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By Claire Rinehart
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Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM,
HamCall Editor

Per Mike Kallstrom, NU4Q, our October 15th meeting will be held at the Fire Station on Porter Pike... the Police Station is still not ready. The program will be a video about a DXpedition called "Journey To Peter I Island: Close To The Edge." Our calendar also indicates that we will have elections this meeting. In addition, I believe this will be the only meeting we have before the Bridge Watch event for planning purposes.

There are a couple of other items to let you know about.

1) 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 and drink. We hope to see every member and guest at the banquet.

2) The Owensboro, KY ARC will be hosting a demonstration of SWR and its effects on transmissions lines on October 16th at 2 pm at the Daviess County Courthouse in Owensboro, KY. The address of the courthouse is 212 Saint Ann Street, Owensboro, KY Please distribute this to friends and pass it on in your club. All interested people are welcome to come.

73, Jack Wilson
OARC President

See you at the meeting!

73's
- Jeff

Two New Appointees

The Great Lakes Division was asked to get the Winlink 2000 digital communications up and running throughout all three states. Ed Galipeau, WA1LRL, wa1lrl@arrl.net, Assistant Director for Digital Communications, Great Lakes Division of Brighton, Michigan is heading up the three state collaborative. It was my feelings then that we have an instate coordinator for this effort. So, Ron Dodson, KA4MAP the Section

Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and I talked it over and decided that the new position should be under the Section Emergency Coordinator. Winlink 2000 utilizes enabling technologies and sound operating practices to provide a full-featured radio digital message transfer system, worldwide. E-mail transfer, position reporting, weather and bulletin services, and emergency communications that should be available to Emergency Operations Centers through amateur radio by linking HF radio to the Internet. Better known as the last mile. Detailed information on WinLink 2000 can be found at this URL, <http://winlink.org/>. Realizing that digital is not for everyone, I want to say that at this time we are not looking to do away with the National Traffic System and have all traffic put on WinLink 2000. WinLink 2000 is primary use will be for emergency communications during real time emergencies.

Scott Thile, K4SET of Murray, Kentucky, has filled the new position for WinLink 2000 in the Commonwealth. He has been appointed Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator (ASEC) and will be working with the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) and Emergency Coordinator (EC) throughout the Commonwealth on setting up a working "airmail" WinLink 2000 system. Airmail works very much like Microsoft Outlook, with mailboxes, address books, and even a spell checker. Small attachments are also possible. Airmail's auto connect mode can also provide a direct link between base and mobile stations without going through Winlink or the Internet. Scott can be reached either by e-mail at scott.thile@murraystate.edu.

[edu](http://radioministries.org/) or you may want to visit his website at <http://radioministries.org/>.

The second position created was an Assistant Section Manager (ASM) for Historical Reference. Ron Baker, KG4C of Covington, Kentucky has accepted this position and his responsibilities will be to create and maintain a current log of pictures taken at hamfests, field days, public service events, club meetings and any other events for amateur radio. These pictures will then be sent to the Section Manager and Pat Spencer, KD4PWL, ASM Webmaster for Kyham. They will also be sent to the Public Information Coordinator to be used when appropriate for press releases.

Ron asks that all pictures of amateur radio events be sent to him at kg4c@fuse.net. He has a fast download Internet connection so no files are too big. All pictures must be identified as to what the picture is and who the hams are in the pictures. Please identify all amateurs or reasons the pictures were taken. When they appear on the Internet people not only want to know who they are but also the folks in the pictures want to see their names in print. Otherwise, all pictures without names or captions will be listed as being submitted by the photographer. When submitting pictures of club meetings or Hamfest, give a little history of where it was located, date, time and any other information that would be interesting to the viewer. Each person will be given credit for the submissions and their names will appear on the website.

I look for great responses from both Scott and Ron, as they are both in positions that will enhance the Kentucky Section. Of course they can only do their jobs successfully if you contribute to their work. Keep an eye on the websites either the <http://www.kyham.net/> or the Kentucky ARRL Webpage at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=KY>.

73
John D. Meyers, NB4K
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Great Lakes Division ARRL

The Big Project

by Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA
Great Lakes Division Director

The ARRL Education and Technology Initiative, better known as "The Big Project," has been getting big donations - and big results.

This initiative, with the objective of spreading Amateur Radio into the nation's schools, is designed so many middle school aged students will have a positive attitude toward Amateur Radio. Just over a year old, the fund has already reached \$198,000 in donations from approximately 3,400 individual ARRL members. The average donation is about \$50.

"The Big Project" is the vision of ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and was crafted into being by college professor and ARRL Vice President Kay Cragie, WT3P. Gerry Hill, KH6HU, administers the program.

The goal of the Amateur Radio Education & Technology Program is to improve the quality of education by providing an educationally-sound curriculum focused on wireless communications. The project emphasizes integration of technology, math, science, geography, writing, speaking and social responsibility within a global society.

