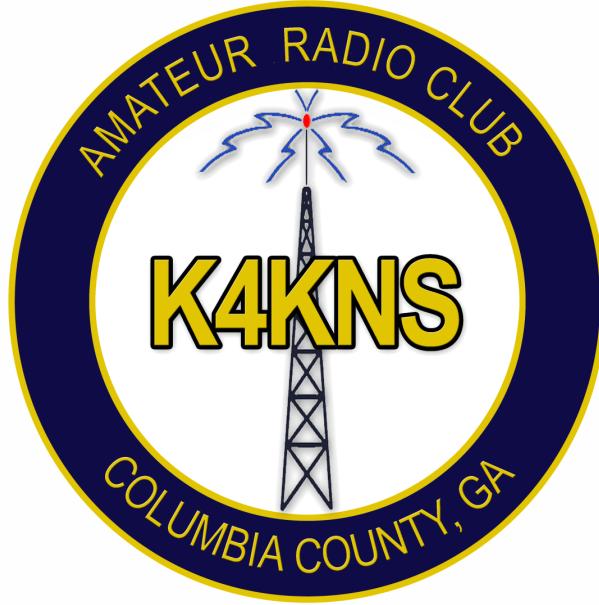


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GENERAL MEETING

MEETING #167

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

7 PM



# INVOCATION



# MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- February 2026 Raffle Item Description
- Presentation: Ropes and Knots – Randall (KN4FYG)
- Upcoming Events
- Membership Applications
- Monthly Reports
- 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

Now at

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





# 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



# MEETING RAFFLE

- RAFFLE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
  - Baofeng DM-32
    - 2m/70cm Analog/DMR Portable
- Please see the Raffle Master for tickets!
- All ARCCC, Inc. Members get a free ticket
- Additional Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each (or an arm length for \$10)
- Nonmembers may purchase Tickets for \$1 each

# BAOFENG DM-32





# Presentation

## ROPE AND KNOTS

Randall Blumberg – KN4FYG



# Knot Tying Basics

# Knot & Rope Safety

## Safety

Rope, and sports associated with rope, can be dangerous. Wrongly handled, gripped, or tied, rope can kill, maim, or burn. You could be the victim! Handle rope with care, inspect and test any knot you tie, and respect any rope subject to a heavy load, e.g., a rope controlling a large sail, a mooring rope when you are docking or berthing, and especially your own climbing rope.

## Watch Your Limbs

Never stand in a loop or a bight of a rope which may suddenly tighten, e.g. an anchor line or tow line. You have two legs when you are born. Guard them. That goes for any body parts, fingers, arms, and the like, watch out for coils and small loops. Even a small line wrapped around a finger can cause serious injury when put under sudden strain. And, avoid deliberately wrapping a line/rope around your hand to get a better grip. You may find that the rope has you rather than you having it.

## Control

Never try to control a heavily loaded rope or fishing line with your bare hands. Take two or more turns round a post, winch, or cleat, and use appropriate equipment for fishing line. The danger associated with heavily loaded rope or fishing line is commonly learned by experience, which is often very painful and could be lethal.

## Knots Weaken Rope

Because of knots, kinks, and imperfections, assume that even brand new rope will perform at no more than 50% of its rated breaking strength. And, when dealing with critical loads, it is vital to understand the magnitude of a sensible Safety Factor.

## Working Load and Design Factor

The breaking strength must be markedly greater than the designed load. Although Safety Factor has often been used, Design Factor (DF) is now preferred. A compact summary is provided by the Cordage Institute Guideline CI 1401-15: “As a rule, the more severe the application, the higher the DF needs to be. Selection of a DF in the general range between 5:1 and 12:1 is recommended.”

Accordingly, for live or critical loads the DF should be 12, i.e., a rope’s breaking strength should be twelve times the load (12:1). To lift an average man, a breaking strength around a ton is indicated.

## Rigging Angle

A rope strong enough to lift a given weight may be totally inadequate when the weight is hanging from the middle of the same rope stretched horizontally, e.g., when rigging a hammock. Too often the effect of such a rigging angle is not appreciated. In certain circumstances, such a mistake may be lethal.

### Dynamic Loads vs. Dead Weights

Similar concerns apply to loads that are moving. A rope stopping a falling object may be subject to a load many times the object's weight.

## Intermittent Loads

Many knots can loosen with prolonged intermittent strain.

## Security and Additional Half Hitches

Mooring lines are exposed to intermittent strains and it is wise to use additional half hitches or a seizing to provide greater security. A seizing is a wrap of small line holding the tail against another adjacent part of the knot. Although a seizing may be very secure, it is a nuisance because it cannot be easily "untied". By contrast, it is quick and convenient to add extra half hitches, and they are commonly found on the: Round Turn & Two Half Hitches, Rolling Hitch, Anchor Hitch, the Clove Hitch and, of course, the Square Knot.

# Square Knot

Application: Joining two ropes

Amateur Radio Example: The rope I brought was too short, so I need to join two pieces together.

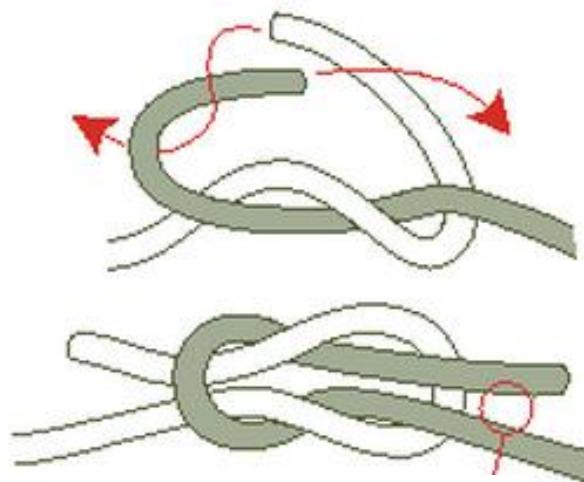
- ▶ Strengths:
- ▶ Simple
- ▶ Strong

Weaknesses:

- ▶ It is easy to mis-tie this knot as a “granny” which is a much weaker knot
- ▶ It can be difficult to untie after load has been applied
- ▶ It does not work well for ropes with different diameters

## SQUARE KNOT

Tie two overhand knots. Remember: left over right and twist, then right over left and twist.















# Sheet Bend

Application: Joining two ropes (especially ropes of different diameters)

Amateur Radio Example: I need to connect the end of my wire antenna to a tree or stake with rope.

► Strengths:

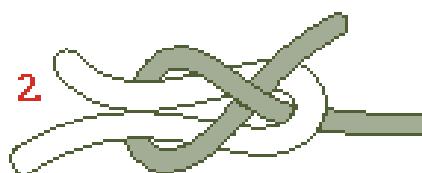
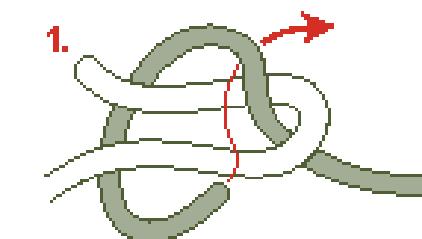
- Simple
- Works for ropes with different diameters
- Can be easily untied (even after load has been applied)

► Weaknesses:

- Can come undone (especially when load is not applied)

## SHEET BEND

Make a loop with the heavier line. Pass second line up through loop, around both heavy lines then back under it self.















