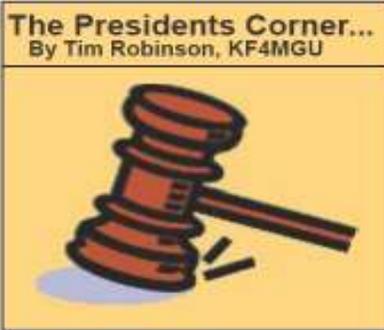




THE HAMCALL



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I want to start out by thanking all the volunteers who participated in the Tour de Cave bike event. Thank you for helping to get the word of ham radio out into the community. I was lucky enough to attend Hamvention again this year and had a great time, except for getting sun poisoning. The weather was great all three days this year. I saw lots of new toys that are going to be introduced this year. I had the opportunity to meet and chat with Wes Lambole, W3WL. Wes was involved in the VP8THU Dxpediton, which we learned about during the May club meeting. Wes gave me some information about the next Dxpediton, 3B7C St. Brandon, coming later this year in September. The information can be found at www.3b7c.com or www.fsdxa.com/3b7c. I also had the chance to meet Marc Weinberg, K9PET, of Casual DX. They are affiliated with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic to provide ham radio adventures for families and groups. They can be reached at www.casualdx.com. Of course, all the usual characters were there, but I was disappointed I didn't get the opportunity to see astronaut Bill McArthur at the forums; too much

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other stuff going on. Overall it was a fantastic trip, I was able to spend a lot of time enjoying the hobby and being with my wife, Karen, before she heads off to Maxwell Air Force Base. I recently picked up a little treasure sent to me by a collector from Arizona who downsized his QTH to travel. I received some old QSL cards from him. To my surprise, one of the first ones was from John Reasoner, WA4QMQ, having a QSO with C5AZ on January 3rd, 1981 working 10 meters. A nice little piece for the collection. I'm very excited about this month's club meeting and the balloon launch. I know Hank Cantrell, W4HTB, has put a lot of work into the program, and I thank him for his efforts. The club has reserved Shelter #1 at Freeman Park in Plano for the balloon launch on the 16th. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and launch.

Tim KF4MGU

Testing Date

**Testing will be on
June 23, 2007,
starting at 9:00 AM at
field day at the Coon
Hunter's Club in
Scottsville.**

Take 31-E South just past intersection of KY 100, signs posted. Talk In 146.775, PI 151.4.

JUNE 2007

2007 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

June 15

June 23-24 (Field Day)

July 20

August 17

September 21 (Picnic)

October 19 (Elections)

October 31 (Bridge
Watch)

November 16 (Annual
Dinner)

December 15 (Sat
Morn.)

Reminder: Meetings are at the Bowling Green Police Department Community Room. Meetings start at 7PM.



This is how a Hillbilly Ham Operates his rig!

(Elmer sent this to me via regular mail and it has not been corrected for spelling errors, grammar etc) We attempted several times to use our Spell Checker Program but it crashes every time, so we gave up! Text as follows, printed as written by him.

"When i wont 2 flap mi gums a bit on mi radyo thes es houw ey du it tha ferst thinge i du es git mi ol lady 2 go doun 2 tha crek an cachetch me a mess of fish caws i git awful hungerey operatin tha thinge i then go oute 2 tha roote seller and get me a jar of sippin licker i opin her up an tak a swigg an thene i hed fur tha shak thates wher i keepes ma raydiyo i pul up a barole ta set onn an tak anuthur swigg frum tha jar shor is gud sow i tak anuthur swigg er 2 i sets her doun own tha flor an then i gow owt side 2 mi truk an gits mi jumpin kables an huck em up 2 tha battry an run em threw tha winder of mi shak 2 mi radiyo rume i pik up tha jar of sippin kicker an i takes anuthur swigg er two an then i sits hur doun own fla door agin bout this time i realiz mi anteners not hucked 2 ma rig sow i reche bahind it to hook her up dang it nocked ovur mi swiggin lipski gits miself tugethur an gows bak ouwt 2 ra thout seller an git anuthur jar of whipin lisker

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noue i opin er up an tak anuther swig jus t0 mak shur it haddent gown bad and then i hed bak 2 tha shak 2 tawk own my raydio its ah hot sumer dae so own tha waye bak 2 tha shak i dasides 2 rest a spell undur a big trade she sow i sit mi celf doun an take anuthur shwip uf mi lippin swigger bout this tyme mi ol lady starts hollerin somthin thet sownds lyke help me ime drownin but i no she koud not be caws she doent no how 2 swim i tak anuthur swig big uf mi slippin kiski and start heddin bak too tha shak i sit doun in frunt of mi raydio tak anuthur swig frum ja thar an i turn it own an tha nechts thinge i no its tha nechts day an mi head feals lik its jest a bouwt 2 xplode shur wus fun operatin mi raydio eny body no wher mi ol ladyi is urs tru ley elmer a hamoprator

