



# THE HAMCALL



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## The Presidents Corner... By Jeff Martin, WB4JM



Well we are in the mist of the Holidays and things seem to be even busier than normal, even so, November proved to be a very enjoyable month, especially with the KCARC Banquet and Awards presentation that was held at the Lone Start restaurant. We had over 33 folks attend and we all enjoyed a great time (even without Leon's Santa Story), probably one of the better Banquets I have been too. Congratulations to the Ham of the Year John Reasoner, WA4QMQ and the Outstanding Tech of the Year Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX.

The KCARC Board of Directors met on December 3rd. Every one was there and we had a very productive meeting. Here are some of the topics we discussed:

- Program for YL's
- KCARC Internal Contests
- Club QSL Cards
- Club "Non-Profit" status
- ARES Warren County EC

(Emergency Coordinator) Liaison to the Club

- 2006 License & CW Class
- September Picnic - invite several other clubs.
- and fund raisers

There will be no December program as is normal for this time of year but I did want to remind you that we do still meet. We will have the no-meeting meeting, as it is called, on December 17th (note the Saturday date) at 9:00am. Normally folks bring a breakfast food to share with others. Since there is no program, we use this time to visit and enjoy each others company.

In this edition of the HamCall is the 2006 KCARC Membership form. Claire would like everyone to fill out the form; current members along with new members. Some folks just pay their dues but never fill out the form. He needs all of us to fill out the form and turn it in to him so he can update the club database. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lastly I wanted to thank you all for letting me be your President for 2005. You all are a wonderful bunch of crusty ol' Hams (and YL's) and it has been my distinct pleasure in serving you. John Coe, KY4COE, your 2006 President has several things he wants to accomplish for the new year... stay tuned!

73's  
- Jeff

## Minutes & Sec/Tres Report

By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX  
Secretary/Treasurer

Here is a summary of the financial activity that has occurred this year:

Income \$1146.50

Expenses \$943.50  
Operating Cost \$334.60  
Meeting Cost \$183.30  
Education Cost \$ 0.00  
Special Events \$128.25  
HamCall \$107.95  
Club Station \$ 73.40  
ARRL Dues Passed \$116.00

Current Balance \$628.04

Income was from membership dues, renewed ARRL memberships through the club, Cave City Hamfest profit, and donations.

Operating expenses include insurance and filing fees with the secretary of state for being incorporated within the state of Kentucky.

Meetings costs were primarily for the picnic, the awards banquet and to support travel for Bill Hayes to come to our meeting for his presentation. Special event expenses were for the bridge watch pizza and field day. The club station expenses were for antenna and repeaters. Four Hams renewed their ARRL membership through the club and earned the club \$8.

## Accepting Change

Just like the change of season so does our life, nothing remains the same forever. In my life as an Amateur, 25 years, I have heard many times that this change is going to be the ruination of our hobby and frankly it hasn't yet. But, we can by our negative attitude cause the inevitable. There should be no fear in changing. Change is good! We must look to the brighter side of things and work towards the future and give up the past. The phrase "I had to do it and it was good enough for me" is not going to increase our number and make our hobby flourish but it will do just the opposite and we can't afford the loss of any more frequencies or operations due to the loss of operators. Lets not run off the new Amateurs. Let's make them feel welcome whatever the outcome of the FCC rules that will be changing in the near future.

What is change? Change is a break in the normal routine. A threat to our security (safe zone) either at home, our work and, yes, even our hobby; an alteration in our current lifestyle or the way we do things. The unknown, the ambiguous, the uncertainty one must face after a loss of feeling safe in what and how we got to where we are. The changing of old beliefs, attitudes and values that we think are okay for the current times. The modification of current patterns of social interaction and conduct in adjusting to an altered change occurs. A change of status quo to what we think is right and unsettling of the calm and peace previously established in the way we got to where we are.

Here are some irrational beliefs we have about change? I could never adjust to that change. Yes, you can if you don't fight it and make the best of the situation. Why did this happen to me? It didn't only happen to you it happened for you and the rest of us.

Change is bad. No, change is actually good and will build character. If I ignore it, it will go away. No it won't go away, it will go on and you'll be left behind. You'll begin to frustrate yourself in your attempts to gain control and to fix the non-fixable.

Many of you have heard the ole timers say, "What ever happened to the good ole day when" and you can fill in the rest. Those days are still here. No one is saying that we should forget the past but we should make it part of the future by being able to submit to change and look back and see how much better the hobby would have been in the past had it been available then.

