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The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

June 2018

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Hamvention 2018: ARRL Renews Memorandum of Understanding with SATERN, Promotes Partnerships at Forum

05/18/2018

ARRL and The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) today renewed the *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)* between the two organizations that spells out how they will work together in disaster and emergency responses. ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, signed the *MoU* on behalf of ARRL on Hamvention's opening day in Xenia, Ohio. SATERN National Liaison Bill Feist, WB8BZH, represented SATERN at the signing and delivered a copy of the *MoU* already signed by The Salvation Army. ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, said ARRL and SATERN have enjoyed a formal working relationship since 1976, and that the *MoU* was up for renewal.

"We spent the last year fine-tuning, updating, revising it and got the green light last week to do the signing here at Hamvention," Corey said. "It's a fitting time for The Salvation Army and SATERN, as SATERN is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. So it was a double celebration for them." Corey said Feist was closely involved with the Amateur Radio response last fall in the wake of the devastating Caribbean hurricanes.

The *MoU* "defines the partnership" between ARRL and SATERN and The Salvation Army, in which ARRL and SATERN agree to work together toward common goals, particularly in disaster response, Corey said. "It opens the possibility for sharing of resources," he noted. "That's always important; we saw that last fall." Another important aspect is working together to identify and recruit volunteers. "Net controls are always in need," he added. Corey said ARRL and SATERN also have agreed to coordinate their disaster response activities, to eliminate duplication of effort.

"We had an effective and coordinated Amateur Radio response in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands last fall," Corey said.

SATERN meets regularly on 14.265 MHz SSB, and the net is activated for extended periods during disaster and emergency response activities.

The subject of cooperation was the focus of an ARRL Hamvention forum, "Building Partnerships." Leading the discussion were Corey and FEMA Community Partnership Specialist Sarah Byrne. More than 100 interested radio amateurs attended.

Byrne outlined the four "Cs" of partnerships: Collaboration, Communication, Cooperation, and Coordination.

Corey reminded those attending the forum that partnerships are only as good as the people participating in them. "It can often come down to one person, and how they interact with the group," he said.

To illustrate their points, Corey and Byrne called up three volunteers from the audience and gave each a scenario that required a partnership to achieve. The volunteers then picked three more volunteers as partners. After a few minutes of intense discussions, the new "partners" outlined what resources they had determined were available to them and what the next steps were in this partnership was to go forward to achieve its objectives.

"Successful partnerships doesn't always mean that everything went right," Corey reminded the audience. "In fact, it's learning from the things that didn't work out as planned that strengthens and deepens a relationship between partners." — *Thanks to ARRL Communication Manager Dave Isgur, N1RSN, and QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY*

Hamvention 2018 - Saturday Roundup

05/19/2018

As with most Dayton Hamventions, Saturday was the big day. The crowds were large with streams of people moving from building to building. The rain showers persisted, accompanied by an afternoon thunderstorm, but the wet episodes were relatively brief. Most attendees had come prepared with everything from umbrellas to rain ponchos.

Hamvention's attempts to mitigate last year's mud issues in the flea market area seemed to help, although the relentless rain proved to be a challenge. As a result, the indoor exhibits appeared to receive the lion's share of the traffic.

Perhaps because of the continued rain, the forums were also well attended. The RTTY contesting forum, for example, was almost standing room only for the presentation by ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director Ned Stearns, AA7A, about FT8 as a possible replacement for RTTY in contest applications.

The ARRL membership forum also drew a substantial crowd. After comments by president Rick Roderick, K5UR, Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, presented a detailed discussion of potential

changes to the ARRL ARES program.

All of the “big three” Japanese manufacturers debuted their newest transceivers at Hamvention 2018: Icom’s IC-7610, Kenwood’s TS-890S, and the Yaesu FTdx-101D. Not to be outdone, Flexradio showed off its new Flex 6400M and Flex-6600M transceivers. CommRadio presented its CTX-10, a compact SDR-based QRP transceiver. Look for more information about these new products and others in the August issue of QST.

For interviews and more, listen to the Saturday edition of the ARRL Audio News Extra podcast. Subscribers will receive the podcast automatically while others and listen online at <https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/>.

Hamvention 2018 - Sunday Roundup

05/20/2018

Hamvention 2018 is history. It was a rain-plagued event . . . until today. On Sunday, the Sun burst forth and the bargain hunters flocked to the Xenia Fairgrounds. A number of exhibitors commented that it was the largest Hamvention Sunday attendance that they had seen in a long time.

