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The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

June 2019

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A few announcements....

First... I apologize for the lack of a May newsletter. It was unavoidable due to medical reasons and working on Egyptianfest. Thank you for understanding.

Second... the club lost a long-time member June 13th. Betty West, formerly K9LFX, wife of Tod West (also Silent Key), passed away at age 87. Some of you will remember her from when she was active in the club. Some of you will remember her chili that she would bring to various club functions. The memorial service for Betty was June 19th. I will attach her obituary below.

Third... **THERE IS NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY.** Club meetings will resume Thursday August 1st at 6:30pm.

Betty Ann West Obituary



Betty Ann (Pekar) West 87, of Caseyville, IL, formerly of Troy, IL, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Caseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Betty was born March 1, 1932 in Glen Carbon, IL to Albert and Dora (Ricker) Pekar. She married Tod West Sr. on January 15, 1954; he preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Doris Tenllado and Virginia Feichtinger; five brothers, Albert Pekar, Tony Pekar, Joseph Pekar Raymond Pekar and Bobby Pekar; and daughter-in-law, Deborah (Kaufman) West. She is survived by her children, Tod West Jr. of Dardenne Prairie, MO and her daughter, Marge (Richard) Saia of Troy, IL; grandchildren, Scott Alan West, Jonathon Michael and Stephen Alan Saia; and sister-in-laws, Margaret Pekar of Texas, Barbara West of Troy, IL, and Shirley Pekar of Colorado. Mrs. West was a member of the Royal Neighbors and active with the area Red Cross. She was also a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in O'Fallon, IL. Memorial donations may be made to Caseyville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center or to VITAS Hospice. Additional condolences may be sent to the family at www.herrfuneral.com. Service: A memorial visitation for Betty will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 9:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M. at Sunset Hill Funeral Home, 50 Fountain Drive, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Following the visitation, interment will be held at Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens.

Egyptianfest 2019

Pics By Jenny Cato [Photo Album Here](#)







Field Day 6/22-23/2019

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I'd like to take a moment to thank those that stepped up and volunteered to set up and take down the Egyptianfest tables. And those that performed various tasks during the EgyptianFest. We could not have done this without you!!!

I would also like to thank;

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And Dave Garner

....All of whom donated door prizes. We definitely could not have done this without you!

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St. Louis ARES Calander

July 2019

•8 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: July 8, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

[\(Click here for a map and directions.\)](#)

Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

August 2019

•5 - St. Louis Metro ARES® Planning & Development meeting

When: August 5, 2019 (Monday), 7:00 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

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Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

Planning & Development meeting

•10 - St. Louis Metro ARES® exercise (TBA)

When: August 10, 2019 (Saturday), 9:00 AM

Where: TBA

Who to contact: TBA

Details:

Exercise (TBA)

•12 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: August 12, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
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Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

September 2019

•7-8 - MS Bike Ride

When: September 7-8, 2019 (Saturday-Sunday)

Where: Godfrey, Illinois

Who to contact: Contact [Rebecca Carroll, KC9CIJ](#) to volunteer to help with Amateur Radio communications.

Details:

This is not an ARES exercise, however, St. Louis Metro ARES believes that participating in this event will provide invaluable experience to anyone interested in emergency communications.

•9 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: September 9, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
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Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

October 2019

•5 - St. Louis Metro ARES® Simulated Emergency Test

When: October 5, 2019 (Saturday)

Where: To be announced

Who to contact: To be announced

Details:

Yearly ARES Simulated Emergency Test, details to be announced

•7 - St. Louis Metro ARES® Planning & Development meeting

When: October 7, 2019 (Monday), 7:00 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
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Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

Planning & Development meeting

•14 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: October 14, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

[\(Click here for a map and directions.\)](#)

Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

November 2019

•11 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: November 11, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)

Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141
([Click here for a map and directions.](#))

Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

December 2019

•2 - St. Louis Metro ARES® Planning & Development meeting

When: December 2, 2019 (Monday), 7:00 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

([Click here for a map and directions.](#))

Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

Planning & Development meeting

•9 - St. Louis Metro ARES® general meeting

When: December 9, 2019 (Monday), 7:30 PM

Where: Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
Private Dining Room (go through the downstairs cafeteria)
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital
12634 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

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Who to contact: Open meeting, you do not need to contact anyone.

