



Kentucky Amateur Radio Society Newsletter



Bardstown – Nelson County, Kentucky

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Charlie Brown, W4OLG, SK



Charlie Brown, W4OLG passed away in August. His numerous contributions to KARS, NCARES, the Boy Scouts, Nelson County EMA and numerous other organizations made this community a better place to live. As was stated to me, he left some really big shoes to fill. He will be sorely missed by all.



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WinLink 2000 Radio Mail Server

Nelson County ARES continues work on the WINLINK 2000 email system.

The Radio Mail Server (RMS) is available for all amateurs registered with winlink.

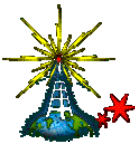
Information is available at:

www.winlink.org

The call sign of the server is: KE4JYC-10.

The RMS operates on 145.050 Mhz. Simplex, 24-7.

All Licensed Amateurs are invited to participate.



Repeater News

By Joe Kendall, KE4JYC, Newsletter Editor

The long awaited construction of the new tower is progressing as this is written. The tower is completed and work is continuing.

The tower is complete and the moving/replacing of our repeater antenna is awaited.

Hopefully the needed work will be completed in near future and we will have one of the best repeaters in the commonwealth.



August 2008 ARES Report

Submitted by Joe Kendall, KE4JYC
Nelson County Emergency Coordinator

ARES Members: 9
Change Since Last Report: -1
Monthly Nets/Meetings: 5
Monthly Nets/meeting Man-hours: 29
Public Events: 0
Public Events Man-hours: 0
Emergency Operations: 0
Emergency Operations Man-hours: 0
Total Operations: 5
Total Operations Man-hours: 29

Comments: None

Changes in the Newsletter

The July 2008 was the last issue which will be mailed. With the increased costs of printing, postage and etc., the future issues will be sent in PDF format via e-mail.

Please send your desired address to ke4jyc@arrl.net before the 1st of the month. Also please assure you allow email from ke4jyc@bardstowncable.net. Your email server may sense the newsletter as "Spam" considering it will be sent to between 30 and 40 individuals.

Thanks, Joe, KE4JYC, Newsletter Editor.

KARS Nets

2 Meter Net – 9 PM Sunday, 145.470- KB4KY Repeater, PL 151.4

10 Meter Net – 9:30 PM Sunday, 28.380 MHz, USB

6 Meter Net – 8 PM Tuesday, 50.175 MHz, USB

Nelson Co ARES Net – 8 PM Thursday, 146.580 Simplex

What do Amateur Radio operators do during and after disasters?

Amateur Radio operators set up and operate organized communication networks locally for governmental and emergency officials, as well as non-commercial communication for private citizens affected by the disaster. Amateur Radio operators are most likely to be active after disasters that damage regular lines of communications due to power outages and destruction of telephone, cellular and other infrastructure-dependent systems.

How do Amateur Radio operators help local officials?

Many radio amateurs are active as communications volunteers with local public safety organizations. In addition, in some disasters, radio frequencies are not coordinated among relief officials and Amateur Radio operators step in to coordinate communication when radio towers and other elements in the communications infrastructure are damaged.

What are the major Amateur Radio emergency organizations?

Amateur Radio operators have informal and formal groups to coordinate communication during emergencies. At the local level, hams may participate in local emergency organizations, or organize local "traffic nets" using VHF (very high frequencies) and UHF (ultra high frequencies). At the state level, hams are often involved with state emergency management operations. In addition, hams operate at the national level through the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), which is coordinated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and through the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), which is coordinated through the American Radio Relay League and its field volunteers. In addition, addition, many hams are involved in Skywarn, operating under the National Weather Service.

Is Amateur Radio recognized as a resource by national relief organizations?

Many national organizations have formal agreements with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other Amateur Radio groups including:

- Department of Homeland Security -- Citizen Corps
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Communications System
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- National Weather Service
- Association of Public Safety Communications Officials

What are some examples of emergencies involving Amateur Radio?

- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita -- 2005
- Hurricanes Charlie, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne in Florida -- 2004
- Severe weather in Virginia -- May 2004
- Tornadoes in Illinois -- April 2004
- Amtrak train accident in Mississippi -- April 2004
- Earthquake in Central California -- December 2003
- Hurricane Isabel -- September 2003
- Northeast blackout -- August 2003
- Midwest tornadoes -- May 2003
- Shuttle Columbia recovery effort -- February 2003
- Wildfires in Colorado -- June 2002
- Tornado in Maryland -- April 2002
- Flooding in Kentucky -- March 2002
- World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks -- September 2001
- Flooding in Texas and Louisiana (Storm Allison) -- June 2001
- Earthquake in India -- January 2001
- Earthquake in El Salvador -- January 2001
- Ice storms in Southwest -- December 2000
- Tornado in Alabama -- December 2000
- Avalanche in Alaska -- March 2000
- Fires in Los Alamos, New Mexico -- May 2000
- Hurricane Floyd -- September 1999
- Tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas -- May 1999
- Colombian Earthquake -- January 1999
- Tornadoes in Arkansas and Tennessee -- January 1999
- Hurricane Mitch in Central America -- November 1998
- Flooding in Texas -- October 1998
- Hurricane Georges -- September 1998
- Tornadoes in Florida -- February 1998
- "500-Year Flood," Grand Forks, N.D., and East Grand Forks, Minn. - April 1997
- Western U.S. floods - January 1997
- Hurricane Fran - September 1996
- TWA plane crash - July 1996
- Oklahoma City Bombing - April 1995

Commitment

John Meyers, NB4K, Former KY Section Manager

If you are interested enough to join a local club or repeater group then you have a commitment. Involvement on your part if you plan on becoming part of that club/group. Agreement on your part if you want to be accepted.