This Hamvention may also be remembered for the number of new products that debuted at the show. In addition to the new transceivers we reported in yesterday’s summary, there were many other new products ranging from CW keys, to digital mode interfaces, to audio processors, and RF power amplifiers.

Young attendees seemed to be in greater evidence this year, including teams of students interested in combining Amateur Radio with robotics. For example, the **First Robotics** competition teams were present and demonstrating their creations.

In the same area, the HamSCI exhibitors received considerable attention, both from veteran amateurs and younger amateurs alike.

The weather notwithstanding, the mood was clearly upbeat. The open layout of the Xenia Fairgrounds drew compliments as attendees found it much easier to navigate than the previous Hara Arena venue. The Dayton Amateur Radio Association also received kudos for their smooth management of the event.

And no Hamvention 2018 summary would be complete without a mention of the food trucks. The food vendors drew rave reviews with delights ranging from standard carnival fare to ethnic cuisines.

The last ARRL Audio News Extra Edition podcast from Hamvention will be posted Sunday evening for subscribers. You can also listen online [here](#).

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

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2018 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION! WWW.STLARES.ORG

FEBRUARY

5th – Planning Committee Meeting

10th – ARES Simplex Exercise

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

MARCH

3rd – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #1

10th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #2

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

17th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #3

24th – Intro. to Emergency Comm Class #4 & Field Exam

APRIL

9th – Planning Committee Meeting

16th – Regular Monthly Meeting

28th – Winlink Express Class

MAY

14th – Regular Monthly Meeting

JUNE

2nd – Tour de Cure, Alton, IL*

4th – Planning Committee Meeting

11th – Regular Monthly Meeting

23rd & 24th – Field Day (overnight) @ Jefferson Barracks Park

JULY

9th – Regular Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

4th – Lupus Bike Ride, Eureka, MO*

6th – Planning Committee Meeting

11th – Repeater Switching Exercise

13th – Regular Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

8th & 9th – MS Bike Ride, Godfrey, IL*

13th – Regular Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

1st – Planning Committee Meeting

6th – Simulated Emergency Test

8th – Regular Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

12th – Regular Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

3rd – Planning Committee Meeting

10th – Regular Monthly Meeting

All meetings, exercises and classroom training sessions are open to everyone. Classroom training sessions require registration. Check STLARES.ORG website for info.

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ARRL Business Services Manager Debra Jahnke, K1DAJ, SK

05/21/2018

ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ, of Colchester, Connecticut, died on May 17 after a lengthy illness. She was 66 and had been on the ARRL Headquarters staff for nearly 40 years, starting as a file clerk. She went on to serve as Deputy Circulation Manager, Circulation Manager, Publication Sales and Warehouse Manager, and as Business Services Manager (including Advertising). She met her husband of 31 years, ARRL Contest Branch Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, at Headquarters.

“This is a tremendous loss for the ARRL,” said ARRL CEO Barry Shelley, N1VXY. “Those of us who knew Deb will miss her remarkable spirit and direct approach to both the work of the ARRL and life. Deb loved the outdoors, including sharing time with family in her flower garden, and with their dogs and her rescue horses.”

She enjoyed the fall foliage, and one of her favorite places to visit was Harkness Memorial State Park on the Connecticut shoreline in Waterford.

For many years, she was a fixture at Hamvention® and at other major Amateur Radio shows, organizing and overseeing the operation of ARRL's exhibit and store. Deb Jahnke attended Newington High School and Central Connecticut State University.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their daughters Samantha and Ashley. No public services are planned at this time.

The family has requested that contributions be made in Debra Jahnke's name to the [American Cancer Society](#), the [Shriners Hospitals for Children](#), or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#). Friends may leave remembrances on the Belmont Funeral Home site.

