



M.A.R.K. NEWS

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Weekly Nets:

Saturday Night
10 meter Net
28.400 MHz USB
8 p.m. CDT (1:00 UTC)
Net control: Ken, KA9AHP

Sunday Night
2 meter Net
Temporarily 444.925
103.5 Hz tone
Normally 146.655, - offset
8 p.m. CDT (1:00 UTC)
Net control: Various

A Ham Radio breakfast is held every Friday morning at the D and W Restaurant in Mattoon at 8 a.m.

Coles County ARES will meet Fridays at the Forum from 6:30 AM to 7:10 AM until further notice. This is located about four doors East of Gowins restaurant in Mattoon.

Don't forget to check into the **Clark County ARES** Net Wed nights at 9:00 pm on 146.520.

Regular Monthly Meeting

This month we will have a dinner & short meeting at the Coles Co Airport at 6 pm You can order off the menu We have the North room reserved We must be out of there by 8 pm All amateurs and their guests are welcome

Program

Since we will be meeting at the Airport there will be no program There will be a program for February if we meet at the club house.....It has not been decided as yet....No ideas for a program have been received. We will talk about a 220 repeater in Lovington All those interested please be there

Program Suggestions

We would greatly appreciate your suggestions for programs for the club meetings. If you have something you would like to present, or know a person who could give us a good program please email Clint, KC9S. kc9s@mail2usa.com or Bob, KA9LRZ ka9lrz@consolidated.com

Newsletter Editing

Clint, KC9S, will be giving Bob a hand in issuing the newsletters over the next few months. If you have problems with the newsletter, please contact kc9s@mail2usa.com or ka9lrz@consolidated.net Thank you.

Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub

There were no minutes taken for the month of December since the Christmas dinner was held and no business was conducted...

H F CONDITIONS

For most of the last month the Solar Flux has fluctuated between roughly 85 and 95. During the last week, however, it has taken a gradual decline down to 78 as of this writing on January 9th.

N9YRX NCS

With travel during the holiday season there was not much activity at W9LYN. Before Christmas there was a brief operation reported from Desecheo Island near Puerto Rica that may not count toward DXCC. That island has not been activated for some years so there were good pileups. I worked them on 12 meters and Dave – KD9AC caught them on several other bands. “QRZ DX” reports:“Initial reports said they had permission from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to land on the island and operate. ‘Something’ happened and their operation was cut short.....” We will just have to see what happens on crediting this operation. It is a classic case of “work them first and worry later”. Did catch an Icelandic station – TF3ZA on 17 meters who conveniently has a U.S. QSL manager. It was a “new one” for me on that band. Also, on 30 meters snagged OA4/N6XQ whom I QSL’d via “home call” and I hope eventually will come through with a QSL for Peru on that band.

SAGO MINE EXPLOSION

This week’s “ARRL Letter” reports that the latest word on KC8VKZ (Randall McCloy, Jr.), the sole survivor of the recent West Virginia coal mine explosion is still listed in critical condition at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. They suggest sending a note of support on a QSL card to him at P. O. Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. When I first checked his call on QRZ.COM several days ago, I found that he had been a ham for a little over three years and the number of “Lookups” was over 5,000. Checking his call today, I find the “Lookup” total pushing 17,000

Letter From The President

Now that the old repeater is back up on the elevator and on the air we will begin again to reach out and touch other amateurs in around the area The Sunday night net will continue at 8 pm each Sunday evening with various Net Control Operators.. Thanks to those of you that have volunteered for that position I appreciate this ... January is the month for your yearly dues Please send your check in or bring it to the dinner/meeting Monday evening...The address to mail you dues to is on last page of this newsletter. Thank you for your support
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