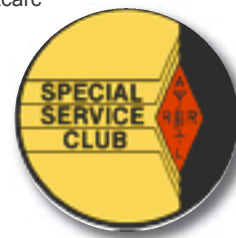




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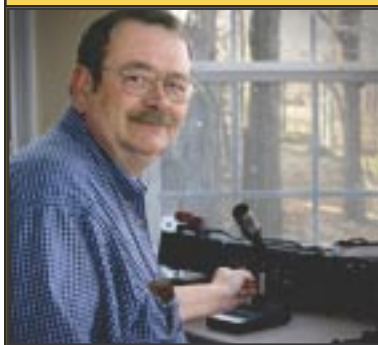


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## The Presidents Corner... By John Coe, KY4COE



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The New Year is upon us and time to look forward to a new year in ham radio. The first thing that I would like to do is get behind us, is all committee assignments in place for the new year, so be thinking about where you would like to serve as a committee chair. I look forward to being your president this year and will need the help of all the members to make this year the best it can be. I'm looking forward to programs that Hank is planning for us, they should be great. See all of you at the meeting Friday night. KY4COE

73's  
- John

## Minutes & Sec/Tres Report

By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX  
Secretary/Treasurer

Happy New Year! KCARC ended the year with 43 paid memberships, 4 courtesy memberships and 3 lifetime memberships. As of the 12th of January, we started the year with 16 renewed

memberships. Thank you for sending in your renewals and keep them coming. I did a quick check in the FCC database for Kentucky hams in the area bounded by Tompkinsville, Edmonton, Bonnieville, Leitchfield, Beaver Dam, Lewisburg, and Elkton and found 695 hams. Granted, I did find some individuals that were duplicated in the database, but still, this is a lot of hams. Encourage your colleagues to become RADIOACTIVE this year and invite them to join the club!

As of the start of the year we had \$833.71. This represent a comfortable carry over balance for the year. I look forward to serving you this year and wish you all health and happiness.

## Monthly Program

By Henry Cantrell, W4HTB  
Vice President Elect.

No Submission.

## Amateurs Need To Learn More

We as amateur should never become complacent with our training or preparation for the future, or do we? Once again 911 (September 11, 2001) is bringing to light the need for communications to be done with plain language. Amateurs who plan on helping during an emergency event need to update their training. Amateur Radio is a commodity that will be needed and used during an incident; therefore we need

to be fully trained. FCC Rule 97.1 Basis and purpose states; (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications. For the past three years we have had the opportunity to take the three courses offered us by the ARRL provide by a grant from Homeland Security. While this was an excellent way for us to learn communications skills for passing traffic and the roles of leadership in the ARRL it has definitely left us unable to communicate with other entities, police and fire departments. So, we will need to step up to the plate and take a couple of additional courses, which are free of course.

As Section Manager (SM), I leave the training of ARES personnel to the Section Emergency Coordinator, Ron Dodson, KA4MAP, who for the past 8 plus years has done an exemplary job. This article is not meant to take from him any of his responsibilities but just to give an overall view from where I sit as SM and a District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for District 7. District 7 has been given notice by District Emergency Coordinator Rick Watkins, Area 7, that by October 1, 2005 all responding personnel will have to be IS-700 (National Incident Management System) certified. Now you ask, what is IS-700 NIMS and where can it be found? IS-700 NIMS is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) course that is free to the public. It can be found on the Internet at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslst.asp>. I have asked the amateurs in District 7 to send me a copy of the e-mail that will be sent to them congratulating them on passing the course. When they receive

their certificate from FEMA, send me a copy either by e-mail or snail mail. Each county Director will receive a copy of this certificate for their files and future use.

Director Watkins has also asked, but not made mandatory the need for IS-195 (Basic Incident Command System). This is a good course to take if you're not familiar with the command system in an emergency response situation. This course also gives us a good start on IS-700. Knowing who is who in an emergency situation will save you time. Know why they wear the vest they wear and what their responsibilities are and who they report to.