Illinois ARES

WINLINK

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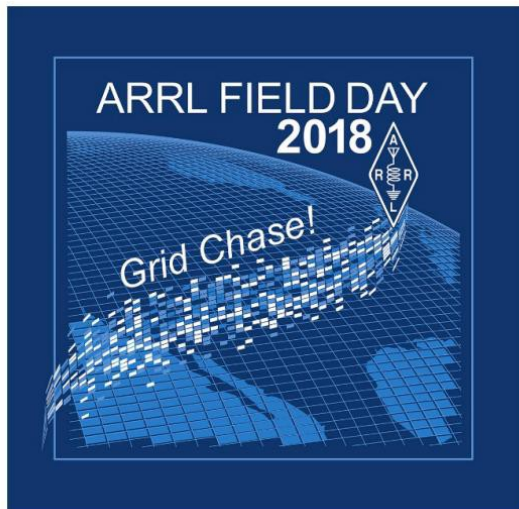
Throughout our discussions on our conference calls, face to face meetings, etc, the topic of the WinLink system in Illinois remains a topic of continued discussion. I believe we should continue to add stations/nodes/digipeaters as an effort to link districts and counties together. Jim, WB9QPM, (judson1@consolidated.net) 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



What is Field Day? It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

This year The Egyptian Radio Club will be featuring a GOTA (Get On The Air) Station , where anyone under supervision can get on the air. The GOTA station will be available on June 23 from 1 pm to 5pm.

The Egyptian Radio Club will hold Field Day starting at 1pm on Saturday June 23 until June 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church 2600 Washington Ave Granite City, Il. The Public is encouraged to drop by and see what amateur radio is about.

For more information contact Bob: AA9FQ@ARRL.NET



Egyptianfest 2018

June 10 7am-Noon

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..... ILLINOIS SECTION NEWS

IARU Contest Update: This year two Illinois Section stations will host the call sign NU1AW. Craig Thompson K9CT will host the CW portion and Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z will host the phone poortion of the band.

Object: To contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

Date and Contest Period: The second full weekend of July, beginning 1200 UTC Saturday and ending 1159 UTC Sunday (July 14-15, 2018). Both Single and Multi operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.

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Update on Logbook of the World and CQ Awards (4/18)

ARRL and CQ Magazine Announce Launch of CQ's WAZ Award Support on ARRL's Logbook of the World

Newington, CT and Hicksville, NY – April 2, 2018 Officials from CQ magazine and ARRL, The national association for Amateur Radio®, are excited to announce the launch of support for CQ magazine's Worked All Zones (WAZ) award program on ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) system, effective Monday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. EDT (14:00 UTC).

The goal of the project was to create the proper technical support system to enable amateur radio operators to submit LoTW confirmations for WAZ credit and that has been accomplished, say CQ and ARRL officials.

"We are very pleased that participants in CQ's WAZ award program will now be able to use their LoTW confirmations for award credit," said CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "CQ WPX Award participants have found it very helpful and we are sure it will be equally helpful for those pursuing WAZ and its many variations."

ARRL First Vice President Greg Widin, K0GW, concurred. "Users of LoTW have been telling us for some time that they would like to use QSLs from LoTW to apply for the WAZ award. They will now be able to select confirmations to be used for WAZ credit."

Beta testing for bringing CQ magazine's WAZ award program into ARRL's LoTW system had been underway since mid-December. Any problems in the implementation discovered by testers were corrected by the technical support team. Also, the documentation has been improved by feedback from the testers. At the same time, each LoTW user was given an additional WAZ account. Standard LoTW credit fees and separate CQ award fees will apply.

Logbook of the World is ARRL's electronic confirmation system for amateur radio contacts. It provides a confirmation when both stations in a contact submit their logs to the system and a match between the logs is confirmed. LoTW has supported the CQ WPX Award program since 2012.

Amateur Radio Month in Illinois

Toward the end of May, Governor Rauner will be issuing a proclamation designating June as Amateur Radio Month in Illinois. I will be sending you a PDF of the document as soon as it is sent to me.

From a Public Information standpoint, the proclamation is a a great news "hook" that you can use to reach out to media and community organizations in your area to tell them about your club's Field Day plans and about your club and members.

You may have been among those who received an e-mail from me in January (directed primarily club Public Information Officers or Publicity chairs) that sought specific ideas/experiences that helped promote club activities.

Below are some of the ideas ARRL-affiliated clubs across Illinois shared to help all of us be more effective in telling the public about amateur radio.

For Field Day:

If you're trying to draw the public to Field Day, make sure you send an announcement to that effect to your local newspapers, television & radio stations and on-line community calendars (including public libraries and area colleges and universities). Some publications and stations prefer an e-mail, others a press release or phone call. Check in advance. Ask their preferences *and* deadlines for providing information.

A quick flyer can be sent to libraries, schools, and community/supermarket bulletin boards for posting Field Day and Club event announcements.

