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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - K8GE

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## Minutes for July 10, 2001

The meeting was called to order by our president, George KK8J, at 7:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. There were 12 people who attended the meeting. George said that Marlene KC8JXE could not be at the meeting due to a previous engagement. So there would not be a treasurers report. There were no minutes from the previous meeting since it was our picnic and we did not hold a regular meeting. The picnic was held at Kim N8YWX and Jerry WB8IOW, with a lot of good food and fun by all that attended.

Ed KE8FK, said that Jerry had the net in June and gave him a certificate for holding the net. Karen KB8QMV will do the net for July and Lucius KF8RC will have the net in August. Ed reminded all the special event will be held August 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. to set up and we will have covered dish picnic starting around 6:00 p.m. Hope to

see all, and have fun working the radios. Pat KC8LVE will come up with something new to send with the certificate for the Ohio Bicentennial 2003. Ed said he went up and checked the batteries at the repeater site and did have to add some water. Ed passed out information on the results of field day. Ed also had information on the hamfest in Cincinnati for ones interested.

George said he had some people interested in code classes and general classes. There was some discussion about classes. Jerry said he would have to be sure the people would commit to the classes first before they would hold classes, they would like to have at least five people to attend the classes.

Lucius said that Charles Shoemaker KB8BDL was in the Villa Nursing Home in Georgetown, it would be nice to send him a card.

Jerry passed out information about the weather and our pro-

cedures on running nets. Jerry went over some of the forms we are to use during weather nets. Jerry said the people from the Lion's Club thanked all of us for helping with the parade this year.

Lucius made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. motion passed.

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**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY - August 14**

**7:00 PM**

**ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center  
West Union, Ohio,  
across the street from the  
Adams County Courthouse**

**NWS SPECIAL EVENT**

Paul Gehringer - WB8ZZR  
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I am pleased to announce that there has been enough interest to hold the National Weather Service Special Event for amateur radio in 2001. This is co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

I will send details about the event by August 1, 2001. After coordinating with the ARRL, I do have the date for this year's activity: Saturday, December 1, 2001, from 0000 to 2400 UTC.

If you have any suggestions about how to improve the event, please let me know. I really like the incentive aspect of this thing - work more stations to get a "more valuable" certificate. Does anyone have a suggestion about what we can do this year? Also, it was suggested by a couple of you last year to change the name of this special event day to something more glamorous. Any suggestions?

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### **DeForest A.R.C. Birthdays & SPECIAL EVENTS**

08-01 KD4LJM Sandy Drake  
08-08 KB8QNS Ethel King  
08-10 KB8QNP Richard Stultz  
08-11 W8YGW Gordon Neal  
08-11 GMCARA TEST SESSION  
9:30 AM  
08-14 DeForest meeting 7:00 PM  
08-15 KC8PWP Eddie Sowards  
08-18 KC8LUH Jayne Lambert  
08-21 WD8JCD Don Silcott  
08-24 AA8IQ Betty Merrill  
08-29 N8VGQ Mary Kempfues  
09-01 K8GXL Donald L. Hoop  
09-03 KC8CXM Jered D. Grooms  
09-04 KB8SCV Warren P. Lewis  
09-10 KB8JML John L. Kimble  
09-11 KC8HGA Helen J. Paquette  
09-11 DeForest meeting 7:00 PM  
09-17 N8XGQ Marty J. Gilkison  
09-22 KC8BWJ Bruce M. Ashley  
09-22 KA8URK Jack Bradford  
09-25 KE4ETT James K. Brewer  
09-29 KB8OMG Barry B. Storer  
09-30 N8YWYX Kim A. Paquette

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## **AMATEUR RADIO SATELLITES**

K8YMI - Bob Halley

*Bob is taking a break this month,  
hope to see him back soon. Editor*

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### **Tower fall claims the life of Texas amateur**

A fall from an Amateur Radio tower July 8 claimed the life of ARRL member Bob Smart, W5TBV, of Georgetown, Texas. Smart reportedly fell from his 75-foot tower while adjusting his beam antenna. His wife, Elice, N5RRO, who had been assisting him from inside the house, came outside to find him on the ground. His climbing belt reportedly was not attached to the tower.--thanks to Phil Duff, NA4M

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### **AMATEUR RADIO GETTING GOOD VISIBILITY AT 2001 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

Amateur Radio will have a high profile during the Boy Scouts of America 2001 National Jamboree that opens July 23, at Fort A.P. Hill in Northern Virginia, and continues through August 1. An estimated 40,000 Scouts and leaders are expected to turn out, and some 45 Amateur Radio operators at K2BSA/4 will be among those on hand to greet them. ARRL Headquarters staff member Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, will attend this year's Jamboree.

