

# SQUELCH TALE

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The Central Missouri Radio Association is a not-for-profit Mo. Association. Check out our web site: <http://www.qsl.net/cmra> .

If you have ideas for Web content, see Jim, WY0B.

To submit articles, for this newsletter, contact N0AXZ, Bill, at the next club meeting or at N0AXZ@arrl.net. Also, if you have any changes in your mailing address or E-mail, send it to N0AXZ.

## CALENDAR for April

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held at Boone Electric Coop on April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Each Monday evening (except the Monday preceding the meeting or holiday) join with the members at the club station on Worley Street 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 WM0H, Dewey.

If 2006 appears on your address label, your dues have been paid for this year.

To **renew** your membership for 2006, see the treasurer, Bill Anglen, KCØACS, at the meeting, or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to: CMRA P.O. Box 283, Columbia, MO 65205.

### 17-18 Mar 2006

Nebraska State Convention Elkhorn Valley ARClub

Lifelong Learning Center

Northeast Community College

### 15 Apr 2006

HAMBASH 2006

Ararat Shrine Amateur Radio Club

Kansas City, MO

### 22 Apr 2006

Des Moines RAA

Hall of Law

Iowa State Fairgrounds

## **6 May 2006**

AARC Swapmeet

Saunders County Fairgrounds

Wahoo, NE

## **19-21 May 2006**

**Dayton** Hamvention / ARRL EXPO 2006

Hara Arena

Trotwood, OH

For more info see: [www.arrl.org/hamfests.html](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html)

## **Minutes March 2006**

The meeting opened at 7:04 PM. Introductions went all around, and the minutes were read and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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**Old Business:** Bob Clinton is now settled in England. His British callsign is GØBUX, so be sure to listen for him on the HF bands.

**New Business:** John (NØEG) has decided to pull out of ham radio for a while, because of personal issues. He still wants to remain a member. Because of this, he won't be able to be the Field Day chairman, so Jim (WYØB) has offered to be his replacement.

A discussion arose over the club's bank account information, and it was made known that the club's accounts were currently at UMB Bank. It was said that Boone County National Bank had been kind and helpful to our club in the past, so the club voted to move our accounts back over to Boone County National.

The CASA group from Hickman High has presented the club with a certificate of appreciation for its help with the ISS contact, and with helping some of the students getting their ham licenses. The certificate is in a frame and will be hung in the club station at the Red Cross building.

As you know, recently we have been having some tornadoes and severe weather. During an interview on radio station KSSZ, Jim McNabb (head guy from the NWS in St. Louis) thanked the hams out there for participating in weather nets and helping out.

Thanks to all those who have gone spotting or just sent their conditions over the radio during the severe weather. In the aftermath of the March 12<sup>th</sup> storms, 3 of our local hams were sent to Pettis county for

communications help. They were able to demonstrated WinLink to the Pettis county emergency manager and also to the Sedalia ham club.

On the subject of severe weather, Boone Electric is wanting to help get folks more prepared. They have contacted our club to ask for possible help in the future. It was discussed during the meeting that we could maybe demonstrate ham radio's weather uses, and also help people set up their weather radios. This would be a good opportunity to spread the word about ham radio and show its uses during severe storms. Several suggestions from the club have been brought up, but nothing concrete yet. More will be brought up on this at later meetings.

The Froze Toes bike race was briefly discussed. All went very well. There was a 20% increase in the number of bikers over last year, and the nets & APRS tracking worked wonderfully.

After some discussion, the club voted to sponsor a WAC (Worked All Counties) award for Missouri. To the best of our knowledge, we would be the first in the state to be offering this award. Our president, along with the club's approval, has selected a group of 5 men to head the Worked All Missouri Counties committee. These men are Dave (KVØS), Don (KMØR), Jim (WYØB), Mac (K4CHS), and Bill (KCØACS).

Hamfest update. D&L has been contacted, and they will be coming to this year's hamfest. Dan has also contacted WBØW and other vendors, but nothing has been heard yet. So far everything seems to be coming together very smoothly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. Afterward, Dave gave a presentation on space weather and its effect on ham radio. Very interesting.

Well, guess that's all for this month. Hope to see everybody at the next meeting!

73's,

Nathan (KCØLCS)

An Excerpt(limited list to one item per category): from *"Preparing for Disaster."* Developed by the American Red Cross and the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

There are six basics you should stock for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items. Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to carry container-- Possible containers include a large, covered trash container, a camping backpack, or a duffle bag.

**Water:** Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

- Store one gallon of water per person per day.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person

**Food:** Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of sterno. Select food items that are compact and lightweight. Include a selection of the following foods in your Disaster Supplies Kit:

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables

**First Aid Kit:** Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.

- (20) adhesive bandages, various sizes.

## Non-Prescription Drugs

- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever

## Tools and Supplies

- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries, Flashlight and extra batteries\*
- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water

## Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelette soap, liquid detergent\*

**Clothing and Bedding:** Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

- Sturdy shoes or work boots, Rain gear

**Special Items:** Remember family members with special needs.

For a complete list see: [http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0\\_3\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_3_,00.html)