



THE REPEATER



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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The purpose of Field Day is to set up and operate equipment to prepare for any given emergency situation.

The Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio club conducted their annual Field Day on June 27th and 28th. Field Day is a 24-hour event that goes from 1:00 PM on the last Saturday in June through to 1:00 PM the next day with setup starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning.

This year's event went very well, and we had a great turnout from our club. We operated with a 3A, which means we had no more than 3 transmitters that operated on emergency power in a public area. Field Day was hosted at Clearfork Lake in Knob Noster state park.

We closed the event with 414 contacts with many of those contacts made by youth, which provides a great outreach opportunity and is a component of field day. We also had a visit from a state Park Ranger and a Daily Star Journal journalist, which gained us a few bonus points along with publicity. The official point count of Field Day will be published in the December QST.

A big thanks to all who came out and helped setup, cook, and operate!

Tyler, KCØLCX

INFORMATION AND TRAINING
FOR THE MS BIKE RIDE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH
7:00 PM
RED CROSS BUILDING

W-Berg HamFest 2008

Hamfest 2008 is all tucked away for the year. But we are already looking forward to 2009.

After the dust settled and all the pennies were counted HamFest 2008 was the best ever to date. Tables were all sold out, WB0W showed up but had to set up outside the main door. Radio Shack made a good showing. besides the good'ol staples such as Les and Ken with D&L and Dan with Associated Radio. The list of vendors is too long to list but needless to say there were a lot of great deals and treasures to be had.

The US Army and Red Cross were kept busy showing off their latest HiTech communications vehicles. Larry W9XE ran another successfull test session and Ed put on a well attended forum on how duplexers work and demonstrated a set he had built.

I would like to personally thank everyone who had a hand in pulling off such a great event. Set up was well attended and went smoothly. There were several members helping haul in treasures and I saw members helping happy customers carry there finds out to their cars. The Red Cross did another GREAT Job putting on a breakfast spread, This is always a big draw and gives folks a table to sit around and visit with old friends. Clean up went well and we were done before two. Several members just hung around afterwards to laugh and share fellowship.

HamFest 2009 is already in the planning stages for 18 July 2009. Looking forward to another great year.

Regards
Keith, N0VJ



WAARCI 2008 Officers

President WBØTOM Tom Ilgenfritz
Vice President KBØVZP Rick Ebbesen
Secretary KCØLCX Tyler Graham
Treasurer NØRP Ray Pautz

Monthly Meetings

WAARCI meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Current meeting place is the American Red Cross Building, 208 Emerson in Warrensburg.

Membership Information

Membership dues - \$12.00 per year
Family membership dues - \$18.00
New Member dues are prorated for a partial year.
Life Membership - \$250.00
Family Life Membership - \$375.00
Family membership includes all family members living in same household.

Activities

Repeaters 146.88 & 443.200 – Subaudible tone of 107.2 on both
2 meter net called each Sunday evening at 8:30 PM. Net control is traded among members. Net to be activated for weather watch.

Webb Page: www.WAARCI.org
Webmaster: Warcus Ward, KCØSUZ with Keith Haye, WEØG and Tyler Graham, KCØLCX assisting.

Others: Field Day - Test Sessions - Hamfest - Fox Hunts - Park Clean-up/Picnic - Cemetery mowing and cleanup – Mowing at Tower site - Tables and Laminating at Hamfests. etc.

Welcome to New Members

KDØEHM Zac Brandt Warrensburg
WØADQ Brit Faaburg Sedalia
WEØDH Dennis Henderson Sedalia
ACØKY Chris Shelten Chilhowee
KDØETM Courtney Sisco
Warrensburg

Current paid members for 2008 is

67

New Calls Heard on Repeater

WØDZX Dan Higginville
KBØJAE Keith Kansas City
KCØPTP Phil Independence
KDØETL Paul Hughsville
K2SAM Sam Sedalia

If you hear a new or different call on the repeater, take a moment to say hello and welcome them to the area. Note their call and pass it on to one of the board members and Katie, WØKTE. We'd like to acknowledge them in the next newsletter.

ARRL VEC Information

Regular test sessions for the WARRCI are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday of the months of March, July, and November. Larry, W9XE, is the test session coordinator. He can be contacted on the repeater or by telephone 660 429-1816 or e-mail larry@project777.net.

The fee for 2008 is \$14.00. Another test fee must be charged for each element that is retaken.

Advance registration is appreciated

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

Please arrive 30 minutes early for registration

ARRL

Our club is an Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Special Service Club. To retain this affiliation, 51 percent of our members must have ARRL membership. ARRL membership currently is:

	One Year
Regular	\$39
65 & Over	34

Amateurs 21 years of age and under may qualify for special rates. Life Membership is also available. The secretary or treasurer should have applications and additional information.