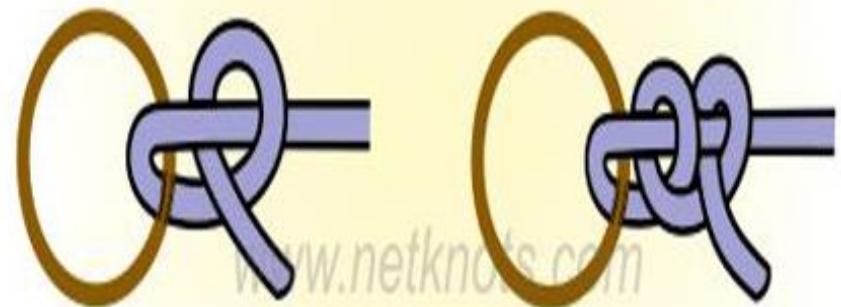
# Two Half Hitches

Application: Attaching a rope to an object

Amateur Radio Example: I need to tie my guy line to my guy ring on my mast.

- ▶ Strengths:
  - ▶ Simple
  - ▶ Strong
- ▶ Weaknesses:
  - ▶ Can be difficult to untie (especially after load has been applied)

## HALF HITCH



Single Half Hitch

Two Half Hitches



















# Taut-Line Hitch

Application: Joining a rope to an object

Amateur Radio Example: I need to tie my guy line to a stake or other object. It will need be adjustable but stay in place when I let go.

► Strengths:

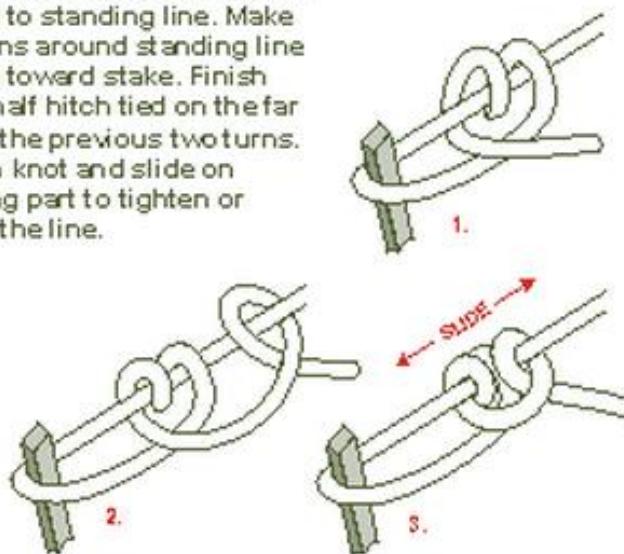
► The knot can be slid up and down the guy rope to ensure the line is taut

► Weaknesses:

► The knot can slide back under large loads, causing the line to become slack

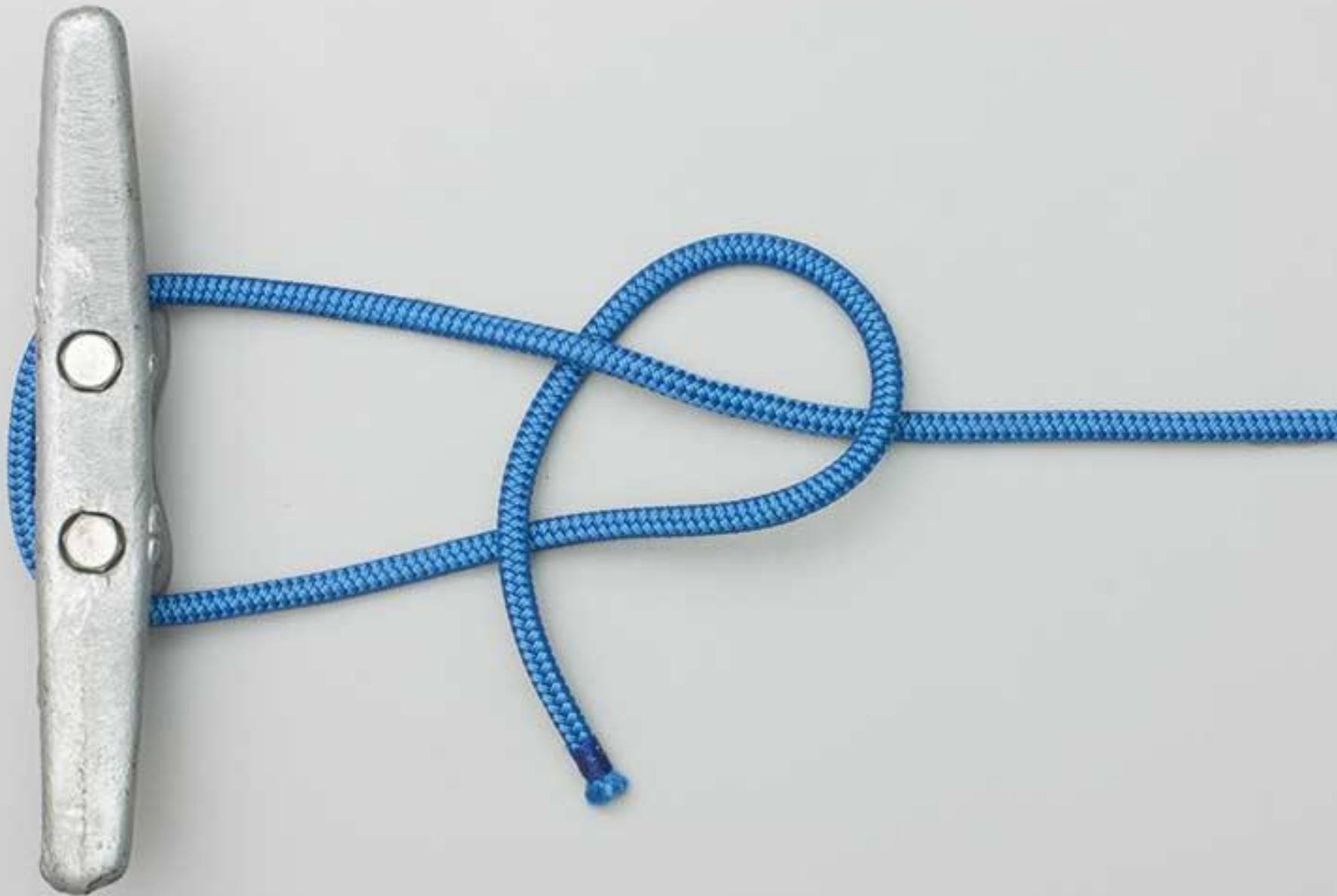
## TAUTLINE HITCH

Secure one end of rope. Pass other end around stake and run parallel to standing line. Make two turns around standing line turning toward stake. Finish with a half hitch tied on the far side of the previous two turns. Tighten knot and slide on standing part to tighten or loosen the line.























# Clove Hitch

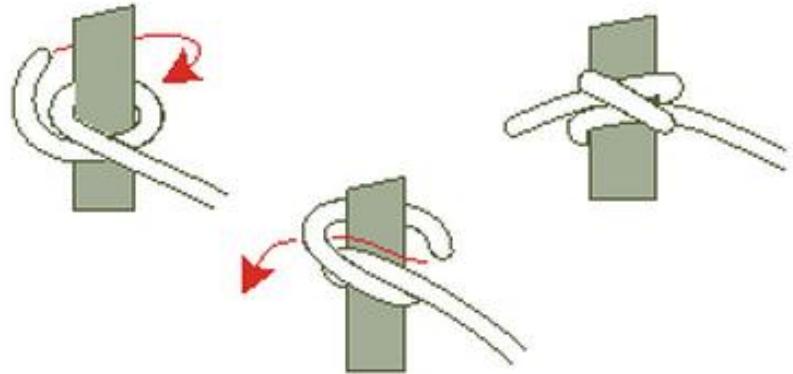
Application: Joining a line to a post

Amateur Radio Example:  
I need a quick way to tie  
something to a tree or a  
pole.

