

My inquiries about the repeater have helped provide what I believe to be an accurate history. Any errors are unintentional. Corrections are solicited and corrections will be graciously made. Desiring to clear confusion and misinformation about the history and purpose of the repeater, I submit the following:

1980 - 1982: Original repeater, cans and antennas donated by Terry Blackwell and Bill Horton, members of the Berkeley County Rescue Squad, to Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Department (EPD) to facilitate Rescue Squad emergency communications. The repeater was installed and housed at 223 N Live Oak under the building and hardline was run to an antenna on the 150 ft tower at the site. The original repeater is in storage.

A new tower was constructed at the landfill and the repeater was moved to that location in 1995. Dual antennas with adequate vertical separation eliminated the need and complication of cans. Antennas are at about 400 and 450 feet. EPD provided hardline and antennas for this installation. Continued tower maintenance fees for the repeater have been provided by EPD.

Exactly when and under what circumstances Vince's call - WD4NUN - became the repeater's call is uncertain. Upon Vince's tragic death in 2006 his call sign was secured, with his wife's consent, as a club call for BERKELEY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE and remains the call for the repeater.

Because of age and reliability issues, in 1996 Vince Ott WD4NUN donated a Yaesu repeater to Emergency Preparedness to support amateur's emergency communications efforts in Berkeley County.

In 2012 age and reliability issues (programming and remote control) with the 1996 repeater made replacement necessary. Linda KJ4EVV, Dennis KG4RUL, Wes K4AJC, Ann AF4LN and Robert AE4RJ purchased a new Yaesu repeater and donated it to Berkeley County EPD to support emergency communications. Tom W4TEM donated the radio for remote control. Dennis KG4RUL, Rick KK4B and Mike KM4ID of Radio Communications of Charleston (RCC) provided the expertise to place the replacement equipment.

The repeater donated by Vince WD4NUN is currently housed at 223 N Live Oak Drive utilizing the original cans and is back on the original tower. It has served and remains ready to serve as a backup repeater.

Wes K4AJC was EPD director when Vince WD4NUN made his donation of a new Yaesu repeater to EPD to replace the original repeater which was experiencing problems. Support of emergency communications was Vince's express intention to Wes.

Rick and Mike at RCC have provided continuing generous support of the repeater. The location is secure and we cannot easily access it, so are dependent upon the generosity of RCC to keep it up and running. The repeater also continues to enjoy the essential support of Berkeley County EPD.

Berkeley County has replacement of the current tower planned. It is my understanding that the repeater will remain a guest on the new tower continuing it's intended function as a resource for emergency communications in Berkeley County.

The primary function of the WD4NUN repeater is to provide emergency communications for the residents of Berkeley County. All amateurs who observe local operating etiquette, are courteous and cordial to all who share the repeater's resources are welcome on the WD4NUN repeater.