

**2010 HAM OF THE YEAR**

Having received the 2009 Ham of the Year award, it was my privilege to receive and tally the secret ballots for 2010. I made the following remarks at our banquet on March 20.

2010 Ham of the Year voting was close. Eight different people received votes for the honor but one person edged above the others. The first criteria for selection is minimum attendance at meetings. That gives us a list of members who are eligible but we all know it's not enough to just show up. When thinking about who deserves the honor, a person who sets a standard of service is important. This year's recipient participates in so many radio activities every week, I'm sure even his family can't keep up with his schedule. The next thing to consider is relationships with others. This person has been cooperative, professional, helpful, a patient teacher, and a good friend to radio. He sends so many radio updates that his is one of the few call signs I know by heart. SAARA member, EC for Columbiana County, all round great guy, and ham for 31 years --- our 2010 Ham of the Year is **NN8B, Don Kemp**.



ing longer than any other SAARA member.

Two other folks who deserve special mention are: our newest Ham, March 20, 2010, Travis Mitchell, grandson of Tom (KB8DUX) and Linda (KB8SXQ) Miller, and Al Avnet (AB8AA) who was first licensed in 1953 and has been operat-

**Ginger Grilli (KC8ZFK)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- June 23, Alliance T-hunt at 7:00 PM. The starting line is the usual Glamorgan Castle. Glamorgan castle is located at 200 Glamorgan Ave, Alliance. The lat/long is 40.91186, -81.10897. The hunt frequency will be 147.525. Contact John Myers, KD8MQ <kd8mq1@gmail.com>
- June 25 - Super Nats car Parade 6:00 PM for those that could help us out please be in place along State St Salem by 5:30 to 5:45
- June 26 - Motorcycle parade along the same route as above 6:00 PM for those that could help us out please be in place along State St Salem by 5:30 to 5:45 They are expecting something like 400/500 motorcycles and cars, and would like to have as many as possible especially on Friday evening for the cars.
- June 26/27 SAARA Field Day Pavilion 8 Waterworth Memorial Park, Salem, Superior Ave Off N Lincoln.
- July 1 SAARA Meeting @ Salvation Army 7:00 P.M
- July 10 Tour of the Valley bicycle race thru Columbiana July 10. Contact Al 330-549-3051 if you can help
- July 10 Lions club walk 9:00 AM those helping please show up at the Salem Community center at 8:30/8:45
- July 25 Portage HF
- Aug.5 SAARA Meeting @ Salvation Army 7:00 P.M
- August 14 International Festival, Grande *Continued page 4*

**FIELD DAY**

Well, it's time for Field Day again. We all look forward to Field Day. It is a time that all of Hams get together, set up emergency operations, and see what we can do. We invite the public to come and join in on the fun.

I have helped in several Field Day events including setting up and tearing down. I have found that there is one common item at all the Field Day events that I've attended, that is food and coffee.

We should try something different this year. Now think about this. It is setup time, we are looking at the STUFF we have on hand to use, and how we are going to use it. Let's try this - Hook up a straight key to the handle of the coffee pot, hook the coax to the spout, and use a donut as a loop antenna. We could power it with rag-chew, and if we feel that we need an amp or two, we could use ratchet jaw.

Now it is time to set up the antennas. One has to make some BIG decisions. Do we use a sling shot, a string with a rock tied to it, or a launcher of some kind? In order to make up one's mind, we must go to the coffee pot, the one without the key attached to it, and have a couple donuts as we think about this. After giving it careful consideration, we think the sling is the best way to go. So we very carefully tie a stone that has been found near by. We use about 20 feet or so of string, with about four or five feet of it to use for our wind up, and after about two or three seconds of wind up we let her go!! WOW!!! We missed the whole tree. We had better rethink how to do this as someone may get injured. So it's back to the coffee pot and donuts. Hams think well with coffee and donuts.

After consuming a couple more cups of coffee and two or three more donuts, we know just what to do. We will use the slingshot. We can have much more control with that than with the sling. After a few minutes of discussion, we decide to use the same stone and string that we tried to use as a sling. With the stone carefully placed in the slingshot, it is pulled carefully back, and away goes the stone!! Oh! Oh! It only went a couple of feet. We look and see that the person using the slingshot was standing on the string. One can see that we did not plan this very well, so it's back to the coffee pot. We have decided that we have had enough donuts for the moment, so it's just coffee.

