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The Woodford County Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Versailles Fire Station #2 on Big Sink Pike.

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is cordially invited.

The Club holds an ARES practice net Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Nets are held on the 145.330 repeater.

The Woodford County Amateur Radio Club Home Page is located on the internet at <http://www.ky4wc.org>. The Club receives e-mail at ky4wc@ky4wc.org. E-mail may be sent to the membership by sending a message to maillist@ky4wc.org.

How Would You Like to Receive Your Copy Of The WCARC Newsletter?

One topic of discussion at the January WCARC meeting was delivery of the Newsletter.

The Newsletter will now be available in three forms. 1. by USPS delivery. 2. by WCARC web site, ky4wc.org, and 3. by e-mail. Members are invited to select their preferred method of delivery by contacting Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ, by e-mail at kb4enq@arrl.net or leave a message at 859-873-7434. Note: the member data page and financial data will not be posted on the web site. The member data page will be mailed out as significant changes are accumulated to those selecting the web or e-mail distribution,

==> FCC DENIES PETITIONS TO BRING BACK MORSE CODE TESTING

In a "Memorandum Opinion and Order" (MOO)

<http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-59A1.pdf> released February 28, the FCC denied two petitions calling for General or Amateur Extra license applicants to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. In December 2006, the FCC released a "Report and Order" (R&O)

<http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf> in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, that eliminated Morse code testing as of February 23, 2007.

The "R&O" amended Section 97.501 to remove the telegraphy requirement. In reaching this decision, the FCC noted in the R&O that "one of the fundamental purposes underlying our Part 97 rules is to accommodate amateur radio operators' ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, and that the Commission had previously concluded that an individual's ability to demonstrate Morse code proficiency is not necessarily indicative of his or her ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art." The FCC also noted that another fundamental purpose underlying Part 97 rules is "to enhance the value of the amateur service to the public, particularly with respect to emergency communications, and that the Commission had previously concluded that most emergency communication today is performed using voice, data, or video modes, because information can be exchanged much faster using modes of communication other than telegraphy." Visit the ARRL at www.arrl.org for more information.

Minutes of the February, 6th 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. by the Secretary, Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ.

Minutes of the last meeting: Todd Rose, KE4YAH seconded a motion by Jerry Hatchett, N8NZF, that the minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The opening balance was \$\$\$\$\$\$. Deposits for the month were, \$\$\$\$, dues, resulting in a closing balance of \$\$\$\$\$\$. Jerry Hatchett, N8NZF seconded a motion made by Todd Rose, KE4YAH that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

Emergency: Drew Chandler, KI4TFI, offered the following event information:

NOAA Storm Spotter training will be held in the Community room of the Courthouse on March 19. Registration starts at 6:30p.m., the program will start at 7:00.

The next series of CERT training will start on February 21.

- Disaster Preparedness February 21st.
- Fire Safety February 28th.
- Medical (Part 1) March 6th.
- Medical (Part 2) March 13th.

CERT classes will be held at Fire Station #3 on Huntertown Rd. Classes start at 6:00 p.m. and continue to 9:00. For more information, contact Sarah Cunliffe at 873-4541.

Field Day: The Field Day information packets should be available from the ARRL soon.

Adopt-A-Highway: The spring schedule for Adopt-A-Highway will be discussed during the March meeting.

Program: Two items were on the program for the evening. First: the modifications to the 220 mHz repeater were demonstrated. Second: a review of the mailing list and a discussion on offering members different options on receiving the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Net Report	2/7/08	2/14/08	2/21/08	2/28/08
	KB4ENQ	KB4ENQ	KE4AIE	KG4IES
	KE4GNX	KE4GNX	KI4TLY	KG4VAR
	KF4LRK	KF4LRK	KF4FMZ	KE4LZP
	KG4VAR	KE400I	KG4VAR	KD7LPJ
	KE4AIE	AC4YD	WD4HXE	KI4ZWW
	KE400I	KI40JG	AC4YD	KE400I
	KI40JG	KI4QQF	KD4GNX	KB4ENQ
	WA4PCS	KUA4	KI4QQF	KE4GNX
	KE4LZP	WA4PCS	KI40JG	KF4LRK
	KJ4BGQ			KA4TJD
				KI4QQF
				KI40JG
				WA4PCS

