

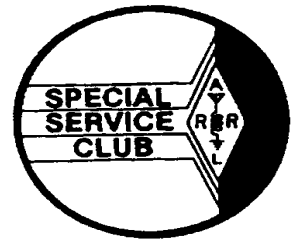


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Mike McClure
KW4MAC

Hello Everyone,
Our next meeting of the KCARC is Friday Feb. 15 at 7:00pm in the Community Room of the BGPD. At this meeting we need to schedule our regular events for the year (Field Day, Fall Picnic, Bridge Watch, Awards Dinner, etc.) and any other event you feel we should include. I'll be sending around a Sign-Up sheet for each event, and I hope you will consider volunteering for these fun and important club activities. Remember, it takes all of us working together to make the club successful.

Just a reminder that the 32nd annual Cave City Hamfest is just around the corner, Saturday March 1, 2008. The event will be held in the Cave City Convention Center at Cave City, KY. There is a Talk-In on 146.34/94 and you can learn more about the event at <http://www.geocities.com/ky4x2000> or contact Larry Brummett, KN4IV at 270-651-2363 or

lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com. Let me or Clarie or any BOD member know if you have any radio equipment you'd like to donate for our KCARC table at the hamfest. This is a nice fund raising opportunity for our club.

I would also like to remind everyone to tune into our club Traders Net meeting every Monday 7pm CST on 147.330 (PL 107.2), and the KCARC Net on Tuesday 7pm CST on 147.330 (PL 107.2). I think we all owe KA4CFW a thank you for letting us use his repeater for our club activities.

If you've not paid your club dues, or completed the KCARC 2008 membership form please see Claire.

And lastly, thanks to all of you who volunteer and participate in our many club activities. See you at the meeting Friday.

-Mike McClure, KW4MAC
Secretary/Treasurer Report
By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX

At the January meeting we increased membership to 29. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at the next meeting of by sending your renewal to:
Claire Rinehart
755 Whitlock Rd.
Alvaton, KY 42122

Ed Gann talked about contests that were coming up and gave some web sites to visit for details: <http://www.ncjweb.com/nagprules.php>
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/jan-vhf-ss.html>
<http://dxmarathon.com/Contestrules/2008marathon.jpg>
Business that was discussed and schedule by the club members:
Board Meeting on March 8, 2008.

Don Bush will coordinate the Field Day on June 28-29.
The Traders Net is held on Mondays at 7 PM local time on 147.330 that has a tone of 107.2

Cave City Hamfest will be March 1st. KCARC will have a table and is accepting donations to the club. Contact Claire Rinehart if you have donations.

A motion carried to sell the HF rig in the police station and purchase another one.

A KCARC net (not ARES) was scheduled for Tuesday evenings starting at 7 PM for hams in the area that would like to gather and have a *FUN* time. This net will also meet on 147.330 (tone 107.2).

Do you know someone that would be interested in amateur radio? The club will soon sponsor a beginning Tech class for all of those interested. Stay tuned for details

ARES Report

There was no input this month from ARES but the following is an excerpt from this weeks ARRL Newsletter.

“AMATEURS LEND A HAND AS DEADLY STORMS SWEEP ACROSS SOUTHERN UNITED STATES

At least 54 people were killed and hundreds injured Tuesday and Wednesday by dozens of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama in the nation's deadliest barrage of twisters in almost 23 years. In spite of the disasters, state and local emergency management officials once again discovered that they could call on Amateur Radio operators to help out and get communications up and going again after the infrastructure failed.

Chris Shaw, W4BGN, Kentucky District Emergency Coordinator, said several confirmed tornadoes touched down throughout his state. "Kentucky hams activated weather nets, while others were out and about spotting for severe weather. Allen and Monroe Counties in South Central Kentucky were especially hard hit. Some repeaters lost power and hams quickly adapted, going to emergency simplex frequencies on 2 meters. The communications went very smooth and seemed to be beneficial to many. Hams worked throughout the night to help provide communications, especially to those areas without power."

Dxing and Contesting

(looking for someone to supply monthly articles. Ed Hint Hint)

With the recent bad wx and more to come we hams begin to think about the safety of not only our families but also our equipment. The following is a timely information from Jim Weaver K8JE our Great Lakes Division Director. Some of you may not subscribe to "Weaver Words" on email. This was from his latest posting.

“All-risk, all-gear insurance

My guess is that most of us have insurance of some form on our radio equipment. It may be everything that we want. On the other hand, it may be a little lacking.

You may not know that ARRL has had "all-risk" and "all-gear" insurance available to ARRL members for many years. This is the type of insurance that will cover every piece of ham equipment, your computer(s) and the programs used with your ham activities . . . and give you the full replacement value of any insured item that is lost through any accidental occurrence. Yes, I said replacement value. I should also add that people I know who have benefited from this insurance say collecting on it is fully no-hassle.

You can check into this insurance "from the comfort of your own home" by going to www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/insurance/equipment.html.

Whether you decide to buy this insurance, it is still a good deal.”

Meet the Officers

It was my intention to feature one of our members each month. But was unable to get this accomplished this month.

Members are most welcome to send me a picture or two of your station and a writeup about yourself and amateur radio activities.

Program for February -

No submission

Below are some pictures from our club's repeater .

Repeater KY4BG 147.060 (156.7)



2mtr 70cm and 23cm antennas



Possible ATV Tower Cam views



We hope to have the ATV repeater up and running again in a few weeks. This time the output will be on 421.25mhz AM (cable chan 60) and input 1280 mhz FM and 439.25mhz AM.

NEXT KCARC CLUB MEETING:

February 15th 7 pm
BG Police Dept. Community Room

Traders Net -
Each Monday 1900 cst
147.33 rpt. Tone 107.2

KCARC Net -
Each Tuesday 1900 cst
147.33 (PL 107.2)

4th ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK
AT 9 PM LOCAL TIME. Frequency: 147.165 MHz. W4WSM Repeater. Secondary
Frequency: 147.330 MHz. PL Tone 107.2
KA4CFW Repeater

ITEMS OR WANT ADS FOR HAMCALL - DEADLINE IS THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.
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