

# PODUNK HOLLOW NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

## April 2018

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442.400 + PL 127.3 in Edwardsville, IL

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### Radio Amateurs Pitch In to Help as “Hat Trick” of Major Coastal Storms Hit Northeast

03/20/2018

Amateur Radio volunteers with [WX1BOX](#) at the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts, and various ARES groups had their hands full during March, as Mother Nature’s hat trick of nor’easters brought severe weather conditions and a lot of snow to the northeastern US. The storms caused the Cape Cod ARES team to extend activations for [SKYWARN](#), [WX1BOX](#), and regional shelter operations.

“This has been a very active period of significant severe weather for the region after a relatively quiet stretch from late January through the end of February,” observed Rob Macedo, [KD1CY](#), the Eastern Massachusetts Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator for [SKYWARN](#).

The first in the trio of nor’easters — on March 2 and 3 — brought mostly heavy rain and wet snow to parts of Massachusetts, Connecticut, eastern New York, and northern New England. Strong to damaging winds swept central and southern New England, with hurricane-force gusts across southeastern New England and Cape Cod and the Islands. The storm caused severe coastal flooding across multiple high-tide cycles.

[WX1BOX](#) volunteers were active for 17 hours straight, and afterward, some continued to monitor high tides and strong winds, which persisted into the weekend. The volunteers handled more than 1,000 reports of wind damage, wind gusts measured 40 MPH or higher, localized road flooding from heavy rainfall, and coastal flooding. At the height of the storm, nearly a half million customers in Massachusetts alone lost electrical power. Macedo said Amateur Radio nets were active on repeaters, and on the [New England reflector](#) on EchoLink® conference node 9123/\*NEW-ENG3\*/IRLP 9123 system.

“Some of the highest astronomical tides of the year coupled with wind gusts of more than 70 MPH — and as high as 93 MPH at the Barnstable County, Massachusetts, emergency operations center (EOC) — to trigger some of the worst coastal flooding in decades,” Macedo recounted.

Eastern Massachusetts ARES was on stand-by, and Cape Cod ARES was

active for several days with a regional sheltering operation until power was largely restored to Cape Cod. “Marc Stern, WA1R, guarded the HF net on 75 meters during the nor’easter,” Eastern Massachusetts Section Emergency Coordinator Marek Kozubal, KB1NCG, reported. WC1MAB at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Region 2 Headquarters was also active through the efforts of Mike “Sparky” Leger, N1YLQ.

Only a few days later, a second nor’easter brought heavier snowfall to southern New England, although winds and coastal flooding were not as severe as in the first storm. In the interior of southern New England, temperatures hovering around freezing meant heavy wet snow, sparking another round of downed trees and power lines and nearly a half-million customers without power in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Eastern Massachusetts ARES was on standby during the storm and for several days afterward until most power was restored.

At WX1BOX, another 14 hours of SKYWARN operations ensued. Amateur Radio nets in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island fielded reports of heavy snowfall, including “thunder snow,” wet snow damage, strong gusty winds, heavy rainfall, and minor coastal flooding. Widespread snowfall amounts totaled up to 16 inches in interior southern New England. As much as 30 inches of snow fell in western Massachusetts as well as in parts of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.

Macedo said it became clear from SKYWARN reports that the region would experience extended power outages. “These reports were noted by state emergency management and the media, and used to inform the public about storm risks and to prepare and act accordingly,” Macedo said. SKYWARN nets were also active in the Greater New York City area, reporting damage from wet snow, strong winds, thunder snow, and snowfall totals.

The third storm turned out to be a major nor’easter and blizzard that affected the entire New England region with heavy snowfall — 2 feet or more in more northern areas. Wind gusts greater than 70 MPH across Cape Cod and the Islands, combined with the weight of wet snow, took down trees and utility lines. “Minor coastal flooding also occurred at high tide, but lower astronomical tides again precluded a more significant coastal flood event,” Macedo said. Eastern Massachusetts ARES went on standby once more after blizzard warnings were posted.