Field Day can offer some excellent television and newspaper photo ops. Be sure to contact the assignment editors and the photo editors at least 10 days in advance and include a brief description of what you will be doing that would make a good visual (putting up a big antenna, talking on the radio, etc.).

Create a "Fact Sheet" and make it available to the reporter or photographer when they show up. Make sure it that explains Field Day and how, what, when, where, and why your club members are participating in this nationwide emergency communications exercise.

If there is a local radio or television morning talk show in your area, contact the guest coordinator or host by mail, e-mail, or phone to see if they would like to interview you or someone from your club to talk about Field Day. Give yourself time to arrange this. Guests are often booked weeks in advance. Be sure to send the booker/host your Fact Sheet.

For Field Day and in the weeks leading up to it, look for possible human interest stories that might spark a newspaper story or television interview to tie into Field Day.

In this category might be:

- the youngest licensed ham who will be getting on the air.
- the oldest licensed ham who will be getting on the air.
- Scouts working toward their amateur radio merit badge.
- How your club uses what they do on Field Day to interact with the community in emergencies.
- Club members who have traveled to other areas to help with emergency communications.
- School ham clubs who are participating with your club.

Promoting what you do as an organization doesn't stop with the media.

June could be a great time to have representatives of your club speak (and show a powerpoint) about what you do on Field Day and throughout the year in presentations to community organizations like civic groups, service groups, scouts, business groups, libraries, and religious organizations.

If you have a shopping mall nearby, ask permission to set up a working display that promotes Field Day, your club, and ham radio. Flyers, ARRL booklets, even photo display boards may bring in new members and a greater awareness of your club. You may want to partner with other community organizations such as the Red Cross, local hospitals or the National Weather Service.

You might also ask your local officials to also proclaim Amateur Radio Month in your community, a great photo op!

These are just some of the ideas that have come my way. As we head into June, I'd like to share your ideas with other public information officers, publicity chairs and officers in the Section. Please feel free to drop me an e-mail at KD9BAU@gmail.com.

Vicky Whitaker, KD9BAU. ARRL Illinois Section Public Information Coordinator

Pearl Technology STEM Camp, June 18-22, 2018

The STEM Academy is sponsored and put on by Pearl Technology, with the assistance of the University of Illinois Extension, Richwoods Township, Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club, Peoria Heights High School, volunteer Caterpillar engineers, and ISS Above Software.

Twenty-five middle school students will spend June 18-22 attending the STEM Academy held at Goodwill Commons, where they will learn about space and radio communications. The students will build Raspberry Pi computers that stream live video from the ISS. Students will also participate in a high-altitude balloon launch by building the payload with student experiments and then, use radio telemetry to track the balloon to near-space. The highlight of the academy will be when students communicate directly with astronauts on the International Space Station. The ISS contact itself will be open to students of all ages in the local area. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks.

Fritz Bock

WD9FMB

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The Western IL ARC invites all amateurs to a special event to celebrate 2018 as the Bicentennial for the State of Illinois.

To showcase Illinois amateurs during 2018, WIARC, in addition to the ILQP, proposes:

<http://www.w9awe.org/Challenge.html>

WIARC will coordinate with other IL stations as "Activators" to put all 102 counties on the air multiple times during the period August 26, 2018 through December 3, 2018 (including October 21, the day of the ILQP).

Both during ILQP and during the rest of this period, activations will be coordinated through the ILQP

Reflector <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%20Reflector.html>. "Activators" are encouraged to post plans on the reflector, and a weekly update of "Planned Operations" will be maintained on the WIARC page (link to follow).

"Activators" will upload Cabrillo or Excel log files (with the required QSO information: template available at <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>. Check the "Sample Log" tab at the bottom of the page.) Outside of the ILQP period, "Activators" are encouraged to append their calls with "/IL200" to indicate they will be uploading their logs for the event.

"Chasers" will attempt to contact all 102 counties during this period and will submit contact information on either the Excel template or .txt template provided on the ILQP website (link to follow). Both "Activator" and "Chaser" logs should be sent as attachments to n9jf@arrl.net no later than December 10, 2018.

Chasers who successfully contact all 102 counties will receive a special Bicentennial Challenge certificate.

Reach out to your membership to see who would be willing, during the period August 26, 2018 through December 3, 2018, to be "Activator Stations" for the Bicentennial Challenge detailed in the above link.