After just one cup of coffee, we think we have it all figured out this time. We gather up the string with the stone and slingshot, and get into position to fire it. We find it is time to go to the bathroom to let out some of that coffee. Having completed that task, it's time to try it again. The sling is very carefully pulled back, and AWAY goes the stone!! Hearts pounding and sweat flowing down our brows we watch as it flies through the air. It goes over the branch that we wanted it to but it did not fall down. It is hung up on a branch that is too high for us to reach.

After several tries, trying to dislodge it, and not having any success, we decide that a trip back to the coffee pot is necessary. By this time there are a few more Hams that have come out to help, and they have brought some more goodies like chips and cookies. This is a two-cookie decision for sure. One just can't think well on just one cookie. It is thought that we should try to pull the string backwards, pull the stone out, and try again. After all, we have more help here to give us support, so how can we go wrong?

Feeling that nothing could go wrong we start pulling on the string, but the stone appears to have a mind of it's own. It will not let go of the tree, and then the string breaks. By now we have a couple more Hams with more goodies on site to help us out. Well, it's back to the coffee pot and more goodies, so we may put this in proper perspective. Having made another pot of coffee, and waiting for it to get hot, we have come up with a plan. This one cannot fail as we have a lot of coffee and goodies invested in it. We now know for *Continued page 3*



## SPRINGTIME WEATHER

### Northwestern Ohio Response to Tornadoes

On Saturday night, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, severe weather and tornadoes ripped across an area of northwestern Ohio, laying down a large path of destruction. ARES and SKYWARN groups in Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Wood counties activated nets at 10:30 PM Saturday, and many did not stand down until 4:30 AM Sunday morning. Reports of severe weather damage, flooding, and downed power lines filled the nets for the majority of the six-hour period.

In Wood County, the ARES Emergency Coordinator reported that the severity of the damage was becoming quickly apparent with the increasing frequency of reports coming in during the period of 11:15 and 11:30 PM. A spotter reported that he was able to see the funnel cloud only when electrical transformers began exploding and lighting up the sky. There were broken natural gas lines and downed power lines in the area as well, which required the EC to recall weather spotters from the area for their own safety. Continuous reports came in of telephone poles and power lines down blocking roads, and live electrical wires presenting an immediate danger.

During the early morning hours, the EC was advised by the Wood County Sheriff that a temporary command center was being set up across from the Lake Township Police Department building, which had been heavily damaged by the tornado. A decision was made to deploy the Wood County ARES trailer there. A supply of police band radios were kept in the trailer along with a generator and other Amateur Radio equipment if needed. Subsequently, the Sheriff reported that communications had been restored to Lake Township. Many Wood County ARES members remained on standby. The EC was proud of the work that was performed by the radio amateurs of Wood County:

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### Illinois Tornado Emergency Response

More than 20 ARES members were active before, during and after the June 6 touchdown of an F2 tornado in Streator, Illinois. At 10:00 AM, the LaSalle County SKYWARN Coordinator updated the spotter group with the hazardous weather outlook and told operators to expect activation later in the day.

At 7:35 PM, the National Weather Service posted a tornado watch for LaSalle County; a weather net was started on a local Repeater. At 8:15 PM, a spotter reported from his location that there was a lowering of a rotating wall cloud. Winds suddenly increased in speed with enough force to rock his truck. The storm finally produced a noticeable funnel, which was heading towards Streator. This information was passed to the NWS liaison in Grundy County.

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### Tornado in Michigan Brings Communications Response

At approximately 2:13 AM on Sunday June 6, an F2 tornado formed about five miles west of Dundee, Michigan, and then traveled through the north part of the village (pop. 4000) and moved eastward over a total distance of ten miles. Fifteen homes were destroyed, one trapping a resident inside for several hours before rescue crews could reach her. More than 160 homes sustained extensive damage and 1717 received damage. A hotel was also damaged. There were no major injuries, and no serious communications outages beyond the loss of local residential and business telephone lines which were knocked down by the storm.

