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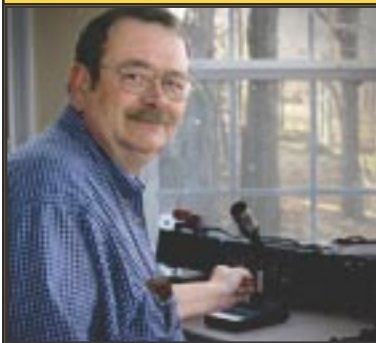
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The Presidents Corner...

By John Coe, KY4COE



No Submission

Monthly Program

By Henry Cantrell, W4HTB
Vice President Elect.

This month's program will be the annual SwapFest & Picnic held at Covington Woods City Park, shelter #1. The Swapfest will start at 5:00pm and the Picnic will start at 6:00pm. The club will provide plates and silverware, Doc will be providing drinks. All attendees are to bring a potluck dish or dessert.

Minutes & Sec/Tres Report

By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX
Secretary/Treasurer

No Submission

John Meyers, NB4K Announcement

My dear fellow amateurs in Kentucky,

You probably have seen that John Meyers, NB4K has announced he will not run for re-election as Kentucky Section Manager (SM) because of health reasons. John has dedicated himself to serving Amateur Radio in the Commonwealth since he first became your SM. Thanks largely to John's leadership, the support of his management team and the work of scores of individual amateurs; Kentucky has enjoyed a solid reputation as a progressive and stable unit in Amateur Radio. This is the way it should be.

The purpose of my note to you all is to thank John publicly for his tremendous service to Amateur Radio and ARRL in Kentucky, and to ask each of you to think deeply about whom you will choose as his successor. You, the voting ARRL members, are the ones who will make this choice.

It would be improper for me to attempt to tell you who to select for your next SM, or why you should select them. Instead, what I will do is to point out that the entire character of the Amateur Radio organization in Kentucky will depend greatly on the qualities of the man or woman you choose to follow John. It is the SM who sets the tone of the Field Organization in his or her Section, who appoints the people who will manage the several branches of operations of ARRL in the Section and how these people should fulfill their duties.

I encourage you to take an active part

in the coming election of your new SM. You can make certain that the candidate or candidates who wish to move into this position are top-notch in their dedication to serve Amateur Radio, ARRL and Kentucky, and also that they have the ability to fulfill the needs of the job. I encourage you to take an active part in campaigning for the person you believe will do the best job. Finally, I encourage you to be ready to accept a key position in the new SM's organization if you are asked to do this.

How well Kentucky Amateur Radio fares in the future is up to you. I have full confidence that you will do what it takes to make this a bright and prosperous

Don't miss on September's Pot-Luck Meeting.
Held at Covington Woods Park, Shelter #1.
Swapfest at 5:00pm,
Picnic at 6:00pm.
September 15th

See you there!!



future for Amateur Radio and ARRL in Kentucky.

Information on the duties of the SM can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/sm.html>. Additional information, including the forms to certify eligibility to run for Section Manager and a nominating form for Section Manager are available at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/smterms.html>.

The first notice of the coming SM election will be published in QST in October. Refer to this notice for information on making a nomination and for being nominated. Ballots will be mailed right after the first of January. John's term in office ends on March 31, 2007. The new SM will take office April 1.

Tnx, 73, GL,

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Individual Choice

By Ron Dodson, KA4MAP
ARRL KY Section EC

As this is being written, plans are underway to remember the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Out of a bright sunny morning came an act so devious that many feel it surpasses the Dec. 7, 1941 raid on Pearl Harbor which was, at least, a military installation. Some saw it coming years before. Others did not. Some never will. Also at this writing yet another hurricane churns in the waters of the Caribbean headed toward our southern shores. Some are preparing days ahead of its possible landfall. Some will again be as totally unprepared as they were when Katrina, Rita and Wilma visited in 2005. Here at home as EMA Director I regularly do programs, write articles and make media appearances to encourage citizens to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Most turn a deaf ear. Only a few will take up the challenge and improve

their lot before the next occurrence. It is all a matter of individual choice.

