



# 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](http://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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2009, 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:

\* Nov. 10, 2009, CMRA Meeting, Boone Electric, 7 PM.

## CMRA Meeting Minutes

CMRA Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Boone Electric Cooperative  
Conference Room  
October 13, 2009

President Larsen, KVØS, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 21 members and 3 visitors (Mike Bowman, Joe Kaylen and Robert Speckhals KDØITM) present.

Members introduced themselves with name and call sign.

Minutes of the September 8, 2009, minutes were approved as distributed on the website.

Treasurer Moore, KMØR, gave the treasurer's report.

Checking \$ 1,565.97

Savings \$ 2,249.23

CD \$ 2,234.85

CMRA now has 4 lunchbox sized trackers.

Patches are not finished yet; they should be ready by next club meeting.

Fox hunting; Jon (NØOFJ) reported that several hunts have occurred and updated members on the activities.

Don, NØUBC, on regarding dismantling an antenna reported that cranes were very expensive. Daniel, KCØUTW, reported that a

bucket unit for \$190 can be rented from Lindsey Rental.

Don, KMØR, reported that Corey, KCØYNS, would like to stimulate new membership with a drive; there are some amateurs at Hallsville who are not aware of CMRA. Discussion ensued about new members. Maybe a committee should be named to pursue this.

Dewey, WMØH, reported that VEs are needed for Monday (Monday, October 19); have 2 General.

Pam, KDØGRQ, discussed the need for ECOMM certification for ARES personnel.

Bob, KØYBN, will post links for FEMA ICS instruction website on the KØSI board.

Dave, KDØEAG, discussed a radio electronics meeting in Chicago that he attended.

Dave, KVØS, requested one or two members to volunteer for a hamfest chairs in 2010 if we are to have a hamfest.

Dale, AEØS, reported on a recent SEMA exercise.

Zim Schwartz of Columbia Police Department has been named EOC for Boone County.

Dewey, WMØH, asked for more participation on the weekly emergency net on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m.

Bob, KØYBN, moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don, NØUBC, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried at 8:05 p.m.

Jim Thorne, WØJGT  
Secretary

## UPCOMING HAMFESTS

The following is From

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

\* 12 Dec 2009

Big Bend Amateur Radio Club  
Talk-In: 147.105 (PL 103.5)  
Contact: Kathy Dougherty,  
KB9WBD, 740 Miller Street  
Carthage, IL 62321, Phone: 309-  
333-8200, Email:

[kdough@adams.net](mailto:kdough@adams.net)

Carthage, IL, University of Illinois  
Extension Center, 600 North  
Madison

\* 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: [connieb05@aol.com](mailto:connieb05@aol.com)  
Springfield, MO, Faith Lutheran  
Church, 1517 East Valley Water  
Mill Road

## In Case You Hadn't Heard...

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

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

\* From the ARRL Letter of  
10/22: FCC Issues Public Notice  
on Amateur Service  
Communication During  
Government Disaster Drills  
On October 20, 2009, the FCC  
released a Public Notice clarifying  
the Commission's rules relating to  
the use of Amateur Radio by  
licensed amateurs participating in  
drills and exercises on behalf of  
their employers. Entitled Amateur  
Service Communications During

Government Disaster Drills, the  
Public Notice addresses  
participation by paid employees of  
organizations taking part in drills.  
The Public Notice--DA 09-2259  
-- affirms that the Commission's  
rules "specifically prohibit amateur  
stations from transmitting  
communications 'in which the  
station licensee or control operator  
has a pecuniary interest, including  
communications on behalf of an  
employer.'" ...

\* From the ARRL Letter of  
10/29: ARRL President Joel  
Harrison, W5ZN, Not to Seek  
Reelection ARRL President Joel  
Harrison, W5ZN After serving two  
terms as ARRL President, Joel  
Harrison, W5ZN, has decided not  
to seek reelection when his current  
term expires January 16, 2010.  
Harrison began his ARRL career as  
a volunteer ARRL elected official  
in 1983 when he became the  
Section Manager in the League's  
Arkansas Section. Subsequently,  
he has served as Delta Division  
Director and Vice President. In  
2000, he was elected First Vice  
President; he was elected President  
in 2006.

*Here's a leftover that wouldn't fit  
in a previous newsletter.*

\* From the ARRL Letter of 9/11.  
Faster Than a Speeding Pigeon?: In  
South Africa, an information  
technology company proved that it  
was faster for them to transmit data  
with a carrier pigeon than to send it  
using Telkom, the country's  
leading Internet service provider.  
Internet speed and connectivity in  
Africa's largest economy are poor  
due to a shortage of bandwidth and  
its high cost. Local news agency  
SAPA reported that on September  
9, an 11 month old pigeon named  
Winston took 68 minutes to fly the

50 miles from Unlimited IT's  
offices near Pietermaritzburg to the  
coastal city of Durban with a data  
card strapped to his leg. Including  
downloading, the transfer took two  
hours, six minutes and 57 seconds -  
- the time it took for only four  
percent of the data to be transferred  
using a Telkom line.  
SAPA said Unlimited IT  
performed the stunt after becoming  
frustrated with slow internet  
transmission times. The company  
has 11 call centers around the  
country and regularly sends data to  
its other branches. Internet speed is  
expected to improve once a new  
11,000 mile underwater fiber optic  
cable linking southern and East  
Africa to other networks  
becomes operational before South  
Africa hosts the soccer World Cup  
next year.

\* It may be a bit out of season,  
but here's the URL for a storm  
chaser story with incredible  
pictures.  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk:80/news/worldnews/article-1213339/Astonishing-twisters-captured-storm-chasing-photographer-Jim-Reed.html>