- ▶ Strengths:
- ▶ Simple
- ▶ Weaknesses:
- ▶ Can come undone  
(especially under  
large loads)

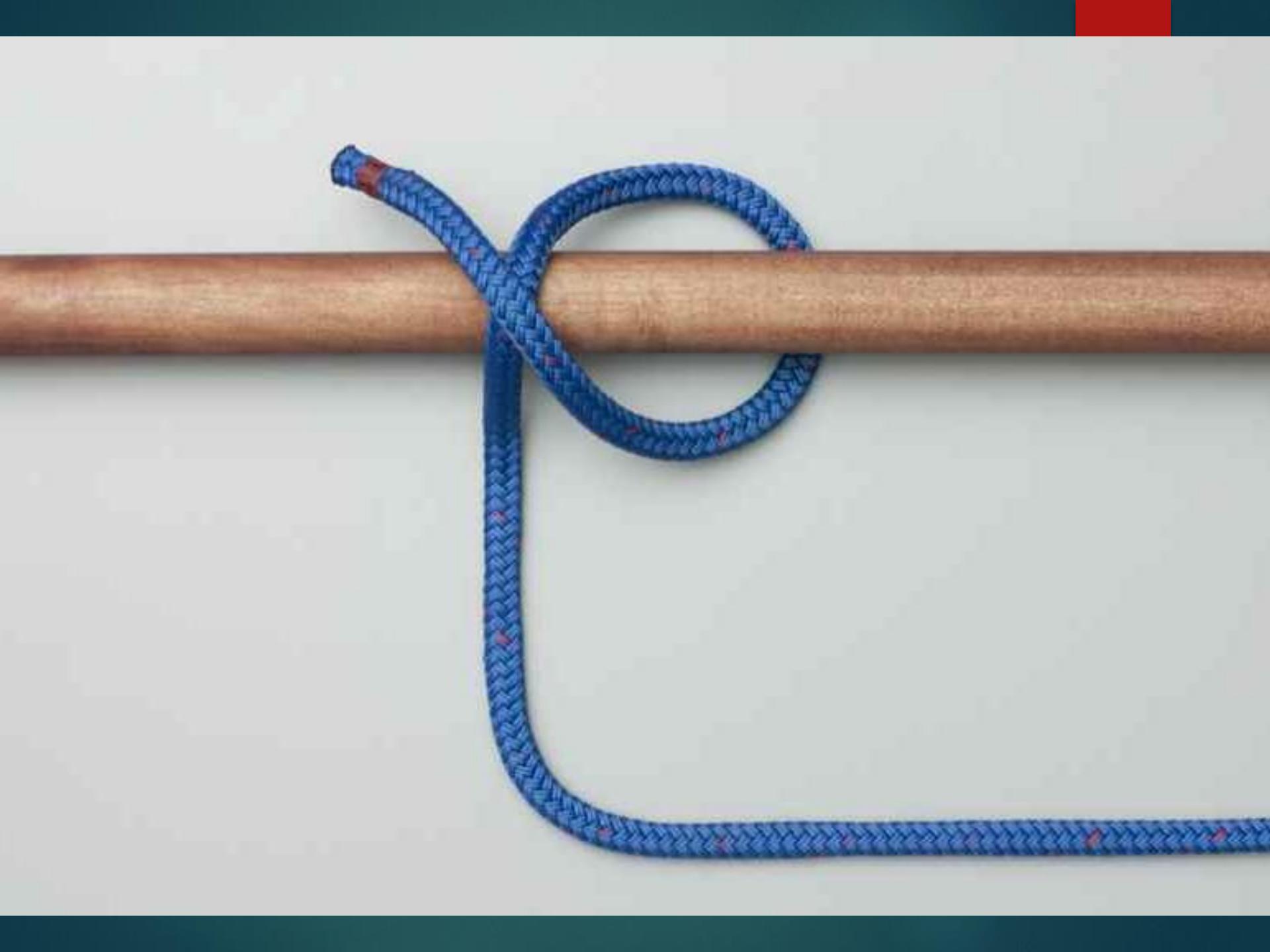
## CLOVE HITCH

Make a turn around a post with the standing part on the top. Take a second turn around in the same direction and feed the free end through the eye of the second turn. Pull tight.















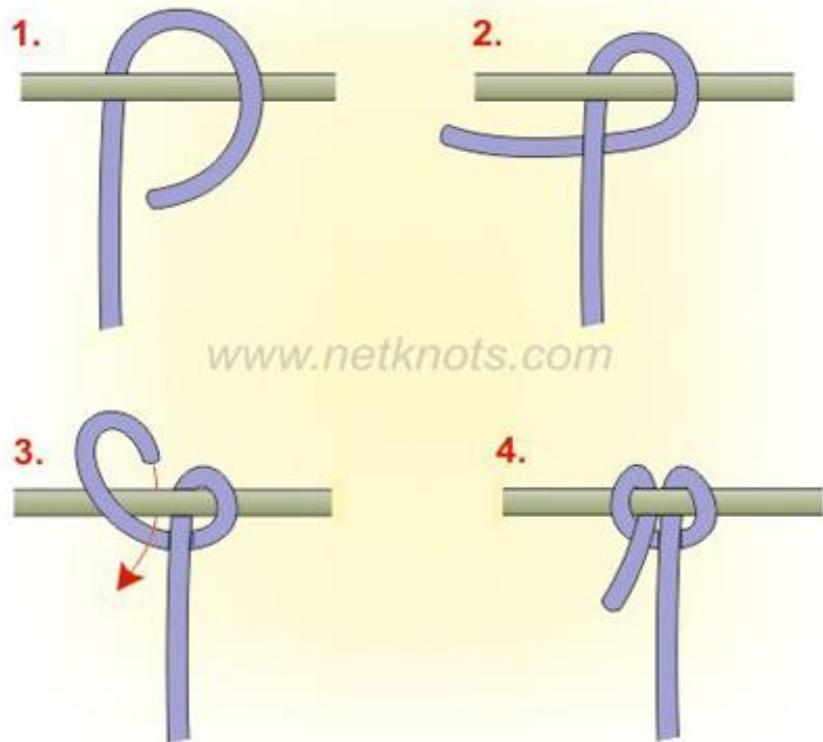
# Lark's Head (Cow) Hitch

Application: Joining a rope to a post

Amateur Radio Example:  
Attaching your center fed balun  
to the mast.