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downt use mi call letturs if you dacide to prent thes on ur webe syte ime havin a littlue truble withe tha revnuers"

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Program for KCARC June meeting

Submitted by Hank Cantrell, W4HTB

Bill Brown WB8ELK and the local Amateur Television Group (ATV) are planning to launch an ATV balloon under the direction of Bill Brown WB8ELK. Bill is known as Mr. ATV Balloon in the US and has many launches under his belt.

Bill will be presenting the program Fri. night June 15th and launching the ATV package Sat morning June 16th from Freeman Park (Plano) area. We may get to launch from the local airport as it is preferred to have a hanger to inflate the balloon before launch.

This particular package will be breaking new ground as we are planning to put up a cross band ATV repeater. We are hoping to have the input on 1.2GHZ fm tv and the output on 434.25 mhz. am tv. The package will also have an onboard camera and gps that will be displayed on the video of the 434.25 TV transmitter.

NOTE: The television output frequency of 434.25 mhz is also CABLE Channel 59 . This means that if you have a cable ready TV (which most of them are) all you need to do is connect a 70cm or uhf outdoor antenna to the set and you should be able to watch the video from the balloon . Some of you may have the satellite "Arrow antenna" which is hand held. this would work good too if you could get connected to a portable TV.

The data to be presented on your screen should be an overlay that gives the balloon's altitude, speed and direction of travel. With the GPS and packet link that will be on board the balloon can be tracked directly on 144.39mhz or on the internet at www.findu.com The balloon's id will be supplied later. but will be something like wb8elk-11.

There will be coordination on HF freq to be determined probably 80 meters by one of the local ATV'ers and we are working to put steaming video on an internet site so that all can see the balloon's activity.

We expect stations from Illinois Indiana Ohio Tennessee and Kentucky to operate through the repeater and copy its video .

Hopefully KCARC club members can participate by helping track and recover the package after it is "cut down" depending on the upper wind condition it may carry the package some distant from Bowling Green. Bill Brown has prediction software and that is where we will need volunteer hams to help track the balloon. If you are equipped with a laptop and receiver (2 meter) to receive gps packets you will be most welcomed to help with finding the "downed balloon"

A lot of tracking information can be provided from the central launch coordination station on the 2 meter repeaters giving driving directions from info on the internet.

If there are any questions, monitor 144.34mhz where you will find the area's ATV er's, usually in the morning around 7 am and evenings around 9 pm local. Stations in the mid west use this frequency for coordination of their Amateur Television activity.

REMINDER

THE FORTH DISTRICT ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK AT 9:00PM LOCAL TIME.

REPEATER FREQUENCY 147.165+ MHZ, W4WSM. SECONDARY REPEATER 147.330+ MHZ, PL 107.2, KA4CFW.

Local Repeaters

Two-Meters

147.060+ PL156.7 KY4BG (CLUB)

147.165 + W4WSM

147.330+ PL 102,7 KA4CFW

146.655 - W4WSM

440MHz

444.100+ W4WSM

444.700+ PL136.5 WB4JM (IRLP 4678)

(Use the # key before dialing any IRLP node number)

ATV

439.25 AM IN - W4HTB

1280.00 FM Out - W4HTB

421.25 AM Out (CH-57) - W4HTB

The Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club

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Proclamation

by

Ernie Fletcher
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio provides a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and
- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators have provided countless hours of volunteer community service to Emergency Response organizations, including FEMA, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management; and
- WHEREAS, Many of these individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and
- WHEREAS, Amateur Radio proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the United States and in the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and
- WHEREAS, The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the United States and will host the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day June 23-24, 2007, which is a 24-hour emergency encampment exercise demonstrating the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in fields without further infrastructure;

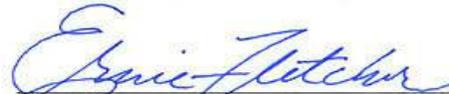
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERNIE FLETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 17-24, 2007, as

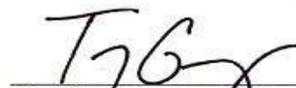
AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 1st day of June, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven and in the 216th year of the Commonwealth.


ERNIE FLETCHER
GOVERNOR


Trey Grayson
Secretary of State