Local members of the Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps assisted with shelter communications and served Red Cross and Salvation Army members as well as the regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Many of the local CERT members are also radio amateurs.

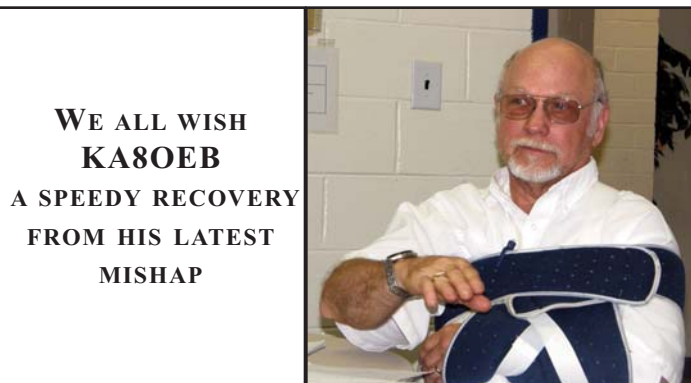
Two hundred hotel patrons were housed in the shelter set up at the Dundee Middle School, while several fire departments provided lighting and services. Sheltering began immediately after the storm subsided, and amateurs with hand-helds were on duty. The local UHF repeater ran on battery power in excess of 24 hours until a portable generator returned power to the tower site on Monday. As soon as the damaged hotel was deemed secure by the owners, patrons were bussed to the scene to pick up their belongings and make travel arrangements. Many had severely damaged or overturned vehicles as a result of the tornado's action and were assisted by Red Cross officials.

Damage reports covered approximately 1300 homes and businesses.

More than 200 utility poles were snapped off and required replacement. Local residents began cleanup and volunteers from a 50 mile radius offered their services to assist.

### Lessons Learned

- Get Dad a weather radio for Fathers Day!
- Have at least two safe, pre-planned spotting locations; no cul-de-sacs nor dead ends--locations MUST have at least two escape routes.
- The closer the operator can stay near work or home, the better for the operator and his/her family. A good spotting location is where the spotter can go on to his/her porch and report "It's coming," "it's here," "it's gone," and be close enough to take care of family members.
- Don't let your antenna become the tallest object around--even if you have a great insurance policy.
- During the middle of the disaster is the wrong time to take a class in weather spotting, damage assessment, CERT, ARRL EC-01, and FEMA IS courses. Take classes as they are offered by the local Red Cross and Emergency Management during "peacetime."
- Modify your mobile rig so you can take it, a battery and a power supply with you. Someone's rig will fry and you can get them back to work with your "portable" mobile rig.
- Have the public service frequencies for your operating area/counties in your rig's memories. Initially, communications will be spotty at best and these frequencies may allow you to relay time-critical information to the decision makers.
- Add a couple of books to while away the time spent in an evacuation shelter. They may help your mental security and stability.
- Keep your animals in your planning. Many people don't think to add a well built, airline approved travel crate for their pet(s). Think about it: If those cardboard carriers many pet owners use to transport pets to the Vet's on a good day can fail, why trust your pet's safety to one under the worst of worst case scenarios? And forget about those EZ snap together crates -- if they can go together that easily, when dropped or bumped they can come apart that easily. NEVER trust the pop-rivet attached handle for anything but short trips by hand.
- I also suggest (especially for cats) to put their walking harness on early and leave it on. Animals can smell the anxiety chemicals in your sweat and often react accordingly. You might not get another chance. I also strongly suggest a strong 20 foot leash/line be added to your kit and kept or attached to the crate. Your pet will need to exercise and relieve itself, and even the best trained pets can and will take off for any reason. Always keeping your pet on a lead during a disaster will also allow you to yank your pet out of a fight or other dangerous situation like a displaced gator or snake.
- Go to your local mountain climbing supply store to purchase enough heavy duty webbing and a couple of carabiners to fashion a secure hoist sling for helo-evac. If the climbing shop doesn't do custom work, you can take the webbing to any shoe shop to get it sewn together.
- As for heading to the hospital for the duration, or any evacuation center for that matter, I would also take a light pop-up tent, sleeping bag and blow up mattress. A little personal space and place to sleep will be a premium. It will be hard enough to sleep with all the sights, sounds, and smells a hospital in disaster mode creates. A tent, no matter how small or simple, pitched in a corner somewhere (along with some ear plugs) will provide that much needed separation you might not be able to get otherwise. It's also a commodity you might be able to share with someone in need of comforting.



