



# CARS CONNECTION

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**Wings and waves: KB4SYV on  
combining his love of aviation  
and (POTA) activation**





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Marty Buehring - KB4MG**

We have a lot to look forward to in 2026 as a great club. The foundation of our club is solid, and we have a higher number of people paying their dues in January than in prior years. That is a strong indication that people are engaged and happy with what the club is doing and what we stand for.

Participation is the number one thing that you can do in 2026, and will always make our events better. We thank you for the vote of confidence that you have given the leadership team. We try our best to make CARS the best club in the area, all of Georgia, and maybe beyond. Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of great clubs across the US and Canada. The one thing that they all have in common is good leaders.

## WHY IS LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT?

The article by David Minster (CEO of ARRL) in February "QST" is mostly on target when it comes to leadership in clubs. When I read it, I contacted David to add my two cents into the discussion.

His article was challenging leadership style and had chided them for being taskmasters for events like Field Day. There may be

cases of this in some clubs, but in my experience, the club officers are the hardest working people at the event.

At CARS we feel that everyone has the same responsibility and opportunity to make our major events a success. The club officers work side by side with everyone. We all work for a common purpose to increase the fun and enjoyment of everyone. That's the way it should be.

In David's article I think we do exemplify a club that provides a strong sense of purpose and encourages people to try new things. We hope to do even more.

Clubs that are having problems are struggling with leadership. If they don't have any natural leaders in their club, then there's no direction and purpose.

In my feedback to David, I suggested that ARRL embark on a Leadership Academy. Today they have a great institute for STEM teachers to enable them to bring radio concepts to their students. In the same way, they need to bring leadership skills and coaching to the club leaders. The logistics of this may be hard, but worth it to help keep clubs vibrant and growing. David sent me a nice reply and said that this idea has merit. Let's see what happens.

## GUEST SPEAKERS IN 2026

As you have heard, we have three great guest presenters in 2026. This grew out of our desire to expand our knowledge base beyond the skill set of our own members. In that quest **Bob Cheek (N4RFC)** has helped to line up some great people. In February we will hear from Rob Sherwood.

Here is some background information for you to know before the meeting.



**Rob Sherwood (NC0B)** is a well-known amateur radio expert, engineer, and equipment reviewer particularly famous in the HF radio community for his work on transceiver performance testing and technical evaluations. Amateur radio operator since 1961 – Rob got his first ham radio license as a teenager and has been active in the hobby for decades. He is founder of Sherwood Engineering (est. 1974). He started this company to produce roofing filters, upgrade kits for classic receivers like the Drake R-4C, and later to perform systematic performance measurements on modern transceivers.

Here are some facts about Rob.

- Transceiver performance authority – His receiver and transceiver test data (often called the Sherwood list or Sherwood rankings) is widely used by serious hams and contesters as a comparative benchmark of radio performance, especially in dynamic range and selectivity.
- Presenter and educator – Rob frequently speaks at amateur radio club meetings and major events like Dayton Hamvention, explaining how to interpret





# MESSAGE CONT'D

performance specs and choose good equipment.

He is known for technical testing of HF transceivers and receivers, with detailed measurements that help radio operators understand how equipment performs under crowded band conditions. He has written articles and had publications on receiver problems and performance, antenna systems, and optimization of station setups. Being a trusted voice in the ham radio community for decades – his assessments influence how many operators think about receiver quality.

I am sure there are things we can learn from Rob, so please plan to be there.

## IMPROVED SOUND SYSTEM

Because we have three guest speakers this year, we felt it necessary to upgrade our sound system. Additionally, we have heard from all of you that we need better sound coverage at meetings, especially in the large room. Having a system that will accommodate remote guests as well as improve our local sound quality will take some small investment and some experiments. As a first step we are adding an additional powered speaker, a mixer with EQ, and a USB audio interface to remote conferencing. The February meeting will be our first chance to try this, so have patience as we work this out. We will still use wireless microphones, but have better control over the volume, EQ, and mix. I look forward to this working better.

Thanks again to all of you for great 2025. Let's make 2026 even better!

