



CQ Chatter

WCARC MEETING
Monday
May 12, 2003
Wood Co. Fairground
Administration
Building

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NET CONTROL ROSTER

May 13N8QMV
May 20 AA8XS
May 27 KB8QEW
June 3 WD8ICP
June10N1RB

Would you like be a net control operator?
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AMATEURS SUPPORT TORNADO RELIEF-RECOVERY EFFORTS

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Amateurs in Missouri, Kansas, and Tennessee this week continued relief and recovery support in the wake of a severe outbreak of deadly tornadoes May 4 that also affected other states. Oklahoma City-area amateurs responded to assist after a tornado hit that region May 8. At week's end, the death toll from the May 4 storms stood at 40; many more were injured, and countless homes and other structures were damaged or destroyed. Thousands of residents in the stricken areas were left without power

or telephone service. Those left homeless by the storms have been taking refuge in Red Cross shelters or with friends or relatives. Amateur Radio operators have been assisting in damage assessment as well as providing communication support for the Red Cross and The Salvation Army's shelter and feeding efforts.

"Wyandotte/Kansas City RACES was active with spotting and later damage assessment," Cowan said. RACES went on standby on May 5. Johnson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) opened a VHF net, coordinated by EC and Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) Coordinator June Jeffers, KB0WEQ, within 30 minutes of touchdown. SATERN members and other ham radio volunteers assisted

Salvation Army can- teens that rolled in immediately af- ter the storm.

In Missouri, ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Don Moore, KM0R, said tornado damage was reported throughout the greater Kansas City area. He said multiple nets-- including ARES, Ra- dio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and SKYWARN-- relayed storm in- formation to emer- gency officials on May 4 and later as- sisted with damage assessment. The Na- tional Weather Ser- vice credited ham radio operators with dozens of storm-related re- ports over the weekend.

WCARC OFFICERS

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HAM-A-RAMA

Saturday July 12, 2003 at
Woodland Towne Center

TECHNICIAN LICENSE STUDY COURSE

WHEN: May 15-16, 22-23; 7:00-9:00 PM (2 hours each night)

May 24; 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (6 hours, includes lunch and breaks)

WHERE: Classes will be held at the Seneca Co. Public Safety Building-2nd floor, Seneca County Fairgrounds, 126 Hopewell Ave, Tiffin, OH 44883

STUDY GUIDE: Gordon West's Technician License Manual.

Available from the instructor Karl Erbland, K8ARL for \$3.00.

WHAT IS INVOLVED: The Technician License Course is a 12-15 hour group study course supplemented by your own home study. The course will prepare you to pass the 35 question, multiple-choice FCC license exam.

The first evening will be spent reviewing the instruction materials, offer study hints and resources, and our initial lesson. The next three sessions will answer and review questions from the previous lessons and tackle new material. The May 24th session will consist of review, limited new material (easy stuff) and a number of practice drills to prepare you for the actual license examination on Sunday, May 25th in Tiffin.

Students are reminded that although there is no fee for the license course, there is a fee of \$12.00 for the license examination. This is in addition to the fee for the study guide.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Those interested in obtaining the study book and registering for the class should contact Karl, K8ARL by emailing k8arl@arrl.net. To register on-line, check out www.geocities.com/w8id.

WCARC Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2003

Minutes of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club

Pres. Boughton opened the meeting of the Wood County Amateur Club at approx. 19hrs. 35min. There were 11 members present, no guests.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Bob W. moved to accept and Shawn 2nd. Due to the absence of the treasurer, no report was given.

The in-work process of this years hamfest was the main topic of discussion this evening. Mike Stacklin suggested that news releases to the media approx. 2 weeks in advance of the fest should be made. Pres. Boughton suggested also, that notification to the area radio clubs should also be made. Larry Reitz reported the tickets have been printed and are available for sale. Tickets can be picked up from the president or the treasurer. The secretary told of the contact with the "Hamster Mat" publication. Approval was given to adver-

tise in that newspaper for the sum of approx. \$32.00 Chuck will make contact with the editor to have our hamfest notice printed. Chuck also noted that contact with the coffee shop at the Woodland Mall was made and they will have coffee and donuts made available.

Pres. Boughton wondered if the club was interested in Field Day to be exercised on the weekend of June 28/29, 2003. Mike offered the use of his 5 acres of ground on Huffman road, but wasn't sure if any poles were there. City Park was suggested by the pres. Chuck brought up the idea of a special event station, maybe a bi-centennial event at Pemberville was suggested by Bob Willman.

A program request was asked for, and the pres. said he has a "static program" scheduled for next month. Other items of interest include traffic handling, dxing, foxhunt. Shawn talked briefly about our packet stations and whether or not we should try and keep the 6-meter link to Findlay activated. Very little activity on packet

was reported but it was decided to keep it going. It was suggested by Shawn to change the packet frequency from 144.990 to 145.050 as more persons are using the slower 1200 baud rate than the faster 9600 baud rate. If the 2 meter link works as suggested, then the 6 meter link will be discontinued.

Chuck moved to replace the antenna at the receive site as the antenna currently being used was destroyed in the ice storm of March 2003. Approval was made to purchase up to \$120. Also mentioned was the idea that maybe our insurance would cover the cost. Will need to check with the treas. Bill about our insurance program.

Esther questioned why reports aren't made when severe weather is in the area? On the same lines, a motion was made to purchase a weather radio with SAME and connect it to the repeater. Up to \$80 was allotted to make the purchase. Motion to adjourn. There will be an officer meeting prior to the next meeting with the Pres.

WD8ICP/ Secretary