Big Brother, the Federal Government, in the near future will probably be asking us (better stated by telling us) to take IS-800 (National Response Plan). I found this to be an interesting course and one that will take a little time. But all of these courses should be able to be finished in the time allotted.

Amateur Radio operators are never finished learning when it comes to providing a public service. Remember, not only does our family depend on us, but our neighbors and friends also. How much time will you take to become proficient in emergency communications?

73

John D. Meyers, NB4K  
Kentucky Section Manager  
District Emergency Coordinator area 7  
Great Lakes Division

## Weavers Words

- Grassroots Legislative Action
- New Year, Same Fingers and Synapses
- Servicemen Equals Service Personnel
- A Guide for Assisting Visually Challenged Candidates
- Hamfest, Symposia, etc.

### GRASSROOTS LEGISLATIVE ACTION

On January 4, State Legislative Action Coordinators Val Rose, N8EXV (MI) and Jim Ashman, W8AHS (OH), Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I met in Lima, OH to explore ways to strengthen the ARRL Board of Directors' Legislative Action

Program -- the Grassroots political action program in this Division. As one result of this meeting you will see a renewed effort to recruit more local Legislative Action Contacts. These are the people who meet with Congressional and Senate aides, and our Representatives and Senators in their home offices. These are the people who take the story about our legislative needs to the legislators themselves.

There is one misunderstanding I'd like to get rid of. This is the idea that we have no need to be involved in political action. A spin-off is the misconception that we can avoid becoming involved in the results of political action by others.

What is political action? Political action is the way things get done in this world. This is true whether we are talking about governing a village of 50 people, a state legislature or our Federal government in all its megalithic size. It even involves how we as individuals interact with our friends and neighbors. Political action is how one person interfaces with another. It is interpersonal relations.

Political action goes on with our input and involvement, or it goes on without our input and involvement. With our input and involvement, we can help determine the results. Without our input and involvement, all we can do is to shut up, sit back and take whatever is handed out to us. If we do nothing, all we can do is to sit back take it. We can like the results or lump them.

Still think you can stay away from politics and political action?

Are you married? You are in as politically-charged a situation as there is. Marriage is compromise. It is give and take. It is politics in the pure sense. Not married? Work for someone else? Politics. Live as a member of a family? Politics. Live in a neighborhood or an apartment building? Politics.

Politics is nothing more and nothing less than the manner in which one individual works with another or with a group. Everyday-living politics involves how we deal with our neighbor over raking leaves or cutting the grass, over where junk cars

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## 2006 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 12

May 19-21 Hamvention

June 16

June 24-25 (Field Day)

July 21

August 18

September 15 (Picnic)

October 20 (Elections)

October 31 (Bridge Watch)

November 17 (Annual Dinner)

December 16 (Sat Morn.)



Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club Membership Form - 2006

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

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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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New Member (\$15.00):
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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 (KARC Newsletter)

As part of your KARC Membership, you will receive the KARC 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 KARC-BG; the official means of communication concerning KARC 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.*



## KARC 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:



## KARC Committees

The KARC 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: \_\_\_\_\_**

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can be stored, over where we park our vehicles, whether we keep our property in reasonable condition and more.

Amateur Radio political action involves our on-air contacts, how we approach our neighbor over putting up a tower, how we work with City Council to obtain an acceptable ordinance that covers towers, how we approach Congress to get Spectrum Protection legislation passed.

Whether we operate QRP or QRO, VHF/UHF or HF, SSB or CW or digital, or ATV/SSTV, we as individual amateurs are susceptible to the political actions of others. If we want to have anything to say in what happens to us, we need to join together.

ARRL cannot endorse candidates or parties . . . and we won't. ARRL cannot contribute to candidates or parties . . . and we won't. What ARRL can do and will do is to work to educate our legislators to the legitimate legislative needs of Amateur Radio. Here is where you can come in.