SKYWARN nets were active throughout the region, gathering snowfall and wind reports from around southern New England. WX1BOX volunteers were on duty for 16 hours, bringing the monthly total to 47. Macedo said,

“The [National Weather Service] Forecast Office is in the process of moving, but antennas for VHF/UHF were left in place, and volunteers provided their own gear to operate over the course of these three nor’easters.”

Wind gusts well into the hurricane range were recorded on Cape Cod, along with significant damage from the wet snow, and seven Cape Cod ARES volunteers provided communication at shelters, as cell phone service was disrupted during the blizzard. Cape Cod ARES District Emergency Coordinator Frank O’Laughlin, WQ1O, said the volunteers “seamlessly” transitioned from providing situational awareness to addressing communication failures. He said six ham volunteers supported the regional shelter operation, and two of them put in more than 50 straight hours.

The storm-weary northeast is monitoring another potential coastal storm or nor’easter that could hit at mid-week. — *Thanks to Rob Macedo, KD1CY*

Practice Message Handling Net

Sunday's 6:30 pm

146.79 PL 127.3

Practice messages will be posted on the

Egyptian Radio Club

Facebook page Saturday evening

You can practice reading or copying the messages.

No Net Easter Sunday



# 2018 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION! [WWW.STLARES.ORG](http://WWW.STLARES.ORG)

## FEBRUARY

5<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – ARES Simplex Exercise

12<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #1

10<sup>th</sup> – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #2

12<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #3

24<sup>th</sup> – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #4 &  
Field Exam

## APRIL

9<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> – Winlink Express Class

## MAY

14<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup> – Tour de Cure, Alton, IL\*

4<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Field Day (overnight) @ Jefferson  
Barracks Park

## JULY

9<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## AUGUST

4<sup>th</sup> – Lupus Bike Ride, Eureka, MO\*

6<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> – Repeater Switching Exercise

13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – MS Bike Ride, Godfrey, IL\*

13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> – Simulated Emergency Test

8<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## NOVEMBER

12<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

All meetings, exercises and classroom training sessions are open to everyone. Classroom training sessions require registration. Check [STLARES.ORG](http://STLARES.ORG) website for info.

*\*Public Service Events, may require additional training / registration outside of St. Louis Metro ARES/RACES*

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## Hospital Ship Crew Members Get Amateur Radio Training at Sea

03/23/2018

On February 21, US Army civilian contractor Tim Millea, AJ7UU, and MARS Volunteer Doug Smith, W7KF, embarked on the hospital ship USNS *Mercy* from San Diego to Hawaii to begin its deployment for "Pacific Partnership 2018" (PP18), a humanitarian assistance exercise that will include several Pacific stops. Their mission during the first leg of the voyage was to conduct Technician and General Amateur Radio classes for more than a dozen military and civilian personnel crewing the Military Sealift Command hospital ship, and to provide training in military HF communication procedures.

The pair provided two or three training classes a day for the crew, who took the classes following their work shifts. Classroom training was interspersed with on-air activities in the ship's Amateur Radio room. The *Mercy* is utilizing the Weak Signal Propagation Reporting (WSPR) tool under K6MRC.

On March 3, the *Mercy* docked in Hawaii, where a group of local Volunteer Examiners (VEs), headed by ARRL Pacific Section Manager Joe Speroni, AH0A, administered Technician and General licensing exams to the students.

"The ARRL VE Team in Honolulu was fantastic to work with," Smith told ARRL. "Due to spotty internet connectivity while at sea and strict base access and security issues in port, the VEs in Hawaii had to exhibit extraordinary patience and persistence to administer the exams aboard *Mercy*." Smith singled out ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, for being "super helpful throughout this endeavor." More than 18 sailors and civilians assigned to the USNS *Mercy* passed their Amateur Radio exams, administered on March 3 in Pearl Harbor. The successful candidates had their new call signs or upgraded tickets by March 5.

Among those upgrading was Captain David Bretz, WH6FIR, the PP18 Mission Commander. "I am very excited to host the trainers on *Mercy*," Bretz said. "We will be researching the effectiveness of using Amateur Radio aboard the *Mercy* for the duration of PP18. Amateur Radio operators have played a huge role throughout history assisting in humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. I am looking forward to gathering research on how this older technology can still be relevant in current humanitarian and disaster relief missions, such as PP18." The *Mercy* arrived in Guam this week.