Attendance:

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|---------------------|--------|
| Jim Hughes | K4ZPL |
| Paul Harrington III | KB4ENQ |
| Todd Rose | KE4YAH |
| Steve McFadden | KA4TJD |
| Jerry Hatchett | N8NZF |
| Drew Chandler | KI4TFI |

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From the ARRL Newsletter:

==> NAME THE W1HQ MASCOT

W1HQ, the Laird Campbell Memorial HQ Operators Club, has a mascot in need of a name. Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, purchased the six-foot long stuffed yellow-green toy snake as a way to make the refurbished station a bit friendlier.

Breen said, "In addition to the physical upgrades to W1HQ, we realized that it is our club -- therefore it should be fun too! It just seemed so natural to have a mascot for our club station. The snake comes in handy when stressed out trying to get that DX that is just out of reach! With all the serious sides of ham radio, it's important to remember that it is fun -- and not to take ourselves too seriously sometimes!"

Breen and the rest of the W1HQ team are calling on the Amateur Radio community to help give the as-yet unnamed snake a name: "We encourage all amateurs to submit a name for the snake. We will get together and go over all the entries to choose the best one and announce the winner at our W1HQ special event around the first of April."

"I will be blogging again and posting YouTube videos of the event," Breen said. "We'll announce the winner over the air, on the blog and in video, too." She previously blogged the Hello-Live! event and the W1AW HF Open House.

The contributor of the winning entry will receive their choice of a current edition of "The ARRL Operating Manual," "The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications" or "The ARRL Antenna Book." All entries should be family-friendly (G-rated) and sent via e-mail <wlhqsnake@arrl.org>.

==> ASTRONAUTS WORK ON COLUMBUS LAB ON THE ISS

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station complex are focusing on getting the new Columbus lab up and running. Columbus, the laboratory built by the European Space Agency (ESA) and host of

two Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) antennas, was launched into space on February 7 aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, arriving three days later. According to NASA, Columbus' activation process has been running a little behind because of computer problems, but flight directors believe they've fixed the glitch.

In 2007, the ARISS antennas successfully passed electrical and SWR tests, with one of the two antennas, Antenna 42, going through a final test -- a thermal test under vacuum. Columbus will house an additional Amateur Radio station, including the first digital Amateur Radio TV (DATV) station in space, as well as a ham radio transponder. The yet-to-be-built Columbus amateur gear will facilitate operation on new frequencies that will make it possible for ARISS to establish wideband and video operations for the first time and allow continuous transponder operation.

According to ARRL ARISS Program Manager Rosalie White, K1ST0, "The ARISS-Europe Team has been holding meetings to determine what the ARISS International Team should have for a station in the Columbus module. The Europeans will need to begin fundraising for the multiple sets of equipment, such as the on-orbit equipment, the required back-up on-orbit equipment and the test equipment. Some portions of the equipment system can be purchased, but much of it would need to be built. Once the team purchases or builds the equipment, it will need to undergo special testing for space and getting the equipment certified (probably by ESA) and finally manifesting the system for launch. All of that will take many months and help from ARISS volunteers from many countries."

The mission, STS-122, brought seven astronauts to the ISS: Commander Stephen N. Frick, KD5DZC; Pilot Alan G. Poindexter; Mission Specialist Rex J. Walheim; Mission Specialist Stanley G. Love; Mission Specialist Leland D. Melvin; Mission Specialist Hans Schlegel, DG1KIH, of Germany, and Mission Specialist/Expedition 16 Flight Engineer Leopold Eyharts, KE5FN0, of France.

Flight Engineer Dan Tani, KD5DXE, already on board the ISS, will depart when Atlantis returns to Earth; Eyharts will stay behind on the ISS and take his place.

Atlantis will remain at the ISS until February 18; touchdown is set for February 20, making for a 13-day flight.

==> KOSOVO AND DXCC

Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia on February 17, setting off new speculations on what this means to Amateur Radio and specifically, to the DXCC program. ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, said he understands that there are many questions about the DXCC status of Kosovo, especially concerning whether or not the new state will be added to the DXCC list.

