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The Presidents Corner... By Michael Kallstrom, NU4Q



All those who participated in the Halloween Bridge Watch deserve an extra measure of thanks. The evening was peaceful one due to the efforts and patience of the Hams who spent six hours manning posts on overpasses, golf courses (we got reports from the golf cart mobile!), cemeteries (everything was "dead" quiet!), emergency operations centers, and base stations. The night was long and cool but everyone stuck to their stations until midnight and we even had some fun chatting on 70cm simplex. Our net controls did a fine job of coordinating the checks at the top and bottom of the hour as well as handling all net traffic. I was fortunate enough to get a visit from the Bowling Green Police when Officer Doug Hawkins came by my Elrod Roadstation to extend his thanks for the club's work.

And don't forget about the upcoming KCARC Awards Dinner, November 19, 6:30pm, at the Ponderosa on the Bypass in Bowling Green. Make your reservations early by

sending \$8.50 per person to the club treasurer, Claire Rinehart. Be there or be square, as we used to say a LONG time ago!

73 de NU4Q

Minutes

By Claire Rinehart
Secretary/Treasurer

No Submission

Tower Installation by Hank Cantrell, W4HTB

The club's tower was re erected Thursday afternoon, October 21st. The work session started around 1pm and finally raised the tower into position around 6 pm cdt. The following club members worked diligently to get it all together and erected:

Marshall Love-KC4WFN
Fred Painter - KA4CFW
John Coe - KY4COE
Claire Rinehart - KF4IWX
Joe Durbin - W4BWG
Mike Kallstrom - NU4Q

Marshall had prepared the angle iron brackets to anchor the legs of tower to the building. Most of the effort and time was spent on determining the orientation for the base and measuring and leveling the 1st section of the tower. Since the tower base was approximately 14 feet higher than the initial installation, the feed lines had to be extended. The primary goal was

to get the tri-band vertical installed for general use and bridge watch. Around 4:30 pm the group decided that the tower could be assembled (all 30 feet plus 10 feet of mast) on the roof and with enough muscle the group could raise the tower and antenna into position and anchor it to the building. And thats the way it was erected. (GRUNT ... GRUNT :)

Remaining work to be done.

- Grounding the tower This is 1st priority .
- re install a couple of antennas that are laying on the roof. The little 3 element 440 mhz beam (used for input to ATV repeater on Cherry Hall) and the scanner antenna.
- Install a HF antenna this could be a G5 RV for multiband purpose. Now that there is more building for anchor points we will have room to put up a wire antenna. It was suggested by Chief Bill that we wait until all the roof work was completed.

If you are down by the BGPD you can easily see the tower and antenna. Putting it on the roof really help get the antennas in the clear.

73's
Hank

A Ten Month Report By John D. Meyers, NB4K

I have tried over the past four years to live up to the promises I made during my campaigning for Section Manager. First and foremost was that I was going to be available by HF radio as often as my calendar would allow

and I have lived up to that promise. I can be reached for the most part days on 3.960 kHz on or before the Good Morning Kentucky Phone Net or the evening session of the Kentucky traffic Net. If you do not have HF capabilities then send an e-mail to nb4k@arrl.org or call me at 859-472-6690. Secondly, that I would work to make the league and hobby grow in the future and provide information to the members. I have lived up to that by giving information to you monthly by articles, website and e-mails.

On January 1st after intense research and debate with the net representatives I decided to do away with the Kentucky Traffic Net morning session and recreated the Good Morning Kentucky Phone Net. The reason for the change was threefold.

First, the ARRL board recommended that the National Traffic System (NTS) become part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). (This is paraphrased and was my take as to what was in their report.) Traffic in Kentucky has become a part of the past especially in the phone band or so it seemed that way until I researched the numbers. CW and voice traffic is running neck and neck each month with the traffic average 27 pieces for each over a ten-month period. I just wonder how many of these were net reports and how many were actual served traffic. We're really not serving a purpose to the NTS just passing net reports. Although, they need to be done in order to report net totals and I guess have some substance in training for the sender and recipient. Hopefully, with the addition of WinLink 2000 we will see the traffic being passed by amateurs in the last mile, not to say how important this addition would be to emergencies services.

Second, camaraderie among amateurs on the HF bands in Kentucky has been declining and needed a shot in the arm, hence, the reason for recreating the Good Morning Kentucky Phone Net at 1330 Zulu in the summer and 1230 Zulu in the winter. This net usually last about

thirty minutes and serves the amateur community with a time to comment, ask questions or give information to the amateurs in Kentucky; thus giving great strides towards improving the attitudes of many. I can see this trickling down to the VHF/UFH nets, club meetings and hamfests. How astonishing it is to see our fraternity coming together.