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sure what did not work, so now it's time to use the sling shot. There are only a couple of small problems to overcome, but we can handle that OK. We don't know how much pressure to put in it or how to aim it.

How can that be a problem? After all we are Hams aren't we? We are amateurs, and this should not be a problem at all. We have studied and have a license that tells us we know what we are doing. The first thing we have to do is to find a stone. One can tell we know what we're doing. The other one is still in the tree. A stone is carefully selected. It has to be just right, not too big for the sling shot and not too heavy, so that we can keep the pressure to a minimum and the stone will not overshoot the tree.

We have everything all figured out and are ready to try it again, but operations have to be delayed, as it is time for a restroom break. After all, one has to do something with all that coffee. We just can't leave it in there to slosh around. Having finished that task, we are ready to try again. We are all standing there in awe waiting to launch the stone. Excitement mounts!!! There goes the stone!!! Over the branch it goes - it is a successful launch. Field Day is saved, and we can now go back to the coffee pot and goodies, and continue on with Field Day.

73 and happy Field Day.  
Bill KB8MNE



Bill and Lela, their daughter Carol and her husband at Dayton this year.

## LITHIUM CELL BATTERY DANGER

Last fall, 13-month-old Aidan Truett of Hamilton, Ohio, developed what seemed like an upper respiratory infection. He lost interest in food and vomited a few times, but doctors attributed it to a virus. After nine days of severe symptoms and more doctor visits, the hospital finally ordered an X-ray to look for pneumonia.

What they found instead was totally unexpected. The child had ingested a "button" battery, one of those flat silver discs used to power remote controls, toys, musical greeting cards, bathroom scales and other home electronics.

The battery was surgically removed the next day, and Aidan was sent home. But what neither the doctors nor his parents realized was that the damage had been done. The battery's current had set off a chemical reaction in the child's esophagus, burning through both the esophageal wall and attacking the aorta. Two days after the battery was removed, Aidan began coughing blood, and soon died from his injuries.

Such deaths are extremely rare. There were fewer than 10 documented during the last six years. But ingestion of lithium cell batteries, which children may mistake for candy and elderly adults for medication, is a surprisingly common problem, documented this week in two reports in the medical journal *Pediatrics*.

About 3,500 cases of button cell battery ingestion are reported annually to poison control centers. But while swallowing batteries has occurred for years, the development of larger, stronger lithium cell batteries has increased the risk of severe complications.

Data from the National Capital Poison Center in Washington found a sevenfold increase in severe complications from button cell ingestions in recent years. Moderate to severe cases have risen from

less than a half percent (about a dozen cases per year) to about 3 percent (nearly 100 cases per year), based on a review of 56,000 cases since 1985.

Among the serious complications, the chemical reaction triggered by the batteries can damage vocal cords, leaving children with a life-long whisper. Damage to the gastrointestinal tract means some children require feeding tubes and multiple surgeries. "The injuries are so much more serious," said Dr. Toby Litovitz, director and lead author of both articles in *Pediatrics*. "It's like drain opener or lye. It's not something you want in the esophagus of your child."

The batteries that pose the greatest risk are those that begin with the number 20, which stands for 20 millimeters. They are larger and stronger than older models. Batteries numbered 2032, 2025 and 2016 are responsible for more than 90 percent of serious injuries.

"Industry has shifted to this battery, and it has very popular appeal," Dr. Litovitz said. "There are a lot of reasons why we want to use this battery, but the problem is we've got to use it in a safer way." Federal safety rules require toys that use the batteries to have battery compartments that are locked with screws. But devices intended for adults — like bathroom scales and remote controls — often hold the batteries in with a simple plastic cover that can fall off or be removed easily.

Battery ingestion is also a problem among the elderly, who often mistake hearing aid batteries for medication. But in those cases, the battery typically doesn't get stuck because the digestive tract is larger and the battery used in hearing aids is smaller.

