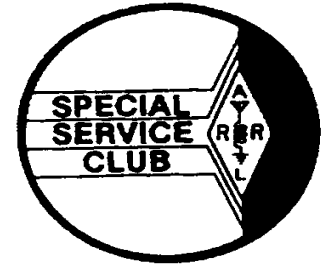




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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



KCARC PRESIDENT  
Claire Rinehart KF4IWX

Dear KCARC Members:

This month I would like to make you aware of a couple of issues related to Amateur Radio.

There will be an ARES communications exercise (COMEX) that takes place April 1 & 2. See article by Jim Brooks in this issue.

“Last month, a bill was [introduced in the US House of Representatives](#) that addresses certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. This bill -- [HR 607](#), known as *The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011* -- if passed, also calls to auction off parts of the 70 cm band, namely 420-440 and 450-470 MHz. As such, the [ARRL asked its members to write their Representative](#), asking them to not support HR 607 in its current form.

To let your US Representative know you oppose the present bill, go to <http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter.htm> and follow the simple instructions. All that is needed is to insert your call sign where indicated and to click twice more to generate a letter addressed to your US Representative. The letter will be ready to print and for you to sign.

- Be sure to sign your letter. Letters without a handwritten signature are not effective.

- Send signed letters to John Chwat our legislative spokesman in Washington. His addresses are:  
US postal mail: John Chwat, Chwat & Co., Suite 103, 625 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314  
E-mail: [john.chwat@chwatco.com](mailto:john.chwat@chwatco.com). Scan and send signed letter as an attachment.  
Fax: Number (703) 684-7594.

Do not send this letter or any letter about HR 607 to your US Senators at this time. The bill is only in the US House of Representatives.

Why send your signed letter to John Chwat? First, all postal mail to members of the US House (and other government bodies) is delayed 6 to 8 weeks in being searched for hazardous materials. Second, Mr. Chwat will increase the value of your individual letter by combining it with others and delivering a stack of letters directly to your Representative's office. This manner of delivery makes a particular impact on Congressmen."

(<http://www.arrrl.org/news/arrrl-members-respond-to-hr-607>)

Thanks,  
Claire, KF4IWX

### **Secretary-Treasurers report**

Our March meeting was really good, Chris Scott W4NEQ gave a great program on the Paraset and clandestine operations during WWII from England and Norway. Thanks again Chris.

No other business was conducted.

Present bank balance : \$ 3531.43 Detail sheet available at meeting  
Paid Membership (see later in this issue)

### **CONTESTING in April**

Contest

Apr 9, 0000z-Apr 10 0000z Montana qso party

Apr 9, 0700z-Apr 10 0000z Japan dx contest

Apr 9, 1400z-Apr 10 0200z New Mexico qso party

Apr 9, 1800z- Ga qso party See Web Page

Apr 15 2100z-apr 16 2100z Holyland dx contest

Apr 16 1600z-Apr 17 0400z Michigan qso party

Apr 16 1800z- Ontario qso party see web page

Apr 16 2100z- yu dx contest see web page

Apr 17 1800x-Apr 17 2359z arrrl rookie roundup

special lotw sked page w. a. s. contest is Apr 22 0000z until Apr 25 2359z

Apr 23 1300z-Apr 24 1259z Helvetia Contest

Apr 30 1100z-May 1 1700z Nebraska qso party

Apr 30 1600z- Florida qso party see web page

Anyone that wants to work all states in one weekend get registered on lotw, then go to k3uk obriensweb.com for information. You will need a logging program {there are free ones } you will not need cards

If you need any help let me know, or I think KI4B uses it

The bands are getting better the numbers are up around 135 and should be better for the next few days

Ed N4HID

To all Kentucky Amateurs,

ARES members and Amateur Radio operators across the state are invited to take part in a communications exercise (COMEX) that takes place this Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. This exercise being conducted in preparation for the 2011 National Level Exercise (NLE) beginning the week of May 16th (the NLE scenario involves a major earthquake along the New Madrid Seismic Zone).