Moore said the DXCC rules, modified in 2000 to better handle inclusion to DXCC, are clear on how additions can be made: "For inclusion in the DXCC List, certain conditions must be met. Gaining entry on the DXCC List is not contingent upon whether operation has occurred or will occur, but only upon the qualifications of the Entity."

According to Moore, adding Kosovo to the DXCC List would be considered under the "Political Entity" DXCC guidelines. The DXCC rules state that "Political Entities are those areas which are separated by reason of government or political division. They generally contain an indigenous population which is not predominantly composed of military or scientific personnel."

Kosovo, according to the DXCC rules, would then be added to the DXCC List as a Political Entity if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- * The entity is a UN Member State.
- * The entity has been assigned a call sign prefix block by the ITU. (The exceptions to this rule are international organizations, such as the UN and ICAO. These Entities are classified under Special Areas, 3.a; and Ineligible Areas, 4.b.) A provisional prefix bloc

assignment may be made by the Secretary General of ITU. Should such provisional assignments not be ratified later by the full ITU, the Entity will be removed from the DXCC List.

* The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the "permanent population" and "administered by a local government" criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the US Department of State's list of "Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" as having a local "Administrative Center," or (b) the United Nations list of "Non-Self-Governing Territories."

"New Entities satisfying one or more of the conditions above will be added to the DXCC List by administrative action as of their 'Event Date.' Kosovo will be added to the DXCC list if it becomes a member of the UN, or if it receives a prefix bloc from the ITU. The third condition does not apply," Moore said. "The 'Event Date' will be either the date Kosovo became a UN member or it receives its prefix from the ITU. Contacts made before the Event Date will be counted as Serbia."

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==>ARRL News on the Web:
<<http://www.arrl.org>> ==>ARRL Audio News:
<<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>> or call 860-594-0384

==>How to Get The ARRL Letter

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Upcoming Exams: Exams listed are within 100 miles of Woodford County

08-Mar-2008
Sponsor: BLUEGRASS VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HARRY R SPARKS (859)272-8762
Email: KN4S@ARRL.NET
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: RED CROSS BUILDING-CLASSROOM B
1450 NEWTOWN PIKE
I-75 EXIT 115
SOUTH ~1 MILE, ON LEFT
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

08-Mar-2008
Sponsor: BUTLER COUNTY VHF ASSOCIATION
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: THEODORE WILSON (513)868-7012
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: BUTLER TECH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
3603 HAMILTON MIDDLETOWN RD
BUTLER COUNTY
TALK-IN 146.97 PL 118.8
HAMILTON, OH 45011

Upcoming Hamfests:

29 Mar 2008
29th Annual Hamfest
Lincoln Trail Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.qsl.net/ltarc/>
Talk-In: 146.98
Contact: Archie Mack Sr., AF4EB
102 Primrose Lane
Radcliff, KY 40160
Phone: 270-351-6159
Email: amack1@insightbb.com
Elizabethtown, KY
Pritchard Community Center
404 South Mulberry Street
Div: Great Lakes
Sect: Kentucky

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Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership data," check or uncheck the appropriate boxes and/or change your e-mail address if necessary. (Check "Temporarily disable all automatically sent email" to temporarily stop all e-mail deliveries.) Then, click on "Submit modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot change your e-mail delivery address. You must do this yourself via the Members Only Web Site.)

The ARRL Letter also is available to all, free of charge, from these sources:

* ARRLWeb <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will be posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)

* The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur Radio Club: Visit Mailing Lists@QTH.Net
<<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>>. (NOTE: The ARRL cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this listserver.)