While home station activations are welcomed, we are going to need operators willing to do portable or mobile activations in order to make less-populated counties available multiple times. Activations at various times of the day and week and on various bands and modes will be needed.

Only by involving a large number of amateurs from around the state can we make it reasonably possible for stations to

achieve working all 102 counties! Contacts during the 2018 ILQP (Oct 21) will automatically be registered from submitted logs. If you have questions or comments, please contact the club through n9jf@arrl.net.

See <https://illinois200.com/events/the-illinois-bicentennial-challenge-award>.

73, Jim N9JF

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[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.

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MISSOURI SECTION NEWS

Cecil Higgins, AC0HA

Hello All

I would like to announce that Dale Bagley K0KY, will be stepping down as the editor of our section news. His presence will be sorely missed by all and certainly be me. Not only do I have great respect for Dale I consider him my friend and mentor. Dale will have a spot any time he wants one. We wish you all the best and good health Dale.

I just got back from the Ozarkscon QRP Conference held in Branson MO at the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center. I must say it continues to grow and get better with each passing year. The four corners group are the organizers of the convention and do one of the best jobs I've seen. There were forums put on by several speakers including Bob Heil with his presentation on the Pine Board Project and more. Classes to build several different kinds of kits and kit radios were put on throughout the 2 day conference. The atmosphere was fun and a lot of new projects will, without a doubt, be on the air all around the U.S. A big hand to all those that worked so hard to make the conference happen.

I hope everyone is enjoying the somewhat warmer weather and ask that we keep an eye to the sky. Severe weather season is on us.

APRIL HAMFESTS

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. The Talk-In will be on 145.130 (no PL tone)

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS KEITH HAYE, WE0G, ACC

The Platte County Amateur Radio Group will be holding their annual cookout for for members and others in the Platte County and surrounding areas. The cookout is potluck, with the hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns provided by the PCARG. They will meet at the Northland Regional Ambulance District (NRAD) office located at 1000 Platte Falls Rd, Platte City, MO. The cookout is Saturday April 28th 11:00-3:00. We are offering an ARRL test session that morning before the cookout from 9:30-10:45. Testing for Technician, and General or Extra class upgrades available. We ask that you RSVP for testing to kc0ysy@gmail.com.

The Macon County Amateur Club President, Larry Ballew, AB0HP, has announced an extensive program of activities and projects for 2018. The MCARC will be refurbishing the Clubs Emergency Tower Trailer that is used extensively throughout the year during Field Day, The Lester Dent Special Event and several other operating opportunities. The MCARC, holds a Winter and Fall Club Operating Contest-QSO Party to encourage members to get on the air and have some fun.

Tom Hendrix, WA0E, wa0e@arrl.net, announced that the Booneville Radio Club will be hosting a Free Tailgate swap for all Ham radio enthusiasts Saturday, April 14 at 8 AM - 12 PM CDT. Hams are welcome to bring your old or new

gear to sell or trade. Or just come by and see what equipment you might want to purchase. We will be monitoring our repeater 147.360 + W0BRC, if you need directions. This is our first swap meet and, hopefully, it will continue each year. The location of the swap meet is Brady Show Grounds Boonville, Missouri 65233 and this is the same location as Steam Engine show which is held each year, and is at Exit 111 off of I-70 west of Columbia.

SECTION ARES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

JEFF YOUNG, KB3HF, SEC.

Total #ARES Members	1307
Number of Drills, Testing, Etc.	256
Number of Ham Hours	2,593.59
Number of Public Service Events	16
Number of Public Service Hours	381
Number of Emergency Operations	9
Number of Ham hours Emer. Op.	42
Number of Skywarn Ops this month	20
Number of Skywarn Hours	110
Total ARES Operations this month	301
Total Ham Hours	3130.59

