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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



KCARC PRESIDENT
Ed Gann N4HID

I hope everyone has thawed out from the ice storm and all electric is back on. Would like to think everyone that helped with the red cross.

At the meeting on the 20th we will be discussing if the club wants to put echo-link on the club repeater, also need a chairman for different club projects. Attend the meeting ready to accept a position.

We also need items for the club tables at Cave City hamfest. Hank W4HTB, or myself will be glad to arrange to accept or pick-up items

See everyone at the meeting

Ed N4HID

Secretary/Treasurer
Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX
(No Submission)

From our Vice President and Program Chairman

Mark Gillim KJ4DGZ

This month we will be kicking off a series of projects meant to get back to the roots of amateur radio: Experimenting and Building

February's meeting we will begin by exploring a couple of easy to build VHF/UHF antenna projects. In the future months we will be experimenting with HF as well with wire antennas, a beam project (or two) and maybe even a neat PSK-31 Transceiver project.

I want to make this year a very fun and interesting year for the club. Please let me know if anyone has a particular area of interest they would like to see addressed.

Mark Gillim
KJ4DGZ

Kentucky District 4 Amateur Radio Operators Help with Communications during Ice Storm 2009

By Chris Shaw W4BGN

Just after 2 pm on Tuesday January 27, 2009 I was contacted via local 2 meter repeater by Bill Schlicht KJ4DGW, Disaster Services Director for the South Central Kentucky chapter of the American Red Cross.

He advised me of the need for communications from the shelters they were setting up as only one

cellular carrier had service and the red cross had only a few cellular phones that would work.

I then passed this on to Chip King, N4AAL. He and Jeff Martin, WB4JM coordinated getting equipment and other operators together to assist the Red Cross's communications needs.

I met with Chip and Jeff at the Red Cross Chapter in Bowling Green to get the needed equipment and went to the Brownsville Community Center and set the radio equipment up at around 4pm.

Back at the Red Cross Chapter in Bowling Green, Chip and Jeff were gathering more operators and equipment to be deployed at Richpond Baptist Church and the Smiths' Grove Lions Club where the Red Cross was setting up emergency shelters.

The other two shelters were up and running with communications by 5pm. From that point on, we handled traffic via a local two meter repeater until 8:30pm on Thursday January 29, 2009.

Land line and cellular phones were restored on Thursday and we were put into "standby" mode.

At 6 pm Friday January 30th, there was a meeting at the Southern Kentucky Red Cross building hosted by Bill Schlicht, KJ4DGW. We were congratulated on our service and were given certificates made by Jeff Martin, WB4JM.

Bill KJ4DGW informed us of the need to travel to Ohio, Hopkins and McLean counties to help with

communications since they were without communications. Some operators sixed up to deploy.

John Coe KY4COE, Greg Lake KF4ENE, Mark Gillim KJ4DGZ and myself left Saturday morning Jan. 31st to go to Ohio county. After getting VHF and HF radios set up and operational there, Mark headed to McLean county. After arriving at Henderson county EOC I found out they had communications with all of their counties. I met Mark and we proceeded back to Bowling Green later that evening.

On Sunday Feb. 1st 2009 Chip King N4AAL and Ed Schwab KA4REF met at the Red Cross building in Bowling Green with Bill Schlicht. Ed and Chip drove tho Hopkins county where they went to a Red Cross shelter in Madisonville KY to provide communications support. They were not needed and stopped by the Hopkins county EOC for a while, then returned to Bowling Green around 5pm.

The Red Cross and the other counties were very thankful that the Amateur Radio Operators were there to help in the emergency situation, we were happy to be able to help.

Chris Shaw
W4BGN

ARLB008 Laura L. Smith
Named to Amateur Radio Enforcement Role

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that po-

sition for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

Contest Corner-

North American QSO Party
Feb. 28-1800Z – Mar. 1 0600Z
80m through 10 meters

Arri International DX
Mar. 7 0000Z – Mar 8 2400Z
160m thru 10 meters

Coming Events and Hamfest

Feb. 24th Weather Spotters Class
by NWS L-ville
7 pm BGPD community Room

March 7th MCARC Hamfest
Cave City Convention Ctr

NEXT KCARC CLUB MEETING:
**Jan. 20th 7pm Bowling Green
Police Department
911 Kentucky ST.
Program by Mark Gillim
KJ4DGZ**

**Traders Net -
Each Monday 1900 cst
147.330 rpt. Tone 107.2
KCARC Net -
Each Tuesday 1900 cst
147.330 rprr (Tone 107.2)**

**4th ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS
A WEEK AT 9 PM LOCAL TIME.**
Frequency: 147.165
MHz. W4WSM Repeater. Secondary
Frequency: 147.330 MHz. PL Tone
107.2
KA4CFW Repeater

For Sale: no submissions

REMINDER-

If you have any equipment that you want to donate to the club to be sold at the Glasgow Hamfest Please let Ed Gann N4HID or Hank W4HTB know so they can arrange to get it to the HF.

Put an asking price on each item, so the ones working the club's table will have an idea of what price to ask.

All proceeds go into the club's treasury.

One table is given to the club by the MCARC . In the past this has brought in \$200 to \$400 dollars for the club.

Also

If you have any equipment that belongs to the club please let Mike KW4MAC or Chirs W4BGN know as they are putting together a list .I hope to publish this list in one of the Hamcalls.

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