73,

Marty - KB4MG

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CARS Calendar

- Feb. 14** CARS monthly meeting and New Hams Luncheon
- Feb. 13-15** [ORLANDO Ham-Cation](#)
- Feb. 21-22** International DX Contest - CW
- Mar. 7-8** International DX Contest - SSB
- Mar. 14** Georgia State ARES Meeting, Forsyth, Ga.
- April 18** World Amateur Radio Day
- May 15-17** Dayton HamVention, Xenia, Ohio
- Jun 27-28** Field Day (Location TBA)
- Aug 22-23** Huntsville HamFest, Huntsville, Ala.
- Sept 18-19** Georgia Jewel

### Recurring events:

**Mondays @ 8pm.** Cherokee ARES net on WA4EOC repeater (145.19, non-standard plus offset of 2.26. PL tone 173.8). Backup repeater is K4SJR (146.70, minus offset. PL tone 123.0) Check in via voice, D-STAR, DMR, Winlink, D-RATS.

**Thursdays @ 8pm.** CARS Net on KG4VUB repeater (145.27, minus offset, PL tone 100.0)





# WINTER WEATHER NIXES WINTER FIELD DAY



Big plans are no match for Mother Nature as the threat of a potentially historic ice storm led CARS leadership to cancel activities surrounding Winter Field Day 2026.

“With the possibility of accumulating ice, we believe it is far more important to be home with our families,” wrote **Chad Cone (KY4KP)**, CARS vice president, in an e-mail to membership on Wednesday, January 21. The decision followed the issuance of a winter storm watch by the National Weather Service covering most of north Georgia.

As one club activity was winding down, another was gearing up as members of Cherokee ARES prepared for possible deployment to assist in handling emergency communications. While some volunteers

could be assigned to the Emergency Operations Center in Canton, others prepared to support from home.

“Our objective is to maintain remote operations wherever possible, allowing you to prioritize family safety. Please prepare for the possibility of an extended event with limited travel once conditions deteriorate,” **Rob Bruderer (W1JKU)**, emergency coordinator for Cherokee County ARES messaged in an e-mail.

At deadline, the winter storm watch for Cherokee County advised the possibility of ice accumulation of up to ¾-inch followed by subfreezing temperatures for several days.

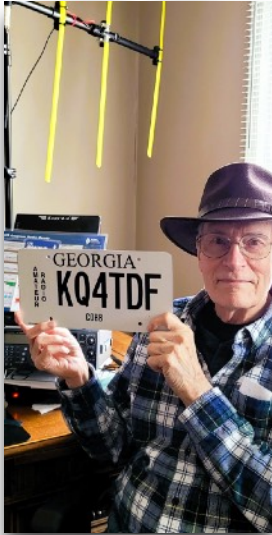




# VANITY CALLSIGNS ON THE ROAD: SHOULD YOU CONSIDER AN AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TAG?

By Lee Hall - K4QO

A recent discussion on the Monday night ARES net inspired Ric Donato (KQ4TDF) to request a



specialized amateur radio license tag.

There are roughly 20,000 licensed amateur radio operators in Georgia, yet when you're out on the road, specialized amateur tags are surprisingly rare. That got me thinking: why don't we see more of them? Is it the cost? A lack of awareness? Or are there other concerns keeping hams from putting their callsigns on their bumpers?

For years, I displayed a ham radio tag while living

in Tennessee. It was easy to remember, easy to recognize, and a quiet badge of honor for a hobby I cared deeply about. Since moving to Georgia, however, I haven't applied for one. That's a bit ironic, considering how many of us go out of our way to obtain vanity callsigns. If we'll customize our call on the air, why not on our license plate?

## WHY OR WHY NOT?

One concern I hear is that of personal security. Some hams worry that a callsign tag makes it easier for bad actors to identify or locate them. That's a valid point. On the other hand, many operators regularly transmit their location via APRS, sometimes in real time, without a second thought. In that light, is a license tag really that different?