9 out of 9 districts reporting

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS MARCH 2018

LARRY WILSON, K0RWL, STM

MO SECTION Net (MON), 30/177/44, net mngr K9ZTV
M0 TRAFFIC NET, 31 /1586/162 /, net mngr K0RWL
MESN,4/218/1, net mngr KD0CNC
LEBANON ARES, 4/51/1, net mngr KF4MXF
CALLAWAY (CARL) CO, 4/73/0/, net mngr KC0LYA
BOONE (CMRA) CO, 4/68/0, net mngr KC0HSB
JACKSON CO, 4 /84/0, net mngr K0UAA
MACON CO, 4/52/0, net mngr K0KY
ROLLA (RRARS), 31/350/3, net mngr KE0ARR
TEXAS CO, 31/525/24, net mngr N0TPE
BENTON CO, 4/50/3, net mngr KD0CNC
MID-MO, 4/73/0, net mngr WW0G
K. C. ARES DIGITAL, 4/44/12 net mngr K0KEX
FRANKLIN CO, 6/57/6, n et mngr KN0NWG
NORTHLAND ARES VOICE, 4/96/1, net mngr K0KEX
TRI-COUNTY, 4/51/6, net mngr N0AUY
DISTRICT E, 9/52/1, net mngr N0RIC
HANNIBAL ARES, 5/120/3 net mngr KD0HHN
JACKSON CO ARES DIG. 4/30/4 net mngr N0AJI
KD0HHN-LIAISON, 1/1/212, net mngr KD0HHN
HOWARD CO, 4/31/0, net mngr WD6BGN

WARRCI, 4/153/1, net mngr KB0HV
MONTGOMERY TRAINING, 4/26/1, net mngrK2HT
KC NORTH ARES DMR, 4/45/0, net mngr KA0SXY
FSQcall-MO 5/64/5, net mngr KA0OTL
CASS CO, 3/15/0, net mngr KD0RSX
ST.LOUIS METRO, 8/88/6, net mngr KB0H
TOTALS 224/4210/496



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Egyptian Radio Club General Meeting May 3 2018

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Bill Dusenberry N9OQK, Jennifer Cato, Jason Cato KB9LBC, Keith Unfried KA9BGI, Marty Schultz N9PPJ, Mark Wilson KC9ILX, Ron Wright N9ADJ, Terry Bell N9BEL, Justin Garbe WA9JTG, Nolan Zorbrist KA9VKC, Tim Nichols N9FUE, Mike Phillips N0RSP, Jeff Rhoderick WD9AOT

Call to order by Bill Dusenberry at 18:30

Minutes approved without objection

Treasurer report given by John Fuesting, approved without objection

Marty Schultz gave a demo of SDR play 2

Repeater report by Marty: 442.400 is back up as of three weeks ago
146.76 still has antenna issues

Mike Phillips Jack asked if we were a 501 3C group, we are, Jack will ask the tower climbers if there is a discount for 501 3C groups.

Generators: Terry Bell recommends the use of TruFuel for safer fueling and the fuel does not go bad.

Bob Evans gave report for Hamfest and requested volunteers

Field Day report given by Bob Evans and requested volunteers. Mike Phillips is willing to run a GOTA station, Educational side of Field Day, Keith suggested running through the Tech pool questions with some perspective hams and Ron suggested building something, perhaps a load tester circuit.

Bill Schmidt passed out a survey on repeater usage, do we want him to teach HF operations, and what would you like to see the club do or offer.

The testing went well tonight we had six people take a total of seven tests all passed. Four passed the Tech, Two passed the General and one Passed the Extra, congratulations to all.

Minutes submitted by Bob Evans AA9FQ ERC secretary

Announcements

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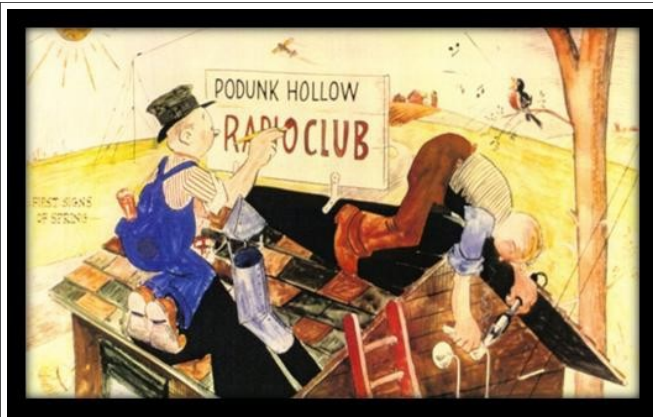
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General Club Information

The club holds a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month and is open to all. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings. The next meeting is June 7th, at 6:30pm at the Holy Family Community Center at 2600 Washington Ave in Granite City, IL. Members tend to arrive early to socialize, and the actual meeting starts at 6:30pm. After the meeting, there is usually a social gathering at a local restaurant. "The meeting after the meeting."

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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