Since 1998, the former Section Emergency Coordinator and later myself have encouraged, cajoled, begged and even sometimes pleaded for preparedness on the part of the amateur radio community in Kentucky. Some have listened and heeded where possible, others have not. Some communities are better prepared thanks to homeland security money which has been available since 2002. Other communities chose to use their money for cups, glasses, uniforms, patches, flashy vehicle stripping and other items for show, but no go. Some communities struggle to make use of every item available in bettering their preparedness while others spend their time worrying about other matters of "importance". Again, all a matter of individual choice.

No matter what someone from on high says or does, each individual person or community will do as they will in setting priorities and where disaster preparedness falls in the lineup. Politics, apathy, or just plain cussedness far too often gets in the way and so once again, we have the limited segment of the population who serve as best they can with the resources available and then all rest who are waiting (and complaining about the delay) to be served.

The month of September is again National Preparedness Month and during the coming 30 days, I'd like each of you to assess where you are in being prepared; at home, at work and as a radio amateur. Are you happy with that current state of preparedness? Is there anything you can, No - WILL, do to improve either the readiness of your family or your community for the next emergency? Don't think "if". Think "WHEN"!

Be honest with yourself now; Do you take preparedness seriously or does it fall somewhere behind the day's ball scores and the latest exploits of your favorite musician, actor or actress? Do you not only take part by checking into nets, but by also helping serve as a net control, liaison station or other service such as maintaining repeaters, working in ARES, MARS or RACES with a served agency

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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.)

like American Red Cross, a religious based disaster organization, government or some CitizenCorps activity? Do you help with public service events? When weather nets operate do you listen in or do you cut off all means of communication and thus ignore the potential that you may be the one station who could have reported some severe weather just a little sooner so others could be warned faster? No, everyone can't do these things, but many can, who far too often do not.

We each have the right to make up our minds to do as much or as little as we see fit. Individually and at the community level. It is all a matter of individual choice. What you do or choose not to do, you can only answer to suit yourself.

The next disaster is already on its way. Today, tomorrow, this week, next week, next month; It IS coming. How ready you are when it gets here is up to you. It's your choice!

- Ron Dodson

Weaver's Words

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- 2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

By now I imagine that you have seen the synopsis of the minutes from the January Board of Directors meeting. Board Secretary Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, published this online. If you have questions concerning the results of this

meeting, please let me know. I'll be happy to discuss these with you.

OHIO QSO PARTY

You may also already know that the Ohio QSO Party is this Saturday, August 26. The time is listed as from 1600z-0400z. OQP rules can be found at www.oqp.us. I hope to work many of you.

DIVISION MEMBER ELECTED TO QCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GLD member Tony Hirsch, W8RSH of Worthington, OH has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION

GLD Division Convention Chairman Gary Johnston, K14LA, has announced the next biannual convention will be in Cleveland, OH on September 22, 2007. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will be the main speaker at the banquet and will be seen at other events of the day as well as at the Cleveland Hamfest on September 23. This will be Pres. Harrison's first visit to the Great Lakes Division and Ohio.

A word about convention site selection: As the Director for all three states in the Great Lakes Division, I am very interested in having the biannual Division conventions move around to give all of our members a good opportunity to participate in them. The 2007 offering will be the third since these conventions resumed. So far, offers to host the conventions have come only from Ohio clubs. With Ohio being my adopted home state, I have no personal problem with having every convention in Ohio. On the other hand, as your Director I would be very pleased to have Kentucky and Michigan clubs step forward to host future conventions. If your group would like to be considered as the sponsor for the 2009 convention, please contact Gary Johnston, K14LA at ki4la@arrl.org to learn the requirements.

PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED OHIO SM

In case you've not heard this, yet, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, of Fairfield, OH was re-elected Ohio Section Manager by a good margin. Joe was opposed this year by Mark Erman, N8ME of London, OH. The two candidates fought a vigorous, ethical campaign that brought out a record vote. Good job, guys. Thanks for your interest in making ARRL work.

