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"GET ON THE AIR" EVENT

To promote the hobby of amateur radio or how to be a Ham, the Anderson Radio Club (ARC), the Keowee-Toxaway Amateur Radio Club (KTARC), and the Upstate Carolina Amateur Radio Society (UCARS) will hold a Get on the Air "free" event on May 11 (Saturday) from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Anderson County Main Library, 300 North McDuffie Street, Anderson, SC . Get on the Air is for non-Hams or Hams of all ages to discover the basics of amateur radio, radio operator licensing, and emergency communications.

Beginning at 1 pm, attendees are invited to view radio mode exhibits which include High (HF), Very High (VHF), and Ultra High (UHF) frequencies, Morse Code (CW), EchoLink, Satellite, Digital (D-Star and DMR), antennas, and QSL Cards. They will be demonstrated by ARC, KTARC and UCARS members. The next part of the Get on the Air program will be a presentation about how to be a Ham. It will include amateur radio basics, operator licensing, and emergency communications. At the end of the presentation there will be a drawing for a handheld VHF/UHF dual band radio followed by a visit inside Anderson Radio Club's Communications Emergency trailer. There, radio operators will explain the radio equipment and typical emergency communications procedures.

Inquiries about the Get on the Air event can be emailed to Margie Spangenberg, KK4AGN, <u>margiespang@att.net</u>. She is the Anderson Radio Club's Secretary and Newsletter Editor. For additional information, visit the Anderson Radio Club's website <u>www.andersonradioclub.com</u> or the Anderson Radio Club Facebook.