Details:

General meeting

ARES Upcoming events, please RSVP AA9FQ@ARRL.NET

All events are open to non-ARES members as well.

March 14 7-9 pm Alton Memorial Hospital

Basics of emergency communication. We will go over best practices, Tactical traffic, ICS 213 213RR traffic, ICS 214 and 309 forms, see map for location details

April 10 7pm Simplex message exercise

146.540. To make this a challenge limit power to 30 watts. More details to follow.

April 27 Illinois SET and Madison County EMA Volunteer Reception Center exercise. 7:30 am -4 pm 101 E. Edwardsville Rd Wood River behind the warehouse

May 4 9am ARES general meeting Madison County EMA. 101 E Edwardsville Rd Wood River second floor

June 8 Tour De Cure Alton

August 28-September 2 Bethalto Labor Day Event, Amateur radio Support has been requested

September 3-5 IEMA Summit in Springfield

September 7-8 MS Bike-A-Thon Godfrey

ARRL Field Day Deemed a Hit; Entries Due by July 23!

06/26/2019

ARRL Field Day isn't over until participants take that final step of submitting their logs. By Tuesday, June 25, more than 1,300 had done so. The preferred method of submitting a Field Day entry is via the [2019 Field Day Entry Form](#) on the ARRL website. This app, developed and supplied by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, will ask for the call sign used (as well as the GOTA station call sign, if applicable), entry class, number of participants, list of operators, power source and multiplier, claimed bonus points, contact totals by band and mode, and GOTA station operators and contact totals. It also allows the attachment of supporting information for bonuses. In addition, all entries require a list of stations contacted by band and mode (a dupe sheet). A Cabrillo file is also acceptable. Log files or summary sheets alone sent to ARRL do *not* constitute a valid Field Day entry.

To confirm that your web entry has been received, visit the [Field Day logs received page](#). If the entry indicates "Pending documents," upload the missing items for maximum scoring. Entries must be postmarked or submitted by Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Late entries cannot be accepted.

Field Day is typically a club activity, and by the time the fourth weekend in June had arrived, nearly 1,600 groups had registered their locations.

The South Jersey Radio Association's K2AA operated in the 7A category. "This was a great effort by the SJRA members and guest operators, especially at the low point in the sunspot cycle and what seemed like not very good conditions," Bob Beyer, KE2D, [reported](#) on 3830scores.com. "Our digital station was the new star this year contributing 232 QSOs — a considerable improvement over other years."

W3AO, the well-known call sign of the National Press Radio Club in Maryland, had an unofficial contact count of 10,000 in 14 A category. "Propagation on 15 and especially 10 meters was somewhat subpar, same for 6 meters," said Frank Donovan, W3LPL. "FT8 has fundamentally changed the digital landscape; there was very limited RTTY and PSK31 activity. There was also very limited CW and SSB activity on 6 meters."

One operator who posted to the [ARRL Field Day 2019 Facebook page](#) was among those pointing out that propagation was difficult; while he was able to hear stations on the other side of the country and in the Caribbean, they could not hear him. He also reported high atmospheric noise. Nonetheless, others reported openings on 6, 10, and 15 meters, where propagation has been lacking in recent months for the most part.

Wade Harris, KF5IF, was part of the crew at the USS *Battfish* WW2SUB Field Day in Oklahoma.

"Everyone seemed to have a good time, but it was a less-than-wonderful Field Day event, mainly due to storms that caused noisy band conditions and severe lighting and high winds, that caused everyone to disconnect and drop the antennas to stay safe," he [said](#) on the ARRL Field Day 2019 Facebook page. Less than a month ago, extreme flooding at the museum floated the World War II submarine downriver, after mooring lines broke free.

Donald Purnhagen, K4ILG, in Florida said his 10-year-old daughter, Donalyn, caught the bug operating the GOTA station at the Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society FD site (W4MLB). "After some quick instructions, she was answering CQs, exchanging information, and logging contacts," he [reported](#) on the ARRL Field Day soapbox page." She was eager to return the next day and logged a total of some

40 contacts. “I am pretty sure that she will be ready to take her Technician exam by the time our hamfest rolls around in October,” he added.

