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From the President's Desk

SERA Members and Friends

Sadly I bring you news from SERA concerning the retirement of Roger W. Gregory, W4RWG. In addition to being President of SERA for over 20 years, Roger is a fellow repeater owner and a dear friend. I hope everyone will wish Roger well as he battles a challenging health condition. Your prayers would be appreciated. Below is a copy of Roger's letter of retirement. As your new SERA President I offer the assistance of all the State Directors and Vice Directors as well as myself. Thanks again and you will be hearing from me often.

Danny Hampton, K4ITL

Gentlemen,

After more than 20 years with SERA, starting as the correspondent for South Carolina and serving as President for more than 10 years, I will retire having enjoyed being a part of an excellent group of diligent individuals. It was my pleasure to watch the growth of repeaters in the amateur community. I was fortunate to witness the growth of a few repeaters to well over 3,000 today in the eight states served by SERA. During my tenure, I saw things change from pencils, rulers, and maps, to one of the most sophisticated Coordination Database systems anywhere.

Changing health conditions has required that I make this decision. After my immediate retirement, Danny Hampton, K4ITL, SERA Vice President, will assume the reins as President pursuant to the SERA By-Laws. Danny grew up as coordination began and has long served SERA with his technical knowledge and management abilities. I wish the absolute best to my friends and brothers in SERA and that they continue to serve repeater owners with dignity and pride.

Roger W. Gregory, Retired



