



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

The next meeting of the Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub will be held November 21, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse in Bruce, IL. All amateurs and guests are welcome.

Program

No ideas for a program have been received. Feel free to bring in something for a brief show and tell session.

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>.

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 October 17, 2005 Minutes

Meeting began at 7:13 pm with the following members present: Bob, KA9LRZ (President), Sam, K3BY (Secretary), Allen, KA9Z (Treasurer), Bill, W9LYN, Dave, KD9AC, Jerry, WX9D, Byron, KB9BWS, Kenny, KA9AHP, Ralph, WC9V

Guest: Mr. Jonathan Cook just passed his Technician's Test and wants to join the club. Welcome Jonathan.

President Bob, KA9LRZ read financial report. The balance was \$1860.04. Still no bill has been received for the new repeater. Financial report passed (Dave, KD9AC/Bill, W9LYN)

OLD

BUSINESS

N9YRX NCS

APRS Net following the ARES net 9:30 pm APRS will be on 144.390. Will use 146.520 Simplex to coordinate things until established. Use N9YRX-3 to check in.

1. The tower piece that was donated is now at Ralph's, WC9Z's house.
2. The storm door on the clubhouse still needs to be done.
3. Mowing of the property looks good.
4. The Club Raffle – Ralph, WC9V will put together plans for the raffle and present at the next meeting.
5. Holding meetings at other locations besides the clubhouse especially in the winter months is ongoing old business. Some discussion about holding the November meeting at a restaurant was briefly discussed but no consensus was reached.

NEW

BUSINESS

1. The MARK Christmas Dinner will be held on December 3, 2005 at 6:00 pm at Yoder's Restaurant in Arthur. Call Kenny, KA9AHP at his home 543-2368 to make your reservations.
2. A DX competition will be held from October 28th beginning 0000 UTC to November 3rd 2400 UTC. Contact Bill, W9LYN for details.

The meeting was closed at 7:31 pm (Dave, KD9AC/Byron, KB9BWS).

Respectively submitted, MARK Secretary Sam Guccione K3BY

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2005 at 7 pm at the MARK Clubhouse in Bruce.

The MARK DX Competition Information and H.F. Conditions

By Bill James, W9LYN

The MOULTRIE AMATEUR RADIO KLUB SEVENTH DX COMPETITION will run from 7:00 PM CDT, Friday, October 28, 2005 (0000 UTC 29 October 2005) until 6:00 PM CST, Saturday, December 3, 2005 (2400 UTC 3 December 2005).

[Remember the MARK annual Christmas dinner at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur is at 6:00 PM Saturday, December 3, 2005]

The RULES for the DX Competition are the same as for 2004. The object is to work as many DIFFERENT DXCC "entities/countries" as possible on any band or mode 160 through 10 meters that you are licensed to operate. Remember that the U.S.A. counts as one DX country, as do each of the other "entities/countries", but that each one only counts ONCE regardless of the number of bands on which you work them.

Also remember that all of those who hold an ARRL DXCC form one group, regardless of their license class. Those who hold an Extra Class license, an Advance Class license, a General Class license, a Technician Plus or a Novice Class license but not an ARRL DXCC would each compete in a separate group. Thus it would be possible to have members competing in six groups with prizes going to the person with the highest number of countries in each group.

During the 2004 event there was competition in three of the above groups. Bob Olson was the only one to compete in the General Class group. In the Extra Class group Jerry Van Matre-WX9D, Ron Amyx-N9GIF, and Clint Parrish-KC9S competed and Clint was the overall competition winner with 62 countries ahead of anyone in the ARRL DXCC group. In that group Dave Riddle-KD9AC and Bill James-W9LYN were left behind Clint's fine score.

Good luck in the 2005 competition! (The CQ WW SSB contests starts at the beginning of our competition. Click on "Contest" in the upper "bar" at <http://www.ng3k.com> to see the RULES for that contest and the dozens of DX stations already planning to operate in it.) de W9LYN

After the meeting Dave KD9AC showed us a movie on how to put up an antenna. It was great.. Lots of Laughs...Refreshments

Were served The members visited with each other.....



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