Amateur radio operators are communicators by nature. We enjoy making connections, whether it's during a casual QSO or while serving our communities through ARES and other public service efforts. A specialized tag can help with that. It makes it easier for fellow hams to spot you in the wild, strike up a conversation, or even make an on-air contact later.



Some operators already advertise their presence with repeater or "146.52" window stickers. Yet how often does that actually lead to an unexpected call?

Cost is another factor. In Georgia, amateur radio tags carry a \$25 one-time manufacturing fee and a \$55 annual renewal, compared to \$20 for a standard tag. The additional revenue goes into the state treasury. Is that extra expense a deal-breaker, or simply the price of a little personalization and visibility?

There are clear advantages to radio operator plates: they're easier to remember, help other hams identify you, open doors to conversations with a curious public, and may even lend credibility when entering a disaster area during emergency communications work. Of course, there are downsides too: the aforementioned privacy concerns, the risk of negative perception if you're a less-than-perfect driver, the possibility of attracting thieves, and the need to replace plates if your callsign changes.

So, do you or anyone you know sport a callsign tag? If not, maybe it's time to revisit the idea. Like so much in amateur radio, it comes down to balancing personal comfort with the opportunity to promote and connect through the hobby we all share.

Check out the [Georgia Secretary of State's webpage](#) for more information.





# PARKS, PLANES, AND POTA: A ROAD TRIP THAT REALLY TOOK OFF

By Ed Boyett - KB4SYV



Combining two interests—flying radio-controlled (RC) airplanes and participating in ham radio activities, including Parks on the Air (POTA) has been particularly rewarding.

Every autumn in Andersonville, Georgia, the Hodges [Hobbies All Electric Fun Fly](#) event is held for RC enthusiasts. It's an event I have attended for most of the past 15 years. This year, while organizing my trip, I searched for nearby POTA parks and discovered that a Georgia POTA Sprint coincided with the final Saturday of the event.



Flying sessions were planned for Thursday through Saturday, and by leaving early, I would be able to operate the radio on Monday and Tuesday. Additionally, being less than two hours from Alabama presented an opportunity to activate the state—a first for me. After consulting the POTA map, I selected US-1046, Lakepoint State Park and RV Resort, and made reservations accordingly. The surrounding region also featured three other Alabama parks and five in Georgia, which allowed me to develop a plan.

Departing on Monday, I activated two parks in Alabama—US-1046 and US-0139—in the afternoon and evening, followed by a six-park rove. Upon arrival, I set up the RV and activated a nearby park during the night shift, then began Tuesday morning by visiting the farthest targeted Georgia park and proceeding with my planned loop of five Georgia parks: US-2180, US-7911, US-2174, US-3728, and US-3753. During my visit to Providence Canyon State Park, I unexpectedly encountered an old friend and his family. It's a small world.

As there was still time, I proceeded to activate three additional parks in Alabama: US-3680, US-3712, and US-1046. On Wednesday morning, I packed up and traveled to Andersonville.

Over the next three days and nights, approximately 150 registered pilots participated in flying, including night flights featuring around 30 airplanes simultaneously. These nighttime sessions are high-energy, but do not typically involve expensive aircraft.

On Saturday, I activated Georgia Veteran's State Park near Cordele as part of the Georgia POTA Sprint, a four-hour competition focused on making as many radio contacts as possible. I completed 100 contacts within the first hour and a half. Unfortunately, band conditions deteriorated, allowing only another 100 contacts in the remaining two and a half hours.

At the time of writing, official results for the POTA Sprint are pending. For those interested in participating in a POTA activation, I am available and would be pleased to provide guidance, it is a straightforward and enjoyable experience.





# EVERY HAM HAS A STORY. YOURS BELONGS HERE.

By Lee Hall - K4QO

Think for a minute about why you joined this club.

Some of us joined to learn more about radio. Some for the camaraderie. Others simply because we have a passion for the hobby.

Every single one of us has something unique to share. That's what we are looking to showcase in "CARS Connection." We need your input and your expertise.

A couple of years ago, our leadership developed a club theme: Be Radioactive and Get Involved. Here's a way to do that.