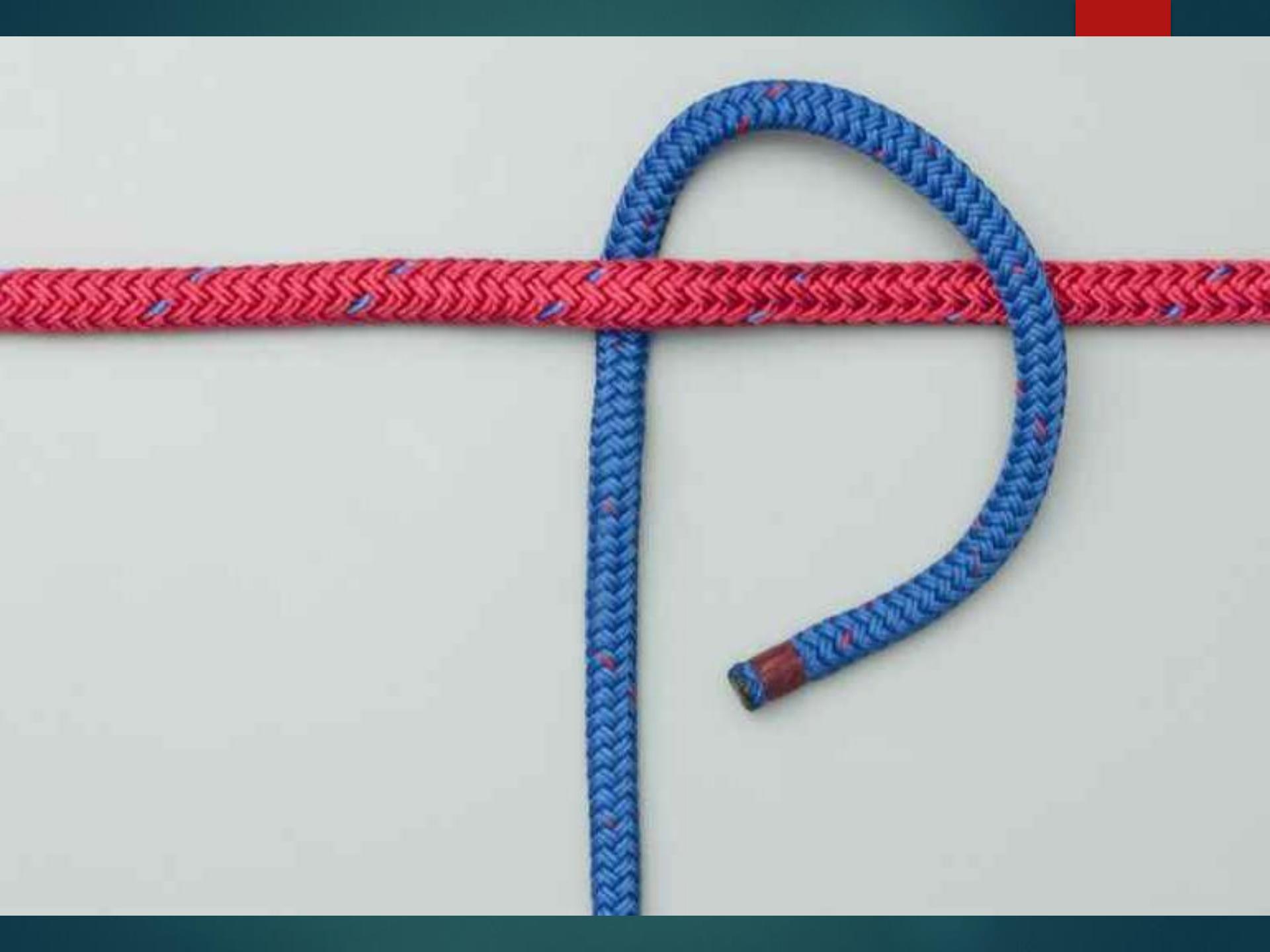
- ▶ Strengths:
  - ▶ Simple
  - ▶ A bit stronger than a clove hitch
  - ▶ Can be easily untied (even after load has been applied)
- ▶ Weaknesses:
  - ▶ Can come undone (especially when load is applied)

## COW HITCH















# Bowline

Application: Joining lines bearing large loads to objects

Amateur Radio Example: Lowering or raising an antenna or mast. Also Hanging items from trees or masts.

► Strengths:

- Strong
- Can be easily untied even after large loads have been applied

► Weaknesses:

- Can come undone when load is not applied or light

## BOWLINE

For m an eye in the rope with the standing part underneath. Run the free end up through the eye then take a turn around the standing part.

Feed the free end back down into the eye and hold there while pulling standing part to tighten down knot.

















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# Presentation

## ROPE AND KNOTS

THANK YOU!

Randall Blumberg – KN4FYG



# UPCOMING EVENTS (1)

- 01-06-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 01-10-2026 Greenwood Hamfest
- 01-10-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session (Last one till March)
- 01-10-2026 ARCCC, Inc. BOD Meeting
- 01-24/25-2026 Winter Field Day
- 01-31-2026 GARS TechFest
- 02-03-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (Ropes and Knots)
- 02-13/15-2026 Orlando Hamcation
- 02-28-2026 ARCA Swapmeet
- 02-28-2026 Dalton, GA Hamfest
- 03-03-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (Basics of On-Air Ops)
- 03-06/07-2026 Charlotte, NC Hamfest
- 03-14-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 03-21-2026 Sevier County, TN Hamfest



# UPCOMING EVENTS (2)

- 04-07-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 04-04-2026 Raleigh, NC Hamfest
- 04-11-2026 Ridge Amateur Radio Club Tailgate Batesburg-Leesville
- 04-11-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 05-05-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 05-09-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 05-15/17-2026 Hamvention
- 06-02-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 06-06-2026? Atlanta Hamfest
- 06-13-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 06-27/28-2026 ARRL Field Day



# UPCOMING EVENTS (3)

- 07-07-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 07-11-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 08-04-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (FD AAR)
- 08-08-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 08-08-2026? Florence, SC Tailgate (W4ULH)
- 08-22/23-2026 Huntsville, AL Hamfest
- 09-01-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 09-04/05-2026 Shelby, NC Hamfest
- 09-12-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session



# UPCOMING EVENTS (4)

- 10-06-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 10-10-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 10-10-2026 DFARG Hamfest/Swap Meet  
(Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group)
- 10-16/18-2026 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)
- 11-07/08-2026 Stone Mountain Hamfest
- 11-03-2026 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting
- 11-14-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session
- 12-01-2026? ARCCC, Inc. Annual Awards and Holiday Party
- 12-12-2026 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

# ARCCC, Inc. Upcoming Presentations



- 02-03-2026 – Ropes and Knots
- 03-03-2026 – Basics of On-Air Operations
- 04-07-2026 – Hats of Incident Command
- 05-05-2026 – Net Control Operations
- 06-02-2026 – ARDEN



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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



# ARCCC, INC. MONTHLY REPORTS

## Treasurer's Report

- Update from Treasurer
  - February 2026 Update
  - January 2026 Report

## Secretary's Report for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting:

- [01-06-2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

### ARCCC Monthly Financial Summary

January 2026	
ARCCC Accounts	Amount
South State Bank	\$2,511.58
PayPal	\$987.85
Petty Cash - Treasurer	\$0.00
Balance as of 1/1/26	\$3,499.43
Expenditures	\$226.12
Membership Renewals	\$169.06
Other Receipts / Deposits	\$111.00
Balance as of 1/31/26	\$3,553.37
Less Commitments	
2026 Approved Budget	\$4,051.20
Planned Expenditures thru 1/31/26	\$503.65
Expenditures thru 1/31/26	\$226.12
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING</b>	<b>-\$271.71</b>



# KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

- Simply visit  
[www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
- On your behalf, we are contributing to  
Kroger Community Rewards
- Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County,  
Columbia County, Inc. should  
appear.
- Select our organization and donate!

