

Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association Newsletter



Repeaters

On October 2, 2010 seven club members had an antenna party and tower climb at the Holly Springs repeater site. Perfect day for the event which started at 9:00 A.M. and completed around 2:00 P.M. Everything went perfect and the antenna was up and ready for the repeater to be installed.



On Saturday November 13, 2010 it became a reality Ken KBOZTX installed and placed on line our new repeater



147.225 with a plus offset and no tone.

In October Tim N5PYQ got the 145.350 with minus offset and a 107.2 tone installed on top of the Baptist Hospital Desoto. Eventually we will be able to link all three together

for complete coverage in North Mississippi.

A not so new repeater has been placed on the 1st Tennessee Bank Building in downtown Memphis. This repeater was moved from Southaven and is owned and operated by the Tri-State Repeater Association. Frequency is 145.45 minus offset with no tone. This repeater has good coverage in North Mississippi and Eastern Arkansas as well as Memphis. View from the 145.45 repeater.



The President's Corner

Well, another year is almost to an end. This has been my second year as President of CARA and I must say I have seen some great things happen in our club. All the new HAMS, new repeaters, operating events... We brought the great debate of Dixiefest to resolution of which I am extremely grateful and to the benefit/ mutual agreement of all parties. We were honored with an award from the ARRL this year. We have further strengthened our bond with Emergency Services and now the Hospitals in the region. There are too many accomplishments to list here but I am certainly proud of the things we have accomplished. Our members should be proud too and the rest of the HAM community has sat up to take notice. It is great to be part of this group and for what little we demand of our members, I believe we give back a tremendous value to the community as a whole. Fine business everyone!

I am also encouraged to see so many new HAMS and new club members. With the economy still so shaky and everyone's time on a tight budget, I sincerely appreciate the new folks and all the things they are offering to help with in this club (like this newsletter for example). We have some great new ideas as we continue to look at our long range plans and I certainly think we can do so

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Board Members 2010

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much more of what the members have suggested in the coming year(s). Keep those ideas comin'

As for me I am taking on some more responsibility with the public service agencies, ARRL, and with family as well. Despite the fact that I love all facets of our hobby, Emergency Communications is becoming a bigger part of what I do with HAM radio. I look forward to participating more in the club in the next few years and helping more people pursue the things they enjoy about the hobby, as well as promoting EMCOMM. I think we have some great new talent and folks willing to join the board in 2011, so let's all support those offering to step forward and keep up the great club fellowship that makes this such a great hobby.

Catch ya'll down the log...

73,
Ken Johnson, President Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association

CARA 35th Anniversary Special Event

The club was formed in Aug 1975 under the name of The Hernando Repeater Association and on July 6, 1976 changed to the Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association (C.A.R.A.) and made a 301c3 non profit organization under the laws of Mississippi. The Purpose of C.A.R.A. is promoting the advancement of the Amateur Radio Service; enhancing the value of Amateur Radio Service to the public, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications; providing an organization for joint contributions to the advancement of the radio art.

On September 11, 2010 C.A.R.A. celebrated it's 35th anniversary. Three stations were set up. One at Hernando Point on Arkabutla Lake and from two C.A.R.A. members W9IK and KE5RHM home QTH. Contacts were made on both phone and CW throughout the day. Anniversary QSL cards were made and were available to anyone who sent a SASE and the contact verified.

New Website

We are currently soliciting pictures or other content you would like to see posted on the website. If you have something you would like to contribute or see posted please send me an email at kf5bti@gmail.com

Area Ham Fest

Capital City Hamfest 2011

Date: January 28 & 29, 2011
Location: West Bay, Mississippi Trade Mart on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Jackson, MS.

Talk-in: 146.16/76 (77Hz tone) Primary, 146.34/94 (100 Hz tone) Back-up

Hamfest Times: Friday
5:00PM - 8:00PM, Saturday
8:00AM - 4:00PM
Admission: \$6.00/person
one admission is good for both days.

Memphis Freefest

One Day Only
Saturday April 9, 2011
9 am to 3 pm

Bartlett Station Municipal Center
5868 Stage Road Bartlett
North side of Stage Road just west of Bartlett Blvd.



Field Day 2010



**“Support your
local nets and
Check in”**



Emergency Preparedness - Go Kits

Basic System Requirements:

1. The system shall be capable of containing an entire radio system such that when on location, it requires minimal assembly to setup and operate.
2. The system shall be portable enough to be carried for short distances.
3. The system will protect the gear from being physically damaged while in transit.
4. The system must be easily dismantled from the container for maintenance.

5. There are 2 basic functions that this would serve: the system should provide a complete system for ARES/RACES events as well as any contesting where remote locations are involved. All equipment shall be ergonomically placed for ease of use.

Emergency Preparedness Requirements:

1. The system needs to operate as a "stationary go kit" - such that everything in the containers is ready to operate in a stationary position (i.e. not pedestrian style).