Each of us has traveled a different path in the world of amateur radio. Some are seasoned pros with decades of experience under our belt, while others bring fresh perspectives, having recently discovered this hobby. Regardless of where you are on that journey, your knowledge matters.

This club is a melting pot of expertise—CW enthusiasts, contesters, digital mode operators, and homebrewers—and there's someone who would love to learn from your insights. If it's something you care about, chances are, someone else is just as interested.

Writing articles can showcase your expertise, ideas, and passion. It's a great way to share your knowledge



and, perhaps, inspire others. **Tony (KC4OBY)** composed a series of articles on antenna technology. **Jason (KO4NDP)** has written about his interest in QRP and CW, **Chad (KY4KP)** talks about his passion for POTA and contesting. Each article adds something valuable to the conversation.

You can write about technical projects, personal experiences, or industry trends. When you write about what you love, it feels less like work and more like an opportunity to share something you care about.

We see this publication as a way to connect, educate, and grow the club. Your contributions can benefit all members.

You may think, "hey, I'm not a writer..." and that's OK. We're here to help. We're not looking for the perfect story. As editor, it's my duty to proof and polish each submission as needed.

We're not necessarily looking for long articles. 300-500 words is about two typewritten pages. Go longer if you need to, but it's not necessary.

You may think that you have nothing to contribute. But you do. Otherwise, you wouldn't be here.

Finally, writing for the newsletter can be fun! It's a chance to reflect on your own experiences, dive into topics that fascinate you, and present them to an audience that truly appreciates what you have to offer. There's also a sense of fulfillment in seeing your work in print—or in pixels—and knowing that you've contributed to something bigger than yourself.

I'll be available if you'd like to chat or toss around ideas for articles. You can also reach out to me by email anytime ([k4qo.mail@gmail.com](mailto:k4qo.mail@gmail.com)). I'm happy to help you get started or answer any questions you might have.

One more thing: be sure to include photos with your article and make sure you are in the picture. Good visuals help the article "sing."

Let's continue making "CARS Connection" something we're proud of—a true reflection of the amazing expertise and passion within this club. I'm excited to see what each of you can bring to the table.





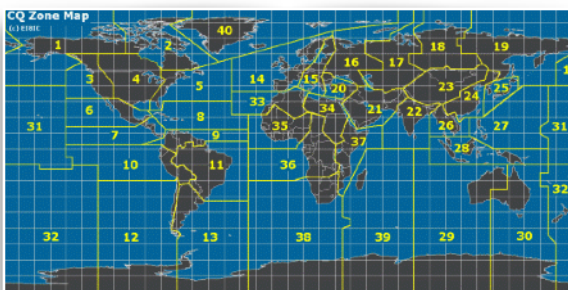
# CQ WORKED ALL ZONES

By Bob Witte - K0NR



I always have an operating goal in sight to motivate me to get on the air. On the HF bands, I followed the typical progression of getting Worked All States (WAS), Worked All Continents (WAC), and DX Century Club (DXCC). It seems that DXCC receives all the glory and attention, with many DXers pursuing the goals of working all countries, I mean entities.

The Worked All Zones (WAZ) certificate is another well-known HF DX award, organized by geography. WAZ recognizes operators for establishing confirmed two-way radio contacts with stations in all 40 geographic zones defined by CQ's official zone map. These zones divide the world into areas based on continents, regions, and specific entities.



This zone-based structure emphasizes propagation challenges and global coverage, often making certain zones (e.g., remote Asian or polar areas) particularly difficult depending on the operator's location. If the goal is to recognize "working the world," this approach seems much more logical to me than the DXCC award. For DXCC, the initial award is for 100 countries/entities, which may or may not be spread worldwide. DXCC recognizes political boundaries, which result in many different entities clustered in

small geographic areas. For example, the Caribbean is filled with many small countries that are easily accessible from the US. Europe is also dense with countries. The WAZ award requires you to work stations all over the world.

