



River Cities Amateur Radio Association

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Activities Area

- Jan. 6, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Sa. Army**
- Jan 10, 2009 - VE Test session 9:00am Sa. Army**
- Jan 18, 2009 - Nelsonville, OH Hamfest 8am-2pm**
- Jan 24, 2009 - District 9 Annual Meeting 9:30am**
Ashland RCARA Host - Salvation Army
- Feb. 3, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Sa. Army**

President's Sidebar

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This month the RCARA will again host the annual District 9 meeting on the 24th beginning at 9:30am at the Salvation Army HQ. I hope all RCARA members will be in attendance for this very important District meeting. This years meeting will have a number of forums discussing Emergency Communications, Official Observer Program, DXing, and much more for all amateurs. Our state leadership will be present, and some special guests. I want to thank the following RCARA members for becoming SATERN members to assist the Salvation Army: Scott Jacobs KI4GSF, Dave Blanton AA4ZU, and Matt Tinker AA4XA. The Salvation Army MOU is complete, including the definition for action with the local Corps. I also want to thank the Salvation Army for letting the RCARA make their home at the Salvation Army HQ for meetings, VE test sessions and other RCARA events. I want to announce that Vern Leeper KA4OIL, and Don Canterbury KI4AGR have been appointed NET Managers for the Monday Boyd/Greenup ARES/RACES/SKYWARN net by the Kentucky Section. Congratulations to Vern and Don for an excellent job over the last year plus. See everyone on the bands...73 Matt AA4XA



Boyd/Greenup ARES/RACES/SKYWARN

Boyd/Greenup EC Roger Castle K4QYK would like to encourage all ARES/SKYWARN members to check into the Monday 9:00pm net. Our net check-ins have been dropping over the last few sessions. We need all ARES members to become active on the net, and participate in the ARES/RACES weekly net, and the District Net on Tuesday evening. See everyone on the NET !! Some District news from Scott Jacobs our ADEC: the District executive management team met on 12-13-08 in Louisa, and some new and exciting programs will be coming in early 2009. The net on Tuesday will have a new directed net format featuring training, message handling etc. Scott encourages all Boyd/Greenup members to check-in and join the team.

Did You Know ? At the World Radio Conference in 2007 the Amateur Radio service was awarded its first low-frequency allocation at 135.7-137.8 KHz. The new allocation goes into effect on January 1, 2009. However, the US will not gain access to this new band automatically. The FCC will have to review and allocate this new band in the future.

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
- KY Emergency Net : Monday 7:00pm 3.0725 MHz
- Friendship Net : Daily 10:00pm 0200Z 146.940 Linked

HAM "SPOTLIGHT"

This month our Ham "Spotlight" shines on Roger **Castle K4QYK**. Roger has been a ham since 1958 when he became a Novice, later upgrading to Extra with his current call of K4QYK. Roger took his amateur radio skills to the US Navy as a Radioman serving our country from 1965 to 1967. Roger was a member of the early Expeditionary Force in Vietnam in the Johnson build-up in the mid-sixties. Roger returned from the Navy, and went to work at AK Steel where he retired after 30 years of service. Roger and his wife Jackie N4VWR, currently own Castle Marina in Greenup, KY. Roger has been an active member of the RCARA for a number of years, and has served the club as Vice President, and is the current Boyd/Greenup ARES Emergency Coordinator for our two county Service Area for the past 5 plus years. Roger also serves as a VE for the RCARA. Roger is active on the bands, and can be found on 80 meters, 40, and 10 meters ragchewing and having a good time. We want to thank Roger for his long service and dedication to Amateur Radio, and the River Cities Amateur Radio Association. We look forward to many more years of having Roger and Jackie with the RCARA.

Heres and interesting note that was observed recently : The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) is looking for new members that are Amateur Radio operators. If you are interested log onto the MUFON net and get the interesting details. You could be out of this world with Ham Radio !!