2. The system shall be capable of operating from 2M through 160M.
3. The system shall be capable of monitoring 2M while operating the HF bands.
4. The system shall be capable of running on external 12V DC power.
5. The system shall have its own contained lighting for the operator's use.



W9IK Steve at Field Day 2009 with his GoKit.

SKYWARN

The following are frequencies used for SKYWARN nets around the Memphis CWA. Also listed are informational and training nets related to SKYWARN. Where no SKYWARN nets are known to exist, other 2 meter repeaters are listed.

- PRIMARY SKYWARN 146.820 Memphis
- ALTERNATE SKYWARN 146.850 Memphis
- AREA-WIDE HF 3.862.0 LSB
 - DISTRICT 1: SKYWARN Net 147.165 Craighead County (Training Net THU 9 PM), Alternate SKYWARN 146.610 Craighead County.
 - Others: 145.410

Randolph County, 147.045 Lawrence County, 145.470 Greene County

DISTRICT 2: SKYWARN Net 146.985 Dunklin County, SKYWARN Net 146.670 Mississippi County, SKYWARN Net 146.925 Mississippi County, MO (New Madrid)

DISTRICT 3: SKYWARN Net 147.150 Crittenden County, Link to other areas 449.775 Others: 146.550 Cross County (simplex)

DISTRICT 4: SKYWARN Net 146.910 Desoto County

DISTRICT 5: Others: 147.000 Yalobusha County

DISTRICT 6: NE MS SKYWARN Net 147.380 Lee County (MON 8 PM), Welcome Net 146.940 Monroe County (MON 830 PM), SKYWARN Net 147.270 Monroe County: works with MS State Net

DISTRICT 7: Booneville ARC Info Net 145.190 Prentiss County (THU 8

Training and Information Net

The primary purpose of this net is to practice net operations similar to those used in actual emergencies. This net will also be used for routine training and traffic handling, as well as local information for the amateur community. In the event of any severe weather, this net will act as the DeSoto County Emergency Net, Providing coordinated emergency communications in response to severe

weather, or any other disaster. Also, severe weather information from the DeSoto County area will be passed on to DeSoto County EMA and the National Weather Service in Memphis.

Date: Every Monday Night

Time: 8:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Location: 146.910 No Tone

146.91 Simplex if repeater is

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Tim N5PYQ Field Day 2010

We are on the Web

<http://www.qsl.net/w5gwd/>



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Radio is There.***

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membership applications are on
our website.** If you have any
questions concerning member-
ship, you can contact any of the
Board members or E-mail the
reflector at **cara-
ms@yahoo.com**
Web Site: [http://www.qsl.net/
w5gwd](http://www.qsl.net/w5gwd)

**DUES RATES PER CALEN-
DAR YEAR (JANUARY 1 –
DECEMBER 31)**
\$30.00 - MEMBERSHIP DUES
Make checks payable to:
Chickasaw Amateur Radio Asso-
ciation (C.A.R.A.)
P.O. Box 2
Hernando, MS 38632

Nets

Mississippi Nets

Magnolia Section Net 3863 6:00 A.M. Mon-Fri
Magnolia Section Net 3862 7:00 A.M. Sat-Sun
Mississippi Phone Net 3862 5:30 P.M. Daily
Mississippi Slow Net (CW) 3543 7:00 P.M. Mon-Fri

Memphis & North Mississippi Area Nets

- **Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association (CARA) 146.91 8:30 P.M. Every Monday**
- OBARC Net 147.255 (79.7) 8:00 P.M. Tuesday
- Panola County ARES Net 146.610 (107.2) 8:30 P.M. Wednesday
- Mid-South Barefooted Bullfrog net 146.535 7:30p Daily
- Delta Club Traffic and Information Net 146.820-(107.2) 8:00p Daily
- Secret Service Net 224.780- 8:30p Monday
- Elmer Net 147.030+(107.2) 9:00p Monday
- The Short Winded Net 146.850- 8:30p Tuesday
- Med/MERS Net 146.730-(107.2) 12:00p Wednesday
- Six Meter Tech Net 53.01- 8:30p Wednesday
- The 440 Net 443.200+(107.2Hz) 9:00p Wednesday
- Two meter single Sideband Net 144.260 USB 8:30p Thursday
- ARES Training Net 146.880-(107.2) 9:00p 2nd & 4th Thursday

Newsletter Editor: Jim Sanders KE5RHM. I am soliciting any photos articles or any information you would like to share. Please include names and callsigns of people in the photographs with a brief description of what is happening. If you did a radio project or made some interesting contacts sent it to me. Send all photos and articles to ke5rhm@arrl.net.

Monthly CARA Meeting

C.A.R.A meets every 3rd Monday of the Month. Meeting will be at the LEWISBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, 8771 Byhalia Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654.