



THE HAMCALL

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COMMENTS

I hope everyone had a good time at the awards dinner. I would like to congratulate the following two members on their awards; John Trent W4JHT, Ham of the Year, and John Moser KG4TOO, Tech of the Year.

I met with Bill Schlicht of our local chapter of the American Red Cross to check on the progress of their volunteers getting an amateur license. Due to scheduling and work requirements no one has tested for their license yet but they hope to soon. I was able to raise funds and donate a Yaesu FT-2800 2 meter mobile transceiver to the chapter to help them get their amateur station going. I also supplied the chapter with several power cords terminating in Anderson Powerpoles so the station could be easily moved around. The chapter is still in the process of securing funds for a power supply and antenna.

The club is in need of a volunteer or group of volunteers to take over the creation of the monthly newsletter. Perhaps the club could develop a rotation for volunteers to take on a few months at a time and then pass the responsibilities to the next person. Taking on a full year is a lot for one person.

One other announcement is there will be a meeting for officers and board members following the December meeting to close out the year and welcome the new leadership.

I've been reading some interesting articles on some new radios that might replace FRS for easy close distance point-to-point communication. Building on some old ideas Motorola and TriSquare have developed digital frequency hopping spread spectrum radios that function between 902 and 928 MHz. While this is not a new technology it is new and affordable for consumers. The radios are supposed to have a range of two miles much like that of FRS. The use of frequency hopping is supposed to provide the user with billions of channels to choose from, more security options, and less interference. More information can be found by searching for the Motorola DTR410 and TriSquare TSX-300.

As the new year approaches lets remember that the Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club is just that, a club. I have been contacted by several members about their concern for the future of the club. It seems some members are not happy with the current direction the club is headed. If that's the case we need to determine as a club where we need to be. Do we want to participate in special events, field day, emergency communications, or are the majority of the members happy with the way things are? The club is supposed to be for amateur radio growth, fellowship, service, and FUN. If membership in the club becomes a hassle it might as well be a job and not a hobby. One person can't make the choice; we as a group have to figure out what path to take. If we go out as a KCARC member and take amateur radio into the community we need to have the support of the club. A lone individual shouldn't have to and can't properly represent the club. Club members need to take a hard look at some of our by-laws and see if some decisions need to be made. If a member is not following the accepted norms and guidelines of the club, that member can be removed by a vote, this includes officers and the board. Take these things into consideration, discuss it with other members and decide if a change needs to be made. I have written these things not to hurt any feelings or make anyone mad but if the club is unhappy as a whole, things need to change. I've listed a couple of the by-laws in particular on page two.

ARTICLE III

Section VI

This club shall advocate, promote, and rigidly enforce high moral standards and ethical conduct of all members in all dealings, particularly in reference to their association with other members and persons whom they may contact within limits of their FCC license. Any conduct or standards which may be questionable shall be reported at an open, regularly scheduled meeting, investigated by committee and appropriate action taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section VII

Any officer or member may be removed from office and/or membership by a vote of two-thirds of the voting membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting after due notice of said intended action shall have been given at the preceding regularly scheduled meeting followed by notification to all members by publication in the "HamCall" or by special mailing.

Once again think about what you want our club to be doing. If you're happy that's great, if not please let us know. If the club needs to start having a vote on activities or special projects to help determine what members want then that's what we'll do. One thing I can voice is that hams like me need to get it in gear and help Hank and the others get the antennas finished at the police department and complete our club station. We have this great space and don't utilize it enough.

As I finish out my last newsletter of the year I'd like to ask club members to check their closets and basements (like the Dean Maggard garage/shack radio museum) to see if they might have a Zenith TransOceanic radio they would want to part with. If you find anything pleased drop me a note at kf4mgu@insightbb.com.

2008 Meeting Dates

January 18th

February 15th

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

August 15th

September Picnic

October 17th

November Awards Dinner

December 20th Saturday Breakfast

Local Information

The 4th District ARES Net Meets 7 nights a week at 9:00 pm local time.

Frequency: 147.165+, W4WSM repeater

Secondary Frequency: 147.330+ PL 107.2, KA4CFW repeater

Local Repeaters

Two-Meters

147.165+ W4WSM

147.060+ PL 156.7 KY4BG

147.330+ PL 107.2 KA4CFW

146.655- W4WSM

440MHz

444.100+ W4WSM

444.700+ PL 136.5 WB4JM (IRLP 4678)

ATV

439.25 AM In W4HTB

1280.00 FM Out W4HTB

421.25 AM Out (Channel 57) W4HTB

Club Officers

President – Timothy Robinson KF4MGU

Vice President Elect – Mike McClure KW4MAC

Vice President – Don Bush KI4SMM

Sec./Treasurer – Claire Rinehart KF4IWX

Board Member – Dean Maggard K4NQV

Board Member – Hank Cantrell W4HTB

Board Member – Bill Feldkamp KI4B

Board Member – John Coe KY4COE

Board Member – Sonja Logan KI4JJS

Webmaster

Dean Maggard K4NQV

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Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club Membership Form - 2008

**** PLEASE PRINT ****

NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____ LICENSE CLASS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ARRL MEMBER: **Y N**

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):

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:

For Secretary Use Only

Date Paid: _____

Amount: _____

Check: _____ Cash: _____

Patch given: Hand: _____ Mailed: _____

Other: