

The Podunk Hollow News

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Happy New Year!

Can we resolve to do a few things this new year?

Nothing earth-shattering, nothing news worthy. How about a few things many of us seem to have forgotten? Just a few of these things would make a difference in many larger things down the road.

1. Respect each other INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO BE DIFFERENT.
2. Listen to each other. No one said you had the monopoly on right answers or great ideas.
3. Shake your neighbor's hand. You don't have to get inside their head or learn their history, but say hello and show the courtesy to at least know their name.
4. Take time out for family— nothing is more important— except for #5.
5. Take time out for your God and thank him for the gift of life.
6. Be tolerant of differences in culture, customs, and religions. Remember our government is at war with terrorists, not Islam or Muslims!
7. Take time to thank a member of our armed forces or their family for the sacrifices they make to keep us all safe and free.
8. Spend some time helping with a community project—we are hams and we are accorded the rights we have based on our history of helping others with our hobby—so how about we find these projects and live up to our reputation as volunteers?
9. Bring a new ham into the hobby. How many have you taught in the last few years? Hams seem to die faster than they are licensed new. Let's keep the hobby alive!
10. Take care of your own health. No one is going to do it for you and there are no pills for all the ills. Nothing is better than diet, exercise, and a good attitude.



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-Your Editor

December Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Egyptian Radio Club Board of Directors meeting – December 2, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by president Jesse.

Board members present: President Jesse KB9OHJ, Directors, Roy AA9UX, Bill N9OQK, Kevin KZ9D, Marty N9PPJ, Wally WA9BRQ, Treasurer Tod KB9AIL, and Secretary Lou AA9RT.

No training, no testing, trailer is OK, treasurers report and minutes passed out, Bill motions to accept.

Marty from repeater committee reports G6 antenna is up and the desense problem at the 146.79 site is gone.

Marty will order crystals to experiment with linking the 146.79 and 442.400 repeaters.

No old business.

New business: Kevin motions Wally seconds to pay for the W9AIU domain name for 5 years, motion passes. Jesse recommends the club copyright the W9AIU domain name and investigate other less expensive Internet site hosting.

Motion to adjourn by Bill, second by Lou, meeting adjourned at 6:43pm by Jesse.

Minutes of the Egyptian Radio Club Membership meeting – December 2, 2004

Meeting called to order by president Jesse at 7:03pm. A moment of silence is observed for silent keys.

Motion by Bill second by Tod to accept treasurer's report and minutes, motion passes.

No testing or training to report, the trailer is ready for winter, Marty reports for the repeater committee the new antenna got rid of the duplexer noise, and he will order crystals to experiment with linking the 146.79 and 442.400 repeaters.

No old business.

New Business: Lou motions Bill seconds to renew the domain name for 5 years at \$19.99 per year, saving \$5 per year compared to a shorter renewal period. Motion passes.

Internet hosting renewal is coming up soon, Jesse recommends looking at a less expensive hosting site and to copyright the name W9AIU.

Tod motions Lou seconds to elect by acclamation the slate of officers as listed in the minutes, motion carries. Lou urges everyone to buy Winterfest tickets. Lou motions Kevin seconds to split the cost of a Winterfest table with Tod, motion passes.

Bill motions to adjourn, Lou seconds. Meeting adjourned by Jesse at 7:20pm.

Respectively submitted by Lou AA9RT

December Treasurer Report

No report was received in time for publication.

01-03-05

Where is BPL? Take a close look.....

**New FCC Allocated Powerline
Transmitting Bands:
Move Over Ham Radio...
Coming to a neighborhood near you!**

BPL BANDS

**1.705 MHz to 2.850 MHz 10.100 MHz to 11.275 MHz
3.025 MHz to 3.400 kHz 11.400 MHz to 13.260 MHz
3.500 MHz to 4.650 MHz 13.360 MHz to 17.900 MHz
4.700 MHz to 5.450 MHz 17.970 MHz to 21.924 MHz
5.680 MHz to 6.525 MHz 22.000 MHz to 74.800 MHz
6.685 MHz to 8.815 MHz 75.200 MHz to 80.000 MHz
8.965 MHz to 10.005 MHz**

Thanks to KC9DBY for the chart!

Officer	Call	Name	Phone	E-Mail
President	N9OQK	Bill Dusenbery	618-398-1456	wdusenb@siue.edu
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Secretary	KB0MWG	Bill Coby	314-351-1764	bcoby@earthlink.net
Treasurer	KC9DBY	Charles Lust	618-344-3358	squirrel-nest@papadocs.com
Trustee (06)	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Trustee (05)	AA9UX	Roy Hurt	618-877-4113	roy@apci.net
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Trustee (06)	N9PPJ	Marty Schultz	618-692-0584	martyisc@charter.net
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W9AIU License Trustee	AA9RT	Lou Cassidy	618-656-7052	aa9rt@arrl.net

SKYWARN TRAINING

St. Louis County Police R.A.C.E.S. / SKYWARN Program

Thursday, March 3, 2005: Affton Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Rd.
Level 1- 7PM – 10PM

Saturday, March 5,, 2005: Affton Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Rd.
Level 1- 9AM-12Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM

Thursday, March 10, 2005: Queeny Park Recreation Center, 550 Weidman Rd.
Level 1- 7PM - 10PM

Saturday, March 12, 2005: Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West
Level 1- 9AM-12Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM

Saturday, March 19, 2005: Crestwood City Hall, 1 Detjen Dr. at Sappington
Level 1- 9AM- 12 Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM

Saturday, March 26, 2005: Queeny Park Recreation Center, 550 Weidman Rd.
Level 1- 9AM- 12 Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM

Saturday, April 2, 2005: Hazelwood West High School, 1 Wildcat Drive
Level 1- 9AM- 12 Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM

Saturday, April 9, 2005: St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley, 3400 Pershall Rd.
Level 1- 9AM- 12 Noon, Level 2- 1-4PM
(Registration required-this class only, call 314-595-4444; the class is free)

Thursday, September 22, 2005: Affton Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Rd.
Level 1- 7PM -10PM

Amateur Radio Class:

St. Louis County EOC in Chesterfield- Amateur Radio Technician Class starts in late March or April, contact us for details. There is no cost (except for the book) but pre-registration is essential as the class will not be held if there are not enough participants. PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND! Contact us at: MRedman@stlouisco.com for details.

