

"The Ladderline"



River Cities Amateur Radio Association

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ACTIVITIES

President's Sidebar

Mar. 3, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Huntington WV, Radio Museum ROAD TRIP!

Mar. 11, 2009 - VE Testing 9:00am Sal. Army

Mar. 21, 2009 - Charleston WV Hamfest Coonskin Armory - Charleston, WV

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

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

Well everyone survived the snow and ice, and Hamfest season is almost upon us. The Charleston, WV hamfest is on 3-21-09, and our Tail-Gator is 4-25-09, with Louisa on 5-2-09. Time to get ready for another antenna adjustment and installation season HI HI !! We certainly want to thank the Museum of Radio and Technology for hosting our March Club meeting. I'm sure everyone will enjoy the evening, and the tour. This has been a busy month on the DX bands with K5D from Desecheo Island on the air, and it sure looks like a fair number of RCARA members were chasing this rare DX. Congratulations to everyone that put K5D into their logbook. I had the pleasure of attending a meeting on 2-12-09 at the NWS office in Charleston, WV to discuss Amateur Radio in the tri-state area. A number of ideas and suggestions were discussed dealing with the SKYWARN system. From this meeting a study group has been established to work out the details of linking West Virginia (Cabell, Wayne, Putnam, and Kanahwa counties) with Eastern Kentucky, and Southern Ohio via 2 meters. District 9 Kentucky is out in front with this project with the existing linking system. Discussions will begin in March, and hopefully a plan will be done by late summer 2009, with linking taking place in 2010. Everyone felt that this new link would provide faster, and more accurate data for weather emergencies. The CW class is now in its 5th week, and it looks like we will have five new CW operators in the near future. Those attending are AA4WO, AG4JO, K4VTA, KI4GSF, and KD5KMR. Much thanks to Ken K4IT for his leadership and direction. Well, thats about all for now....have a great March, and see ya on the bands.....73.....Matt AA4XA



Boyd/Greenup ARES/RACES

ARES 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 7:30pm 3.9725 Mhz

SPOTLIGHT ORGANIZATION

This month our spotlight organization is the International DX Association. The INDXA was founded in 1983 and has for the past twenty five years provided support to 175 DXpeditions around the world to rare and semi-rare DX entities. The INDXA is a non-profit organization run by volunteers headquartered in Catawba, South Carolina. The INDXA has a very nice quarterly newsletter, and has a daily DX net on 14.236 MHz at 2330Z. This an other DX organizations have been instrumental in getting DXpeditions on the ground all over the globe. If you are interested in joining go the INDXA website.



NET NEWS

Friendship Net-Daily 10:00 pm Link System
RCARA 10M Net - Saturday 8:00pm 28.400 MHz
Tri-State Two Merter Net - Daily 7:30pm 146.940



Desecheo Island
W8OI Gary (Huntington, WV)



K5D Campsite Main Tent
Panoramic View of K5D Site

