

Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association Newsletter



The President's Corner

Greetings from N5PYQ. The logs are in for the 2011 Mississippi QSO Party, and Chickasaw ARC won the top Portable operating from Tunica county. Looks like another plaque is in the makings. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

At the end of June, Dale KA5WGF, Cecil Jones (my dad) and myself removed a 120 ft. tower from the City Hall building in Hernando. It saved the city about two thousand dollars and we were able to keep the tower. Win-win is always a good deal! It was in the upper 90's that day, and we may have lost a few pounds . . . well-needed on my part.

Don't forget about the class about tools for weather spotting coming on August 27th from 9am-9pm. The class will be at the EMA office in Nesbit.

Everyone be looking for an opportunity to do a special event station for fun and public awareness. The Hernando Courthouse lawn would be a great location on a Saturday morning, with the Farmers market taking place during the summer.

Thanks for all your hard work.
73,
Tim Jones, N5PYQ

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C.A.R.A. Field Day A Success

This years Field Day was a success. We had three stations set up at first one set up by Steve W9IK the rig went down shortly before we got started good and was replace with a rig from Bill N4ZI. Steve and Bill operated phone and CW on 15 meters. Steve KE5GYQ set his station up and operated digital, and cw on 40, 20 and 15 meters. The Desoto County Emergency Command trailer was set with generator and operated on 80, 40, and 20 meters. Antennas used were three G5RV.



Steve W9IK



Michael KF5BTI



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Emergency Communications News

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Ever seen one of these messages above? If you haven't, then you are likely not alone. Many amateurs are only somewhat aware that our hobby is used to pass messages through the National Traffic System. Any HAM that wishes to dedicate time and skills towards emergency communications should at least be familiar with these messages. They may often be the ONLY means of communicating into or out of a disaster area should the normal means of communications be disrupted.



The NTS Message is made up of a Preamble, Address, Text, Signature, and a Records and identification block. The preamble contains the information needed to track and handle a message and any reply. The next section contains the name(s) and address of the person to which this message is going and a phone number if applicable. It is then followed by the actual message being sent with one word per block. It is then signed by the individual originating the message. The records section at the bottom is filled out when the message is passed each time. The Middle right identification block is optional.

We will pass these messages on a periodic basis during our Monday night net. If you tune in to the MS Phone Net on 3862 kHz, you may also hear and have the opportunity to pass such traffic.

Give it a try when you can and there is plenty more information out there on the ARRL website under the Public Service Link, National Traffic System.

73,

Ken Johnson
KBOZTX/ CD8/ SAR 40
901-240-3051



“Support your local nets and Check in”



CARA Field Day ...cont

Antenna were put up by Steve KE5GYQ air gun launcher. Look closely and you can see how he has found another good use for one of his HTs.

We had numerous spectators stop by and some were able to get on the air. We got positive feed back from the spectators as to what we do with some interest in attending our club meetings with the possibility of becoming hams themselves.



Steve W9IK; Josh KD5PIT; Steve KE5GYQ



146.910 Repeater



Ed KF8PD



Front Row Mike K50MC, Michael KF5BTI; Second Row: Addison and Adam Dickson from Sercry AR.

Desoto County Sheriff Bill Rasco made a visit to Field Day on Sunday morning to observe the operations.

There were a total of 823 contacts made. The breakdown is a follows:

- 80 meters CW = 3
- 80 meters phone = 2
- 40 meters CW = 135
- 40 meters phone = 99
- 40 meters digital = 33
- 20 meters phone = 235
- 20 meters CW = 95
- 20 meters digital = 32
- 15 meters phone = 39
- 15 meters CW = 98
- 10 meters CW = 6
- 10 meters digital = 22



Steve W9IK, Josh KD5PIT, Steve KE5GYQ

We are on the Web

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

Mississippi Section Report

We received recognition in the MS Section Report this month.

Results from the MS QSO Party “the top portable was W5GWB (Chickasaw ARC) operating from Tunica County.”

“And congratulations to the Chickasaw ARA for their nice write up in the June 15 Memphis Commercial Appeal. Hernando's vacated Police Station had a 120 ft tower adjacent to the station that needed to be removed at an estimated cost to the city of \$2,000. Led by civic minded N5PYQ and KA5WGF, the tower was dismantled by starting at 6 AM and finishing up by noon in spite of the heat. The Hams got to keep the tower sections (what a deal!).”

Up Grading Your License

Tech's ever consider up grading your license to General. It's not that hard just a little studying , come to the monthly meeting a 6:00 P.M. and take your test. Here are a few sample question from the General test pool.

1. Which sideband is most commonly used for phone communications on the bands above 20 meters?
A. Upper Side Band
B. Lower Side Band
C. Vestigial Sideband
D. Double Sideband
2. Which mode of voice communication is most commonly used on the High Frequency Amateur Bands?
A. FM C. SSB
B. AM D. PM

Answers:
1. A 2. C

Annual Membership

Please take the time to send in your annual membership dues if you have not already done so. The dues that you pay are vital in keeping our repeaters on the air and are tax deductible. As you may or may not know we have two additional repeaters the 147.225 in Holly Springs and the 145.350 on the Baptist DeSoto Hospital. So your annual dues are much needed in order to keep all three on the air so they will be available during emergencies and for normal activities. If you are not a member of C.A.R.A. please consider becoming a member. We have a club meeting every third Monday at 7 P.M. at the Lewisburg Fire Department. Application for membership is on page 5 of this newsletter.

2011 Dues for Calendar Year (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)

\$30.00 - MEMBERSHIP DUES

Make checks payable to:

Chickasaw Amateur Radio Association (C.A.R.A.)

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 down

Net control schedule through May 30th.

KE5GYQ	Steve	7/4/11
N5PYQ	Tim	7/11/11
W5KK	Ken	7/18/11 *
KE5NBD	Tommie	7/25/11
W5LJD	Denver	8/1/11
KE5NBD	Tommie	8/8/11
KE5NBD	Tommie	8/15/11 *
W5KK	Ken	8/22/11

Asterisk denotes Club mtg night



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***When All Else Fails Amateur
Radio is There.***

We are on the Web

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

Become a member of CARA membership applications are on our website. If you have any questions concerning membership, 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>

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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 6:00 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
- 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 call signs 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 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be at the LEWISBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, 8771 Byhalia Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654. Hope to see you there.

CARA Website

We are still 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 Hamfest

[Huntsville Alabama August 20 & 21](#)
[FreeFest April 2012 Bartlett, TN](#)

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2011 Membership Application Form

Application Date ___/___/___

Call sign _____ Class of License _____ Exp Date ___/___/___

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Publish? Yes ___ No ___

Cell (____) _____ Publish? Yes ___ No ___

Work Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of your original Amateur License ___/___/___

ARRL Member Yes ___ No ___ Life ___

Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

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If you have any questions concerning membership, you can contact Timmy Jones N5PYQ@arrl.net 901.870.2849 or Jim Sanders KE5RHM@arrl.net

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Date Deposited: ___/___/___ By: _____

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