ARRL Membership includes a subscription to QST, access to endless publications, etc.. The club retains \$15.00 for new ARRL memberships, (members who have not had ARRL membership in the past two years.)

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You can e-mail above contacts by using their *call sign* at arrl.org
example k0bj@arrl.org

THE REPEATER is dedicated to serving the needs of the members of the WAARCI. Our staff welcomes input, opinion and information about activities related to the Club or Club members. **The paper is normally published prior to the club meeting of every other month.** Publication months are Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec. **Articles will be published on a space available basis. Submission does not guarantee publication. Opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the author and may or may not reflect those of the WAARCI board and membership. The WAARCI board reserves the right to edit all copy.**

Issues will be distributed at club meetings and via e-mail. Hard copies will be mailed to those without an e-mail address or if requested. For more information feel free to contact any of the board members. Items can be mailed to the club post office box or contact Katie WØKTE. via email address rpautz@charter.net; telephone 660 747-5002; address 13 SE 125 Road, Warrensburg, MO 64093

Words from the President

It is getting close to the end of summer and school will be starting soon. The time has flown by and I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable summer in spite of the increased fuel and grocery prices. Our club activities have kept us busy preparing as well as enjoying the activities. Between our most recent Field day and the Hamfest, it was great to see the wonderful turnout and I appreciate the contribution that everyone made to make them possible. I particularly enjoy Hamfest getting a chance to see those faces that we see once a year. We are looking forward to another successful Hamfest again next year at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. I am really pleased to see that we have a few new hams in the club and that have moved into the area. I have been hearing some new call signs on the repeater and it shows that ham radio is thriving and the new age of digital seems to spark some new interests. Although our most recent storm season proved to be rather mild, we need to still be aware and remain alert and keep our storm watching skills sharp.

If you haven't had an opportunity to participate in the MS Bike Ride in the past, I would encourage you to come and join us as we help keep the riders safe and share in the rewarding feeling that you get by helping the event become successful once again. There are many different areas to volunteer and they can surely use your help.

Frankenstien special event is also coming upon us very quickly. Keith is really getting excited and is looking for some help in this very unique event. Can you imagine everyone in the world trying to get into talk to the only city called Frankenstein in the country? Let's make this another successful event. It seems that this year it falls on a weekend and it certainly makes it easier for me to make it this year.

I look forward to see you all at the future club meetings and the remaining events that are planned for the rest of the year. I enjoy the fellowship that this club shares with each other and the community.

Tom Ilgenfritz
WBØTOM

OCTOBERFEST 2008
South Side Amateur Radio Club

OCTOBER 18, 2008

Contact: Donna Quick, KBØYJN
816 537-7464 or kb0yjn@juno.com

MS Bike Ride & Volunteer Training

It is that time of year again for the MS bike ride, the ride will be held on **Saturday September 6th and Sunday September 7th** and will ride from Kansas City to Sedalia and back to Kansas City. The route will be similar to last years with a few changes. Duane Haverty is still needing volunteers to assist along the route. If you have not signed up there are still opportunities available. Contact Duane Haverty at (816)223-5842 or dhaverty@kc.rr.com

Training will be held on **August 20th** at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross building, located at 208 Emerson St Warrensburg..

These meeting will cover assignments for the MS Bike Ride (Old MS 150), Radio procedure, NET control locations and Freq. for the ride. If you are a SAG or Motorcycles please bring a copy of your Drivers license and insurance card with you. If you are Medical Volunteer please bring a copy of your Certification.

If you are going to be attending Warrensburg meeting please send me your current t-shirt size. If you are unable to attend the meeting please advise along with t-shirt size. I will try to pick up your t-shirt and get it to you at some point along with the assignment list and other information.

Thanks for your help on this very worth while event.

For more information contact Duane Haverty or Rick, KBØVZP.

HOSPITAL RECEIVES RADIOS

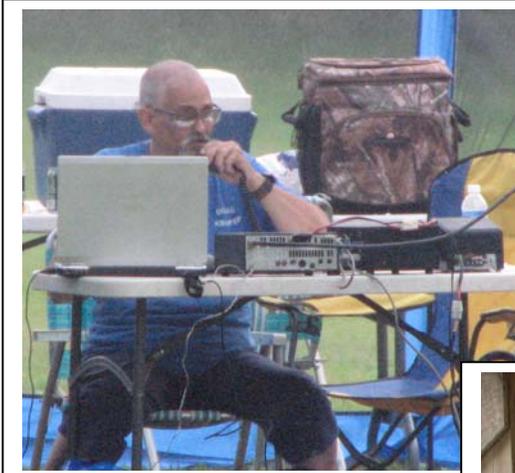
Word has been received that the Western Missouri Medical Center has received Amateur Radio Equipment from a grant to be prepared for emergency communication should a disaster occur. They have requested help from the group to set them up for use. WBØVZP, Rick, is working with them and expects to hear soon the exact date and time to do the work. As of this time he is looking at Saturday, August 23, He will make further announcement on the repeater when more facts are known.