What are some benefits to be gained by adjusting to change? Of course we can start with individual, personal, social, and emotional growth. We can restore a sense of order and purpose in our life. Take a relaxed point of view about the realities of life, and open acceptance of the inevitability of change and adaptation for the future. Increase our personal, family, marital, or hobby productivity, giving us a chance to use our positive qualities and attributes to their fullest, validating our self-worth and goodness. Last, but not least, getting on with our life with a minimum of delay, confusion or complications resulting from the turmoil of change.

I hope you join me in bringing in the New Year with a positive attitude towards whatever changes the FCC will bring our way and make the best of the circumstances and move on with the greatest hobby one could part of. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you, from the home of NB4K.

73

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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)



Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club Membership Form - 2006

\*\* PLEASE PRINT \*\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER: Y N

We recommend the use of the free ARRL email forwarding service (k4abc@arrl.net). This way if you change your real email address you will not have to notify the KCARC Secretary. You must be a member of the ARRL. Go to http://www.arrl.org/members-only/emailfwd.html for more information.

Personal Information

KCARC recognizes the seriousness of keeping the information you have provided on this application confidential, and indeed we will do that. However, we would like to publish your membership information for other members of KCARC but we will only do this with your permission.

ALLOW MY INFORMATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CLUB MEMBERS: Y N (by circling N your information will not be released to anyone, even club members)

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For Secretary Use Only
Date Paid:
Amount:
Check: Cash:
Patch given: Hand: Mailed:
Other:

New Member (\$15.00):
Renewal (\$15.00):
Additional Family Member (\$7.50 ea.):
Student or Associate Member (\$7.50):
KCARC Patch (one w/membership \$2.00):
Additional KCARC Patch(s) (\$4.00 ea.):
Total:



## Emergency Communications

One of the fundamental reasons we have our FCC granted Amateur licenses is to provide emergency communications to our community (FCC Rules and Regulations part 97.1a). With the recent Terrorist attacks on our Country and other disasters our existence as Amateur Operators and our status as "Emergency Communications Providers" has risen to a new level. When cellular systems overload, telephone lines interrupted, and other complicated communications systems that we take for granted fail, there is only one group that can provide the needed communications to our communities and those individuals are Amateur Radio Operators. Members of the KCARC recognize this unique responsibility and in an effort to facilitate our readiness we ask you to indicate your interest below. Your willingness to participate in such events is not an obligation for membership. Thank You!

**I WOULD LIKE TO BE TRAINED AND ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Y N**



## The HamCall (KCARC Newsletter)

As part of your KCARC Membership, you will receive the KCARC Newsletter titled the **HamCall**. In an effort to reduce costs associated with the newsletter we would prefer that you choose to receive the **HamCall** via the Yahoo group KCARC-BG; the official means of communication concerning KCARC business and activities. However, if you do not have a computer or access to the internet then we will mail you a copy.

**I (DO) \_\_\_ or (I DO NOT) \_\_\_ HAVE A COMPUTER OR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET**

*Note: all members are encouraged to submit articles (even have your own column) and other information that you feel should be included in the newsletter. Contact the HamCall editor for more information.*



## KCARC Monthly Meetings and Programs

The club will have a special program for each of 9 months out of the year (Septemeber is the annual SwapFest & Picnic, November is the annual Banquet, and December has no official meeting). The program centers around a specialized topic related to Amateur Radio. This is your opportunity to tell your club officials what type of programs you would like to see held. Please indicate your suggestions below:



## KCARC Committees

The KCARC has several committees that serve its members and the community. If you would like to assist with one or more of these activities, please indicate your selection below with a check mark. If you would like to Chair one of these committees indicate your desire by writing 'CH' in the space provided.

**Police Station Club Room:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Repeater & Communications:** \_\_\_\_\_ **November Banquet:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Emergency Communications:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Field Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bridge Watch:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fund Raising:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**September Picnic:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nominating:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Training Classes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club Board Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SEC/TRES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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### KCARC 2006 Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

Meeting at the Bowling Green Police  
Station Community Room at 7:00pm.

January	20
February	17
March	17
April	21
May	19
June	16 24-25 (Field Day)
July	21
August	18
September	15 (Picnic)
October	20 (Elections) 31 (Bridge Watch - Tuesday)
November	17 (Banquet)
December	16 (Sat Morning)

Notes:

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### Local Repeaters

#### Two -Meters

147.060+	PL156.7	K4LOL (CLUB)
147.165+		W4WSM
147.330+		KA4CFW
146.655-		W4WSM
145.450-		KG4FEJ (Echo-link)

#### 440MHz

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

444.850+	PL103.5	N4GER (Horse Cave)
444.475+	PL103.5	N4GER (Mam Cave)
444.425+	PL103.5	N4GER (Morgantown)
444.900+	PL179.9	N4GER (Leitchfield)

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