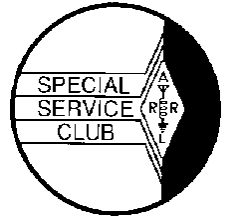




The Repeater

Monthly Newsletter of the Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation



September 2004

President's Column

The arrival of September brings us the last few days of summer, the beginning of school and less daylight each day. I hope each one of you accomplished all of your planned summer projects.

The past few weeks has not presented us with as much good HF propagation as we prefer. But while DX contacts are down in number, the local wide-coverage repeaters make it possible to ragchew with a lot of operators. We owe a big thank-you to the ones who keep the repeaters operating.

We have some items of importance to discuss at the next meeting. A nomination committee needs to be formed for the election. Also, some volunteers (or draftees) are needed for some much needed repairs at our repeater site.

The absence of the President's column last month was due to an email malfunction. I will try to make sure the column reaches the editor in the future.

Remember the Tuesday night net. I hope to see you September 21st at Western Sizzlin.

73
Roger
AC5YG

Special Guest Speaker for September ARVARF Meeting

I want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation's September meeting. This month we will have a special program and guest speaker from KARK, Channel 4, in Little Rock. It seems that no matter what news station you turn to, weather is the their lead story. Yes, we will have a real live meteorologist presenting this month's program. Be sure to bring your questions for a fun filled and educational evening.

73, John WB5BHS

Strange And Unusual – Intruder Watch

For those of you that enjoy SWL or just tuning across the band to check out the propagation this is for you---

Bob Gonsett, W6VR, has been reporting a mysterious signal in the 40 meter band. Amateur Radio operators and SWL operators in the southwestern U.S. have been hearing the signals for the past three weeks. Some

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Intruder Watch (continued)

listeners say the signal(s) sound like "data" while others report them to be of a "mechanical" nature.

Bob, W6VR, is the editor and publisher of "The GNC Communicator" in Fallbrook, California. Bob and his engineers at Communications General Corporation, GNC, listened on September 6th at 1500 PDT and observed several CW carriers. Four of the strongest signals received in California were on 7238.063, 7238.150, 7238.237 and 7238.412 kHz. Of all the signals received, the one on 7238.237 was the strongest. Bob's equipment reported the accuracy at plus or minus 30 Hz.

Bob and his engineers are still investigating the source and the content of the signals. They think that the signals are beings transmitted from either one specially modulated transmitter or from several different transmitters at different locations.

GNC said that it will be interesting to discover the source of the signals. You can check his web site for more information as it becomes available.

<http://www.bext.com/CGC/>

73, John WB5BHS

The September ARES/RACES meeting will be at 7:00PM Thursday the 23rd at the Pope County 911 Building.

We will discuss the upcoming Simulated Emergency Test and the ANO Preparedness drill. All hams are invited to attend.

The 911 Center is located on Weir Rd just behind the Pope County Health Unit.

Charles Shingleur, K5NRC

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ARVARF meeting at Western Sizzlin:

Tuesday, September 21
7:00 p.m. Those who want to eat,
come at 6:00.

ARVARF Net:

Every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. on
146.82 (except club meeting night)

Net Control Stations:

September K5NRC

ARES/RACES meeting:

Thursday, September 23

ARVARF web page:

www.cswnet.com/~arvarf/

Arkansas Section Web Domain:

www.arkansashams.org

Thursday at the 911 building at 7:00 p.m. The program will be presented by the Arkansas Health Dept in preparation for the fall drill at ANO. Pictures for ID badges will be taken. Charles also reported that the packet nodes are now fully operational, but the building needs work. He said that ARVARF should consider moving the repeater back to the site we own since intermod is no longer a factor.

The last ARVARF VE test session had no one tested. Wayne VandePol announced he is resigning as Vice-president.

Roger reminded the members to check into the Tuesday night net. Check-ins will be given credit in a drawing for a prize in December. KE5AQH, Rich, made a motion to adjourn and K5NRC, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Submitted by Melissa Schaefer, N5HX

ARVARF Secretary

Hamfest / Events

Calendar

September 18

Arkansas ARRL State Convention (All-Arkansas Hamfest) Jacksonville, Mark Barnhard, KD5AIV. Mbarnhard@aristotle.net

September 25

Bentonville Hamfest Buster Morrow, AD5AM. Ad5am@arrl.net

September 25 & 26

Arkansas QSO Party See www.arkan.us and September QST for details

October 9

ARKAN Parkfest 10:00am to 1:00pm McClure Park, Lowell, AR. John Robinson, KD5NFX, 479-839-8112, johnr83@alltel.net

MINUTES FROM THE

AUGUST MEETING

The August ARVARF meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by President Roger Sayer. The July minutes were accepted after a correction by Wayne VandePol. The correction was that Wayne VandePol made a presentation to the 4H Club, not just the officers. Charles Shingleur made the motion to accept the minutes and Bob Battershell seconded, the motion passed.

Section Manager Dennis Schaefer announced a Technical Net on Thursday evenings after the Razorback Net on 3987.5 Khz about 7:00 p.m. Pope County EC Charles Shingleur announced an ARES/RACES meeting on the following