**\$68.82 Received!!!**





# Club Callsign Badges

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	<b>99</b>
Expiring Soon Members	0
Inactive Members	<b>61</b>
Non-Members Affiliates	<u>0</u>

**Rank Statistics: (Active Members)**

Member	93
Trustee	1
Officer	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

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

Family Membership	3
Family Membership (Free)	5
Full Membership	70
Full Membership (Examination Waiver)	2
Full Membership (Free)	2
Honorary Membership	2
Life Membership	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

**Pending Applications:**

Name	Status	Application Date
<a href="#">Tanner H Beveridge KK4KYT</a>	Pending Membership	2025-09-16 23:35:02
<a href="#">Jacob H Swart W4EWO</a>	Pending Approval	2025-11-19 15:34:06
<a href="#">TERRY M PARTIGIANONI W5TMP</a>	Pending Membership	2025-12-15 14:34:39

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

Name	Callsign	E-Mail
<a href="#">JOHN T CARTER II</a>	KJ4MC	kj4mc@arrl.net
<a href="#">DONALD DRAWDY</a>	N0FBV	n0fbv@knology.net

**Members with Expired Licenses:**

Name	Callsign	Lic Exp Date
<a href="#">LINDA PANTOPOLSKY</a>	N4LDH	2024-12-22

**Members without a Membership:**

Name	Callsign	Join Date
<a href="#">Kevin White</a>	WQ4R	2025-11-04

**New Members: (Last 90 Days)**

Name	Callsign	Join Date
<a href="#">Kevin White</a>	WQ4R	2025-11-04
<a href="#">Lawrence Abrams</a>		2025-11-04
<a href="#">Milton M Birdsong</a>	W4AUC	2025-11-04

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

Name	Callsign	Remove Date	By
<a href="#">Richard M McKnight</a>	NO3K	2026-01-15	(HCOL SYSTEM)
<a href="#">William W Byrme</a>	KO4TLS	2026-01-07	(HCOL SYSTEM)
<a href="#">Eric T Mooneyham</a>	K4IDE	2025-11-23	(HCOL SYSTEM)
<a href="#">William L Kimbell</a>	K9PAL	2026-01-21	(HCOL SYSTEM)
<a href="#">Rodney B Crawford</a>	KQ4YMT	2026-02-01	(HCOL SYSTEM)

### New Memberships: (Last 90 Days)

Name	Callsign	Membership Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date	Poster	Post Date
<a href="#">Gary N Forberg</a>	KR4GUA	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-10-07	2026-10-06	ERIC J CAGLE	2025-11-03
<a href="#">DONALD E DRZEWOSZEWSKI</a>	WB2WEO	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-10-05	2026-10-04	ERIC J CAGLE	2025-11-03
<a href="#">Lawrence Abrams</a>		Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-11-04	2026-11-03	ERIC J CAGLE	2025-11-05
<a href="#">David D Slabodnick</a>	KO4LDS	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-01-25	2027-01-24	David D Slabodnick	2025-11-25
<a href="#">Randall T Dunaway</a>	AI4XF	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-12-01	2026-12-01	Randall T Dunaway	2025-12-01
<a href="#">Shannon M Welsh</a>	KK4MED	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-02-22	2027-02-21	Shannon M Welsh	2025-12-23
<a href="#">Milton M Birdsong</a>	W4AUC	Full Membership	\$25.00	2025-11-04	2026-11-03	ERIC J CAGLE	2025-12-23
<a href="#">Randall L Blumberg</a>	KN4FYG	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-02-25	2027-02-24	Randall L Blumberg	2025-12-26
<a href="#">CANNON B TAYLOR</a>	N4CBT	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-02-06	2027-02-05	CANNON B TAYLOR	2025-12-29
<a href="#">Stephen C Martin</a>	KO4CVU	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-01-27	2027-01-26	Stephen C Martin	2025-12-31
<a href="#">Damian S Bartholomew</a>	KN4FYF	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-01-03	2027-01-03	Damian S Bartholomew	2026-01-03
<a href="#">Russell B Welsh</a>	KG4HIR	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-03-09	2027-03-08	Russell B Welsh	2026-01-09
<a href="#">Joseph D Dodgens</a>	KO4UWM	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-02-06	2027-02-05	Joseph D Dodgens	2026-01-15
<a href="#">Jacob H Swart</a>	W4EWO	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-01-17	2027-01-17	Jacob H Swart	2026-01-17
<a href="#">Allen D Marshall Jr</a>	N4MI	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-03-21	2027-03-20	Allen D Marshall Jr	2026-01-19
<a href="#">Robert W McManus</a>	KN4KQJ	Full Membership	\$25.00	2026-03-25	2027-03-24	Robert W McManus	2026-01-23

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# Business Items





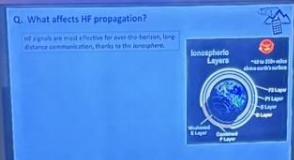
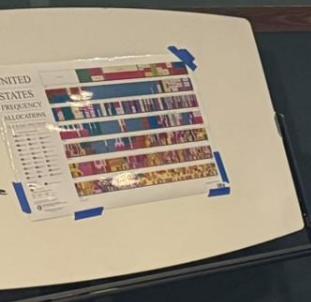
# Technician Course

- ARCCC, Inc. and Vineyard Church of Augusta
  - Provided Technician Course
    - 7 Classes including Examination
    - 14 New Technicians as of Thursday, January 29, 2026
- CHIRP Programming Workshop
  - Scheduled for ???
    - 08:30 - Noon

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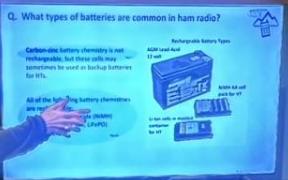


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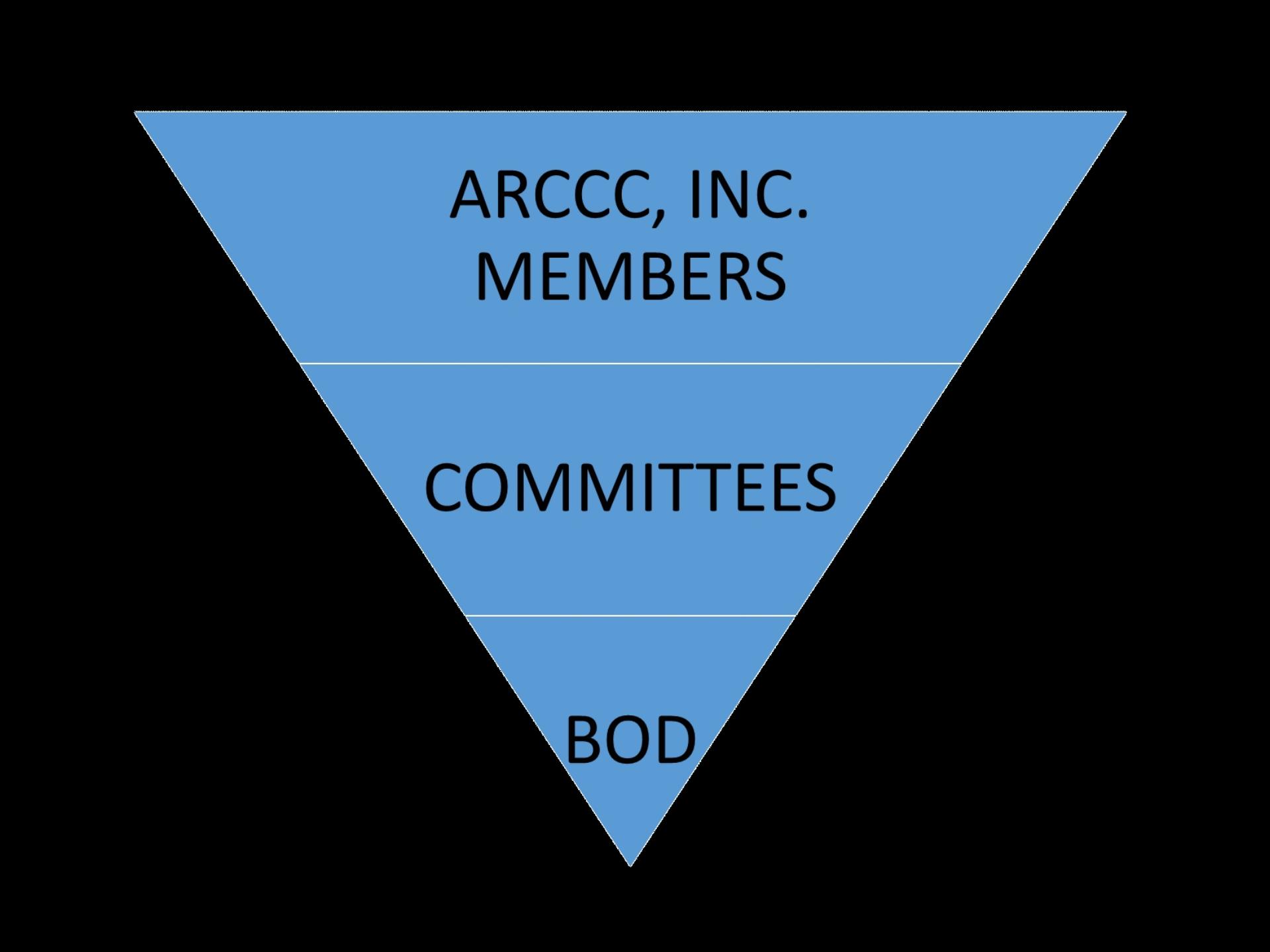