PP18 has a [Facebook page](#). — *Thanks to Doug Smith, W7KF, and Robert Mims, WA1O EZ, Region 1 US Army MARS Director*

Illinois ARES

WINLINK

All,

Throughout our discussions on our conference calls, face to face meetings, etc, the topic of the WinLink system in Illinois remains a topic of continued discussion. I believe we should continue to add stations/nodes/digipeaters as an effort to link districts and counties together. Jim, WB9QPM, ( [judson1@consolidated.net](mailto:judson1@consolidated.net) ) has done extensive work in converting the older state police radios to transmit on 145.610, adding a power cord with Anderson Power Poles and a TNC cable.

If you can install one of these units, please contact Jim directly and let him know. I will be making a trip to Jim's house to pick up some units that have already been spoken for on Tuesday at the earliest and Wednesday at the latest. If you have a place to put a unit up, please let Jim know. If you already have a Winlink station up and running, it would be good to have a backup unit ready to go if needed.

Let's complete this project in 2018 to link all of us together.

73

Fritz

Three nearby Hamfests in April

April Fool's Fest April 7

# April Fools' Fest 2018

Ham Radio Flea Market and Convention

West Richland Center  
IL-250 East, Noble, IL

Admission \$4  
12-under Free

8am-Noon

Yaesu FTM-100dr Grand Prize ■ Tailgating ■ Hourly Prizes ■  
BBQ Pulled Pork ■ Indoor Table Space (\$5 ea.) ■ VE Testing

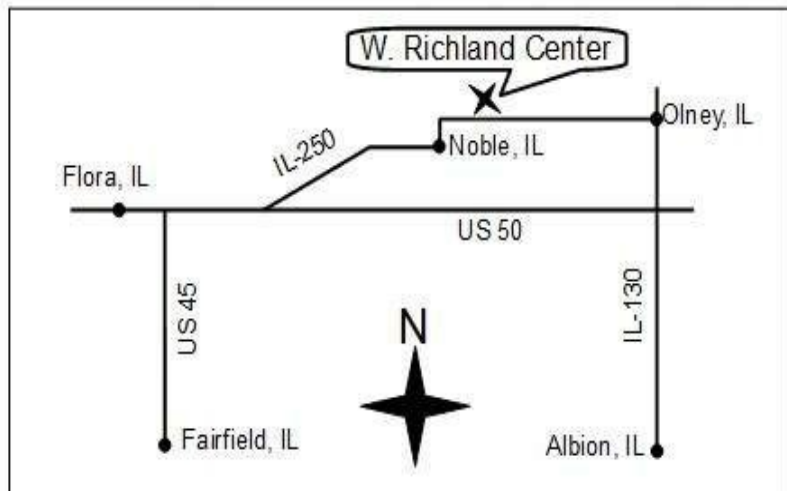
Directions:

**From Flora**, take US Highway 50 East 12 miles to IL Highway 250. Turn Northeast on IL 250 and follow this highway through Noble. The hamfest will be on your left on the east edge of Noble.

**From Olney**, take IL Highway 250 west 8 miles to Noble. The hamfest will be on your right as you come in to Noble.

Talk-In: 146.760- PL 94.8 (Noble 2m Repeater)

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Sullivan Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/14/2018

Start Date: 04/14/2018

End Date: 04/14/2018

Location: Sullivan American Legion

8 East Strain Street

Sullivan, IL 61951

Lewis and Clark Radio Club Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/21/2018

Start Date: 04/21/2018

End Date: 04/21/2018

Location: Lewis and Clark Community College -

Riverbend Arena

US Route 67



# Egyptianfest 2018

**June 10 7am-Noon**

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<http://w9aiu.org/index.php/egyptianfest> {click the buy ticket button}

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Your [Illinois Section News](#) is located at <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/illinois>

[Affiliated Club Registration and Renewal](#) - Noah Sevcik K9BZY has set up a link to allow one place for clubs to get registered. There is a link [here](#) to do the paperwork.

[2016 Illinois Interoperability Field Operations Guide](#) - This manual is updated every two years and is available for download in the files section of the Section News.