[Michelle Gangi, AC2SQ](#), who was among the Community Amateur Radio Club (K2SRV) operators in New York, asked if bonus points were available for having a wedding take place in the midst of a Field Day setup. “Apparently, the lighthouse we’re set up at double booked,” she posted on the ARRL Field Day 2019 Facebook page. “We respectfully shut down our stations for the ceremony.”

Brenda Plummer, KD9GDX, narrated a [video](#) tour of the Fort Wayne Radio Club’s Field Day operation in Indiana.

No Strong Opposition to 144 – 146 MHz Reallocation Proposal at CEPT Meeting

06/25/2019

A World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) agenda item proposing to study a range of frequencies, including potentially reassigning 144 – 146 MHz as a primary Aeronautical Mobile Service allocation, drew little opposition at a meeting of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) Project Team A. The team is responsible for some aspects of CEPT WRC positions, and the meeting was held June 17 – 21 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Introduced by France, the proposal targeting 144 – 146 MHz would be part of a broader consideration of spectrum allocated to the Aeronautical Mobile Service. Another issue addressed during the meeting concerned the sharing of the Amateur Radio 1240 – 1300 MHz band with Europe’s Galileo GPS system.

“We hear only one admin[istration] (Germany) opposed the 144 MHz proposal — no one else,” the UK Microwave Group [tweeted](#) following the meeting. Otherwise, it has been carried forward to the higher-level CEPT Conference Preparatory Group (CPG) meeting in August.

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), which was represented at the Prague meeting, expressed “grave concern” to any proposal that would include 144 – 146 MHz in the proposed Aeronautical Mobile Services agenda item. That comprises the entire available 2-meter band in ITU Region 1. IARU has pledged to make every effort to fully protect Amateur Radio interests and seek the support of regulators for their view.

IARU Region 1 President Don Beattie, G3BJ, said prior to the meeting that the IARU would “energetically” promote its opposition in Regional Telecommunications Organizations (RTOs) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) “to obtain assurances that the spectrum will remain a primary allocation for the amateur services.”

The 144 – 146 MHz band is allocated globally to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite services on a primary basis, and is the only globally harmonized Amateur Radio VHF band. A widely used segment of the Amateur Radio spectrum, 2 meters supports a broad base of terrestrial users, repeater systems, and satellite stations, including the International Space Station.

According to the meeting minutes, the proposal provides no justification for targeting 144 – 146 MHz, and the IARU believes that sharing with airborne systems likely would be difficult and lead to

constraints on the development of the Amateur and Amateur Satellite services there. IARU suggested that alternative proposals might be developed that could provide further spectrum for the aeronautical applications without impacting this Amateur Service spectrum.

IARU is expected to brief member-societies, requesting that they discuss the French proposal with their governments in advance of the August CEPT-CPG meeting. France could seek to introduce the same proposal to study 144 – 146 MHz for aeronautical use into other RTOs.

Meanwhile, further discussion on the 23-centimeter band study proposal is anticipated prior to the Conference Preparatory Group meeting in August. The proposal was raised in the wake of reports of interference to the Galileo navigation system, but IARU has said it's aware of only "a handful of cases" of reported interference to the Galileo E6 signal on 1278.750 MHz. Work on this issue will continue in other specialized CEPT forums in the interim.

Egyptian Radio Club

May 2 2019 general meeting

Present: Bob Evans, Larry Unfried, Justin Garbe, Nolan Zobrist, Randy Werner, Terry Bell, Dan Reinheimer, Brian Matez, Jennifer Cato, Bill Dussenberry, Lisa Hoxsey, Chuck Hoxsey, Robert Madoux, Michael Pulley

Call to order by Bill Dusenberry

Financial report given by Jennifer Cato, approved unanimous consent

Repeater report no change

Proposed Foxhunt to find source of interference

Hamfest Still trying to get vendors, D&L has 8 eight tables Jacob ADOJA has two tables.

We are short on VEs for the Hamfest, Bob Evans suggested we give Okaw Valley or LCRC a free table for a VE or two.

Hamfest Setup is Saturday June 8 at 4pm

Field Day: Food is covered

ARES meeting is May 4 9am

90th anniversary setup to be on the air every Saturday in September 9am – 9pm

Meeting adjourned

Announcements

For those of you that have any announcements, please feel free to email me at kb9lbc@gmail.com so I can include them in the newsletter.

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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 August 1st, 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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