10-Mar-2008
Sponsor: NKARC
Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: LYLE H HAMILTON (513)315-4032
Email: AB8SH@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: TURKEYFOOT MIDDLE SCHOOL
3230 TURKEYFOOT RD
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AT LEAST 3 DAYS AHEAD!
COVINGTON (EDGEWOOD), KY
41017

15-Mar-2008
Sponsor: TRI COUNTY HF SOCIETY
Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES E VOHLAND (812)934-3154
Email: N9VO@HOTMAIL.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: METAMORA CHURCH OF GOD
US HWY 52
METAMORA, IN 47030

29-Mar-2008
Sponsor: HARDIN COUNTY TESTERS
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ARCHIE A MACK (270)351-6159
Email: AMACK1@BBTEL.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HAMFEST PRITCHARD COMMUNITY CENTER
404 S MULBERRY ST
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY 42701

05-Apr-2008
Sponsor: CINCINNATI REPEATER ASSOC INC
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DALE W PRITCHETT (513)769-0789
Email: KC8HJL@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HARTWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
210 PARKWAY AVE
INTERSECTION PARKWAY/WOODBINE
NEAR VINE/GALBRAITH & I-75
CINCINNATI, OH 45216

13-Apr-2008
Sponsor: THOROUGHbred DX GROUP
Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: MARGUERITTE E WILLIAMS (859)245-2140
Email: KE4MAJ@ARRL.NET
VEC: Western Carolinas ARS VEC
Location: RED CROSS BLDG - CLASSROOM B
1450 NEWTOWN PIKE
AT GRIFFITH GATE BLVD
[HTTP://WWW.LEXKYWCARS.ORG/](http://www.lexkywcars.org/)
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

14-Apr-2008
Sponsor: NKARC
Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: LYLE H HAMILTON (513)315-4032
Email: AB8SH@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: TURKEYFOOT MIDDLE SCHOOL
3230 TURKEYFOOT RD
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AT LEAST 3 DAYS AHEAD!
COVINGTON (EDGEWOOD), KY
41017

25-Apr-2008
Sponsor: LAKE CUMBERLAND ARA
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: NORMAN ARD (606)679-2442
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROOM B2-204
SOUTH CAMPUS
NEAR SOMERSET AIRPORT
SOMERSET, KY 42501

26-Apr-2008
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
Time: 11:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: NORMAN L RICHARDS (812)524-8610
Email: N9EVM59@GMAIL.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY - ROOM #1
303 W 2ND ST
SEYMOUR, IN 47274

Swap Shop:

There is a limited quantity of WCARC baseball caps available to Club members for \$8.00 each.

Central Kentucky ARS (Richmond-Berea), Third Thursday each month in the Madison County EOC, Richmond, Kentucky, at 7:00 p.m.. Talk-in on 146.865 (-600, pl-192.8Hz) and 145.370 (-600, pl-192.8Hz) repeater for location directions to meeting site, or other information.

Local Club Meetings:

Jassamine Amateur Wireless Society (Nicholasville) Meetings are the second Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. Location is the Corman Building behind City Hall on Main Street. Talk-in, and information on the 145.490 (-600) and 444.975 repeaters.

Capital ARS: Regular meeting dates are the first Thursday of the month, at 7:30 pm, at the Frankfort Boone National Guard Center, Emergency Operation Center or Communications Center, off Highway 127, the Frankfort West Plaza Connector. A photo ID is required to enter thru the guarded entrance. Contact: PATRICK K COMPTON, KF4FMZ Phone: (502) 607-1617 (D) (502) 454-8282 (N) Web: <http://www.ky4eoc.com> E-mail: ky4eoc@ky4eoc.com

Anderson County meets every 2nd Monday of the month. 7:00 p.m. at the Anderson County EMS Building, 1191 Bypass South, next to the Ford dealership.

Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society The regular meeting of the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., will be held every first Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, 1450 Newtown Pike, Lexington.

The University of Kentucky ARC, contact Jeff Withers, KG4QFY, jeffchem@yahoo.com. Club web page: <http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/UKARC/>. Meetings are once each month (times/days will be announced as class schedules allow), in room 553 in Anderson Hall on campus.

Scott County Amateur Radio and Emergency Service Club (SCARES), Meetings are the third Saturday each month, 9:00 a.m. in the EOC (lower level o Fire Station), 2200 Cincinnati Pike (intersection of U.S. 25 N and Delaplain Road). Check in to their weekly simplex net Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on 147.490.

Pioneer ARC (Winchester), Fourth Tuesday each month Golden Corral Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. Talk-in, and info on the 147.120 repeater.