Choose which one fits you and your commitment. Duty, Dedication, diligence, faithfulness, resolution, loyalty, obligation, responsibility, and involvement. Surely one of these words fit you and what you stand for:

- A. Duty; moral obligation, acting out of duty. The compulsion felt to meet such obligation.
- B. Dedication; the act of dedicating or the state of being dedicated. Selfless devotion, serve the public with dedication and integrity.
- C. Devotion; ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person. The act of devoting or the state of being devoted.
- D. Decision; the act of reaching a conclusion or making up one's mind. Firmness of character or action; determination.
- E. Diligence; Earnest and persistent application to an undertaking; steady effort; assiduity. Attentive care; heedfulness.
- F. Faithfulness; adhering firmly and devotedly, as to a person, a cause, or an idea; loyal. Worthy of trust or belief; reliable. Consistant with trust or actuality; a faithful reproduction of the portrait.
- G. Resolution; the state or quality of being resolute; firm determination. A resolving to do something. A course of action determined or decided upon.
- H. Loyalty; the state or quality of being loyal. Feelings of devoted attachment and affection: My loyalties lie with my club/group.
- I. Obligation; the act of binding oneself by a social, legal, or moral tie. A social, legal, or moral requirement, such as duty, contract, or promise that compels one to follow or avoid a particular course of action. The service or favor for which one is indebted to another. The state, fact, or feeling of being indebted to another for a special service or favor received.
- J. Responsibility; the state, quality, or fact of being responsible.
- K. Involvement; to contain as a part, include. To engage as a participant; To influence or affect.

Obligation, responsibility, duty; these nouns refer to a course of action that is demanded of a person, as by law or conscience. Obligation usually applies to a specific constraint arising from a particular cause: "Then in the marriage union, the independence of the husband and wife will be equal, their dependence mutual and their obligations reciprocal" (Lucretia Mott). Responsibility stresses accountability for the fulfillment of an obligation: "I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty" (John D. Rockefeller, Jr.). Duty applies especially

to constraint deriving from moral or ethical considerations: “I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies” (William Tyler Page).

Faithful and loyal – these adjectives mean adhering firmly and devotedly to someone or something, such as a person, cause, or duty, that elicits or demands one’s fidelity. Faithful and loyal both suggest undeviating attachment; these words are often interchangeable, though loyal is the term often applied to political allegiance: a faithful employee; gave faithful service; a loyal companion; a loyal citizen.

I guess you can see where I’m coming from with this article. Your self pride and worthiness can be greatly enhanced and you can become a very useful tool for that particular club/group with only a little commitment. They are depending upon you and your skills certainly that’s not much to ask. You’ll see a big reward in your heart, try it.

John D. Meyers, NB4K



Chris Flugga, KI4WCO Departs

Chris, KI4WCO, is departing the area due to his military commitments. His departure will leave a void which will be heard to fill. His ability to see things through a new perspective helped the club overcome some long time problems. Chris, you will be missed, please stay in touch and we wish you God’s Speed in your continued military service.

Amateur Radio Positions Available in Nelson County

KARS Vice-president

NCARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator

KARS Newsletter Assistant Editor

Fieldday 2009 Coordinator

Notes from the Editor

All comments are welcome. Please address comments to Joe Kendall, KE4JYC, e-mail address is ke4jyc@arrl.net Please include “Newsletter Comment” in the subject.

Items of interest and articles should be in MS Word, or any text format, and sent to the editor at ke4jyc@arrl.net please include “newsletter article” in the subject. Deadline for submissions is the last Friday of the month.

Upcoming Events

8 September 2008 KARS Meeting
9 AM, Nelson Co EOC

13 September 2008 NCARES Meeting
9 am at the Nelson County EOC

Hamfests

6 September 2008
Greater Louisville Hamfest
Info: www.louisvillehamfest.com

13 September 2008
Central KY Hamfest
Richmond, KY

Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$1,112.80

August actions not available

**August 2008 Meeting
Topics**

Not Available

Kentucky Amateur Radio Society

President: Ed Fowler, K4EEF

Vice President: Chris Flugga, KI4WCO

Secretary: Bill Adams, KD4NSU

Treasurer: Jerry Parrott, N4PEI

**KARS meets the second Monday every month at the Nelson County
Emergency Operations Center, New Courthouse Square, Bardstown,
Kentucky.**

Club website is: www.kb4ky.com