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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 KCØLCS, Nathan, at the next club meeting or at [kc0lcs04@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0lcs04@yahoo.com). Also, if you have any changes in your address or method of receiving the newsletter, please contact Nathan.

## 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 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 WMØH, Dewey.

If you have not **renewed** your membership for 2008, 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:

March 11<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting

## UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Sterling, IL

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Jonesboro, AR

## FEBRUARY MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM. Introductions went all around. The minutes were read, amended, and approved after amendment (the restaurant in Ashland is the Copper Kettle, not Golden Kettle).

Savings: \$2,241.37  
Checking: \$1,765.67  
C.D.: \$2,061.49

Old Business: )1. Jim (WYØB) was able to reserve the spot near the cabin at Rock Bridge State Park for Field Day this year. While on the subject of Field Day, Dave (KVØS) suggested doing some sort of satellite or ISS contact for Field Day. It would be a good demonstration of how ham radio can be used to talk to people via satellites. Dave mentioned a link on the AMSAT website showing how to make easy antennas for satellite, and that link can be found at <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/information/faqs/crow/index.php>.

)2. The club auction was discussed at the meeting. The main thought is that the club is going to try to do it at the Copper Kettle restaurant in Ashland, assuming our auctioneer Brent Voorheis is able to make it. Daniel (KCØUTW) said that the Copper Kettle might even sell ham sandwiches the night of the auction in the club's honor ☺ The club auction is normally held the 2nd Tuesday in July. )3. The Froze Toes event is coming

up soon, and some volunteers will be needed to help for communications. It will be February 24<sup>th</sup>, starting from 11:30-11:45 AM and lasting approximately 3-4 hours. About 10 volunteers will be needed. There will be from 300-400 riders at the event. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact Don (KMØR). )4. A weather spotter class is coming up in Columbia. It will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the City Council Chambers. )5. The hamfest was discussed at the meeting. Dave (KVØS) said no one had volunteered to be hamfest chairman, and he also mentioned that St. Charles had moved their hamfest to an earlier date. The St. Charles move could hurt the club's chances at getting vendors, because most of the vendors previously had gone to our hamfest and then St. Charles the next day. After a discussion of what to do about the hamfest, the club voted as a group not to do it this year, mainly because of financial difficulties from last year's hamfest and other factors such as gas prices. The Optimist Club and vendors scheduled to come will be contacted and told of our decision. Even though the club auction money normally goes toward hamfest, this year it will all go toward general expenses (such as repeater breakdowns or whatever else). )6. The situation with the Red Cross in Columbia was brought up. Apparently they are still looking for another location to move to, but nothing suited for them has been found yet.

New Business: )1. Bob (KØYBN) has reserved a room at Golden Corral for the club Christmas dinner. It is scheduled to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. )2. Mrs. McFarland, wife of Bill (NØAXZ) has sent the club a thank-

you card. She recently had knee surgery and wanted to thank the club for their well-wishes. )3. The Missouri QSO Party is coming up the first weekend of April. Dave (KVØS) wants to organize a small group to man the club station and get contacts that weekend. He and Don (KMØR) will also be going mobile to get more counties on the air. )4. Dave (KVØS) said he has other programs besides antennas that he wishes to do later in the year. Some possible program topics will include radio controlled airplanes, software-defined radios, and how to do QSL cards. )5. Wes (ABØSE) has been doing classes for those who wish to get their Technician license. He does them once a week, for a few hours at a time. He is thinking of putting together classes for General or Extra as well if anyone's interested. The time would likely be sometime during the day on a Saturday. Please let Wes know if you would be interested in taking a class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM. Afterward, Dave (KVØS) gave a presentation on yagi antennas which was very interesting. That's all for this month. Hope to see everyone at the March meeting!  
73's, Nathan KCØLCS

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The annual Missouri QSO Party will be held this year on April 5th-6th, 2008. Operating periods are from 1800 GMT April 5th thru 0500 GMT April 6<sup>th</sup> and again beginning at 1800 GMT on April 6th thru 2400 GMT April 6th. The object of the contest is to QSO with as many Missouri amateur radio stations as possible and to contact as many different Missouri counties as possible. You may work each Missouri station once per band and mode. CW frequencies are 40khz up from the lower band edge. Phone frequencies are 1880 khz, 3980 khz, 7180 khz, 14280 khz, 21380 khz and 28380 khz. The contest exchange is RST, serial number and Missouri County or S/P/C. Logs are to be submitted no later than 30 days after the contest to [mogsoparty@w0ma.org](mailto:mogsoparty@w0ma.org) or to the CBA for K2DP. Complete contest information is available at [www.W0MA.org/mo\\_qso\\_party.htm](http://www.W0MA.org/mo_qso_party.htm).