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Activities Area

Dec. 2, 2008 - Christmas Dinner 5:30pm Golden Corral

Dec. 11, 2008 - HAM Breakfast 8:30am Golden Corral

Dec. 25, 2008 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 31, 2008 - New years Eve

Jan. 6, 2008 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Sa. Army

Jan 10, 2009 - VE Test session 9:00am Sal. Army

**Jan 24, 2008 - District 9 Annual Meeting 9:30am
Ashland RCARA Host - Salvation Army**



NEW RCARA Life Members

Much thanks to our newest Life Members: Dan Huffman K4VTA, Dave Vest KZ4G, Roger Castle K4QYK



The SET exercise went off as planned on 11-15-08 in Greenup County hosted by K4QYK and N4VWR.

Boyd/Greenup ARES members attending were: Matt Tinker AA4XA, Roger Castle K4QYK, Jackie Castle N4VWR, Tim Wright KD4OVM, John Easterling KG4IVM, Don Canterbury KI4AGR, Scott Jacobs KI4GSF, Paul Gilliam KI4MNZ, Frank Certain KI4WAZ, Dave Blanton KJ4AZU, Bob McLaughlin WB8UYA, and Arthur Pierson N8LRO Lawrence Co. Ohio EC. Band conditions on 80 meters were not good, but communications between ARES ~~counties was accomplished.~~

The National Weather Service office in Jackson, KY has been granted the vanity call of WX4JKL. Listen for the Jackson office on the repeater links.

THE NET NEWS / SCHEDULE

Boyd/Greenup ARES Net : Monday 9:00pm 0100Z, 146.940

District 9 ARES HF Net : Tuesday 8:00pm 0000Z, 3.820MHz

District 9 ARES 2m Net : Tuesday 9:00pm 0100Z, 146.940

President's Sidebar

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday, and are ready for the arrival of Santa Claus. The 11-15-08 SET exercise was very well attended and everyone had a great time getting set-up and ready for the District 9 SET. Many thanks to Roger Castle K4QYK and his XYL Jackie N4VWR for their hospitality and warm welcome during the SET. We want to welcome two new members to the RCARA this month. They are, Arte Hardeman KJ4HWF, and Paul Gilliam KI4MNZ. When you get a chance, please make our newest members feel welcome. The VE test session on 11-08-08 had three people testing. Next VE test is in January 2009. January will be a very busy month for the RCARA. We will again host the District 9 Annual Meeting on 1-24-09 beginning at 9:30am and lasting till 2:30pm at the Salvation Army building. This years event will feature guest speakers on ARES, Emergency Communications, Club Activities, Training events etc. Looks like a great line-up of speakers and programs for all Amateurs in Eastern Kentucky. I hope all RCARA members will take the time to attend this vital meeting for Amateur Radio. The RCARA has been again recognized as a Special Service Club by the ARRL for 2009-2010. As we close the 2008 year, I want to thank everyone in the RCARA family for their dedication and willingness to help with Club programs. Your efforts and dedication are what make the RCARA an ARRL Special Services Club.....till next year....have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 73 Matt Tinker and Family

Local Amateur to be part of KP5 DXpedition

Gary W8OI, from Huntington, WV, has been selected as a member of the DX Team that will be operating from Desecheo Island in early 2009. Desecheo Island is 14 miles off the west coast of Puerto Rico. This is a very rare DX entity, due to the Fish & Wildlife Service banning all visits to the island for years. Listen for W8OI on the bands from Desecheo.