## MY JOURNEY

I had not paid too much attention to working all zones until recently. I began tracking them and making a point to chase the ones I needed. Of course, working DX already produced contacts with many zones around the world. I have a mixture of SSB, CW, and digital (FT8) contacts, so I was focused on the Mixed award. My HF station is modest, running 100 watts to an end-fed wire antenna. Towards the end, I was missing two zones: Zone 22 - Southern Zone of Asia (India, Bangladesh, etc.) and Zone 34 - Northeastern Zone of Africa (Sudan, South Sudan, Egypt, etc.).

I used FT8 to work these last two zones, working VU3RGB (Zone 22) in August. Then I finally worked Z81D (Zone 34) on 30m recently. I was pleased to get him in the log, and I quickly submitted the contact to Logbook of The World. The confirmation came through the same day. Very nice! Similarly, I submitted the confirmed contacts via LoTW to the WAZ awards manager (Jose/N4BAA), and the certificate arrived via email almost immediately. (I paid \$8 to LoTW to transfer the confirmations and \$12 to WAZ to process the award.)

This leads to the question of "what's next?" in terms of operating goals.





# A LIGHTWEIGHT, RUGGED SOLUTION FOR IC-705 POTA

By Martin Buehring - KB4MG

I don't know about you, but when I decide to take my radio out of the shack for a POTA activation, it takes me a lot of time to be sure I have everything I need to set up at my remote location.

I was trying to simplify things and thought I would build my own enclosure for my ICOM 705. I wanted the battery, all the connections to the radio to be easy and accessible. The 705 is a great radio, but I dislike the connections for everything you need to operate it. The more paper designs and cost analysis I did, I concluded that it may be just as economical to buy a ready-to-use enclosure from someone else. So, I went on a search.

I found a number of OK solutions using Pelican cases and their knockoffs. What I did not like about these solutions is the orientation radio was flat in the box. That makes it harder to see in daylight outdoors. Also, the case is too bulky for a small radio like this. I need something more compact.



I also found some other ideas from Shack-in-a-Box, but these are built around the large Gator cases, which to me is overkill, heavy, and almost defeats the purpose of a portable radio. They may be fine for a complex HF radio but not the 705. They do have a new product specifically for the IC-705 that includes the radio, battery, tuner, and everything else you need. It's also \$4,199. For a casual POTA, activation this seemed too complex, too costly, and just impractical. It still looks too heavy.



## EUREKA!

I came across the enclosure designed and built by **W2HVH (Ralph Sangataldo)**. Before retirement, Ralph worked in the power generation business and had the task of building equipment into panels at the power plant. Putting his skills together for ham radio, he came up with what I think is the best solution for the IC-705. It meets all the requirements of protecting the radio, internal battery for extended operation, all jacks extended to the panel, and in a light-weight rugged, quality carrying case. The case also has a zipper pouch to hold your microphone and other cables. The front panel has an Anderson PowerPole™ connector for an additional battery or solar panel controller. If you install a duplexer, you can have both an HF and VHF antenna connected, as you see here in Figure 3.





## A LIGHTWEIGHT CONT'D

The option is to configure this bag with a 3 or 4.5 Ah Bioenno LiPO4 battery. I chose the smaller one, as it keeps the weight down and has enough capacity for a few hours' run-time. If I run low with a long activation, I can also bring along my 12Ah battery and attach it as well.

You can also add an antenna tuner. I passed on that, but may add it at a later date. Since I use a resonant antenna, there is no need for the tuner with my setup.


On its maiden voyage, it performed well! I was set up and ready to run POTA in less than 10 minutes. It was just as easy to close down and pack up. Perfect for multi-park roving.



I use my IC-705 radio in the shack for mostly VHF/UHF. It turns out that when I built my shelf system for the shack, the radio pack fits in it and is ready to use.

Bottom line is that I would endorse this product for someone looking for a great case. Ralph also has a bag to accommodate the IC-7300. Of course, it is larger and heavier (19lbs), but, again, is a great solution if you do a lot of portable work with your 7300. You can mount either a 15 or 20Ah battery in this case. His customer support was excellent, and he is very nice person to talk with.