FCC ISSUES FINAL RULE ON BPL

The FCC has issued its final rules on BPL. In doing this, it denied the petitions ARRL and others had filed for further review and reconsideration. The League is reviewing possible actions it may take to continue the battle against rules that inappropriately favor the BPL industry. A summary of the FCC action can be found at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-13967.pdf>.

AMATEUR RADIO IN THE AFTERMATH OF KATRINA

With the anniversary of the Hurricane Katrina disaster looming close, you may be interested in watching an item on the Weather Channel that covers the one aspect of the involvement of hams in the mop up operation. Postmark KATRINA will air on the Weather Channel, Sunday and Monday August 27 and 28 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. "Postmark Katrina" Produced by Les Rayburn, N1LF is a Weather Channel one hour special that tells the story of a service by Ham Radio to restore critical mail service to the battered Gulf Coast area in the wake of Katrina.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

As I reported to you some time back, the Board of Directors established an ad hoc National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC). Vice President Kay Craigie,

N3KN, chairs this Committee. The charge given the Committee was to review the events related to Amateur Radio support following Hurricane Katrina and to determine just what actions should be taken to improve the service given by amateurs. Means for improving an immediate-response effort by hams is a key aspect being considered by the group.

It is too early to report on this Herculean task, but substantial progress is being made. A report of the results to date of the Committee work will be made later this year.

The Committee consists of key workers in the ARRL Field Organization (experienced SMs, etc.), select personnel from HQ and Vice President Craigie.

MY BACK

I don't want to belabor the point, but the surgery on my lower (lumbar) back was done a week ago. Everything seems to be fine. I have no pain in my legs, which is the problem I had been having. At this time, I'm told to keep my back (and the rest of me) out of cars, so I am not traveling even on short trips. I expect to be able to resume my normal schedule late this year. Thanks to the many of you who expressed your good wishes to me.

FINAL NOTE

My not-so-old, but obsolete-when-it-hit-the-shelf laptop finally went south down the information highway. After having put a new hard drive into it and paid to have data retrieved from the original hard drive a short time ago, the motherboard and some other things gave out. I prevailed on our very computer-literate son to help select a new laptop and ended up with a very nice one at modest price. The only problem I now face is that our son decided I need a 17-inch screen. So much for the nice leather computer bag I had been using. It is too small. The search for a replacement bag for a screen this large isn't very simple at least from what I've seen in my

online searches so far. Such trials and tribulations! Hi!

73, CUL,
Jim

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Ron Dodson, KA4MAP Announcement

After the announcement by current Section Manager, John Meyers, NB4K that he would not seek re-election this fall of another term, I again re-examined my own situation. A few years ago I had similar feelings and misgivings about staying on for this term as my work load increased and my young one was in her last few years of school. After long consideration, I decided to stay on one more time.

Advance two years into the future and it brings us to today. I am even more loaded down with work than ever and though the kiddo is off to higher education, I still have no time to do things that need doing. Much as I have enjoyed working with everyone in the past eight years building the Ky ARES program, it is time that someone with more time and some different ideas take over. It is purely a personal decision that effective April 1, 2007 a new SEC needs to take control in this section. In thinking it through I decided that I needed to make this announcement now. This early on, you have time for Section Manager Candidates to come forward to file and the winner will name their new SEC appointment. I wanted there to be no misunderstanding that I had any feud with anyone. As I have no idea who the new SM will be, I certainly can not be going because I would not work with them.

I can tell you that being the SEC for

Kentucky has been a real learning experience and has given me the chance to meet a lot of good people. While I seem to always get the credit for Ky's growth and progress, it was not all me. I have been fortunate to have a great team of people backing me and doing 100% of the leg work in the field. They deserve a lion's share of the credit. It is not that I was all that great. I simply found good people (many times they found me!) and let them do their thing based on their local and regional needs. Ron Goodpaster, Scott Thile and Pat Spencer have been there for me in their special areas of expertise doing what they do best. All of the DEC's and EC's with successful programs deserve a round of applause and a pat on the back goes to every individual volunteer in their organizations. Without the individual volunteers, the program is only on paper. People make it work! Without all of the above, I would have had no program to manage! For eight years (as of March 31, 2007), I will have had the pleasure of working with you all.

