

# "The Ladderline"



## River Cities Amateur Radio Association

Serving Boyd and Greenup Counties Kentucky

KG4DVE 146.940 Repeater [www.rcara.org](http://www.rcara.org)



### ACTIVITIES

**Apr. 7, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Sal. Army**

**Apr. 25, 2009 - RCARA Tail-Gator Hamfest**

**8:00am - 3:00 pm , VE Testing**

**National City Bank Lot**

**Apr. 26, 2009 - Athens, OH Hamfest Athens**

**Community Center 8am - 1pm**

**May 2, 2009 - Big Sandy ARC Hamfest Louisa, KY**

**10am - 3pm**

### Boyd/Greenup ARES News

District Emergency Coordinator John Hager N4KJU from Paintsville has resigned his duties as of April 1, 2009. John is leaving this important position due to personal and health reasons. Please join us in thanking John for a job very well done for District 9. Charleston WV National Weather Service will be offering a new HAM CHAT program for weather alerts and reports, the RCARA will discuss this with EC Roger Castles report. Jason Franklin of the NWS is very excited about this new Amateur Radio program.

### RCARA CW Course Complete

The 2009 RCARA CW Class was finalized on March 22, 2009. Congratulations to Dan K4VTA, and Scott KI4GSF for completing the course, and making CW contacts on the HF bands. Way to go !! Dan worked an AA6, while Scott worked a K4 in Florida for their first CW contacts. Much thanks to Ken Bramlett K4IT for his leadership and guidance with the CW course. Hopefully we will have another CW class in the fall.

### "Ladderline Articles"

We need you to step up and write an article for the Ladderline, or an announcement, whatever. Please let me know what you want in the Ladderline, and we'll get it done.

### YUCC Award

Here's the perfect award for all you VHF/UHF operators. The ARRL offers the VHF/UHF Century Club Award for working 100 grid squares on 6M, 2M, 220Mhz, 430Mhz etc. This can be done in SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK. This is a hard one, and the ARRL offers a very nice Certificate similar to the DXCC Award. Good hunting and have FUN !!

### Presidents Sidebar

Finally, spring has sprung and warmer weather is here. A great time to get some antenna work done, get the yard in shape, pick up the branches that fell this winter, and attend a hamfest. With that in mind, our RCARA Tail-Gator Hamfest is just around the corner, and we need everyone to pitch-in and make the 2009 Tail-Gator a big success. Please get with Frank KI4WAZ and volunteer to help with the parking, refreshments, or sell the raffle tickets. Also, our VE team will be giving tests beginning at 10:00am at the Caboose at the Bank. If you plan to set-up a table, please plan to arrive by 7:00am and get your spot. I hope everyone will take some time and attend the Tail-Gator ! Don't forget that the next weekend on 5-2-09 the Big Sandy Club will hold its Hamfest in Louisa at the Senior Citizens Center. The RCARA will have Field Day 2009 at the Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Club Lodge, and we are looking forward to great turn-out for the weekend. Make your plans early to take part in Field Day 09 the last weekend in June. We will be operating a single transmitter, with dipole, and a possible QRP station off to the side for some fun on CW. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Tail-Gator....73

### PSK 10 Years Old

The popular PSK31 mode has now been around for 10 years, and has been a great mode of communications for all areas of Amateur Radio. Look at the following frequencies : 3.580, 7.070, 10.140, 14.070, 21.070, and 28.120.

### 40 Meters Finally OPEN !!

On March 28, 2009 at 8:00pm (0000Z), the 40 meter band segment 7.100 to 7.200 MHz was finally only an Amateur Radio Band. All foreign broadcaster stations cleared the 100Khz, and WOW what an Amateur band for DX and ragchewing. If you hav'nt been on 40, give it a try and let the good times roll.

### Kentucky Section ARES Training Course

The website KYHAM.com offers the new ARES Training course at NO charge. All you have to do is go to the site, click on Training, and begin the course. After you have read and studied the material, you can take the three tests on line, and when its graded you will be notified and you can print your certificate. This satisfies the ARRL groups I & II. Take It Today !!

### Net News

Boyd/Greenup ARES Net - Monday 9pm 146.940  
Dist. 9 ARES VHF Net - Tuesday 9pm link 146.940  
Friendship Net - Nightly 10pm link 146.940 (Louisa)  
Dist. 9 HF Net has been cancelled till the fall 2009.