When children ingest batteries, it's usually not because they found one loose in the home. In 60 percent of the cases involving children under age 6, the child has removed the battery from the electronic device. The problem is that most parents are not even aware when it happens, yet studies show the battery begins to cause severe damage within just two hours of ingestion. "It's really a tight timeline, because a lot of these cases aren't witnessed," Dr. Litovitz said. "Children present with symptoms that are nonspecific, the parent doesn't know the battery was ingested — that makes it difficult for the doctor to diagnose."

"Children have ready access to remote controls, watches, garage door openers," she said. "Our major pitch is to get the industry to do something about the battery compartment, but parents also need to know that they need to be dealing with these batteries with a lot more vigilance and keeping them out of reach of the child."

Cara George of Littleton, Colo., has been working to raise awareness about lithium batteries ever since her 18-month-old daughter, Brenna, died after ingesting one nearly two years ago. "I want to raise awareness for parents, for doctors, for the community," she said. "I think there should be warnings on every item the batteries are in. They are in greeting cards and children's books that talk. They're everywhere."

## SOME THOUGHTS FROM DAVE



It's hard to believe that we are almost into Summer, which begins on June 21.

I would like to invite everyone to SAARA's upcoming Field Day June 26 & 27. The location for SAARA's Field Day is Pavilion 8 in Waterworth Memorial Park, on Superior Ave off N Lincoln. Same place as the last few years. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a covered dish when you come. We are planning on eating around 7:00 P.M.

Hope everyone that went to Dayton had a good time and found all the goodies you

wanted.

Hope to see you at the other SAARA Activities which are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Lisbon Club will be having their Field Day at the Columbiana Co. EMA and East Liverpool Club will have their setup at Walmart in Calcutta.

Dave N8GOB

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Parade communications 4:00 PM Setup, 6:00 PM Parade starts and runs From North Union east side of Salem West Thru Downtown. Anyone that can assist with communications check in from along the route. We will either be on 147.255 w/pl 156.7 or 146.49 simplex.

- Columbiana County Fair-- Col Co. EMA is trying to get the clubs a spot August 2 thru 8.
- Sept. 2 SAARA Meeting @ Salvation Army 7:00 P.M
- Sept 9/10/11 Columbiana Street Fair, Contact Steve Fabry if you can Help - 330-549-3697
- Columbiana County EMA doing ICS 300/400 training sometime in fall. Edie at 330-424-9725 will have info as it become available

Thanks to Dave for providing this information.

*Just in case you need a laugh:  
Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but  
only a high school diploma to fix one; a reassurance to  
those who fly routinely for their jobs.*

## WORLD RADIO ONLINE

The July 2010 edition of WorldRadio Online magazine is live and posted free at: <http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/>

This edition is full of interesting features and columns including:

- \* Northern Exposure: Repeater Links Across the Yukon
- \* HSF: A Newly-Discovered Antenna Secret
- \* 10/10/10: Several DX "New Ones" Are a Step Closer
- \* Krusty Ol' Kurt Solves A G5RV Mystery
- \* Everyone Should Have a "Go Kit," Shouldn't They?

In addition, you'll find regular columns including: QCWA, Propagation, Trail-Friendly Radio, Rules and Regulations, YLs, Hams With Class, Hamfests and Special Events, Contest Calendar, EmComm and You and DX Predictions.

You're also invited to join in a live online chat with WRO Editor Richard Fisher, KI6SN, on Sunday, July 11 at 8 p.m. Eastern time (0000 UTC onday). It's at: <http://www.WorldRadioOnline.blogspot.com>.

To access July's WRO . . .

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## ARES DIGEST

*Mississippi SAR Conducted; Subject Deceased* - Over the Memorial Day weekend, the DeSoto County EMA RACES/ Reserve Group had planned to assist county Search and Rescue (SAR) with communications for lake patrol activities, but ARES DEC/EC Kenneth Johnson, KB0ZTX, reported that on Saturday morning, plans changed. The Search and Rescue Group was called out to assist the Tunica County Sheriff's Office with locating a missing person at Tunica Lake. The Group started their support at the Command Post at 9 AM Saturday morning and wrapped up before dark. They then deployed again on Sunday AM with the team; however, the search was concluded when the deceased person was located. The Group provided communications for the Command Post and documentation of the activities during the search. The operators completed the weekend's support by returning to the original lake patrol activities. The following RACES members supported the callout: KE5NBD, N5UOV, KE5NBC, W9IK, and KB0ZTX.