# Technician Course

# THANK YOU!!!

- All of the Instructors and People who help make this course successful
- Vineyard Church of Augusta for hosting the Amateur Radio Technician Course



**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
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Mentoring
- Outreach

Appointed Positions:

- K4KNS Trustee
- QSL Manager
- Net Manager
- Presentation Manager
- Public Information Officer



# 2026 APPOINTMENTS

- K4KNS Trustee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
- QSL Manager
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI)
- Net Manager
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI)
    - Form on Website under Net Schedules
- Presentation Manager
  - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS UPDATES



1. Election System – Definition of responsibility and type of system
2. Membership – Voting and Non-Voting
3. Membership – Life Membership renewal and removal of purchase capability
4. Membership – Written Application removal
5. Membership – Dues to be recorded on website removal
6. Membership – Removal of unused and hard to track membership types
7. Compensation – Directive which is unable to be enforced
8. Presidential Discretionary Expenditures – Process clarification
9. Expenditures – Clarifies the process of expenditures out
10. 501(c)3 Status – Word Correction

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.

FEBRUARY~~JANUARY~~ 37, 20265





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## **Article I. PURPOSE**

The name of the organization is the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc., will be a non-profit, charitable organization and will perform public service in Columbia County, Georgia and the surrounding area by:

### **Section 1.01 Education**

Providing educational and training programs and activities which promote the hobby of amateur radio for licensed amateur radio operators and those interested in the hobby,

### **Section 1.02 Emergency Communications**

Providing radio communications during times of emergency and for emergency preparedness training activities,

### **Section 1.03 Communications Assistance**

Providing communication assistance for various public and charitable projects and activities,

### **Section 1.04 Cooperation**

Cooperating with other similar organizations in promoting scientific and educational activities, and

### **Section 1.05 ARRL**

Affiliation with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

### **Section 1.06 Specific Purpose**

The specific purpose is to preserve, promote, proliferate, and educate on Amateur Radio, as well as to assist governmental and non-governmental agencies in times of emergencies/disasters.

At no time will the organization ask for compensation for services rendered.



## Article II. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section 2.01 Board of Directors Organization

The Board of Directors of this organization will consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board Member at Large. The Board of Directors ("Board") will serve the organization and will be answerable to the members. The Board of Directors will not receive paid compensation for their duties in the organization.

### Section 2.02 President

The President will be the Chief Executive Officer and run the affairs of the organization.

### Section 2.03 Vice President

The Vice President will serve in the absence of the President or at the President's direction.

### Section 2.04 Secretary

The Secretary will be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board, general and special called meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member, and assuring that corporate records except for financial records are maintained.

### Section 2.05 Treasurer

The Treasurer will be the Chief Financial Officer and will make a report at each General meeting. Treasurer will be a member of the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information of the organization available to members and the public. All financial records of the organization will be maintained by the treasurer.

### Section 2.06 Board Member at Large

The Board Member at Large may be asked to serve in the capacity of a board member missing at a meeting. For example, when the treasurer is absent, this board member may be asked by another board member to assume the responsibilities of the treasurer for the duration of the meeting.

### Section 2.07 Board of Directors Elections

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. The system used for elections will be chosen by the nomination committee and instructions will be provided at the time that nominations are solicited. 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 e-mail 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 nomination process will be determined by the Bylaws Committee Director / Co-Directors.

### Section 2.08 Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.



# 1. Election System – Definition of responsibility and type of system

## Section 2.07

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## **Section 2.09      Board of Director Quorum**

A quorum must be attended by at least 51% percent of the Board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

## **Section 2.10      Succession**

Normal succession rules apply in that the Vice-President takes over the remaining term of a President if necessary. In the case of board members other than the president, special elections may be held at any regularly scheduled or specially called meeting to replace any Board member who has resigned, has been disqualified from board service, or has become silent key. Notice of such an election will be sent through the system chosen by the nomination committee via email to all Full Members in good standing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Nominations for the new Board member will be presented by the remaining members of the Board and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Vote on the replacement will be at the same meeting where the nominations are presented and carried by a majority vote of the members present. The term will be for the remainder of the unexpired term of office for the member they are replacing.



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## **Article III. APPPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Section 3.01 License Trustee**

The License Trustee for the club will be appointed by the Board.

### **Section 3.02 Public Information Officer**

The Public Information Officer (PIO) may be appointed by the Board.

### **Section 3.03 Creation of Committees**

The Board may create committees as needed.



## Article IV. **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 4.01**

#### **Voting Full Membership**

Full Members will be licensed amateurs qualified to operate on FCC allocated amateur frequencies who have been voted in by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting where their application for membership is presented. They will have the right to vote in person (no proxy votes) on all questions before the membership as long as they are members in good standing. They will remain members in good standing as long as their dues are kept current or until their membership is revoked. If a member's license lapses or becomes invalid for any reason, they will become Non-Voting members.

### **Section 4.02**

#### **Non-Voting Associate Membership**

Any person may be accepted as an associate who has been voted in by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting where their application for Associate membership is presented. Associates will have no voting privileges and have no voice in the meetings. Associates will remain in force as long as their dues are kept current or until their Associate membership is revoked.

### **Section 4.03**

#### **Honorary Membership**

Any person may be accepted as an Honorary Member who has been voted in by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting where a nomination for Honorary membership is presented. Honorary members will have no voting privileges and have no voice in the meetings. Honorary members can be voted out by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting.

### **Section 4.04**

Life Membership is being discontinued as a new option, but existing life members will continue in good standing as long as they renew their membership annually. There is no cost for renewal, but failure to renew annually will result in the loss of Life Membership. This will serve as a heartbeat function and signify that the members still wishes to be an active member of the club. All current Life Members will be formally notified of the new requirements, and no future Life Membership applications will be accepted. By majority vote, the Board may, upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, waive or modify the loss of a Life Membership.

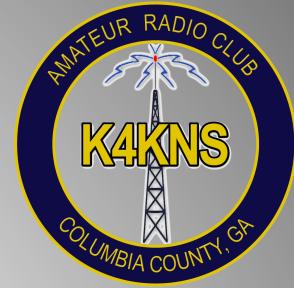
### **Section 4.04**

### **Section 4.05 Members in Good Standing**

Any member will remain a member in good standing as long as their dues are paid on time unless until they withdraw their membership or their membership is revoked by vote. In the case of Life Members, they remain members in accordance with Section 4.04.