Will you help? Please contact your State Legislative Action Coordinator or me to learn what you can do. In Michigan, contact Val Rose, N8EXV@arrl.net, in Ohio it is Jim Ashman, W8ASH@arrl.net and in Kentucky write Gregory Baize, Sr. at [KG4VJC@arrl.net](mailto:KG4VJC@arrl.net).

## NEW YEAR, SAME FINGERS AND SYNAPSES

This may be a new year, but I obviously was using the same old brain-to-fingers synapses when I typed the Happy New Year issue of this newsletter. I misidentified one of the ARDFers in my comments about this fascinating part of Amateur Radio. I referred to Brian DeYoung of Alexandria, KY as K4MIS. Brian in real life is K4BRI. On the other hand, K4MIS is former Kentucky SM Bill Uschan, of Lexington, KY. Sorry for the confusion.

## SERVICEMEN EQUALS SERVICE PERSONNEL

A couple of members asked if I really meant the free dues program I

announced in the last issue was for active-duty Servicemen, only, or if Servicewomen would also be eligible. Most definitely the program applies to Service Personnel; to Servicewomen as well as Servicemen. It was conceived in this way and will be conducted in this way.

## A GUIDE FOR ASSISTING VISUALLY-CHALLENGED CANDIDATES

The word had to reach me by gong from a block away from my QTH, on east several miles to Bill Moore, W8KVU in Hamilton, OH and then back to me. Regardless, I finally learned about a very useful web article by Division ham and neighbor, John B. Buhrlage N8XR. The article is: Getting Your Amateur Radio License A Guide For Assisting Visually Challenged Candidates. John, or Bryan as he is better known locally, is visually challenged; therefore, has experienced the usefulness of the tips he has included in the article.

The article should prove useful in helping Elmers and VEs assist sight-impaired people prepare to obtain Amateur Radio licenses. The article is at <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2005/12/16/2/> on the ARRL web site. Kudos to author N8XR.

## HAMFESTS, SYMPOSIA, ETC.

14 Jan - 20th Annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH. Interested in digital communication? Learn about the mode or become updated on it, etc. NO flea market. K8JE plans to attend. <http://www.swohdigi.org/>.

14 Jan - ARAY Swap-N-Shop Amateur Radio and Youth Club, Flushing, MI, <http://www.arayclub.org>.

15 Jan - Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club, Hazel Park, MI, <http://www.qsl.net/w8hp>.

15 Jan - Scarfest, Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation, Nelsonville, OH, <http://www.scarclub.org>.

29 Jan - Tusco Amateur Radio Club, Strasburg, OH, <http://noard.com/tuscoarc.htm>. K8JE plans to attend.

4 Feb - H.A.R.A. Swap and Shop, Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, Negaunee, MI, <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>.

5 Feb - WINTERFEST, Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Lorain, OH, <http://www.NOARS.net>.

11 Feb - Annual Swap-n-Shop, Cherryland Amateur Radio Club, Traverse City, MI, <http://www.carc.tc>.

12 Feb - Mansfield Mid\*Winter Hamfest and Computer Show, Mansfield, OH, InterCity Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.iarc.ws>. K8JE plans to attend.

19 Feb - Livonia Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.larc.mi.org>, Livonia, MI.

If you would like for KI4LA or me to attend your hamfest/swap or meeting, please send the invitation to [KI4LA@arrl.org](mailto:KI4LA@arrl.org) or [K8JE@arrl.org](mailto:K8JE@arrl.org).

73, CUL, please let me know if you have any comments, suggestions or constructive criticisms.

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## Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM  
HamCall Editor

Just a quick note to remind everyone that the 'HamCall' will be posted to the KCARC Yahoo Group Starting with this month. Then, in March, we will stop mailing the HamCall, except to just a few. So, why not try it today, that way if you experience difficulty you have time to get it worked out.

In addition, please get your membership forms to Claire if you have not done so already. Thanks.

See you at the meeting.  
73's - Jeff

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