

# The Alabama – Georgia Amateur Radio Update Newsletter

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This is a first edition using the new format I plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> year of production of this E-Newsletter for the Amateur Radio Community. 5<sup>th</sup> year starts November 11.



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I don't have a lot of news but there are a few things happening around the area that I think will be of some interest.

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Next weekend, the hamfest will be held at Montgomery, Alabama.

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Field day results are in from John Wingard, WB4GLJ.

Columbus ARC:

(N4WV+K4ARK) 2nd place in Georgia out of 41 total entries from Georgia section. 29th place in class 3A out of a total of 333 entries in 3A.

Lee County ARC:

(W4LEE+WX4MM) 3rd place in Alabama out of 22 total entries from Alabama section. 103rd place in class 2A out of a total of 518 entries in 2A.

A good showing by both clubs! Overall, there were 2,093 entries for the 2002 Field Day contest.

Thanks John for sending me the results.

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Vic, K4VIC has new campers at his house in the last month.

Here is a photo of one of the owls that has taken up residence in Vic's, back yard in the last several weeks. There is a pair of them and they seem to be feasting off the pigeons and maybe the chipmunks in the vicinity.



This may well be one of the critters that they are attracted to "tastes just like chicken" hi.



Following is the web address (url) for the fall/winter schedule for W1AW. As most of you know they send regularly scheduled practice sessions in CW at different speeds for anyone who wants to practice for their code tests.

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>

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My Ten Meter Beacon is running ok now and 24/7 and I have received signal reports from all over the world. The beacon is on 28.240 for anyone who might want to take a listen.

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Here are several sites of beacon lists for anyone who might be interested in more beacons.

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/28.htm>

[http://www.dl8wx.de/baken\\_kw.htm](http://www.dl8wx.de/baken_kw.htm)

[http://users.mweb.co.za/z/zs/zs5s/index\\_buls.html](http://users.mweb.co.za/z/zs/zs5s/index_buls.html)

<http://listserv.lehigh.edu/lists/tenten-l/beacons.html>

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I also have a group on yahoo that pertains to propagation beacons. There are many links and photos to help you build a beacon of your own if you want to do so.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TenMeterBeacons/>

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Here is a site for ham related photos etc.

<http://photos.yahoo.com/wlnra>

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For some of you who can't get on HF. There is a way for you to work into repeaters all over the world. It's called ECHO LINK.

The program is free and easy to use. After you bring the program up and are connected to the Internet, it will list various repeaters and links around the world that you can connect to and talk to anyone who hears the links. I tried it a few times and while I probably won't use it much, there are some of you who can expand your radio horizons to anywhere in the world. I talked to several hams in Ireland and found that, I understand the ones in South America much better with their broken English. Those Irish'ers sho do talk funny.

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Another program that might be of interest, is the CW GET software. It will read almost

any cw that you can hear and it also gives you a presentation on the screen so you can compare different operators as well as your own signals.

THIS PROGRAM WORKS FOLKS.

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EAST ALABAMA ARC, at Opelika has a yahoo group site where you can go and read their newsletter and find other information about their club. Check it out. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/W4LEE/>

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Upcoming club-meetings in the area are:  
Columbus Ga. ARC Meets November 14<sup>th</sup>, which is Thursday night at 7:30pm.

EAARC club meets November 19 at the EOC in Opelika Alabama. See the club site above for more details.

Well folks that's about all I have for this edition. It wasn't as hard as I thought it could be.

I do need information to add to each edition so if you have anything of interest, send it to me and I'll see if I can get it in.

Some folks may have problems reading this format but this is what it's going to be from now on or very close to it. I may as well try to learn something as I'm doing it. Hi hi

I'm using Microsoft Word and I think it looks pretty good and isn't very difficult at all.

If you have input for the letter, send it to me at [wlnra@yahoo.com](mailto:wlnra@yahoo.com)

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