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## The Presidents Corner... By Michael Kallstrom, NU4Q



(No Submission)

## Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM,  
HamCall Editor

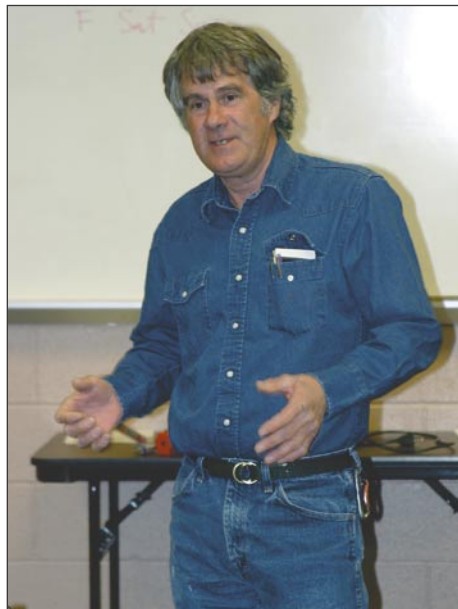
January and February was a good month for KCARC and for Amateur Radio.

First off, several KCARC members and a few not so local Hams assisted the Shawnee Trails Boy Scout Council in their Merit Badge University program held at WKU in January. Jeff Martin, WB4JM, a Troop-510 Scout Leader, coordinated the "Radio" Merit Badge class. Boys erected a HF di-



pole and operated voice on several bands. Hank Cantrell, W4HTB, demonstrated Amateur Television with the Help of Dean Maggard, K4NQV.

Our February KCARC meeting was fun and serious at the same time. Tim Harrington, a local Professional Tower Maintenance Man, talked to the club about tower safety while at the same time demonstrated several knots and several knot tricks.



The Tech License Class finished its four Monday nights with a Sunday afternoon testing session. The class was a big success. Please welcome the following new Amateur Radio Operators and KCARC members:

Cam Collins: KI4EJB  
Richard Stephens: KI4EJC  
Buddy Steen: KI4EJD  
Bill Lewis: KI4EJE  
Diane Rinehart: KI4EJF  
Steve Wilson: Waiting on Call Sign

For the March program, we will be visited by the ARRL Great Lakes Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE.

And as a final note: I'm sure you have noticed the new HAMCALL format. At the request of several KCARC individuals, I have reduced the number of pages (to a maximum of 6) by eliminating several items. I find it unfortunate, but I agree that it is necessary. If we all owned computers and we all had internet access, it would not be a problem, but we don't.

73's  
- Jeff

## Minutes - January 2004

By Claire Rinehart  
Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to thank all of the members that have renewed their memberships and sent along the updates to their membership information. If you have not renewed your membership, I would invite you to do so.

A summary of the Treasurer's Report is shown below. This represents the most activity that I have ever seen in the KCARC account. Notice the new Instruction category which was created because the club sponsored a technician's instruction. With the new hams and members that have come out of this class it was certainly worth it! Thanks to all of those who participated in the instruction and encouraged the participants! I, for one am delighted that my wife, Diane, was able to get her license, KI4EJF. Her paper license came in the mail

yesterday and she proudly displayed it on the kitchen table where I would see it when I arrived home last night. We are going shopping for another radio tomorrow at the hamfest.

73  
Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX

Meeting notes (by Jeff Martin):  
The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mike Kallstrom, NU4Q. Mike talked about the Health Department meeting and then made introductions to new members. Jean Odum, KE4WVX asked for ideas on how to handle the nightly ARES nets. Tim Harrington did the program and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Quarter 1	
Dues	\$382.50
Instruction	\$361.00
Donations	
Other	
Total Income	\$743.50
Ham Call	-\$405.58
Field Day	
Repeaters	
Liability Insurance	
KY State Treasurer -Fee	-\$4.00
Meeting Costs	
Instruction Costs	-\$351.97
Other Costs	-\$43.50
Total Costs	-\$805.05

## Forth District ARES News

By Fred Painter, KA4CFW  
District Emergency coordinator

(No Submission)

## Amateur Radio What Is It?

Submitted by:  
John D. Meyers, NB4K  
Kentucky Section Manager  
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An amateur radio operator is a person who recognizes the enhancement value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, for no charge to the public or served agencies. He/she strives for a continuation and extension of their proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art and providing good sound communications. Their encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art are an expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts who have a continuation and extension of their unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Kentucky has approximately 9,000 amateur radio operators. Some communities have several hundred operators. The interests and expertise level of these operators vary. To provide public service during times of emergency, sponsor repeater systems, education and testing programs, technical assistance, or fellowship, amateur radio operators around Kentucky have formed amateur radio clubs, and amateur radio emergency service groups.