#### **(a) Membership Application**

Anyone desiring a membership in the organization must submit an written application for desired membership type. This application will be presented to the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. The applicant may will be excused from the meeting and the members will then vote on acceptance of the applicant. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members present at the meeting will be required for the applicant to be accepted as a member of the organization.



## 2. Membership – Voting and Non-Voting

### Section 4.01

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# 3. Membership – Life

## Membership renewal and removal of purchase capability

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# 4. Membership – Written Application removal

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**(b) Membership Withdrawal**

Members may withdraw their membership by providing written notification (letter or e-mail) to any board member.

**(c) Membership Behavior**

Any member whose behavior is determined to be detrimental to the ARCCC, Inc. or to Amateur Radio may have their membership in the organization brought into question using the following steps.

**(i) Mediation Request to Board of Directors**

Any accusations are required to be presented with pertinent details in writing to the Board. The Board will then act as a mediator between the accused and accuser.

**(ii) Mediation – First Attempt**

The Board will facilitate a meeting between the accused and accuser within 10 days and attempt to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of all present. If no satisfactory resolution can be achieved by the board, the accuser and accused will be notified and the issue will be brought before the organization for a written vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**(iii) Mediation – Second Attempt**

If membership of any individual in the organization is brought into question before the organization, a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present will be required to revoke the membership of the accused. All issues will be discussed by the organization before the vote. After the vote is taken, the presiding board member will announce the results.

**(iv) Membership Application after Revocation**

Any person who has had their membership revoked by vote of the organization must wait one (1) year before re-applying for membership in the organization.



## Article V. FINANCES

**Voting Full** Member annual dues will be established by the organization membership and recorded in the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting when the vote is taken. **Such dues will then be recorded on the organization's website.** Dues must be paid annually. There will be a grace period of 7 days following the due date, and during this time members can pay their annual dues without penalty. If a member has not paid their annual dues by the end of the grace period, their membership will be revoked and they must re-apply to become a member again. Individuals whose membership has been revoked for non-payment of dues may re-apply for membership in the organization at any time.

### Section 5.01 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year for the organization and for membership will be from January 1 through December 31.

### Section 5.02 Discount Qualifications

Qualifications for dues discounts: Only one per member

#### (a) Refunds

There will be no refund of dues, either full or pro-rated, to those who withdraw their membership or lose their membership in any other way.

#### (b) Family Membership

**A family is comprised of at least 2 members, no more than 2 adults, and any of their children residing in the same home. Voting privileges for each member is determined in Article IV. A family will be afforded the special membership rate of 50% of the full member rate times the number of licensed family members.**

#### (c) Youth

Licensed students 17 years of age and under will be afforded a special membership rate of 50% of the full membership rate. Voting privileges for each member is determined in Article IV.

#### (d)(b) Life Membership

Life Members will have **a no cost membership renewal free membership for their lifetime** as long as they are members in good standing **as outlined in Article IV.** Life Membership may not be passed on to others. Voting privileges for each member is determined in Article IV. **Members through the age of 64 can purchase a lifetime membership for \$750.00. Members 65 and older may purchase a lifetime membership for \$480.00.**

#### (e) Active Military

Members on active duty in the military who are licensed amateur operators may apply for free Full Membership for as long as they are in the area. This free membership is maintained if the member attends 2 meetings or amateur radio related events per calendar year and presents a military ID when dues are due. Otherwise, free membership will be revoked. This requirement can be waived at the discretion of the Board, for example, in cases of extended TDY (temporary change of duty station). Membership type and voting privileges are determined in Article IV.



# 5. Membership – Dues to be recorded on website removal

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# 6. Membership – Removal of unused and hard to track membership types

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### **Section 5.03 — Compensation**

No member will receive compensation for activities or work performed on behalf of Amateur Radio other than reimbursement for approved out of pocket expenses.

### **Section 5.04 Section 5.03      Fiscal Information**

#### **(a) Presidential Discretionary Expenditures**

The President will have access to up to \$500 for discretionary purchases for the organization over the span of his/her term. Discretionary purchases are contingent on funding availability confirmation by the Treasurer. Approval for such expenditures is not required but a full accounting must be provided to the membership at the regularly scheduled meeting following the expenditure. A 2/3 majority vote of voting members at a regular meeting approving the expenditure will remove that purchase from the discretionary purchases line item.

#### **(b) Expenditures**

All financial expenditures outside of the approved budget with the exception of discretionary expenditures and mandatory expenses for insurance, P. O. box fees, website domain hosting, and routine business expenses must be approved by a majority vote of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting at which such expenditures are requested. All expenditures will be made in a form approved by the treasurer, by check signed by at least one Board member, or with the organization's debit card. An annual budget will be provided by the treasurer to the members for a vote at the beginning of each calendar year. Expenses approved as part of the budget will not need to be returned for additional vote unless the amount requested exceeds the approved amount. Expenditures not included in the budget, or that have exceeded the amount requested as part of the budget, must be approved by a majority vote of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled meeting at which such expenditures are requested.



# 7. Compensation – Directive which is unable to be enforced

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# 8. Presidential Discretionary Expenditures – Process clarification

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# 9. Expenditures – Clarifies the process of expenditures out

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## Article VI. MEETINGS

Meetings of the organization will be held monthly January through November at the specified location / virtual platform. Special meetings may be called by the President or at least three members of the Board, after notice is sent out to all members ten days prior to the meeting. A quorum of at least 10 members must be present before business can be transacted or motions made or passed. A vote of 2/3 majority is needed for a motion to pass.

## Article VII. AMENDMENT

This document may be amended by the members. Any change must be proposed at a regularly scheduled meeting and voted on at a later meeting, either a regularly scheduled meeting or a specially called meeting. All changes must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the meeting. This Constitution and By-Laws will become the rules of this organization when approved by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at the meeting in which the vote is taken. Such vote and approval will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The results of the vote and Constitution and Bylaws as amended will be published on the organization's website.

## Article VIII. 501(c)3 STATUS

The organization will maintain its 501(c)3 status. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, all assets and funds remaining will be distributed in their entirety to another organization which has [Internal Revenue Code Section 501\(c\)3 status](#) ([501\(c\)3 status with the Internal Revenue Service](#) and as set forth by the Articles of Incorporation).

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# 10. 501(c)3 Status – Word Correction

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This version of the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws  
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# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS UPDATES

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## MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #8?

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## MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #10?