You can find these products at [w2hvh.com](http://w2hvh.com). Tell him Marty sent you!



### HELP THE CLUB

#### WE'RE LOOKING FOR ORIGINAL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Write about an experience you enjoyed or a memorable QSO. Tell us about a new piece of equipment you discovered. Share your expertise with your fellow club members, or help educate readers on some aspect of amateur radio that interests you.

And be sure to include pictures! Articles need not be "perfect." We'll help with the editing. We just need your input.

Send contributions and pictures to  
**[k4go.mail@gmail.com](mailto:k4go.mail@gmail.com)**



# GET TO KNOW...

## DR. CASSIE ZIELINSKI - KQ4JVI

**CARS IS A VIBRANT AND EXPANDING COMMUNITY, WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS REGULARLY. TO FOSTER CONNECTIONS, WE'LL PERIODICALLY SPOTLIGHT A MEMBER THROUGH A BRIEF Q&A. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE FEATURED OR HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND, [PLEASE LET US KNOW](#).**

**What is your name, callsign and license classification?** Dr. Cassie Zielinski, KQ4JVI, General

**How long have you been licensed?** About 3 years

**What interests you most about amateur radio?** The excitement of not knowing who you may be contacting and where they are from

**What modes do you operate?** SSB, SSTV, and when I am at school, I use digital with the students just so they can gather NOAA info

**What are some of your most memorable experiences with amateur radio?** [ARISS](#) (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) is my top with a close second being POTA

**What is your most memorable QSO?** ARISS and POTA when Chad (KY4KP) made me go through a pile up...fun stuff!

**How long have you been a member of CARS?** About 3 years

**What is one piece of advice you would offer a new ham?** Never give up. I had to learn everything and still am learning. Instead of reading about it, you must get out and do it.

**What do you like to do outside of ham radio?** I love off roading in my Jeep and playing with my three dogs. I enjoy landscaping and doing some DIY projects at home.





Welcome to the KY4KP YouTube channel where I share my time in amateur radio and the experiences that come with it. Most of my videos focus on getting on the air from the field, especially Parks On The Air activations, contesting, and portable operating. I like showing how I set up, what works, what does not, and how each activation unfolds in real conditions. You will also see the community side of ham radio, family moments, and the enjoyment that comes from combining radio, learning, and being outdoors. My goal is to document real operating, encourage others to get on the air, and keep the hobby practical, approachable, and fun.



In this video, I share a quick look at the fun side of Parks On The Air, especially when people get on the air for the first time. It captures the excitement, the laughs, and the simple enjoyment of making contacts outdoors. Moments like this remind me why I enjoy ham radio so much. It is about getting on the air, sharing the experience with others, and keeping the hobby welcoming and enjoyable.



In this video, I give a quick behind the scenes look at my contest station and the setup I am running. It is a relaxed moment that shows the gear, the space, and the atmosphere while operating. Clips like this give a real sense of how I work contests and enjoy the time on the air without overthinking it.



In this video, I talk through a mistake I made during an activation and why it mattered once I was on the air. It is an honest look at how small setup decisions can turn into real problems in the field. I explain what went wrong, what I learned from it, and what you should check ahead of time so you do not run into the same issue. My goal is to help you avoid lost time, frustration, and missed contacts when you head out to operate.



In this video, I spend the day at the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society fall picnic and enjoy time with fellow hams outside the shack. It is a relaxed gathering with good food, easy conversation, and plenty of shared stories about radio. Events like this matter because they remind you that amateur radio is not only about operating and equipment, it is about people, friendships, and staying connected as a community.





