

"The Ladderline"



River Cities Amateur Radio Association

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ACTIVITIES

- May 2, 2009 - Big Sandy ARC Hamfest Louisa 8-2
- May 5, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Salvation Army HQ
- May 9, 2009 - VE Testing Session 9:00am Sal. Army HQ
- May 15-17, 2009 Dayton Hamvention - Dayton, Ohio
- June 2, 2009 - Club Meeting 7:30pm Salvation Army HQ
(Special Program K5D Desecheo DXpedition)
- June 27-28, 2009 - FIELD DAY NE KY Fish and Game Club

Boyd/Greenup ARES News

We really want to thank the Boyd County EM Office for the great support and contribution to the recent RCARA Tail-Gator on 4-25-09. What a great display provided by Matt Adkins KF4TDJ EM Director and his staff at the Hamfest. I hope everyone had the opportunity to take a good look at the equipment on display, and realize that we are in good hands with the Boyd County EM Team. Also, we welcome the addition of the Boyd County EM Radio Club to the RCARA as an adjunct for our ARES/RACES efforts in Boyd and Greenup Counties. This new addition at the EOC will facilitate communications for radio amateurs in cases of natural disaster in our area. Thanks again Boyd Co. EM. Also we want to welcome KI4GSF, an RCARA member, as our new Kentucky District 9 District Emergency Coordinator. Scott's appointment became official on 4-1-09. We wish Scott the best of luck, and we hope you will be successful as the DEC.

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.

2009 RCARA RAFFLE Finalized !!

Dan K4VTA Finance Chairman, and Jan AG4JO report that the final 2009 raffle for the new Mini-Computer was a resounding success for the RCARA. A total of some 900 plus tickets were sold, and the club netted \$500 plus for our second raffle. The yearly total is almost \$900.00 for our two events. Way to go RCARA, the funds are much needed to keep the ball moving forward with the RCARA projects.

Presidents Sidebar

Well this has certainly been of month of highs and lows for the RCARA. On the 25th the 3rd Annual Tail-Gator Hamfest took place, and the attendance for the event went up 25% from 2008. A total of 140-150 Hams attended the Tail-Gator and had a great time in the sunny 80 degree weather. There were some 17 vendors with wares and all sorts of goodies for everyone to preview, and hopefully purchase. I would like to thank Frank Certain KI4WAZ our Activities Chairman for his efforts in making the 2009 Tail-Gator a success. Much thanks go to Jan AG4JO, and Sheila KG4BBD for their efforts with the refreshments, and to Dan K4VTA for parking assistance. Dave AA4ZU for getting those door prize tickets to everyone, and Roger K4QYK for the pop donation, and to all RCARA members for their help and assistance. We can only look forward to 2010 for the 4th Tail-Gator! With the highs came the low; we lost a friend, mentor, and leader this last month. Dave Vest KZ4G is now SK. Dave was a charter member, and life member of the RCARA. Dave was a two term past President, and Certified Instructor for our Club, served as a VE, as an Official Emergency Station for ARES/RACES in Boyd and Greenup Counties, and as an Asst. Division Director for the Great Lakes Division of the ARRL. Dave was also a past President and Charter Member of the Bluegrass Chapter #214 of the QCWA. We will all miss his leadership, thoughtfulness, and his great spirit for Amateur Radio. I for one will miss his coming over to the office, getting a cup of coffee, and talking Amateur Radio, and life..... 73 Dave.

"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.

VE TEST SESSION Report

Jan Osborne AG4JO reports that the VE Test session at the Tail-Gator had five people testing. Congratulations to all that passed. Welcome Don Jacobs, Scott's KI4GSF Dad, to the RCARA after passing his Tech Test. Much thanks to the VE Team of KA4OIL, AA4ZU, K4VTA, AG4JO, KD4OVM, AA4XA, and K4QYK.