Below are some highlights of the exercise (all times are Eastern):

FRIDAY APRIL 1 2011

- 1230-1530: AIRBORNE REPEATER OPERATION. On Friday, a VHF-UHF dualband radio will be airborne aboard an aircraft operating in the E'town vicinity as a crossband repeater. The uplink to the aircraft will be on VHF 146.595 PL 123.0 with a downlink of UHF 445.875 PL 123.0. Ground units shall transmit on the VHF side of the cross-band repeater. The State EOC, KY4EOC, will attempt to communicate back to ground units using the UHF side of the cross-band repeater. Ground units should hear KY4EOC repeated on the VHF side. If contact is lost with KY4EOC, another ground unit may receive on the UHF side and relay traffic via the Brooks repeater, 146.700- PL 79.7 (EchoLink Node # 124812). Please see the KY EM timeline for full instructions for participating in the test of this airborne repeater.

- 1800-1900: ARES DISTRICT NET USING VHF – UHF Simplex: The purpose of this net is for Amateur Radio Operators in each ARES District to conduct a VHF/UHF Net and simulate reporting the status of each District County to a central point in that District (DEC). RES districts are encouraged to attempt a simplex net to simulate a major failure of infrastructure. During this 1 hour period on Friday night each District should simulate gathering status reports and be prepared to report to the State EOC in Frankfort over the HF Net to be conducted from 2000-2100 Eastern Daylight Savings Time EDT, VHF/UHF, or via Email eochem@ng.army.mil. Reports should include at a minimum: # of participants, # on emergency power, # of counties contacted, # traffic passed, and please indicate if the county EMA was contacted.

- 1800-2100 Friday: The State EOC will monitor the following:

HF Primary – 3972.5 LSB, Secondary – 3960.0 LSB  
UHF Shelbyville/ Williamsburg Link 444.050 + T91.5 Williamsburg Link  
440.050 + T 100  
VHF Brooks 146.700 – PL 79.7(EchoLink Node # 124812)  
VHF Richmond/Madison Co 146.865 – PL 192.8 (EchoLink Node  
#451988)

- 2000-2100 Friday: ARES Statewide Net on 80 M LSB with the State EOC  
acting as Net  
Control - SEE COMEX PLAN  
Primary – 3972.5 LSB, Secondary – 3960.0 LSB

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2011

- 0900-0930 Saturday: Teleconference (ARES Regions and MARS) 800# to  
EOC

Teleconference details will be sent to ARES DEC's and Joint MARS State  
Staff

members by Tuesday evening.

- 1000-1500 Saturday: ARES VHF / UHF and HF NETS

After the conference call, the ARES and MARS leadership is encouraged  
to execute an alert notification to members via phone calls and Email.  
Local ARES and Districts are requested to conduct a VHF/UHF Nets and  
simulate reporting the status of each county to the central point in  
that District (DEC), similar to a simulated emergency test (SET). The  
western 24 counties identified in the NLE exercise plan are requested  
to operate in simplex. During this period each District should simulate  
gathering status reports and be prepared to report to the State EOC in  
Frankfort over the HF Net, VHF/UHF, or via Email [eochem@ng.army.mil](mailto:eochem@ng.army.mil).  
Reports should include at a minimum: # of participants, # on emergency  
power, # of counties contacted, # traffic passed, and please indicate  
if the county EMA was contacted.

The State EOC will monitor the following:

- HF Primary – 7228.0 LSB, Secondary – 7198.0 LSB
- UHF Shelbyville/ Williamsburg Link 444.050 + T95.1
- VHF Brooks 146.700 – T79.7 (EchoLink Node # 124812)
- VHF Richmond/Madison Co 146.865 – PL 192.8 (EchoLink Node  
#451988)

For more information, please see the full COMEX plan available on the  
KYHAM website under "Hot Topics."

If you have questions, please contact myself of KY SEC Kenny Garrett,  
N4KLG.

73,

Jim Brooks, KY4Z

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## Up and Coming Events

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> E-town Hamfest**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 7 pm cdt KCARC Meeting Program- "Getting started DX'ing "**

Gather at 6:30 pm for coffee and refreshments.

**Traders Net -**

**Each Monday 1900 cst**

**147.330 rpt.** Tone 107.2

**KCARC Net -**

**Each Tuesday 1900 cst**

**147.330 rptr** (Tone 107.2)

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

KY4BG - KCARC Repeater

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