

The Ladderline

River Cities Amateur Radio Assoc.

Serving Boyd and Greenup Counties Kentucky

KG4DVE 146.940 Repeater www.rcara.org



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Activities Area

Sept. 25, 2008 - Tech/General Class 7:00pm
Oct. 2, 2008 - Tech/General Class 7:00pm
Oct. 7, 2008 - Club Meeting 7:30 Fire Station
Oct. 9, 2008 - Tech General/Class 7:00pm
Oct. 16, 2008 - Tech/General Class 7:00pm
Oct. 23, 2008 - Tech/General Class 7:00pm
Oct. 30, 2008 - Tech/General Class 7:00pm
Nov. 4, 2008 - Club Meeting 7:30 Fire Station

2008-2009 Club Dues

It's that time again for Club Dues, please note that the new Club dues are \$20.00/year. Club dues are due before the end of October 2008. Thanks !!

DEC John Hager N4KJU has announced that the 2008 **SET (Simulated Emergency Test)** will be held on November 22, 2008 for District # 9. This will test each county/service areas ability to operate in an emergency mode.

More information to follow from our EC Roger Castle K4QYK. The RCARA will take part in this fun event. The following RCARA members have completed the NEW ARES KY Training : AA4XA, AG4JO, K4VTA, KA4OIL, KD4OVM, KD5KMR, KI4AGR, KI4GSF. If you are in ARES, please complete the new training offered on the KYHAM net. www.KYHAM.net

**ATTENTION*

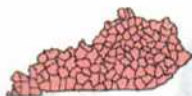
We would like to still have pictures of your ham shack, and other items for the Ladderline. Got an idea, get it in the Ladderline. Got something for sale, get it in the Ladderline

THE NET NEWS

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
Tri-State Two Meter Net : Weekdays 7:30pm 146.940
KY Emergency Net : Monday 7:30pm 3.9725 Mhz

President's Sidebar

Its hard to believe that 2007-08 year has come and gone, yet a new year is on the horizon for the RCARA. I would like to reflect on the past year for a moment. This last year saw some exciting changes in the RCARA. The January District 9 Emergency Communications Summit Meeting hosted by the RCARA was a resounding success, and put the focus on the RCARA as a leader in the Kentucky Section. The results so far in the District have been very good. Our Section Manager Jim Brooks KY4Z has been to Ashland twice this past year, and the RCARA was awarded the title of Special Services Club in April of 2008 for the outstanding service offered by the RCARA. We have had training courses, a June 2008 "Hamming It Up" class at the Ashland Community and Technical College that was a resounding success for twelve 11-12 year olds. Our Tech/General classes has produced 26 new Techs, and provided 16 Amateurs upgrades to General. The 146.940 repeater has been relocated and improved via a new antenna and more elevation for better service to our Amateur community. The 432Mhz District 9 link was established at the 94 in April 08. The Tail-Gator Hamfest, our second, was recognized by the ARRL and published in QST, with 15 tables and 83 people in attendance. Field Day was again operational (wet !!), and everyone had a great time, and the July 08 special event station K4S from "Summer Motion" had great success with record contacts. Our average monthly Club attendance increased from 12 per meeting to almost 20 per meeting. Our two raffles were very successful and raised almost \$500 for the treasury. The club programs offered included SKYWARN training (2 sessions), HandiHam info, CERT, the Salvation Army, Digital Communications etc. Needless to say 2007-08 was a fun year for the RCARA. I look forward to a better 08-09. Best 73, and good DX Matt AA4XA



Kentucky Section News

The RCARA was 2nd place in the recent Section Web-site competition, and 4th in the Newsletter competition. There were 24 new hams licensed in KY this past month. KE4AIE Charles O'Neal was appointed the new KY Director of Emergency Medical Services. The Section still needs a new Public Information Officer, if you are interested, please contact KY4Z via email.