# CONTESTING

## CONTEST CORNER FEBRUARY 2026

### **Vermont QSO Party**

0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8

### **EU DX Contest**

1200Z, Feb 7 to 1200Z, Feb 8

### **Minnesota QSO Party**

1400Z-2400Z, Feb 7

### **ARRL School Club Roundup**

1300Z, Feb 9 to 2359Z, Feb 13

### **CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest**

0000Z, Feb 14 to 2359Z, Feb 15

### **ARRL International DX Contest, CW**

0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22

## DXPEDITION NEWS



C5SP, Gambia - Thru March 2026 - HF bands SSB, FT8



H44MS, Solomon Islands - February 2026, 40-6m SSB and ft8





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**Membership** - <https://www.wx4car.org/membership-form.html>

**CARS Club Technical Programs** - <https://www.wx4car.org/technical-monthly-programs.html>

**Club Activities** - <https://www.wx4car.org/club-activities.html>

**POTA Corner** - <https://www.wx4car.org/pota-corner.html>

**ARRL FIELD DAY** - <https://www.wx4car.org/field-day.html>

**Ham Fests** - <https://www.wx4car.org/amateur-radio-events.html>

**CARS Groups.io** - <https://groups.io/groups>

**ARRL Testing Info** - <https://www.wx4car.org/testing2023.html>

**New Ham Kit** - [https://www.wx4car.org/uploads/8/3/7/7/83773582/wx4cars\\_intro\\_to\\_new\\_hams-7apr2021.pdf](https://www.wx4car.org/uploads/8/3/7/7/83773582/wx4cars_intro_to_new_hams-7apr2021.pdf)

**Ham License Upgrading** - <https://www.wx4car.org/obtaining-a-license.html>

**Technician Ham Cram Study Guide** - [https://www.wx4car.org/uploads/8/3/7/7/83773582/2022-2026\\_technician\\_pool\\_study\\_guide.pdf](https://www.wx4car.org/uploads/8/3/7/7/83773582/2022-2026_technician_pool_study_guide.pdf)

**Club Apparel** - <https://www.hamthreads.com>

**CARS Club Badges** - <https://www.thesignman.com/clubs/carsga.html>

**POTA Supplies** - <https://www.clubgearonline.com>

## CONTESTING LINKS

**ARRL Contest Calendar** - <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

**Contesting Calendar** - <http://www.contesting.com/>

**CQ Contest Calendar** - [http://cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_contests/cq\\_annual\\_contest\\_calendar/](http://cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_annual_contest_calendar/)

**SolarHam Site** - <http://www.solarham.net/index.htm>

**Space Weather** - <http://www.spaceweatherwoman.com/>

**Contest Calendar** - <https://www.contestcalendar.com>

## OTHER LINKS

**ARRL** - <http://www.arrl.org>

**Sky Warn** - <http://skywarn.org>

**QSO Today** - <http://qsotoday.com>

**Cherokee EMA** - <http://cherokeega-ema.org>

**Georgia ARES** - <https://www.gaares.org>

**Ham Radio Work Bench** - <http://hamradioworkbench.com>

**On All Bands** - <https://www.onallbands.com>





# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Cherokee Amateur Radio Society is to promote the hobby of amateur radio to the Cherokee County residents and surrounding communities. It primarily serves to provide education, FCC testing, public service, and fellowship to people with the common interest of amateur radio.

Cherokee Amateur Radio Society is an organization of FCC licensed amateur radio operators (also called Hams) that meet and share the hobby, educate people about amateur radio, as well as support our local community in times of disaster. We are located in Cherokee County, Georgia and have club call sign WX4CAR. We are an ARRL Affiliated Club.

The club also participates with ARES, and the Cherokee County EOC when severe weather gets close to the area, and we help with local public service projects. The members of the club also dedicate some of their time to promote and help new hams to develop their skills and knowledge on Amateur communications modes and to be better operators. We are a very active club and participate in ARRL Field Day every year. If you are located in Cherokee County or the surrounding area, we would like to invite you to participate.

## CARS OFFICERS FOR 2024:

**President:** Martin Buehring - KB4MG

**Vice President:** Chad Cone - KY4KP

**Secretary:** Stephen Kuhn - KK4YDY

**Treasurer:** James James - KE4HMS

**Cherokee County Emergency Coordinator:**

Rob Bruderer - W1JKU

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**Time & Location of Meetings:**

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am Eastern Time.

**William G. Long Senior Center**

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