

The Ladderline

River Cities Amateur Radio Assoc.

Serving Boyd and Greenup Counties Kentucky

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Activities Area

- Nov. 4, 2008 - Club Meeting 7:30 Fire Station
- Nov. 8, 2008 - VE Test Session 9:00am Fire Station
- Nov. 15, 2008 - ARES Dist. 9 Simulated Emergency Test - NVIS Problem 9:00am
- Dec. 2, 2008 - Christmas Dinner 5:30pm Golden Corral

2008-2009 Club Dues

It's about the end of DUES season, please note that the new Club dues are \$20.00/year. Club dues are NOW due, please get your dues to Vern KA4OIL.



EC Roger Castle K4QYK has announced that the **2008 SET** will be held at his business at Castle Marina in Greenup on Saturday Nov. 15th beginning at 9:00am.

All Boyd/Greenup ARES members need to arrive by 9:00 am to begin set-up of the HF NVIS antenna system and be prepared for the District 9 Emergency Net beginning at 10:00am. Castle Marina is right off US Rt. 23 as you come into Greenup from Ashland. The Emergency Exercise will last till about 12:00 noon, with a recap following the SET to evaluate the exercise. Please invite any county or state personnel that would be interested in the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service in the Boyd/Greenup Service Area.

**ATTENTION*

We would like to still have pictures of your ham shack, and other items for the Ladderline. Got an idea, get it in the Ladderline. Got something for sale, get it in the Ladderline

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 7:30pm 3.9725 Mhz

President's Sidebar

Lots of things are happening this month. The simulated Emergency Test on the 15th, our VE test session on the 8th, and of course Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has a joyous Holiday Season, and doesn't eat too much turkey !! This month the Club will review the proposed budget for 08-09, and we need to make some hard choices for the coming year. I hope to see everyone at the ARES SET on the 15th, and at the VE session on the 8th. This test session will see the unveiling of the new RCARA brochure for new prospective members. Have a great Thanksgiving, and we'll see you on the bands. Best 73 Matt AA4XA

HAM SPOTLIGHT

This month we spotlight **Dave Vest KZ4G** one of the Charter Members of the RCARA. Dave has been an amateur since 1952 when he received his amateur license while in the Air Force in Mississippi WN5TXV. In 1953, Dave upgraded to General and received the call W8LMF which he held until 1967. Dave moved from his home state of West Virginia to Kentucky in 1967, and had been working at Armco Steel since 1955 since his discharge from the US Air Force. With his move to Kentucky he was assigned the call WB4JDR until his upgrade when he was assigned the new call of K4HRF. Dave upgraded to Extra Class in 1979, and received his current call KZ4G. Dave served as the President of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Assoc. in Huntington from 1966-1967, and has been President of the RCARA two times, once in 1978-1979 and again in 2006-2007, and a charter member and past president of the QCWA Bluegrass Chapter 214. Dave was married in 1955 to Joann KA4MBF, and they had three children Jeff, Joy, and Dave Jr. K8DV. Sadly, Joann passed away in 2002. Dave remarried in 2004 after meeting Linda at a church function. Dave has served Amateur Radio in a number of leadership positions over the years. West Virginia Traffic Route Manager from 1966-1967. Kentucky Section Traffic Manager, and Kentucky Section Manager from 1980-1982. Dave currently serves as Assistant Great Lakes Division Director, VE, and OES, and ARRL Certified Instructor. Dave has been an Elmer to countless Hams in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, and many count him as their mentor in Amateur Radio. Dave has received any number of awards over the years, to include DXCC, A1-OP, WAS etc., and was recently honored in 2008 with the Kentucky District 9 Meritorious Service Award for long and valued service to Amateur Radio in Eastern Kentucky. If you hear a great CW fist on the air, don't be surprised if it's not KZ4G. Give Dave a shout on CW, and I'm sure you will enjoy the QSO. We look forward to many more years of service and dedication to Amateur Radio from our friend Dave Vest KZ4G.

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SKYWARN Recognition Day 2008

The 10th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day special event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008, and is co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and the ARRL. This day is in recognition of Amateur Radio operators that help in keeping their communities safe. During the 24-hour special event, Amateur Radio Operators visit their local NWS office and work as a team to contact other hams across the world. This year groups from Paintsville and Hazard Kentucky will participate at the Jackson, KY NWS office.

2008 RCARA RAFFLE BLITZ - November 08

Activities Chair Frank Certain KI4WAZ and Jan Osborne AG4JO are ready for the month long RAFFLE BLITZ. Tickets for sale will be available at the November Club meeting. Tickets will sell for \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for 6, and \$10.00 for 12. This years raffle prize is a KODAK 10 mega pixal digital camera with 10x zoom lens and all the extras. GET THOSE TICKETS, AND LETS SELL !!! Take those tickets to work, church, other meetings, we need to raise some serious funds for 2008-09.

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NEW MEETING LOCATION

[SALVATION ARMY](#)
[2212 CARTER AVE.](#)
[ASHLAND, KY 41102](#)

2009 District 9 Meeting

The 2009 District 9 Amateur Radio meeting will be held on January 24, 2009 in Ashland, KY. The meeting will begin at 9:30am and last till 2:30pm. Highlights, will include ARES presentations, ARRL news and presentations, District Awards ceremony, and our Section Manager and Section Emergency Coordinator. All Amateur Radio operators are invited to this very important event. The RCARA will again host this years event at the new meeting location at the Salvation Army HQ. I hope everyone will attend the meeting on Jan. 24th.

CHRISTMAS CLUB DINNER

DECEMBER 2, 2008

5:30 PM GOLDEN CORAL

ROUTE 23 - ASHLAND, KY

Activities Chairman Frank Certain KI4WAZ has announced the 2008 Christmas Dinner location and time. As always, all amateurs and their families are invited to the annual dinner and gift exchange. Everyone is encouraged to bring a gift for exchange, and please if possible bring one for YL's and Men and if possible gifts for children (Under 12 years old).

We look forward to seeing everyone and their families for a fun evening of fellowship and fun. Dinner will be followed by the gift exchange.

RCARA Equipment List

1. 2M Kenwood Repeater Model no. TKR-720
2. 2M Kendecom Repeater Model no. Mark 4 CR140
3. CAT 1000 Repeater Controller
4. Diamond Dual Band Antenna Model no. X300NA
5. Two sets of Duplexers
6. Statpower Charger Model No. TrueCharge5
7. Power Sonic 55 amp-hr battery Model no. PS-12550U
8. Motorola 440Mhz Repeater Link Model No. M34DGC20A2AA
9. Motorola Power Supply Model No. HPN1007A
10. 3 Elem Beam
11. 250 W Amplifier
12. Four-Pole repeater antenna
13. Education ARRL Kits #1155
14. Food and Paper Supplies for events

RCARA RAFFLE #2

The RCARA by vote in October authorized the second raffle to be done between January and the April 2009 Tail-Gator Hamfest. The plan was to purchase or have donated a 40+ inch plasma TV for the raffle. Your help and cooperation are needed to make this happen, please get with Dan K4VTA for suggestions and ideas on how to procure the TV.

NEW RCARA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The RCARA by vote authorized the new Life Membership category in October 2008. The new membership will be Ten (10) times the annual dues, with 65 and older members receiving a 25% discount. If you can we would appreciate your consideration for becoming a NEW LIFE MEMBER of the RCARA !!!