*Operation Gale Wind Leads to ARC/ARES Negotiation* - Lauderdale/Clark counties (Mississippi) EC Richard Morefield, AE5FE, reports that the Lauderdale Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) conducted their annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) called Operation Gale Wind. This event simulated extreme weather conditions as a result of a hurricane that made landfall and consequent tornadoes in the Lauderdale County area.

During the exercise, two warnings were issued for tornadoes that resulted in structural damage and injuries at Clarkedale School, Meridian High School, Northeast High School, and Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian. Additionally, simulated injuries were reported from Lockheed at the Industrial Complex. ARES communication in conjunction with local EMA communications were used to give local hospitals advance notice of casualties inbound to their facilities. Confirmations of arrivals at Rush Hospital were relayed to the Lauderdale EMA EOC.

As a result of this exercise the Red Cross Key Chapter expressed an interest in partnering with ARES; an agreement is currently being negotiated in accordance with the MOU between ARRL and ARC National Headquarters. The City of Meridian, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office, and Anderson Hospital also expressed an interest in ARES capabilities and the speed and ease with which information was transferred reliably.

*2010 MS150 Citrus Tour ARES-Supported* - The Central Florida Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society hosted the Citrus Tour MS150 on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, supported by many ham volunteers. The Citrus Tour MS150 tested their ability to show up, set up, and go.

The main concern for everyone involved was a forecast of heat for the ride to the Caribe Royal Resort in Orlando. The Citrus Tour 2010 this year started off with bike riders departing from the lovely Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, Florida, and traveling one of three routes: a 50 mile leg, a 75 mile leg, or a Century Loop, the 100 mile leg.

Coordinating activity was veteran net control operator "TJ" Avalon, NQ1T, of Mulberry. Avalon operated from the Polk County Emergency Management's Mobile Command Vehicle, situated at the Start/Finish line at Bok Tower Gardens. This was the busiest place to be during the weekend event. Paramedics were on hand to help with down riders, and were dispatched from the Command Post. For a look at course maps, click here.

The coordinator for communications for this year's event was Laura Pennington, NO4OO, Polk ARES EC, from Lakeland. In addition to communications, Pennington also served on the MS150 Committee, bringing lessons learned from last year's event to the table. Her experience made this year's event run even smoother.

A total of 40 licensed Amateur Radio operators took part in this year's event. From the Command Post to tail end Charlie, there was an amateur Victoria Avalon "TJ," NQ1T, background. Larry Walker, K14DNO, foreground (photo Evans Mitchell, KD4EFM) stationed every stretch of the way. Hams were deployed in the Supply vehicles.

Two cyclists were also hams. Second time *Continued page 5*

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cyclist Jason Triolo, KD4ACG, also known as BIKE 1, and returning biker, Dana Rodakis, K4LK, was BIKE 2, endured the event on the 75 mile course. Rodakis was equipped with a D-STAR ICOM 91-AD for D-PRS reporting.

SAG (Special Assistance Group) members consisted of Orange, Osceola, Polk County ARES members, and members of the Orange and Hillsborough County CERT Teams. Also present were members of the Tampa Bay and Orange County REACT Teams.

The Command Post monitored the movements of several key SAG and Supply units, and SHADOW 1 (Ride Director, and Pennington) via APRS from Analog and Internet feeds. Live Weather Radar from the National Weather Service sites at Ruskin (Tampa) and Melbourne were also monitored from the Command Post, as was Television from WFTS Channel 9 out of Orlando, inside the Command Post. -- Evans Mitchell, KD4EFM, Assistant EC, Polk County (Florida) ARES

HEADS UP!

Many Radio Clubs Could Lose Tax-Exempt Status in 2010

Changes made three years ago to the federal tax laws could cause many radio clubs to lose their tax-exempt status this year. Clubs that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code must file the required IRS annual returns or reports before the deadline, which is May 15 for those with calendar years.

