



SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association

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The Central Missouri Radio Association is the oldest Amateur Radio Club in the Columbia, Mo. area. Check out our web site at:

www.k0si.net. If you have ideas for Web content, send them to Jim, WYØB.

To submit articles for this newsletter contact KCOHSB, John, at the next club meeting or at kc0hsb@centurytel.net. Also, if you have any changes in your address or method of receiving the newsletter, please contact John.

CALENDAR

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting is normally held at **Boone Electric** on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Each third Monday evening of the month testing is conducted for new amateur radio licenses and upgrades at the club station on Worley St in the Red Cross building basement.

Each Wednesday is Club Net at 9:00 p.m. If you're interested or willing to volunteer for Net Control or if you have questions, contact WMØH, Dewey.

If you have not **renewed** your membership for 2010, see the treasurer, Don Moore, KMØR, at the meeting, or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to: CMRA; P.O. Box 283; Columbia, MO. 65205.

CLUB CALENDAR:

* Jan. 12, CMRA Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Boone Electric

CMRA Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes from December's gathering on the 8th at Golden Corral, but a good time of food and fellowship was had by all, including several guests. Regular CMRA business resumes with January's meeting. It's time for annual elections. Be there or...be elected...

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

The following is From

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

* 9 Jan 2010--Ozark Mountain Hamfest, Ozark Mountain Amateur Radio Group,

<http://www.w0omd.org> Talk-In: 146.775(-) W0OMD D-STAR Repeater, Contact: Connie Ballantyne, KB0ZSG, c/o Ozark Mountain Amateur Radio Group PO Box 247, Walnut Grove, MO 65770-0247, Phone: 417-830-0336 Email: connielb05@aol.com Springfield, MO, Faith Lutheran Church, 1517 East Valley Water Mill Road

* 30 Jan 2010--Winterfest 2010 St. Louis & Suburban Radio Club <http://slsrc.org> Talk-In: 146.76 (no PL), Contact: Bill Coby, KB0MWG, PO Box 2233, St. Louis, MO 63139, Phone: 314-504-1104, Email: bcoby@sbcglobal.net

Collinsville, IL, Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive

* 6 Feb 2010—Winterfest, Mine Creek Amateur Radio Club, Talk-In: 147.285+, Contact: Ron Cowan, KB0DTI, PO Box 36 LaCygne, KS 66040, Phone: 913-757-3758, Fax: 913-757-4455 Email: kb0dti@arrl.net LaCygne, KS, Community Building, 204 Commercial Street (Broadway)

In Case You Hadn't Heard...

* From the December 2009 MO Section News, Dale Bagley, KØKY MO SM – “I want to extend my wish for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year to everyone in the Missouri Section of the ARRL. I hope that 2010 brings you good health and great success in all areas of your lives. I encourage all ARRL members to be active as they can in the ARES program and in supporting the ARRL in the protection of the Amateur Radio Spectrum. I also want to ask for your help in getting more Amateur Radio operators signed up as ARRL members. The ARRL represents its membership through efforts to promote the interest of Amateur Radio with the FCC and Congress. This is in addition to all of the other important efforts that the ARRL makes to promote the fun and volunteer spirit of Amateur

Radio. Individually we can accomplish very little, but when we all work together we can accomplish great things.

Roger Volk, KØGOB, has announced that the Missouri Emergency Packet Network (MEPN) is now operational and available for use by all Amateurs. User Instructions have been posted at www.mersweb.org/userinfo.htm. Rick, KCØPET, has a station set up in his office at MoDOT's headquarters, Shannon, WD0AFP, has a station set up in the MSHP GHQ Radio Shop and Jim, WAØBER, has a station set up in SEMA's office. Tom, NØSS, and Roger have discussed the options to obtaining "permanent" callsigns for these and other agency stations in the Jefferson City area. This accomplishment is due to the hard work of lots of Hams, But Roger and George Schindler, WBØIIS, are at the top of that list. Roger emphasized that it is now time to expand the MEPN to cover more of the State.

Items quoted from the ARRL Letter can be found in full at

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/> .

From the 12-10-09 ARRL Letter:

* ARRL Licensing Study Guides -- Coming to an eBook Reader Near You. Study for your new ticket on your Kindle, iPhone or iPod touch! ARRL is pleased to announce that owners of Kindle -- an electronic book reader sold by Amazon.com -- can now download ARRL's Tech Q&A directly from the online bookseller for use on their Kindle....Those who have the Kindle application installed on their Apple iPhone or iPod touch can also download the book for use on these devices...Kindle versions of the General Q&A and the Amateur Extra Q&A will be

available sometime in January. All three can be purchased from Amazon.com for \$9.99 each.

From the 1/7/'10 ARRL Letter:

* NCVEC Releases New Technician Class Question Pool The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the new Technician class (Element 2) question pool on Monday, January 4. This new question pool will become effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2010; it will remain valid until June 30, 2014. The current Technician question pool...will expire June 30, 2010...The current General class question pool... is valid through June 30, 2011. The current Amateur Extra class pool... is valid until June 30, 2012.

* 2009 Sees Surge of New Amateur Radio Licensees In 2009, the FCC issued more than 30,000 new Amateur Radio licences -- an almost 3 percent increase in the number of new licenses issued in 2008...

* White House Names Ham as New Cybersecurity Coordinator On December 22, President Barack Obama named Howard A. Schmidt, W7HAS, as the new White House Cybersecurity Coordinator. According to the White House, Schmidt -- an ARRL member -- is one of the world's leading authorities on computer security, with some 40 years of experience in government, business and law enforcement and "will have regular access to the President and serve as a key member of his National Security Staff..."

* MARS Gets New Name As It Fine Tunes Mission On Wednesday, December 23, the

Department of Defense (DoD) issued an Instruction concerning MARS, effective immediately. This Instruction gives the three MARS services... a new focus on homeland security and a new name: Military Auxiliary Radio System...The DoD's Instruction now directs the three MARS services to provide "contingency radio communications" to support US government operations, DoD components and "civil authorities at all levels," providing for national security and emergency preparedness events. MARS units will still continue to provide health and welfare communications support "to military members, civilian employees and contractors of DoD Components, and civil agency employees and contractors, when in remote or isolated areas, in contingencies or whenever appropriate."...

* Knut Magne Haugland, Last Surviving Crew Member of Kon-Tiki Expedition, Passes Away Knut Haugland and Torstein Raaby were the two radio operators on board the Kon-Tiki...Knut Magne Haugland of Norway passed away on December 25. He was 92. Haugland was one of five men, who with Thor Heyerdahl in 1947, successfully crossed the Pacific Ocean in a 45 foot raft made of balsa wood and bamboo -- named Kon-Tiki -- to prove that people from South America could have settled Polynesia in pre-Columbian times. Heyerdahl and his companions sailed the raft for 101 days more than 4300 miles across the Pacific Ocean before smashing into a reef in the Tuamotu Islands on August 7, 1947... (*Ed. Note: The book Kon-Tiki is a great read.*)