Most of all, I thank all of you for putting up with me! I had misgivings about my abilities to be a good SEC when I started in April of 1999. As most of you know, I do not see well and therefore do not drive. Anywhere I go, someone else has to be available to take me. In my job as a county EMA Director, it is not too bad, but to try to attend hamfests and make ham club meetings etc. around the state have been just more than I could handle as I would have liked to. I apologize to everyone who asked me to come speak and were turned down because of travel issues. In the early years I was fairly comfortable with things and mostly satisfied with my abilities and performance. These last several years (post 9/11), I have not had what I considered the time to do the job to my personal satisfaction. Our changing world is placing more and more demands on me from the paying job world and I feel it is best to let someone else jump in before our program suffers. Some years ago during an interview over a recent tornado event, I had a smart-alec TV news reporter

question my ability to be an effective EMA Director with my vision problems and I told him on camera that when I felt I was a burden to the program, I'd leave voluntarily. While vision is not the issue here, I do feel it is time that I step aside for the good of the section. We have several months for anyone interested to examine their situations to see if this is a position you'd like to fill. Whoever wins the SM election this winter will be the person to talk to, if you choose to take up the banner. I'll be glad to talk with and work with whomever is taking over to insure a smooth transition.

73,

Ron Dodson, KA4MAP
SEC Ky

Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM
HamCall Editor

Well, there are several folks that after a very long and productive career volunteering for Amateur Radio that have decided to step down from their current positions, to include one individual from our own club (Hank Cantrell, W4HTB). They will still be involved, just not to the extent that they have been. However, this is not something that should get us down, it simply provides an opportunity for change and we all have heard it said that change is good. We all should understand, we all have been there! I hope you will do as I and welcome whoever it is that will soon be serving the Amateur Constituents of Kentucky.

Speaking of our own club. Several from the KCARC attended the Louisville Hamfest including yours truly. It was a good Hamfest, maybe not quite as big as Cave City's but none the less, I did pick up a few items (you just can't go to a HamFest and not buy anything!) Tim Robinson, KF4MGU represented KCARC in accepting the 2006 ARRL Kentucky Newsletter of the Year award. A lot of folks put in several hours each month in preparing

the newsletter. There are those who write for it, there are those who maintain membership lists, there are those who mail it, and there are those edit it. When you get a chance, please thank them because as members we all benefit from such unselfish sacrificial service. Shame on us if we forget that it is all volunteerism.. no pay... no free dues, those individuals receive nothing... their only motivation is knowing that they are serving fellow Hams and the Community.

Your newsletter will now continue on to the ARRL Great Lakes Division Newsletter Contest next year representing Kentucky.

See you Friday!

73's
- Jeff Martin, WB4JM



Tim Robinson, KF4MGU - Jim Brooks, KY4Z - John Meyers, NB4K

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KCARC CLUB MEETS AT THE BOWLING GREEN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM. 911 KENTUCKY ST.

THE FORTH DISTRICT ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK AT 9:00PM LOCAL TIME. REPEATER FREQUENCY 147.330 MHZ, KA4CFW. SECONDARY REPEATER 147.165 MHZ, W4WSM.

**Next Meeting:
September 15th
5:00pm
Covington Woods
Park**

Local Repeaters

Two -Meters

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| 147.165+ | | W4WSM |
| 147.330+ | | KA4CFW |
| 146.655- | | W4WSM |
| 145.450- | | KG4FEJ (Echo-link) |

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| 444.425+ | PL103.5 | N4GER (Morgantown) |
| 444.900+ | PL179.9 | N4GER (Leitchfield) |

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