### Cabinet Members

[SM/AD--Ron Morgan AD9I](#)

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[ASM/STM Roy R Eades KA9MZJ](#)

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[SEC--Fritz Bock WD9FMB](#)

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[PIC -- Vicky Whitaker KD9BAU](#)

[SGL -- Charlie Richey K9DUE](#)

[ACC -- Noah Sevcik, K9BZY](#)

[TC--John Dinnella WA9IL](#)

[ASEC--Robert Littler W9DSR](#)

[ASEC--Danny Pease NG9R](#)

[ASEC--Garret Robinson KC9FVK](#)

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[ASEC--Curtis Williams W5DTR](#)

### District Emergency Coordinators:

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[District 6--](#)

[District 7--Josh Kittle, N9WEW,](#)

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### Newsletter Topics

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[Illinois Sideband Net](#) webpage

[Illinois Nets](#) This is a link to the open Amateur Nets

==> Club Presentations

[Impedance Matching by Ward Silver](#)



## MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

Cecil Higgins, AC0HA

I want to thank all the MO Section Amateur Radio Club's, groups and individuals that are working so hard to get new or upgraded repeaters on the air. Without all your hard work we wouldn't be able to communicate so easily while traveling across our great state. It's always a relief to know that regardless of cell phone reception, we usually have communications where we are thanks to repeaters and hams actively monitoring their radios to help those that may need it.

I want to let those that may have missed the announcement that Missouri now has a DMR channel available for ARES use. This channel is open to non-ARES group hams but was designated for ARES as primary use in case of an emergency. The channel number is 31290. Your color code will be assigned by your DMR coordinator in your area. I want to thank Chuck Kraly with Bridgecom for his help in getting this done.

Severe storm season is almost on us. Please be vigilant in watching out for each other during severe storms. Make sure your batteries are charged and that your equipment is in good repair. A well-organized Go Kit that has necessities like water, snacks, spare batteries and other items that will help support your service to the community.

### MARCH 2018 HAMFEST

On March 24, 2018 the Ozark Amateur Radio Society will hold its Springtime Hamfest. The Hamfest will be held at the MARC or Mount Vernon Arts and Recreation Center at 822 West Mt. Vernon Blvd. in Mount Vernon, MO 65712. The contact person for the OARS Springtime Hamfest is David Brittenham, WAØRVK 5101 Farm Road 1090 Monett, MO 65708. David can be reached by Phone: 417-235-4998 or by Email: [wa0rvk@arrl.net](mailto:wa0rvk@arrl.net). You can also go to the OARS website at <http://w0oar.com>. To assist those attending the Hamfest there will be a talk-in on 146.97 MHz (PL 162.5).

### APRIL 2018 HAMFEST and CONVENTIONS

The Four State QRP Group's OzarkCon QRP Convention begins on April 6, 2018 and ends on April 7, 2018 in Branson, Missouri. The event will be located in the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center 3050 Green Mountain Road Branson, MO 65615. For more information about the 2018 OzarkCon, check out their webpage at <http://www.ozarkcon.com/index.php8>. The Website is excellent with lots of pictures of previous OzarkCon activities and a great list of the fun and educational activities scheduled for this year. Those wanting more info should contact Walter Dufraim, K5EST, 340 Highway WW Wright City, MO 63390. Walter's Phone is 636-384-9234 and his Email: [ozarkconcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkconcoordinator@gmail.com).

The Ararat Shrine Hambash 2018 will be held April 21st at the Ararat Shrine Event Center 5100 Ararat Drive in Kansas City, MO 64101

For the latest information about the Hambash 2018, visit the Website: <http://www.hambash.com>. The Hambash 2018 contact person is Chester Hallberg, KØTCB 4830 West 78th Street Prairie Village, KS 66208. His Phone: 208-598-0094 and Email: [chesterh4830@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chesterh4830@sbcglobal.net). The Talk-In will be on 145.130 (no PL tone)

### AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

The Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Association Newsletter reports that their Amateur Radio Technicians Class is scheduled to last for 2 more weeks. The next class is Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Later Day

Saint church at 2414 Katy Lane in Poplar Bluff. The class is free, the textbook is \$25, and the Technician's Exam is \$15. Students must provide a Xeroxed copy of their driver's license and one other form of identification before the exam.

