon Covington (KK4MED) is the VEL and Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) is the VEL Assistant
 - VE Team checking account



WE WANT YOU!

**TO BE A COMMITTEE CO-DIRECTOR
(or a Committee Member)**

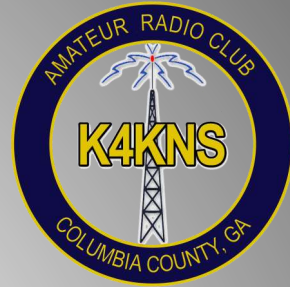
SIGN UP TODAY!



ANY OTHER BUSINESS?

- New Business?
- Meeting location for remainder of 2019

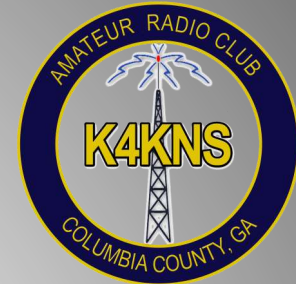
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MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Anyone wishing to place an item on the ARCCC, Inc. Meeting Agenda should provide their request via email to the ARCCC, Inc. President at least 7 days prior to the upcoming meeting.
- We would welcome having your presentations at the club meetings!



PHOTOS OF THE HOBBY

- TAKE PHOTOS!!!
- Share the photos with the ARCCC, Inc. Board so they can be placed on the website and other outreach materials.
- Take photos in order so they tell a story in chronological order
- Be certain Camera Date and Time are Correct



Ideas, Suggestions, Comments

- We want to hear from you!
- What ideas do you have for club activities, presentations, workshops, etc.?
- Use the “CONTACT US” tab on the ARCCC, Inc. web page



REVIEW

- Review Motions and Assignments



THANK YOU!!!