This differs a bit from the traditional (and also very worthy) inducements to young people like the On-the-Air Jamboree for Scouts, classes held by clubs, and of course, one-on-one Elmers. With the Big Project, the key is the trained, enthusiastic classroom teacher using Amateur Radio as a resource. Rather than teaching youths to pass FCC examinations, the teachers use units in Amateur Radio as stimuli to help their students learn math, geography, history, physics,

The benefit to Amateur Radio is long

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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)

term. Yes, some students become instant converts and get their ham tickets, but others come away with a positive feeling about the Amateur Radio service and a seed which might germinate into a license 20 years later, or a young person might end up as your town's next zoning administrator when you need that tower permit!

Folks, the fun and mystique of Ham Radio has NOT been overshadowed by cell phones and the web. The kids who have gone through the pilot programs have been absolutely on fire about Ham Radio. A group in Dallas was so far into it that they all got their Extra tickets and flooded the local repeaters so much that they put up their OWN repeater!

When this began, President Haynie determined that no membership dues monies would be a part of this; it was to be funded strictly by private donations and foundation grants. And I am extremely happy to report that all three Section Managers in the Great Lakes Division have contributed to the fund. By the size of the donations, it appears that many Ham Radio operators agree that this is a very worthy project.

For those interested in joining the 3,400 of us who have already helped, please check into the Web Site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/basic/>> and click on "Education and Technology Program Fund." For more information on The Big Project, see <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/>>.

Everyone agrees that the future of Ham Radio depends on young people getting licensed. And the future of our frequencies depends on an educated general public which understands our value to the nation. [August 2002]

VOLUNTEERING

Excerpts taken from the ARRL 1988 Communications Manual

A volunteer; A person who performs or offers to perform a service of his or her own free will, A person who renders aid, performs a service, or assumes an obligation voluntarily. Do you fit this description.

As Section Manager, I had asked the Section Cabinet when making first contact with them to make sure before they accepted the position that they were asked to take, to read the description before they made a decision. In accepting the volunteer position they were expected to do the work, knowing that circumstances do arise and may take weeks to a month or more to rectify and get back to normal. But all in all the volunteer is to do the job they accept.

This can apply to you in your local club or ARRL Section appointments, such as ORS, OBS, PIO, GL, NM, and etc. They have asked you to take this position because they need it done and feel you were the best person to do it. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the ARRL. They are difficult to find, more difficult to keep, and at times, difficult with which to work. Volunteers come in a wide variety of shapes, colors, sizes, backgrounds, skills, experience, and levels of motivation. They have their own reasons for participating and their own specific needs which must be met if they are to continue to volunteer. Their needs, abilities, and accomplishments determine the ultimate success or failure.

They are human beings with human needs, goals, attitudes, abilities, strengths and weaknesses. Since volunteers will be the basic resource that we will be using, it will be to our advantage to get to know each of them as well as possible. Generally, volunteers will do precisely what they want to do - no more - no less. It is up to you to convince them that the assignment you have selected for them is both needed and appropriate. As each individual has his own likes and dislikes, it maybe necessary to talk volunteers into some assignments which are important though unpopular. Volunteers must be convinced that what you are asking them to do is really needed. Volunteers don't like to be underutilized, and tend to disappear when kept cooling their heels for

a significant length of time. They will work for long hours under the worst conditions as long as they can see the need for it. Most will do anything you ask as long as they're treated properly. If you mistreat or abuse them, they may not volunteer their help again.

It would be physically impossible to discuss in this article every possible reason why people join a volunteer group. Generally speaking, they volunteer and join to satisfy a personal need. The majority of your volunteers, though, joined out of a desire to serve the public in a way they best know how: as communicators. These are the volunteers you should direct your efforts toward. Find out why your volunteers joined your group. You've got to find out what their needs are before you can attempt to satisfy them. In short, the best way to find out why your members volunteered is to ask them!

As volunteers they have a right to expect courteous, considerate, fair and impartial treatment from the leadership. Courtesy is always in order; rudeness will cost you dearly. In addition to learning and compensating for their weaknesses and being tolerant of their faults, you must also consider their feelings. Don't forget that you are taking precious time from their families. They also have the right to expect you to make a reasonable effort to learn and apply the skills and techniques of communications management. You will be expected to make mistakes, admit them openly, and learn from them as you grow into your new role. You will also be expected to keep them informed as to what is happening and why. Unfortunately, some members will expect much more of you than they have a right to expect, and often more than you can do. They may expect you to change situations over which you have no control, force other volunteers to change their habits, provide them with privileged treatment or status, fire a useful assistant because they happen to dislike them, or other equally inappropriate actions. In short, they will tend to forget that you deserve the same treatment from them that they expect from you. Each member has different job demands and family requirements, as well as other outside interests.

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