There are plans to have some of the Medical Center personal study for their license. Thus the Center would have communication available until the amateur community is able to respond in case of an emergency.

LISTEN ON THE REPEATER FOR MORE INFO.

ADDITIONAL PICTURES

Field Day 2008



◀ Doug,
WAØPXP
operating

Gary, WBØBTM
& Frances,
KCØTFR came
prepared ▶



Everyone is interested when it comes time for food Saturday evening.

The club furnished Hamburger, Brats, Buns, etc. Members shared covered dishes.

Sunday morning there was biscuits & gravy, bacon & eggs, etc.



HAMFEST 2008



NØATH was the grand prize Winner at the Hamfest. There were several nice hourly prizes.

Inside of WBØW trailer. ▶



COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

The State Emergency Management Agency will once again conduct a Crisis Communications Conference October 8-10, 2008 at the Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex, Kansas City, Missouri.

This year's conference will focus on Interoperability Communication Issues during an Earthquake, Amateur Radio as a Disaster Resource / MEPN, Update on State Interoperability, Weather Communications, 7th Civil Support Team, Next Generation 9-1-1, and Space Weather.

Club members Gloria, KCØTBP, and Jeanne, KDØBDI will be attending as representatives of their work positions. The board has discussed the sending a representative from the club. The session pertaining to Amateur Radio will be on Thursday, Oct 9th at 12:45 pm. In the Grand ballroom. The speaker is Dennis Gedeon.

Contact Gloria or Rick for more information.

SEMA suggested that those interested in attending should contact Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex Hotel for room reservations at 816-737-0200. Please tell the Sheraton Hotel that you will be attending the "2008" Crisis Communications Conference. There is a special room rate of \$96.00 per night for this event.

RUN FOR FREEDOM

The local Veterans Administration Facility will hold their second Poker Walk and 5K run on October 4th. They would appreciate our help again this year. It would most likely only involve hours 8 am to 12 noon.

Keith Hays is the lead person. Please contact him for more information or to volunteer.



SPECIAL EVENT STATION FRANKENSTEIN, MO

Friday, October 31, 2008.

Plans are to set up a special event station in Frankenstein, Mo. Frankenstein is an unincorporated community near the Missouri River in northwestern Osage County, Missouri. WEØG is spearheading the activity this year. Contact him for more information or let him know if you are available to operate.

Congratulation!!!

AUGUST 2008 MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

DALE BAGLEY, KØKY MO SM

Don Moore, KMØR, has stepped down as the Missouri Section Emergency Coordinator. Don has served as SEC for close to 6 years and has accomplished much in that leadership position. He regrets having to give-up the appointment, but time constraints and additional responsibilities have made it necessary. I'm sure that everyone in the Missouri Section appreciates has some appreciation of the challenge of the SEC position and will join me in extending our heartfelt thanks for Don's Service to ARES and to the Missouri Section.

There were several individuals that expressed an interest in the SEC appointment and they all have much to recommend them for that position. Dale Bagley, Missouri Section Manager has selected Dennis Gedeon, KBØNHW as my choice to be the new Section Emergency Coordinator. Dennis has an Extra Class License, a Life Member of the ARRL and is currently serving as the Assistant DEC for District A and AEC for Jackson County in the Kansas City area. He is a certified Instructor/Mentor and Examiner for the ARRL Emergency Communications Courses Level's I, II, and III.



**Are you needing to replace your club jacket or shirt?
Or are you a newer member who would like to
purchase such?**

These are available locally, but we do need to order 10 or more to receive the best price and avoid excessive charges for the set-up of the printing. We are anticipating placing another order this fall. There are request for 2 item on the list at this time.

Jackets are available in a couple of styles. Also available are sweatshirts both hooded and plain, polo shirts, or t-shirts.

Gail Haye has the ordering information. She can be contacted at 660 656-3783 or kc0vmt@localnet.com.

WAARCI 2008 Christmas Party

The date is December 6th and the location is the ABC Building in Grover Park, Warrensburg, MO. The committee is working on the remainder of the plans and would welcome input from the members.

Being considered is perhaps to have the dinner catered with a charge for each person attending. The most recent gatherings have been a carry-in type dinner with the club paying for the meat dishes. If you have ideas on who you would like to do the catering, contact one of the committee members, Gail Haye, Gloria Michalski, or Sheri Sisco.

They would also be interested in any idea you might have for entertainment for the evening, such as music, games, ways to handle the gift exchange, etc.

We like to remember ones that may not be able to enjoy the holidays because of hardships. In the past we have donated to the Angel Tree programs. Does anyone have additional information.