Robb Bledsoe, KC9NNT, reports that the ARES group recently attended a First Responder tour of the Black River Medical Center. The group toured the facility and learned the capabilities of the medical center, as well as toured the FEMA Emergency Communications trailer located there. ARES members were given access to the trailer pretty much carte blanc. ARES members will be setting up the HF and VHF radios for local use. A pitch for gaining amateur radio licenses was made to the entire group of first responders. To join the ARES group, contact Holly Beard, KE0OJE, and let her know that you're interested.

The SEMO Amateur Radio Association meets the second Thursday of each month in the Rescue Mission at 400 Broadway (next to the Fire Department) in downtown Poplar Bluff. Everyone is welcome.

The Callaway Amateur Radio League newsletter SPARKGAPS reports that their regular meetings will be held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Fulton PD, At the February meeting, Pam Phelps, KC0MKW, announced that magnetic badges are available and members need to provide their information to have the badges made. At the last CARL meeting there was discussion about future 2018 projects: One item was concerned with the acquisition of a 2m portable repeater. Another thread of the discussing was the size and features of the equipment necessary to outfit an emergency trailer. This included the costs, maintenance, and insurance for a trailer. Jerry Dickerson, KD0TYW, presented the possibility of holding a local "Fox Hunt", but nothing was finalized at the meeting.

Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, reported on Larry's List about the connection between Amateur Radio and the Boy Scouts. Keith correctly stated that the support for the Boy Scout program in the Kansas City Amateur Radio community is one of the best in the country. Amateur Radio and the BSA go hand in hand in helping our youth make ethical and moral choices over their entire lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Helping to support this work in the BSA, on the National level is the K2BSA Organization. Additionally the BSA and the ARRL have worked together since 1918, 100 years now, when the Wireless Merit Badge was first introduced. This continues today in the Radio Merit Badge, the Operator Rating Strip, the Morse Interpreter Strip, the ARRL Service to Scouting Award and a variety of new Ham related advancement requirement at all levels of the Scouting program.

The K2BSA Amateur Radio Association is a IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit that operates to support Radio Scouting and is considered the amateur radio station of the Boy Scouts of America National Council. A full lifetime membership is only \$12 available on there website at <http://k2bsa.net> please consider joining. And while your there look over the huge collection of resources available to help with your upcoming JOTA event this October.

If you have additional question please look for the Radio Scouting table at the Ararat Shrine Hambash this April 21st. Ask the Venture Scouts who will be helping to man it what they think of the crossroads between Amateur Radio and the BSA.

#### SECTION ARES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

JEFF YOUNG, KB3HF, SEC.

Total # ARES Members	11280
Number of Drills, Testing, Etc.	206
Number of Ham Hours	2027.2
Number of Public Service Events	21
Number of Public Service Hours	374
Number of Emergency Operations	4
Number of Ham hours Emer. Op.	20
Number of Skywarn Ops this month	15

Number of Skywarn Hours 238.5  
Total ARES Operations this month 247  
Total Ham Hours 2659.7  
9 out of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS FEBRUARY 2018