The America Radio Relay League (ARRL) headquartered in Newington, Ct. was founded in 1914. The ARRL, a nonprofit organization, is the national membership association of approximately 163,000 amateur radio operators. Nationally, the ARRL represents Amateur Radio interests before Congress, and regulatory bodies such as the Federal Communications Commission. League programs such

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## 2004 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

- January 16
- February 20
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- June 26-27 (Field Day)
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17 (Picnic)
- October 15 (Elections)
- October 30 ?? (Bridge Watch - Sat)
- November 19 (Annual Dinner)
- December 18 (Sat Morning)

as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the National Traffic System (NTS) provide an organized structure for amateur radio organizations to fulfill the mandate of Title 47 US Code 97.1 et seq., to provide emergency communications during time of disaster.

The ARRL is really a ground level organization with local appointees in control of local and district affairs. Whether it is public service, testing, or the other aspects of amateur radio, these local hams with the support of their local operators ARE the organizations they conduct! If you have a particular talent or interest step forward and make the whole program more effective. Your contribution will make a difference! Sitting back, waiting for somebody else with your idea to come forward and make the difference is no fun!

In Kentucky there is a State Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator, Section Traffic Manager and many other management positions along with District and County Coordinators. There are over 30 clubs/organizations with affiliation to the ARRL in Kentucky. The ARRL has been given a grant by Homeland Security for a half million dollars to further training in emergency services. If we as amateurs are kept from putting up our antennas what good would our training do? We're here to support you and our neighbors, please help us do our job as a volunteer.

Be proud of what you do and when you do it and how it's done. We're professionals in what we do and known as Amateurs when we do it. We have the backing of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Managements, Malcomb Franklin, and the Automation Branch Manager Bob Stephens.

## GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL ACTION FORUM

There will be a forum at noon on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>. of the Hamvention this year on grassroots political action.

The program will feature ARRL General Counsel and our man in DC Chris Imlay, W3KD, New England Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF and ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP as speakers. Great Lakes Division Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT will be the MC and Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE will offer the opening remarks.

This forum was called by your Division Leadership to bring attention to the importance of communicating with your legislators on amateur radio issues. They have gathered experts to answer your questions. President Haynie and General Counsel Imlay have spent more time lobbying in Washington than anyone in recent history and they have the knowledge to teach us how to get action.

This is a MUST SEE Forum and we would recommend that you ask your club members to attend and to kick off an effort within your clubs. No one will do this for us, we must act now to protect our spectrum and protect our ability to enjoy the Amateur Radio Service.

If you have not met President Haynie, or heard him speak, you have missed a real treat. Here's your opportunity to meet the people that work for you as a League Member. Plan to be there.

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## Kentucky Hamfests

### 3 Apr 2004 + Lincoln Trail ARC

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### 5 Jun 2004 + Northern Kentucky ARC

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### 2004 Greater Louisville Hamfest

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Hamfest Banquet  
Friday, Sept. 10

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TAILGATING SPACES

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Tailgating (Limited Space Available) \$5 .

Paroquet Springs Conference Centre is a modern, air-conditioned facility offering a 12,000 square foot area with meeting rooms and concession stand. We believe Paroquet Springs will provide the Louisville Hamfest with a more inviting atmosphere and pleasant experience. It's less than 15 minutes south of the Louisville International Airport off I-65 at Exit 117.

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NEXT KCARC CLUB MEETING:  
FEBRUARY 20, 2004 AT THE BOWLING  
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MEETING ROOM. 911 KENTUCKY ST.

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444.850+	PL179.9	KF4QZN (Horse Cave)

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421.25 AM Out (CH-57) - W4HTB

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