FOX HUNT

The board has been entertaining the idea of having another Fox Hunt. Our club continues to have a busy schedule of events as well as other events of the amateur community.

Fox Hunts are lots of fun as well as educational. They can be used to locate a open mike or someone sending an unlicensed signal.

One of the most useful times for a Fix Hunt is when an interfering signal disturbs the repeater use. We feel this is what has been happening in recent weeks on our repeater. It is not sure of how wide the signal is or how much it is shifting. It seems intermittent possibly because it sweeps by the frequency. To date the interference has not been heard direct and it is like any 2 meter band signal, it is stronger at night and early morning than in the heat of the day. The signal does exhibit the buzz that some are blaming on a capacitor in the power supply. The interfering signal does not have the 107.2 tone, so it does not bring the repeater up without someone with the tone has the squelch open. Of course the farthest away user has the greatest amount of the interference on their signal, because of the capture effect. To further complicate matters, we have been experiencing some great band openings.

You can help in locating this interference. Listen on 146.28, which is the repeater receiver frequency,. Record the signal strength and direction it appears to be coming from at your location. Report this to the repeater committee or a member of the board. Ray, NØRP, listens to the repeater full time if he is in the area or able. You can make reports to him and he will relay to the committee.

Listen on the net and repeater for additional information on a Fox Hunt to be held for practice in locating such signals and to assist members in learning more about locating such signals.

Contact any board member if you have questions or comments.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP

IT'S TIME TO REVIEW OUR QUALIFICAIONS AS AN ARRL SPECIAL SERVICES CLUB.

ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IS THAT WE HAVE 51%
OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP HOLDING ARRL
MEMBERSHIP

Please send an e-mail to Ray, NØRP, at rpautz@charter.net regarding your current ARRL Membership. Indicate if you have Life membership. Your response to this request will be appreciated and will save work contacting each member personally.

THANKS

WANT ADS

Dave, NØATH sent e-mails earlier this month that he has the following items for sale: 2 Yaesu FT 411a handhelds, Icom 706 MKII and Alinco #110 2 meter mobile. His cell is 660 351-1506

RG8X coax \$.35 a foot -- I have about 400 foot left for sale
Contact Rick Ebbesen, KBØVZP (660)747-6869 or
kb0vzp@embarqmail.com

This space is available at no charge to members for any items for sale or items wanted. Make contact by mail, e-mail, or phone:

WAARCI; P.O. Box 1364; Warrensburg, MO 64093 or
K. Pautz; 13 SE 125 Road, Warrensburg, MO
64093-7708

Phone 660 747-5002 or
E-mail rpautz@charter.net

Practice Sites



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www.KB0MGA.net/exams

This site tries to learn which questions you know well, and which ones you need extra help with. It does this by tracking your answers to every question.

You will be asked to sign into the site. This site tries to learn which questions you know, and which ones you don't by keeping track of your answers. To keep these statistics between sessions, the site needs a way to remember you. This is not mandatory, but it was the main reason this site was created.

Questions are available for all 3 Elements in either the Flash Card form or as a Practice Exam

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If you have found a practice or learning site you would recommend to others to use, please notify us that the information can be included in future newsletters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

6	Dick Hunt	KCØFDF
6	Levi Raihala	
21	Courtney Sisco	KDØETM
24	John Lawrence	
25	Ray Pautz	NØRP
25	Keith Raihala	NØVJ
27	Denise Haye	NØPVZ
30	Danny Ilgenfritz	KCØVXM

SEPTEMBER

3	Gloria Michalski	KCØTPB
4	Jeff Kesterson	KBØLRX
6	Linda Ilgenfritz	WBØLND
6	Johnnie Robertson	NH7PT
16	Tom Ilgenfritz	WBØTOM
23	Murrel Zollicker	WAØPZW
23	Rick Ebbesen	KBØVZP
25	Sheri Sisco	KDØCAT
25	Larry Vandivier	W9XE
	VanTrump	NØSAX

Here is an interesting Internet site.

<http://www.ae7q.net>

or

<http://www.aw7q.com>

JOPLIN HAMFEST

AUGUST 22 4 TO 9 PM
AND
AUGUST 23 8AM TO 2 PM

JOHN Q HAMMONS CONVENTION CENTER
\$6.00 AT THE DOOR FOR BOTH DAYS

Mark Mitchelson, chairman contact markmitchel@yahoo.com

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 20	Training for MS Bike Ride
Aug 23	Install Radios at Hospital's Day
Aug 22 & 23	Joplin Hamfest
Sep 6 & 7	MS Ride
TBA	September Board Meeting
Sep 13	September Club Meeting
Oct. 4	Ride for Freedom
Oct 5	October Board Meeting
Oct 11	October Club Meeting
Oct 18	Southside Hamfest
Oct. 31	Frankenstein Special Event Station
Dec 6	WAARCI Christmas Party

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