"Many clubs have, at some time in the past, applied for tax-exempt status as charitable organizations under Section 501(c)(3), as civic leagues under Section 501(c)(4) or as recreational clubs using Section 501(c)(7)," said ARRL Southwestern Division Director Marty Woll, N6VI. "Years ago, any club with gross receipts averaging less than \$25,000 per year was not required to file annual returns with the IRS; however, after 2006, such clubs had to file a Form 990-N, a simple 'electronic postcard' with minimal information, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of each fiscal year. Some clubs may not have been aware of this new requirement or didn't bother to comply. Even those that filed in a prior year may have neglected to keep up with the required filings as officers changed from year to year."

Thought for the day -

Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give it to those who are not. ...  
Thomas Jefferson

CONTINUING EDUCATION

ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration

Registration remains open through Sunday, June 20, 2010, for these online course sessions beginning on Friday, July 2, 2010: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1; Antenna Design and Construction; Propagation; Analog Electronics, and Digital Electronics. To learn more, visit the CEP Course Listing page or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator.

A FINAL THOUGHT

As we have seen in recent times, the government, at any level, cannot fully protect its citizens from manmade or natural disaster. That is not to be taken as criticism of the government, it is rather just a fact of life. As such, it is largely up to us as ordinary citizens and radio amateurs to be personally prepared to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighborhoods against calamity. I think as radio amateurs, we are generally more prepared than the average citizen, and indeed, certainly have more opportunity for better communications with the outside world.

I hate to, but have to, harp on this: Be prepared. Here is a good site I found that speaks to the basic needs of Floridians, but is universally applicable. Get prepared NOW, before the next incident occurs.

Sick of hearing about how important it is to be prepared? Think of how sick you'll be when you see the water rising over your doorstep into your home and up the walls, with no food, potable water, supplies, or plan. Last year, I saw the water up to my front door, and wrestled sand bags in place during Tropical Storm Fay. Yes, Fay was only a Tropical Storm. I've taken preparedness very seriously this year. You should, too.

The Go-Kit, another essential element of preparedness for all of us as radio amateurs and emergency communicators.

ITEMS FOR SALE

A ham from the East Liverpool area, Rich Feldman, K8HGY, is assisting the widow of a SK as she sells the equipment from her late husband's ham shack.

Rich can be reached by phone at 330-385-6600. The list of equipment is outlined at the end of this e-mail. I have seen a photo of most of the gear in the shack and it all looked to be in pretty good condition.

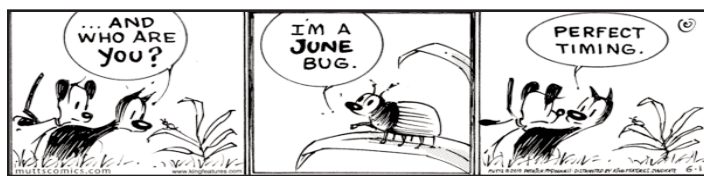
73, Jim, KC8PD,  
President PCARS

Kenwood TR-7400A, two-meter transceiver  
Kenwood SP-820 remote VFO  
Kenwood MC-50 mic, SP-820 speaker

Heathkit: SB-102, SB-600, SB-610, SB-200 linear amp, DX-60, HW-101, SB-600 speaker, mic, SB-630, HM-2140, HM-102, Model HG-10 VFO, HW-16, HS-1661, HW-16, HS-24 speaker, HD-16 oscillator, electronic keyer

Hammarlund HQ-170(A)  
Lafayette HE-48-B, 99-2537 field strength meter  
Hallicrafter S38\_B  
Astatic 1889 Classic mic and stand  
Hybridphone Patch HD-15  
CDE autorator

(note: this is how the equipment was described, so any errors or typos in this list duplicates whatever was in the list that was received)



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 1249 N. ELLSWORTH AVE., SALEM, 7:00P.M.**

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**Columbiana County NETS**

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County		Columbiana County Emergency Training NET(ARES)
This NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.			
	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
	9:00 P.M. Alliance	145.370	Alliance ARC NET
Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net