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Subject: RACES Weekly Memo

Reminder: An annual RACES meeting is planned for the 20th of July at 7:30 PM at the VA Nursing Home in Port Charlotte.

There will be two parts to the meeting. The plan is to present program information and do some housekeeping in the first part (45 -60 minutes). There will probably be other organizations or individuals there (and they may provide input) but only for the first part of the meeting. After a short break, we will open the meeting up to internal questions, suggestions, and discussion. We have to be out of the facility at 9:30.

With respect to the upcoming meeting,

Please let me know if you plan to attend (so I have some idea of how many are coming).

Please email any suggestions for agenda items, topics of discussion, and budgetary items. Any budget item suggestions should be accompanied by a short justification/reason why we need the item and how much it will cost.

If you know of any RACES/ARES members who are not receiving email please let them know that (if they are on my email database) their mail may be in the bulk or quarantine or spam folder of the particular mail system. They can scan this folder and move the item to the inbox and encode me as a valid sender. Email options vary, so you need to contact your provider. We are in process of having these RACES emails available on the CCRACES website. You should check for these each Tuesday evening.

We need people to sign up to operate from the tactical positions the first Wednesday of each month. The season is here and we are already watching Dennis for possible hurricane action affecting the gulf. It is important to start having people familiar with the operational setup at each tactical position and that includes alternates so there should be at least two people available for each location. We are also looking for position operators for the VA nursing home where we are looking to put an ARES station. If you can operate any position always or occasionally, let me know.

One procedural reminder: If a storm is pending and can affect us, it is important to start monitoring the commercial broadcast stations. At a certain point, you should be monitoring the RACES main frequency 146.745 as well. Call downs through phone may not be available, so the repeaters may be the way you are alerted. If, for whatever reason (particularly during or post storm), the repeaters are not working, monitor the simplex frequencies. For purposes of alert monitoring, let's agree to monitor the national simplex 146.520.

If you plan to operate from a tactical site this Wednesday Jly 6, 2005, please so indicate by return email or phone call.

This weeks tactical drill will be a directed, disciplined net. We will poll each site for which there is an indication that there will be someone there. For instance, the NCS may say something like: Peace River Regional, Peace River Regional, this is Charlotte RACES NCS, please respond with location and callsign. At the conclusion of calling for these locations, stations that have operators but did not inform us will be invited to log in, then non tac station visitors. I will be providing the NCS with a list of stations to poll. If you are NCS, please remember to provide a copy of all log-ins.

Net controllers for any of the various nets are cordially invited to provide information concerning this email as an announce during the operation of the net.

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