Attend one of the most comprehensive weather observer training programs in the Midwest, with numerous informative handouts, door prizes, and related materials. Certification provided. For information call 314-615-7857, the severe weather information line, or on the internet at: <http://www.stlouisco-skywarn.org>. More than just a spotter class- information that could save your life!

St. Louis County Police R.A.C.E.S./SKYWARN, Since 1955

Time Magazine Slams Hams!

Seems Time Magazine has a beef with Amateur Radio. This week's issue (December 27) has an article on "blogs" on page 109. **In the article** the following sentence will surely grab the attention of Ham Radio operators and stamp collectors - "Before this year, blogs were a curiosity, a cult phenomenon, a faintly **embarrassing hobby on the order of HAM RADIO and stamp collecting.**" Letters to the editor can be sent to letters@time.com.

A couple of response letters to the editor of Time Magazine follow;

I don't even know what "blogs" refer to, but the derogatory comments towards Ham Radio and Stamp Collecting should be enough for us engaged in these hobbies to flood the editor with letters of objection with threats to cancel our subscriptions to "Time Magazine" if an apology is not published, along with an article (do some research or ask a Ham), showing the aid that Ham Radio operators provide to the local communities as well as to the world in times of need, such as the present disaster and devastation in the Indian Ocean area, the 2004 Hurricanes in Florida, and every major disaster worldwide that caused power outages and disrupted normal modes of communications.

Stating that Ham Radio is a cult phenomenon and a faintly embarrassing hobby and comparing it to Stamp Collecting is simply wrong as both activities provide for interesting pastimes for hundreds of thousands of people worldwide as well as both providing to the good of mankind, with Ham Radio actually known to have saved many lives through allowing for health and welfare traffic communications when all other means of communications have failed. Hardly embarrassing or a cult phenomenon, but rather a proud service provided by organized and specially educated volunteers whenever and wherever they may be needed! This article is a slap in the face to Ham Radio operators and Philatelists everywhere.

Sincerely,

-=Roger Borowski=- a Ham Radio operator and Philatelic for over

44 years and quite proud of my chosen hobbies, which somewhat go hand in hand by exchanging correspondence, called QSL cards, with other Ham Radio operators from all parts of the world, making for a interesting worldwide stamp collection in addition to meeting thousands of people across the globe, all with a common goal of providing help with the proven most reliable means of communications, as the need arises. Please do some research in the future when you decide to slam some hobby or activity you obviously know little, if anything about.

K9RB@bellsouth.net Dec. 30, 2004

Dear Editor :

I understand that you have printed the following remark about Ham Radio :

"Before this year, blogs were a curiosity, a cult phenomenon, a faintly embarrassing hobby on the order of HAM RADIO and stamp collecting."

Ham Radio, more formally known as Amateur Radio, has been my main hobby since my college years (1961). I had to work rather hard to assemble the knowledge required to participate in this activity, and have always been proud of this accomplishment. Amateur Radio has provided the stimulus for many hundreds of people to learn electronics, which in many cases initiated their careers as technicians or engineers. It would be hard to overestimate the impact this hobby has had on our country and the world at large. To give just one example, our once formidable Zenith Radio Corporation started as a ham radio station in Chicago.

In my opinion, Amateur Radio is no more a subject for embarassment, cultism, or a "curiosity" than the field of electrical engineering, or any of the other professions I have encountered, including the basic sciences and health sciences, which have many members with Amateur radio licenses. I don't believe I have ever encountered a ham who was ashamed of it.

I believe that you should re-examine your attitude on this subject.

Sincerely,

Joe H. McGee, Ph.D., D.M.D.
Amateur Radio Station NX4T

Thanks to Bill, K9KE for the information!

WINTERFEST 2005

St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club, Inc.
Presents—Midwest's Largest Amateur Radio and
Computer Expo

Saturday January 22nd, 2005

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Gateway Convention Center

One Gateway Center

Collinsville Illinois 62234

Exit #11, Interstate 55/70

11 Miles East of the St. Louis Arch

Talk-in 146.970/146.940

Tables \$20.00, Admission \$5.00 { \$6.00 at the Door }

Great Door Prizes
To be Announced
Hourly Drawings for
Radio Related Equipment

300 Exhibitor Tables
New & Used Ham Gear
Computers and Software
Free Parking



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Meetings are held at the Granite City Campus of Southwestern Illinois College, IL Rte 203 South & Maryville Rd.
 Weekly 2 meter Net is on 146.790 (127.3) every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. PLEASE CHECK IN !!
 Weekly 10-10 Net is on 28.420USB every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. PLEASE JOIN US !!
 License Testing is 2nd Thursday of even-numbered months. Contact Jerry AI9G at 618-656-6523 for info.

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 2m Net 7:00 PM	5 10-X Net 28.420 USB 7PM	6 Club Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8
9	10	11 2m Net 7:00 PM	12 10-X Net 28.420 USB 7PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 2m Net 7:00 PM	19 10-X Net 28.420 USB 7PM	20	21	22
23	24	25 2m Net 7:00 PM	26 10-X Net 28.420 USB 7PM	27	28	29
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