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The Presidents Corner... By Jeff Martin, WB4JM



Bikes were everywhere, everyplace you looked there were bikes and on the bikes were the riders in their spandex. Along with the bikes and bike riders were the Amateur Radio Operators, not in spandex, however, Marshal did threaten.

We had several individuals from the

club assist with the annual "Nat's Outdoor Sports Tour-de-Cave" bike ride. At Net control were Hank Cantrell, W4HTB and yours truly. John Coe, KY4COE was the rover and at different points along the route were Joe Durbin W4WBG, John Moser KG4TOO, Bonnie Jean Moser KC4GYZ, Bill Feldkamp KI4B (new member), Marshall Love KC4WFN, Mike Kallstrom NU4K (coordinator - thanks Mike), and Claire Rinehart KF4IWX.

We also gave APRS a try and it worked great. Thanks in part to Fred Flowers N4GER, for putting up a Digipeater near Pig and the loaning of on tracker unit. We wanted to try APRS and see how it worked so we put one tracker with John Coe and one with a SAG vehicle. We were able to track both with no problems using UI-View software with a custom bike

route map imported into the software. Thanks to all who helped and to those who couldn't, I'm sure there will be an opportunity next year.

One last note to mention, while Hank and I were manning Net Control we had a lady approach us and ask us if we wanted to provide communications for that next Saturday for another Bike Ride to be held at the Shaker Museum at South Union. Since it was so late a notice we could not drum up the necessary help but please put it on your calender for next year as we will try to do both. Don't forget that with the Shaker ride we all would get free food, a free T-shirt, and free museum tickets.

Have a great summer!

73's - Jeff Martin, WB4JM



Monthly Program

By John Coe, KY4COE
Vice President Elect.

No submission but I did talk to him and John will be finalizing things for Field Day. - Jeff

Minutes & Sec/Tres Report

By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX
Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting was conducted by John Coe, KY4COE. Topics of discussion included planning for the Tour de Cave bicycle rally and Field Day. Bill Feldkamp, KI4B, recently moved into the Oakland area and attended the meeting. We would like to welcome him as our newest member. He has an Extra license and is currently retired. Welcome Bill!

I helped with the Tour de Cave event and took up a position with Mike, NU4Q at Railtown. We had a number of cyclist stop by the SAG station and we even had a visit from the roving reporter John Coe, KY4COE. Hopefully, Jeff will put some of the pictures that John took into this edition of the HamCall.

73's - Claire

Being A Better Operator

By John D. Meyers, NB4K

Am I being the best operator that I can be? Would I want others to operate the same way I do? Would I like it if they did? What do I need to change? These are some very important questions we all should be asking ourselves. How do you rate yourself?

Being a better operator probably would include some soul searching on our behalf. Let's start with our

attitude towards the hobby and how it might affect others. Do we constantly complain about our hobby? Then maybe we need to look a little further into it and see if we're happy with where we are as an amateur. Being unhappy with where we are is sometimes a problem that is easily corrected by just upgrading or changing our area of proficiency. Like maybe becoming a net control for a RACES/ARES net of even the local traffic net. On the other hand, if you're already doing that and you're unhappy then maybe you might want to look into being an Elmer or just becoming a VE. What ever you opt for you need to be happy in doing it or you'll not only be not helping those you chose to help but won't be helping yourself as you'll still be unhappy. An unhappy attitude is a deterrent to others.

I'm sure if you see others acting this way you probably have many ideas as to what they should be doing with their life. Let's not point the proverbial finger until we make sure we're doing the best we possibly can. We may be strong to labor, but there should be no complaining in our streets. When our friends or their brethren come to us to complain, we should say to them, be helpful for our sakes, as a peaceful heart is what leads us to a healthy attitude. How we come to that depends on what we put into the hobby is what we can expect out of the same. I sure you like the happier times of life as do you fellow hams and getting there takes some work for most of us.

Being a better operator might mean pausing before replying to a fellow ham so that someone else would have a chance to break in. There is a courteous beep on most repeaters

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2005 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

June 25-26 (Field Day)

July 15

August 19

September 16 (Picnic)

October 21 (Elections)

October 31 (Bridge Watch)

November 18 (Annual Dinner)

December 17 (Sat Morning)

not only to reset the timer but also to offer us a chance to let other stations break in. On HF the way I've found best is to say your call to yourself after the person that is talking finishes before you start talking and most of the time that is sufficient for most conversation round tables. Now I know that there are frequencies that doubling and tripling are an everyday occurrence, but we need to pause in case of an emergency or needed use of the frequency. I'm sure there are other pet peeve that you've come across that needs changing, try suggesting it to the individual but use brotherly love to do it. Remember that we're all human and need understanding and TLC.

Think about what you would need to change, if anything, in order to help those just coming into the hobby. Try being a spark that enlightens the heart of a new ham, invite them into your group or home and make them welcome to their upcoming fraternity. You might just be the one who helps change a bad situation into something productive. There has been so much change in the Kentucky Section that it makes my job as Section Manger very interesting and enjoyable. Keep up the good work and comradery, as you are your brothers' keeper.

73's
John D. Meyers, NB4K
Kentucky Section Manager
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ARRL Field Day June 25 & 26.
Call John Coe, KY4COE, Field Day Chair,
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for more information.

Next Meeting
Friday,
June 17th
Bowling Green
Police Station
7:00pm

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145.450-		KG4FEJ (Echo-link)

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444.100+		W4WSM
444.700+	PL136.5	WB4JM (IRLP 4678) (Use the # key before dialing any IRLP node number)
444.850+	PL103.5	KF4QZN (Horse Cave)

ATV

439.25 AM IN - W4HTB
1280.00 FM Out - W4HTB
421.25 AM Out (CH-57) - W4HTB

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