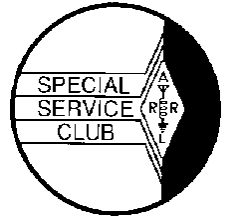




# The Repeater

Monthly Newsletter of the Arkansas River Valley Amateur Radio Foundation



November 2004

## President's Column

The arrival of November brings cooler temperatures, fewer daylight hours, the end of mowing and what we hope will be a short leaf raking season.

High frequency propagation has been a wide mixture during the last several days. There have been some 10 meter openings to Europe, South America, Alaska and Japan. Propagation on other days has been so poor that very little activity was heard. Even the very high powered broadcast stations were not heard very clearly. We are very fortunate to have enough good propagation to keep us coming back to our stations and trying again.

I would like to wish each of you a very happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season. Remember, November is also club election month. Please encourage all members to attend the meeting. Members who fail to attend are apt to be elected to an office.

Don't forget Tuesday is net night. Please check in if you can. I hope to see you November 16th at Western Sizzlin.

73  
Roger  
AC5YG

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## MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members present. A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was brought to the floor by Andy Ward, KD5QJQ

The motion was seconded by Nick Kennedy, WA5BDU, and by acclamation the motion carried.

Aulton White, N4OWB, reported that Jon Caery, KC5LVW, had offered the "Now You're Talking" textbooks to the club at \$5 each., with Razorback Radio absorbing the remainder of the cost—a donation to reduce the cost for new applicants to get started in Amateur Radio. The books arrived last week with a free copy of the instructor's manual.

Steve Green, WB5KUT, brought a motion to the floor to authorize the Treasurer to mail a check for \$100.00 to Razorback Radio. The motion was seconded by Phil Morgan, N5RQD, and by acclamation the motion carried.

Wayne Van de Pol, N2WV, reported that he had finished the "flyers" about the class, and had received permission from several businesses to post one in their store window. He brought a small stack of them to the meeting for other members to take. He apologized for the lady from ATU not showing up at the meeting as she had promised—perhaps she forgot. He also asked for volunteers to sit in on the class sessions to help answer questions, and for anyone who would like to teach a session. John Evans, WB5BHS, volunteered to teach the class on digital communications.

Andy Ward, KD5QJQ, gave a report on cost of

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ARVARF meeting at Western Sizzlin:**

Tuesday, November 16  
 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:**

November N5KLE

**ARES/RACES meeting:**

**ARVARF web page:**

[www.cswnet.com/~arvarf/](http://www.cswnet.com/~arvarf/)

**Arkansas Section Web Domain:**

[www.arkansashams.org](http://www.arkansashams.org)

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materials to repair the repeater site. He obtained estimates from four businesses. He passed out copies of the estimates. Ridout Lumber was the only one that agreed to give us contractor's price. Ben Hillis, W5HH, brought a motion to the floor to authorize Andy to spend up to \$200.00 for the materials. The motion was seconded by John Evans, WB5BHS, and by acclamation the motion carried.

A discussion on replacing the NiH batteries with gel-cells was held and the consensus seemed to be to keep the NiH batteries a while longer.

Also, a discussion on moving the 2-meter repeater back to our shelter was held, and John Evans, WB5BHS, reminded us that the rent is only \$1 a year and it took some political pull to get us in there. As he remembered, the agreement was that we would keep the grass mowed, and the Dardanelle Police would pay the electric bill, since they have a radio plugged into our meter. It was suggested that we check with J.J. Smith, K5RPD, to see if he had discussed this with the Dardanelle Police.

Phil Morgan, N5RQD, said the election committee had nothing to report. He suggested that anyone who wanted to be an officer, volunteer to be on the ballot.

Wayne Van de Pol announced that Sergio Picado passed the test for Technician class license, and now needs a 2-meter rig. Congratulations to Sergio. His new call is KE5CUY.

Nick Kennedy, WA5BDU, asked for volunteers to help with the Hamfest preparations. He asked that anyone who wants to help, please e-mail him.

Steve Green, WB5KUT, brought a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Loretta Morgan, KB5OHF, and carried by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m., CDT.

**Melissa Schaefer, N5HX**

ARVARF Secretary

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# Attention

## **TALK WITH OTHER PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

And .... exchange computer files without phone charges  
and sometimes .... maybe even talk to an astronaut!

### **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

#### **REGISTER TODAY**

Call Jackie Nichols at 479-964-3230 to obtain a registration form and fax it back to her at 479-964-3243 to register. You may also get the form to register or register online at:

<http://commed.atu.edu/commed/noncreditapp.htm>

The cost of the class is only \$10.00 plus an additional \$19.95 to cover the price of the textbook Now You're Talkin' ! and all handout materials. Fees paid in classroom to the instructor.

Classes begin on **January 11<sup>th</sup>** and end **March 15<sup>th</sup> 2005**.

Each class will be from **6:30 to 8:30 PM** at the Arkansas Tech University Ross Pendergraft Library, Room 300 South.

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If you have any questions about this please CALL NOW  
Wayne Van de Pol, N2WV at 479-858-6570