

SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association - - - - KØSI - - - -December 2004

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 content, see Jim, WYØB. To submit articles, contact AEØS at the next club meeting! If you have any changes in your mailing address or E-mail, send it to AEØS at: AEØS@arrl.net

CALENDAR FOR December

This month, we will meet for dinner at Country Kitchen, 1712 N. Providence Road. Spouses and children are invited.

Each Monday evening (*except the Monday preceding the meeting*) join with the members at the club station on Worley.

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.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES KEEP THE REPEATER RUNNING

If 2004 appears on your address label your dues have been paid for this year.

To renew your membership for 2004, see the treasurer at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to:

CMRA
P.O. BOX 283
Columbia, MO 65205

Minutes: November meeting of the Central Missouri Radio Association

Meeting opened at 7pm

Minutes read and approved

Treasures report

Checking \$2608.90

Savings \$2223.91

Old business:

Echo link - questions about regulator

progress is moving but slow.

Power distribution is ready to be hooked up.

Arm for PMBO shipping this week??

Winlink at club station running good. Hoping for HF by end of the year.

New Business:

Nominating committee

Bill KC0ACS, Don KM0R, Dewey WM0H, Jim K0WWV, Phil K0DAT

Remember the ARES club meeting is on the 7th at Country Kitchen at 6:30

Remember the CMRA club meeting is on the 14th at Country Kitchen at 7pm.

Voted to buy the channel elements for the radio for VHF Packet at the club station.

There were a total of 21 at the club meeting in November, were you counted in that total?? Be sure and be at the January meeting unless you WANT to the president or Vice president.

Will see you at the December meeting.

Dewey

WM0H

WØSMI Link Frequencies:

Columbia 444.425 pl 77 Jefferson City 443.175 pl 77 High Hill 444.025 pl 77 Foristel 444.475 pl
77 St. Louis 443.425 pl 77

[URL:of the month: http://www.exploratorium.edu/exhibits/common_cents/index.html](http://www.exploratorium.edu/exhibits/common_cents/index.html)

Looking back over the year – a few snapshots of Ham Radio in Missouri

How do hams arrive “on scene” at emergencies?

The e-mail note below was written in response to a discussion about when (or IF) hams should “self-dispatch to the scene of an “incident.” It is interesting to see how hams in a much larger city responded to major emergencies.

-----Original Message-----

From: James House [<mailto:jdhouse@msn.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2004 10:09

To: w12kemcomm@yahoogroups.com

Subject: RE: [w12kemcomm] Re: FW: [STXARES] Self-dispatch

Ok, got to put in my two cents worth, having been EC for five East Bay cities for ten years or so encompassing the Loma Prieta quake, the Oakland Hills fire, etc. there are at least two categories of events that might result in RACES/ARES activation.

Only one of the **self activating category** occurred during my term as EC, the aforementioned quake. When I showed up at my response site at the county 's central fire dispatch center a few minutes after the shaking stopped, nobody wondered who I was or why I was there. For one thing I'd been there at least once a month (more like once a week) for the past few of years activating the station for the local net, so my face

was familiar, and the magnitude of the event warranted self activation. Other members of our group checked in to the resource net and were dispatched to hospitals and the local Public Utility control center as fast as they became available. No one went racing off to the fires or freeway collapse scene. Please note that on this occasion, the phone system was swamped and it was impossible to get a dial tone in many instances. Cell phones were not widely available at the time. The fire department was inundated with 911 calls but could not call out to the local public utilities to advise them if they needed gas, power or water shut off somewhere. Bridging that gap was probably our biggest

contribution during the first day after the event.

All other events that we might become aware of via news reports or seeing smoke or whatever fall into the **"Ready, Set, Listen"** category.

An area wide event that causes CERT teams to activate themselves, as opposed to being activated by CERT's sponsoring agency, is probably of sufficient magnitude to warrant RACES/ARES to do the same. Otherwise, for localized events such as our recent pipeline fire it is only appropriate to gather your gear and wait for the call. It never hurts to start up a resource net and see who is available. That doesn't mean anyone should hit the road until the call from the sponsoring agency comes and a mission number is assigned.

Another criteria: if the phones are working, self activation is not an option. It is appropriate for the top level RACES/ARES person available (established via the resource net) who should be a familiar name to the overall sponsoring agency, to make a call to that agency and advise them of the availability of the RACES/ARES team, how many operators are available and how to contact that coordinator if RACES/ARES services are needed.

When the Oakland Hills fire occurred, my county pager went off for the only time when it wasn't a test or a drill. Our OES was familiar with the services we could provide and was happy to see us. On all other occasions we were activated by phone tree or a resource net on a local repeater.

73,

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When I wrote Jim for permission to quote him in our newsletter, he added a comment:

Dale :

Please feel free to use anything that makes sense to you One thing I forgot to mention was the difference between urban and rural areas in the self-activation respect. Where distances and response times for regular response agencies are long it may be appropriate to work out other rules. Folks who live in rural areas have a long standing tradition of helping each other out in times of need, while those of us who have lived in cities for a long time have become dependant on government services, far too much for my taste, still this is where I'm planted, so I'll deal with it.

Jim

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