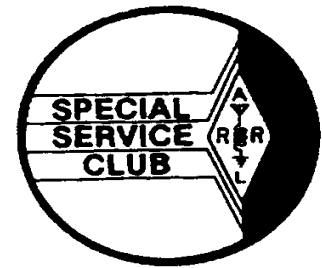




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President's Report

Hello all! It's been a great month as far as "Radio" goes. Bands have been pretty good for the most part and lots of DX'ing to be had.

Tim Meyer KJ4ARE is still making progress on the new HF station at the old jail. More info to come out soon on this project. I've had a lot of success with my station being set up now. Trying to work through the pile-ups makes me want an amp to bully though those other guys!! Only takes money right! Anyway, look forward to field day coming up before you know it and we expect one of our best years ever as far as contacts and participation goes. Hope everyone can make the meeting

73's John Renfrow K4FRO

Upcoming Contest

May 5 1300z-May 6 0659z 7th area QSO party
May 5 1600z-May 6 0359z Indiana QSO party
May 5 2000z-May 6 1959z ari International dx contest
May 5 2000z-see web New England QSO party
May 12 2000z-May 15 1159z Alessandro volta RTTY dx Contest
May 12 1200z-May 13 2359z Armed Forces test
May 12 1200z-May 13 1159z CQ-M International DX Contest
May 12 1700z-May 13 1659z Nevada QSO party
May 12 2300Z-May 13 0259z 50 MHz Spring Sprint
May 13 1000z-May 13 1359z Worked all Britain
May 19 1200z-May 20 1159z EU PSK DX Contest
May 19 1200z-May 20 1158z His Majesty King of Spain Contest cw
May 26 0000z-May 27 2359z CQ WW WPX Contest, cw

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Future KCARC Programs-

This month's program will be presented by Bill KJ4DGW on the operation of ARES.

June 12th - We will have a special guest from AMSAT present a program on Satellites. This will be Alan Biddle WA4SCA who is Sec Tres for AMSAT and resides in Franklin, TN. This should be a most interesting program, he will have just returned from Dayton Hamfest with all the latest. Spread the word around and let's have a big turnout for Alan. Our neighboring clubs are all invited.

Article by Dan KB6NU

Mailing lists, blogs, and podcasts are good sources of ham info

Whether you're a newcomer or an old-timer, the Internet is possibly the best way to learn as much as you can about amateur radio. On the Internet, you'll find many, many ham radio mailing lists, podcasts, and videos. In essence, these resources give you access to hundreds, if not thousands, of Elmers.

One mailing list that I always suggest to new hams is the HamRadioHelpGroup (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HamRadioHelpGroup>). The purpose of this group is to help "those who are interested in getting started in Amateur Radio or upgrading their license." This mailing list has a good mix of beginners and experts, and most questions are answered quickly and correctly. One thing that I really like about this group is that the moderators do a good job of keeping the discussions on track, and will squelch them when they stray off topic or threaten to turn into flame wars.

In addition to the HamRadioHelpGroup, you might also want to join a more targeted mailing list. For example, if you're interested in learning Morse Code (hint, hint), you might join the SolidCpyCW list (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SolidCpyCW/>). If you just bought a Yaesu FT-60 hand-held transceiver, you might want to join the FT-60 list (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FT-60/>). Chances are that no matter what your interest, there's probably a mailing list to discuss that interest.

I'm subscribed to a lot of amateur radio mailing lists and could probably spend most of my day just reading and replying to them. In order to get the most out of them, without them taking away from my on-air time, I only read those threads that I am really interested in, and even then, I quit reading them once they have started to drift off-topic. I also un-subscribe myself from lists that cover topics that I'm no longer interested in.

Blogs, podcasts and videos

In addition to getting on a few mailing lists, you might want to read a few blogs and subscribe to podcasts. These are also great sources of information about amateur radio. I blog about amateur radio at www.kb6nu.com, and lots of hams find it a good source of information. You can find a list of other ham radio blogs that I'd recommend on my home page.

Podcasts are also a good source of information. One podcast that you might want to check out is the Practical Amateur Radio Podcast (<http://www.myamateurradio.com>). Since 2008, Jerry, KD0BIK, has been producing PARP, and currently has more than 50 different episodes online. For other podcasts, consult the list on Jerry's home page.

Finally, there are literally thousands of amateur radio videos on the net. On YouTube alone, there are approximately 32,000 of them. The American Radio Relay League has its own channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/ARRLHQ>), but perhaps the most popular amateur radio video channel is the K7AGE channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/K7AGE>). K7AGE has more than 6,200 subscribers and his videos have garnered more than 2.1 million views!

Whatever source or sources of information you select, remember to not let them take up too much of your time. Ham radio is about more than just reading, listening, or watching. It's about doing!

I hope you like it.....73, Dan KB6NU

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Up and Coming Events

May 8th KCARC club meeting 7 pm cst BGPD Community Room

JUNE 12th SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AMSAT Sec. Alan Biddle Let's have a good turnout!

June 23rd and 24th Field Day. Co Chairmans this year are Greg Lake and Claire Rinehart

Lets all volunteer to make this a great Field Day

Hamfest

May 18,19,20 Dayton, Ohio

June 02 Princeton, Ky

June 09 Knoxville, Tn

July 14 Indianapolis Hamfest

Aug 12 Lawrenceburg, Ky

Aug 18,19 Huntsville, Alabama

Sept 08 Shepherdsville, Ky

Sept 15 Richmond, Ky

Oct 06 Bowling Green, Ky Everyone needs to make plans to attend

KCARC VETTE CITY

HAMFEST COUNT-DOWN

151 DAYS

Repeater Name	Frequency	Offset	Tone	Time
Bowling Green	147.165		None	
Bowling Green	147.330		107.2	
Bowling Green	444.100		None	
Glasgow	146.940		None	
Tompkinsville	146.775		151.4	
Russellville	145.450		77	
Franklin	147.135		136.5	
Campbellsville	146.640		None	
Short Mountian	146.910		None	
Morgantown	146.655		None	
Grayson Co.	146.625		141.3	
Grayson Co.	147.225		179.9	
Ohio Co.	146.715		None	
Muhlenburg Co.	146.820		107.2	

KY4TV	Amateur Television	Repeater	BG, KY
	Output 421.25mhz	(cable chan 57)	
	Input 439.25 mhz	(cable chan 60)	
	Input 1280mhz	fm mod	
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Country Cousins	3.970	8:00 PM CT
Sunbelt Service	3.990	7:00 PM CT
I Bank	3.970	6:00 PM CT
Tenn Phone Net	3.980	7:00 PM CT
Ky Phone Net	3.916	6:00 PM CT

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BatteriesPlus is offering 5% Discount to KCARC members

Just present your membership card when you make a purchase

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

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