

# 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 . If you have any changes in your mailing address or E-mail, send it to N0AXZ at: N0AXZ@arrl.net .

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.

## **CALENDAR for February**

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held at Job Point on February 14 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

## **Announcements**

### **Reminder!**

The February club meeting will be held at the Job Point site, not the Boone Electric site.

## **Hams for Frozen Toes**

The Columbia Bike Club is sponsoring the Froze Toes bike race again this year and has again asked us to participate by providing communications for the event. We will need about 9 operators for the event, Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be meeting at 10:30 AM and should be done mid to late afternoon.

Operators will be posted with corner marshals on the route, assigned to start/finish and other duties. Please consider coming out to help us with this event if you can! You'll need a mobile rig with 25 watts and a good antenna since this will be a simplex net. See Don, KM0R, if you can help.

## **Weather Spotter Training**

Scheduled for Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. Council Chambers are located in the City-County building at 701 E Broadway.

## ***Hamfests coming up***

**4 Mar 2006**

Hamorama IV

Southwest Iowa ARC

Omaha, NE

Westside Community Center

**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

**Minutes for January 2006**

Meeting opened at 6:58 PM. Introductions went all around. The minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Savings: \$2,230.16

Checking: \$1,216.34

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

The election was held at the January meeting. Here is the new slate of officers:

President – Bob Jett, KØYBN

Vice President – Jim Barner, KØWWV

Treasurer – Bill Anglen, KCØACS

Recording Secretary – Nathan Smith, KCØLCS

Corresponding Secretary – Bill McFarland, NØAXZ

Member at Large – Mac McKenzie, K4CHS

There are several updates on our officer positions. First, Bob Jett will be out 2-4 months after having surgery, so Dewey (WMØH) will be President Pro-Temp in the meantime. Second, we will have co-Corresponding Secretaries again as Bill (NØAXZ) will be on vacation around July. It has not yet been determined who the other co-Corresponding Secretary will be. Lastly, Tim (KCØTXW) has resigned as co-chair of the hamfest. There have been several deaths in his family, so he has had to step down from this position. Jim (KØWWV) has agreed to be co-chair with Daniel (KCØUTW).

Some plans for hamfest are already being looked into. First off, anyone who would like to be a volunteer at the hamfest can contact Daniel. Also, Daniel has been looking into getting another meeting place for the forums this year. Last year the forums were inside the Optimist Club on stage, and it was nearly impossible for the forums to be conducted. A building across the street from the Optimist Club will be looked into as a possible forum location. Currently this building is a day care, but it does not operate on Saturdays. It was also suggested that the forums be held at the American Legion in downtown Ashland, and that shuttles could be hired to transport the forum attendees. However, the insurance and renting of the shuttles is too costly. The forum location will be discussed at the next meeting.

A Field Day chairman has been found. John (NØEG) has agreed to be the chairman for this year.

One of our members will be leaving soon. Bob Clinton (WØBUX) will be leaving the US in the next couple months to live in England. Bob has been very active in the club and has held such positions as the 2005 hamfest chairman. Thanks Bob, for all you've done for the club. The club will all miss you.

After the meeting a presentation was held by CASA (Columbia Aeronautics and Space Association), a group of Hickman students and instructors who are doing space simulations. It's a great program that teaches students about the space program and all that's involved. A really fascinating presentation. Their website is [www.casasim.org](http://www.casasim.org), and their email address is [casa0@hotmail.com](mailto:casa0@hotmail.com). Their main phone number is (573) 214-3026.

Well, that's all for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

73's, Nathan KCØLCS

## **CASA Update**

*Mike, KC0PAH*

If you haven't yet heard the CASA kids worked hard and 4 out of 5 passed their tech exam last week.

They have scheduled plans for SuitSat contact attempts via voice (receive only) and packet the morning of the 9th and 10th between approx. 5:30 and 6:30 each morning.

When you have a moment this week please take a look at what CASA is doing! Their website is <http://teachers.columbia.k12.mo.us/hhs/fthomps/casa/home.html>

In Columbia they have live video feeds on local cable access educational channel (I believe channel 16)

## **Disaster Message Handling**

*Dale, AE0S*

There have been many comments in ARES and MARS circles about the miss-communication in the West Virginia mine disaster. Few of us will be faced with the responsibility for handling life-and-death messages on ham radio or even on cell phones. However, it IS probable that at least 3 out of 10 active amateurs will be involved in activities such as the MS-150, weather spotting, or in support of incidents such as the Booneville natural gas emergency last year.

The discussions about what should be done by communicators in emergency situations have been summarized into a few items we all need to burn into memory.

1. Speak clearly and briefly in plain language – no 10 codes or jargon words.
2. Verify the information: if not your direct observation, say who gave it to you, and what their source is. If they are not direct observers, get the first hand source..
3. Take a moment before you push the "talk" button review the situation so you include all needed information: location, type of problem, number of people involved, nature and severity of injuries.
4. When it is a life-threatening situation, stay at the scene until public safety or other authorities arrive and assume responsibility.