LARRY WILSON, K0RWL, STM

MO SECTION Net (MON), 30/146/24, net mngr K9ZTV  
M0 TRAFFIC NET, 28/1495/144 /, net mngr K0RWL  
MESN,4/231/1, net mngr KD0CNC  
LEBANON ARES, 4/44/0, net mngr KF4MXF  
CALLAWAY (CARL) CO, 4/73/4/, net mngr KC0LYA  
BOONE (CMRA) CO, 4/65/0, net mngr KC0HSB  
JACKSON CO, 4 /91/0, net mngr K0UAA  
MACON CO, 4/58/0, net mngr K0KY  
ROLLA (RRARS), 28/326/0, net mngr KE0ARR  
TEXAS CO, 28/456/27, net mngr N0TPE  
BENTON CO, 4/50/3, net mngr KD0CNC  
MID-MO, 0/0/0, net mngr WW0G  
K. C. ARES DIGITAL, 4/40/10 net mngr K0KEX  
FRANKLIN CO, 6/56/7, n et mngr AD0OI  
NORTHLAND ARES VOICE, 4/114/1, net mngr K0KEX  
TRI-COUNTY, 4/37/0, net mngr N0AUY  
DISTRICT E, 6/39/7, net mngr N0RIC  
HANNIBAL ARES, 5/144/3 net mngr KD0HHN  
JACKSON CO ARES DIG. 4/32/5 net mngr N0AJI  
KD0HHN-LIAISON, 1/1/201, net mngr KD0HHN  
HOWARD CO, 4/34/0, net mngr WD6BGN  
WARRCI, 5/144/3, net mngr KB0HV  
MONTGOMERY TRAINING, 4/29/2, net mngrK2HT  
KC NORTH ARES DMR, 4/41/0, net mngr KA0SXY  
FSQcall-MO 4/49/1, net mngr KA0OTL  
CASS CO, 2/16/0, net mngr KD0RSX  
TOTALS 175/3809/499

Egyptian Radio Club General meeting March 1, 2018

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Pat Walkup KC0ZIW, Mike Phillips N0RSP, Jim Williamson KD9FQC, Terry Bell N9BEL, Bill Dusenberry N9OQK, Chuck Hoxsey KD9JKP, Martha Burich KC9WUE, Marty Schultz N9PPJ, Jack Leverick KC9KY, Jean Wilson, KC9MDC, Bill Schmidt WA0JCO, John Sundstrom WA0LIS, Bob Young W9MO, Robert Madoux KB9JE, Nick Dochwat new ham, Randy Bastin KC9MZ, Bobby Williams new ham, Ron Wright N9ADJ

Treasure Report given by John Fuesting , accepted by membership

Minutes presented in newsletter by Bob Evans accepted

**Mike Philips** asked about the annual cost of the Webhosting John Fuesting explained the cost

### **Repeater Report**

Jack Leverick repeater cavity set to the club, which we will use on the 440.200 repeater saving the club about \$1,600

Marty found crystals for the the 442.400 repeater

Jack Leverick reminded the club that AMH Tower has offered two climbers for six hours for \$1,020 to work on the KDNL tower site, Monday – Friday only.

**Hamfest:** Justin reported that Jacob is willing to give a presentation

**Education:** Bob Evans reported he had a weekend open April 28,29 if anyone is interested in needing a License upgrade class to let him know.

**Mike Phillips** requested an inventory of everything the club would like to insure, insurance is due July 1. The Repeater team is to put together a list.

**Bill Schmidt** knows someone who might be willing to give a class on FT8 and other modes in the class room.

**John Sundstrom** reported that the Illinois Repeater Association annual meeting is March 17 in Champaign and that he will be attending and reporting back to the club.

License testing this evening of individuals resulted in two new Techs and two new Generals, congratulations.

Submitted by

Bob Evans AA9FQ

# Announcements

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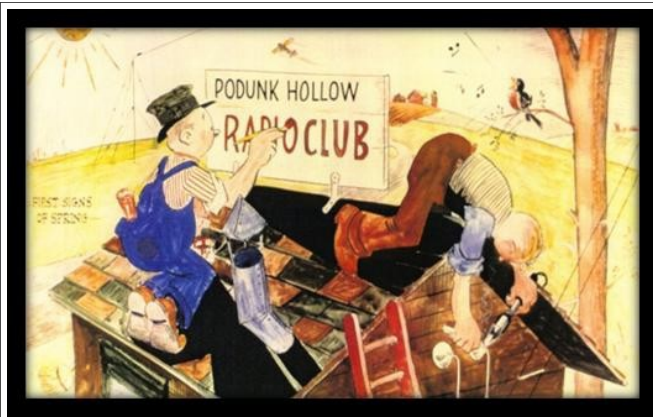
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The club has a informal net every Tuesday at 8:00pm on 146.76. The PL and time-out timer are turned off for the net. You do **NOT** need to be a member to participate or use the repeater, as it is open to **ALL** licensed Amateurs. Be sure to "stop in" and say hi!

Anyone interested in joining the Egyptian Radio Club will find an application at the end of this newsletter.

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