Thirdly, there was a hope to create an atmosphere where we would have many others wanting to help by becoming net controls hopefully for both nets. But, this hasn't happened and doesn't look like it will happen in the future. We still have the same committed individuals with the addition of N4AI as we had in the past. We are short three morning and three evening net controls. Double duty is being done by a few and at times the nets are not being called. Folks, these nets belong to you and without your involvement they will go by the wayside. Our future is up to you and where you want it to go. Put forth a diligent effort and you'll be rewarded, put forth no effort and you might lose it all.

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John D. Meyers, NB4K
Kentucky Section Manager
Great Lakes Division ARRL

ARRL Club commissions for membership renewals are back!

(Oct 26, 2004) -- Responding to the wishes of many ARRL-affiliated clubs, the League has reinstated the Club Commission Membership Recruitment Program, which benefits affiliated clubs by helping them to bolster the bottom line. For the past couple of years, ARRL-Affiliated clubs have earned \$15 commissions for each new or lapsed (over two years) membership they submit. Effective immediately, affiliated clubs now will also earn \$2 for each ARRL membership renewal they send in. This program applies to

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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 (Fire Training Station)
August 20 (Fire Training Station)
September 17 (Picnic)
October 15 (Elections)
October 30 ?? (Bridge Watch - Sat)
November 19 (Annual Dinner)
December 18 (Sat Morning)

regular and senior membership dues. (Commissions do not apply to family or blind memberships, and this program may not be combined with any other special offer or discount program.) The program is just one of the many benefits of ARRL club affiliation. Affiliated clubs might consider taking advantage by scheduling an ARRL membership recruitment/renewal night. For full details, see the ARRL Club Commission Membership Recruitment Program Web page.

John D. Meyers, NB4K
Kentucky Section Manager
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Great Lakes Division Convention Date Set: 3/19/05

Riley Hollingsworth confirmed as banquet speaker!

On the heels of the resounding success of the 2003 Great Lakes Division Conference in Findlay, Ohio (this past September 2003), the 2005 GLD Conference has been announced. The Toledo, Ohio club (TMRA) will host the convention, which will be held on Saturday, **March 19, 2005**, in conjunction with the Sunday, March 20, 2005, Toledo Hamfest! Both events are held indoors, with the hamfest drawing typically 3,000 hams. Details will be forthcoming, but **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** **FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH has confirmed as guest speaker for the banquet for the evening of Saturday, March 19, 2005. Riley will also present a seminar that afternoon.** Also, keep in mind that we will also be accepting nominations for the Division level awards: The George S. Wilson III W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award, Great Lakes Division Amateur Of The Year, Great Lakes Division Technical

Achievement Award, and the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Award. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT from Dearborn Hts., Michigan will chair the GLD Awards Committee and will send out the awards criteria, procedures and deadlines later this Summer. Brenda Krukowski KB8IUP from Toledo has been appointed as the Convention Manager, and Joe Phillips K8QOE from Cincinnati has agreed to again serve as Seminar Chair (Send your ideas for the presentations you would like to see to Joel!). Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC from Lexington will continue running the Convention Office. Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, Kentucky SM John Meyers and Michigan SM Dale Williams WA8EFK are also on the GLD Convention Committee. We are looking forward to another GREAT convention, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

73 de Gary KI4LA, 2005 GLD Convention Chair

<http://greatlakes.arrl.org>
Nominations for Division Awards Sought

The Great Lakes Division is asking for nominees for three awards to be presented at the GLD Convention in Toledo, OH in March of 2005. If you are aware of any one you feel meets the following criteria, please enter a nomination. Most assuredly we need to recognize those individuals who do so much to make this the excellent hobby-service it is. Please lend some serious thought as to who may qualify for these awards: 1. George S. Wilson W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award. This award is presented to an outstanding amateur whose lifetime achievement merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the amateur radio service. 2. Amateur of the Year. This award is for outstanding service by a radio amateur during the year preceding the nomination. 3. Technical Achievement Award. This is presented to the outstanding amateur(s) whose technical excellence

exemplifies "continuation of the amateur's proven ability to advance the radio art" and who exemplifies the highest dedication to service to others and to science rather than self.

Nominations should include the name, call and address of the nominee as well as a one page statement of support. You may e-mail nominations to Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT@arrl.org or mail them to Dick at 800 Dover Drive, Dearborn Hgts., MI 48127. The deadline is February 11, 2005 at 5:00PM. These awards are presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee and Director, not necessarily every year.

Don't forget the KCARC awards banquet on Nov.19,2004 at the Ponderosa Steakhouse at 1608 31-w by-pass. The cost is \$8.50 per person and is to be paid to our treasurer Claire Rinehart KF4IWX as soon as possible so that he can pay for the entire dinner with one check. The menu will include: steak, chicken, vegetables, vegetables and drink. We hope to see every member and guest at the banquet.

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Two -Meters

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147.165+		W4WSM
147.330+		KA4CFW
146.655-		W4WSM
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
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