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6. Membership – Removal of unused and hard to track membership types
7. Compensation – Directive which is unable to be enforced
8. Presidential Discretionary Expenditures – Process clarification
9. Expenditures – Clarifies the process of expenditures out
10. 501(c)3 Status – Word Correction



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Nomination Committee
  - Responsibilities
    - Rookie Ham of the Year Award
      - Accepted All Year Long!
    - Thomas Kholi Ham of the Year Award
      - Accepted All Year Long!
    - Elections
- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) – Co-Director
- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) – Co-Director



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



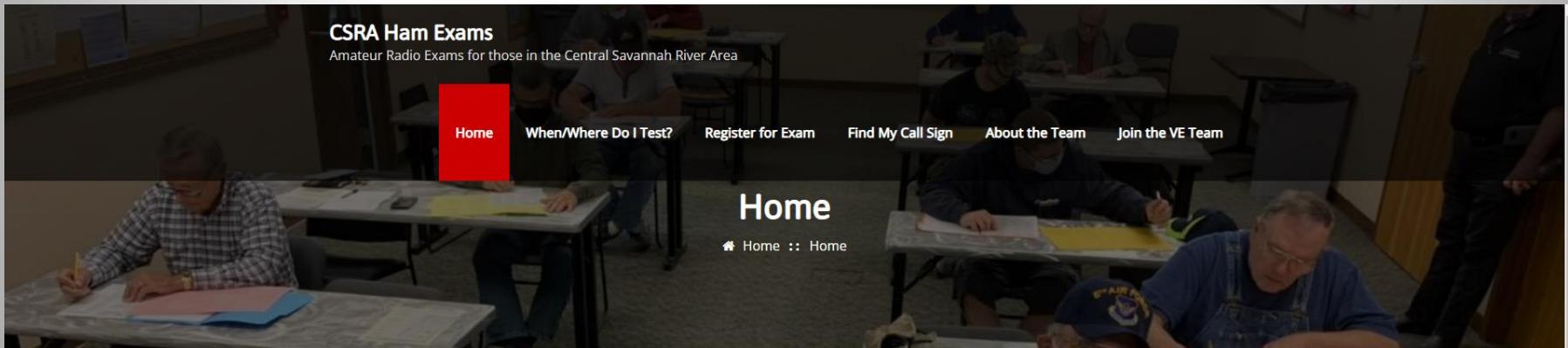
# COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Outreach Committee
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI) – Co-Director
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) – Co-Director



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 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.

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- Examinations
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**CSRA HAM EXAMS**

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Monthly Examinations | \$15 Examination Fee  
Visit our website for complete details and to Register  
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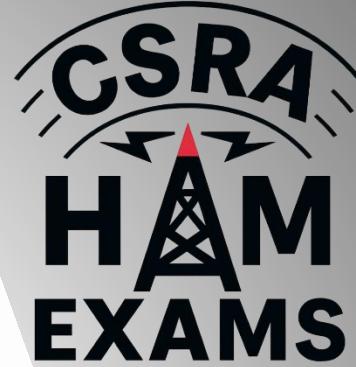
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- Repeater Committee
  - Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) – Co-Director
  - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) – Co-Director



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Field Day Committee
  - Edwin Davis (KQ4SRF) – 2025-2026 Sr. Co-Director
  - Dan Marshall (N4MI) – 2026-2027 Jr. Co-Director
    - To Join the Field Day Committee
      - You must join via Groups.io
      - <https://arcccinc.groups.io/g/fieldday/topics>



Edwin (KQ4SRF)



Dan (N4MI)



# DID YOU KNOW...

## Your Logbook WAS Account (K4KNS)

### Account Status

WAS Award	New LoTW QSLs	LoTW QSLs in Process	WAS Credits Awarded	Total
<u>Mixed</u>	48	0	0	48
<u>80M</u>	29	0	0	29
<u>40M</u>	42	0	0	42
<u>20M</u>	42	0	0	42
<u>15M</u>	32	0	0	32
<u>10M</u>	19	0	0	19
<u>CW</u>	33	0	0	33
<u>Phone</u>	48	0	0	48
<u>Digital</u>	36	0	0	36
<u>FT8</u>	23	0	0	23
<u>PSK31</u>	24	0	0	24
<u>80M Phone</u>	27	0	0	27
<u>80M CW</u>	3	0	0	3
<u>80M Digital</u>	8	0	0	8
<u>80M PSK31</u>	4	0	0	4
<u>40M Phone</u>	38	0	0	38
<u>40M CW</u>	18	0	0	18
<u>40M Digital</u>	28	0	0	28
<u>40M PSK31</u>	21	0	0	21
<u>20M Phone</u>	40	0	0	40
<u>20M CW</u>	20	0	0	20
<u>20M Digital</u>	19	0	0	19
<u>20M PSK31</u>	9	0	0	9
<u>15M Phone</u>	27	0	0	27
<u>15M CW</u>	11	0	0	11
<u>15M Digital</u>	7	0	0	7
<u>10M Phone</u>	7	0	0	7
<u>10M CW</u>	9	0	0	9
<u>10M Digital</u>	12	0	0	12
<u>Triple Play</u>	117	0	0	117
<u>5-Band</u>	164	0	0	164

\* = Award has been issued

- The ARCCC, Inc. is STILL only **1** State Away from **WORKING ALL STATES!**
- ALASKA
- NEW MEXICO – 06-29-2025!



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Fund Raising Committee
  - Pull out your tickets!!!
- Fund Raising Ideas are Welcome!

# BAOFENG DM-32



# Amateur Radio Club of Augusta



## **ARCA General Meeting**

February 17, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

POB-1 Building  
1305 Interstate Parkway  
Augusta, GA 30906

[W4DV.club](http://W4DV.club)

# North Augusta - Belvedere Radio Club



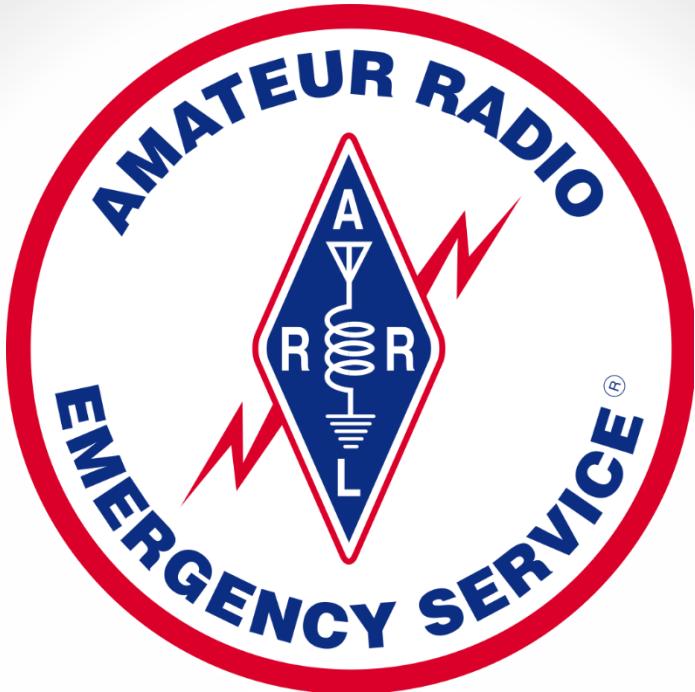
**NABRC General Meeting**  
February 09, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Aiken Regional Medical Center  
302 University Pkwy, Aiken, SC 29801  
Floor 6, Classroom A

~~North Augusta Public Safety Station 2 501 W Five  
Notch Road North Augusta, SC 29860~~



# East Central/Columbia County ARES



**Susan Messick, WA0B**

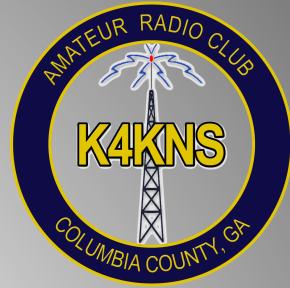
East Central District Emergency Coordinator  
Columbia County GA ARES Emergency Coordinator

**David Slabodnick, KO4LDS**

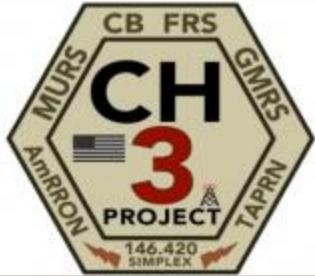
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**David Corsiglia, WA6TWF**

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**The American Redoubt Radio Operators Network  
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Steven Kitchings, KN4RVU



# REVIEW

- Review motions and assignments
- We would welcome your presentations and ideas for presentations.
- Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting?



**THANK YOU!!!**