

## **SQUELCH TALE**

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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.

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 <a href="kc0lcs04@yahoo.com">kc0lcs04@yahoo.com</a>. 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 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 2007, 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Greg Bryson, NØVYE, has some antennas and various items of ham equipment that he needs to sell in the next few weeks. If you'd like more information, you can contact him at <a href="mailto:gbryson54@sbcglobal.net">gbryson54@sbcglobal.net</a>.

## **APRIL MINUTES**

Savings: \$2,238.77 Checking: \$1,902.34

Meeting opened at 7 PM. Introductions went all around. The minutes were read, amended, and approved after amendment (it sounded like Marshall is Doug's wife from Memphis Amateur Electronics, but that is incorrect; three locations are not needed for the Boy Scouts' radio class, only one; and the savings and checking amounts were reversed in order from what they should be).

Old Business: 1) The ham club station cleanup was March 31st. Dave & Dewey attended: thanks to them for their help making the place look better ②. 2) Dewey mentioned a table at the station that needs some new legs, and the club decided that Dewey should check either the price for table legs or for a new table. 3) There were 13 people at the March testing session; 6 got their Tech licenses, 5 got their General, and 1 got the Extra upgrade. More people will be ready for testing next month. 4) The Missouri QSO party was held on April 7th-8th. A few members from our club participated using the club callsign, and they got a total of 83 contacts. Of those contacts, quite a few were from DX locations

including Hawaii, Bermuda, the Caribbean, and also European countries. 5) Don Moore has put in new lighting fixtures at the club station, so it should be much easier to see there now. Thanks to all of those who have been working on making the club station cleaner, neater, and betterlooking! 6) The club has reserved its annual spot at Rock Bridge State Park for Field Day this year. The dates are June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. 7) Jim (WYØB) and Earle (KFØGE) have agreed to do the Boy Scout radio merit badge program coming up on July 27<sup>th</sup>. 8) Details on the hamfest are still coming together. Doug from Memphis Amateur Electronics will be coming, and as of vet they are our only main vendor. Daniel (KCØUTW) has given some thoughts on prizes for this year, such as a range bag and other gifts from Midway USA. Also, the club will be buying an HT and mobile unit to give away as door prizes. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on an HT/mobile model to buy for this year can contact Daniel. The hamfest will be held on August 18th, 8 AM at the Ashland Optimist Club building. It will be announced in QST, CQ, and World Radio magazines.

New Business: 1) There is going to be a SEMA-related emergency exercise on earthquakes coming up. Dale would like to do a simulated test around that same time, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It would be a good way to test how prepared we would be if an earthquake was to occur somewhere in the area, and how we would respond in that emergency. 2) The club has officially changed its website address. It is now

www.k0si.net and is up and running. 3) Cory (KCØYNS) is planning on having a club barbeque party at his house on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be a family event, just a time of fellowship and enjoying good food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips. Meat will be provided, but you will have to bring covered dishes and items such as that. Be sure to come on June 16<sup>th</sup> and have a great time! 4) Three new members have been voted into the club. They are Dale Whitman (KDØADG), Eric Clark (KDØADF), and Les Heitman (ACØHD). Congratulations to these men on joining!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Afterward, John (KCØHSB) gave a DVD presentation on the Handi-Ham organization (an organization to help disabled people get into ham radio). It was very interesting and informative.

That's all for this month, and hope to see everyone at the May meeting! 73's, Nathan KCØLCS