

SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association KØSI 146.76(-) PL 127.3

August, 2006

The Central Missouri Radio Association is the oldest Amateur Radio Club in the Columbia, Mo. area. Check out our web site at: [http:// www.qsl.net/cmra](http://www.qsl.net/cmra) .

If you have ideas for Web content, send them to 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 August:

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held at Boone Electric on August 8 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 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 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, KC\d8ACS, at the meeting, or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to: CMRA, P.O. Box 283, Columbia, MO, 65205.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hamfests coming up:

19 August 2006

CMRA Hamfest

Central Missouri Radio Association

Ashland, MO

Ashland Optimist Complex

For info, visit <http://www.qsl.net/cmra/hamfest> .

20 August 2006

Kansas State Convention

Central Kansas ARC

Salina, KS

Salina Bicentennial Center

25th & 26th August

Joplin Amateur Radio Club

Joplin, Mo.

For more info on hamfests see: www.arrl.org/hamfests.html

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM. Introductions went all around, and the minutes were read and approved.

Savings: \$n/a\$

Checking: \$n/a\$

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Jim Lawler is requesting the email addresses of those who are on the email list for the newsletter. They can contact him by phone (657-9284 -Ed.), or by going to the club website and emailing him that way.

The VE Pool has updated the Tech license exams, so those wanting to get into ham radio should get the new version. They should be out relatively soon, once all the exam books and such get into print. The updated Tech exam will now make it easier to get a ham radio license.

It looks like we've got a PA system for the hamfest. John Turner has been generous enough to lend his system for the club's use. Also, we might have a backup system just in case.

That was the end of the club's business for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 14 PM, and immediately following Brent Voorheis began the auction. It ran for about 1 hour 45 minutes, and went really well. There was much to be auctioned off, such as car washes, food gift certificates, oil changes, and other goodies. The total amount raised at the auction was \$668.50. This is down from last year by \$161.50, but still we raised quite a bit of money. Thanks to Mrs. Smith for asking for and collecting all the various donations. And to those who bought a donation from a place of business, please be sure to go there and thank them for their generosity to our club.

That's all for the minutes this month. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

MS 150 - Sept. 9 / 10

The annual MS 150 bike race is once again approaching. This is a wonderful opportunity for all area amateur radio operators to step forward and to do our bit to support a very worthwhile cause using our particular set of skills, time, and equipment. Further, it is a great time to learn something new, such as seeing APRS in action, learning net discipline in a Directed Net, picking up some pointers from some truly good Net Control operators, etc. It can also just be a generally good time!

Don, KM0R, our local contact person for this event, mentions that we are in need of additional operators this year. To sign up, please go visit the following URL: <http://www.ares-mo.org/MS150/> or talk to KM0R directly. A training session for Columbia area ops will be held Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 p.m. at Job Point, 2116 Nellwood Drive. Talk-In on 146.760 (-, PL 127.3.)

CMRA Constitution and Bylaws

An online edition of the CMRA Constitution and Bylaws has been uploaded to the Club's website. If you would like a hard copy of same, just let me know.

I urge any and all to visit the page and check out these two important documents which provide the framework for our association. They were last revisited and revised in 10/95 and 6/01.

The wise framers of our original Constitution did such a good job on it that it didn't require any revisions in 2001. All changes deemed necessary during the last Constitution Committee review were effected through amendments to the Bylaws.

Speaking of the Club's website, I would like to mention an easily overlooked benefit located near the bottom of the page. I may maintain the site, but our former Club Member Perry Ogletree, N0NMC, designed the original and secured the host site, including the links to the Amateur Radio WebLinks.

Through these links you can visit hundreds of different Ham Sites that are members of the WebLink system. You can choose to visit the different sites in order or select random order. I prefer the random approach, as it's much like calling CQ or going fishing; you never know who or what you're gonna get, but he / she / or it is usually pretty darned interesting! I have enjoyed many hours checking out the various links. Needless to say, a DSL modem would be a big help on some of the more graphic intensive sites.

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With the scarcity of traffic on K0SI lately, perhaps we should investigate the feasibility of switching to a solar power source.

Just kidding, but I remember a time, not so long ago, that usually involved enough activity on the machine that you were almost assured of hearing Q's on '76 on the way into work and on the way home. You could also start up a conversation almost any time you ID'ed, day or night.

I've had lots of good chats and met lots of nice folks on '76. Next time you're near a rig I hope you toss out your call sign, as will I. If I hear it, I'll be sure to give you call.

Well, that about wraps up this edition. If you would like to suggest any topic to be looked into and reported upon in the Squelch Tail, please let me know. Keep in mind that this is OUR News letter, this is OUR Club, and this is OUR Hobby. We should all do what we can to improve all three!

73,

Jim / WY0B ...