This marks the 15th National Jamboree, which dates back to 1937. Dur-

ing this year's event, K2BSA hopes to complete a ham radio contact with the crew of the International Space Station as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station--or ARISS--project.

At this year's Jamboree, K2BSA will have four HF operating positions for general operation on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters, plus a VHF station with

a 2-meter multimode rig. Licensed Scouts will be encouraged to operate, with staff members standing by to help as needed, or to serve as control operators for unlicensed Scouts. Most K2BSA operation will be on voice, but there will be some CW operation, especially in the evenings or during the night. K2BSA/4 will operate on or near the established world Scout frequencies: 3.940, 7.290, 14.290, 21.360, 28.360 and 28.990 MHz on SSB and 3.590, 7.030, 14.070, 21.140, and 28.190 MHz on CW. Operation on satellites, digital modes and SSTV also is anticipated.

A special commemorative K2BSA QSL card has been designed. To receive a QSL card for your contact, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your card to K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, 303 Westover Dr, Euless, TX 76039.

Hams at the Jamboree will be teaching Radio merit badge and Technician license classes. ARRL/VEC coordinated exams will be given. Wolfgang plans to help with Radio merit badge classes and handle other duties at the Jamboree.

Wolfgang encourages all to look for K2BSA/4 on the bands and spend some time talking with Scouts at the Jamboree. "If you ask them what they've been doing, be ready for

some enthusiastic responses about all kinds of outdoor adventures!" he said. "The fun never stops at a Jamboree!"

For additional information, visit the K2BSA Ham Radio Web site, <http://www.bpmlegal.com/k2bsa.html>.

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## Marine Corps League 5K Race & 5K Fun Walk

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> - in West Union. Club members wishing to help with communications should meet by 7:30 AM or 8:00 AM, Cherry Street and South Street, near the elementary school and Lafferty's Funeral Home.

The race begins at 8:30 AM

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## Portsmouth Radio Club Annual Hamfest

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 3 PM  
Talk-in on 145.39- PL 136.5

Friendship Community Building  
on SR 52, in Friendship, Ohio.

Door prize:

Yaesu dual-band H.T.

Raffle scanner

Drawings hourly

Free indoor and

outdoor setups

Playground for Children

Special drawing for vendors

Food & drink - Fun for all !!

Admission \$2.00 per person

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## FLASH FLOODS BRING OUT THE BEST IN HAMS

Hams in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky mobilized this week after flash flooding hit the Appalachian region. Amateur Radio Emergency Service teams were activated after thunderstorms dumped several inches of rain in southern West Virginia and in bordering regions of Kentucky and Virginia July 7 and 8. While West Virginia was most affected, amateurs in all three states have cooperated in supporting the relief effort, which is expected to continue for several more days.

A state of emergency was declared in Boone, Fayette, Raleigh, Summers, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell and Doddridge, counties. The heavy rains caused mudslides in valley towns located in the mountainous region. At least one flood-related death was reported.

West Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator Mac McMillian, W8XF, said the affected region is largely comprised of rural coalfield counties, some bordering Kentucky and Virginia. He estimated that 60 hams have participated in the disaster response and relief effort.

West Virginia ARRL Section Manager Olie Rinehart, WD8V, said as many as 1000 homes were washed away. Rinehart said many of the affected residents have moved in with relatives, but 100 or so took advantage of Red Cross shelters.

Amateurs have been supporting three Red Cross chapters in the current

crisis. Telephone service was affected as switching stations were inundated by the floodwaters. "In a lot of places, you can call out but you can't call in from outside the area," Rinehart said.

Rinehart said water treatment plants along affected rivers were knocked out and some 5000 residents remain without drinking water. Another 2500 still have no electrical power, he said. The National Guard has been mobilized to assist in the cleanup and also has been hauling in water for affected residents.

In addition to assisting local emergency management officials and relief agencies, hams have been handling health-and-welfare traffic for the National Guard. McMillian said hams in five communities were using HF and VHF to handle traffic between National Guard workers and their families back home.

Across the Tug River in Kentucky, Lawrence County EC Fred Jones, WA4SWF, said hams on both sides of the border worked together to pass health-and-welfare traffic. "The damage that was done here is nothing like I had ever seen before," he said. "In a time like this, you have to work fast to get things done."

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