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		News Letter:	Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ
		Fund Raising:	Todd Rose, KE4YAH
		Adopt-a-Highway:	Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ

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.

Events for the Month of April:

W.C.A.R.C. Meeting: April 2nd
Repeater Site Spring Cleaning: April 12th
Kids Safe Fair: April 20th
N.I.M.S. Training: April 14th
See text for details:

From the ARRL Newsletter:

==> TEXAS TO HOST USA'S ARDF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bastrop State Park in Central Texas will be the site for this year's USA championship of on-foot hidden transmitter hunting. Fans of this international sport -- also called foxhunting or Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) -- are making travel plans now.

Interest and participation in ARDF has been growing every year since stateside hams first competed at the World Championships in 1998. Beginning in 2001, there has been an annual national championship to see who is best at the sport and to select team members for the World Championships. The Texas ARDF group and the Houston Orienteering Club are combining to host this year's events, to be held the second weekend of May.

Thursday, May 8 is scheduled for arrival and equipment testing; 2 and 80 meter transmitters will also be on the air near the event headquarters. There will also be a get-acquainted meeting and drawing for the starting order. The 2 meter contest will take place Friday morning. Competitors will start in small groups made up of different age and gender categories, in the drawn order. cont'd page 4

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Minutes of the March, 5th 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by the President, Mike Brannock, KG4IES.

The minutes of the last meeting: A question was raised about the listing of the University of Kentucky ARS's continued existence. Steve McFadden, KA4TJD indicated that he would investigate. Rob Hutchinson, KI40DT, seconded a motion made by Todd Rose, KE4YAH that the minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The opening balance was \$\$\$\$\$. The month's transactions consisted of \$\$. for state registration and deposit of \$\$. in dues. The resulting final balance was \$\$\$\$\$. Mark Currens, KI40JG, seconded a motion made by Todd Rose, KE4YAH that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

Repeater: Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, indicated that the Club should set a time to visit the repeater site for spring cleaning and to install the modified repeater controller. April 12th was selected. Members wishing to participate should report to McDonald's at 9:00 for breakfast.

Net: Thanks to Mike Brannock, KG4IES, and Charlie O'Neal, KE4AIE, for picking up net control responsibilities during the month of February.

Adopt-A-Highway: An Adopt-A-Highway event is scheduled for March 22nd.

Members who wish to participate should meet at McDonald's at 8:00 for breakfast. Trash pickup will start around 9:00.

News Letter: Members are encouraged to offer material and suggestions for the Newsletter. Thanks to the members who have volunteered to receive the Newsletter via e-mail.

Emergency: Drew Chandler, KI4TFI, reported:

The weather spotter training to be held in the basement of the Courthouse, is scheduled for March 19th. The program by the National Weather Service will start at 7:00 p.m., registration to start at 6:30 p.m.

The C.E.R.T. classes have been rescheduled due to weather.

N.I.M.S. classes will be offered Saturday March 15th, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Monday April 14th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday May 1st, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday May 28th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Call Sarah Cunliffe at 873-4541 for more information and registration. This educational opportunity is also available on-line.

New Business: Todd Rose, KE4YAH, indicated that he received information from Sarah Cunliffe about the "Kids Safe Fair". The fair will be held on the opening day of Little League Baseball, Sunday April, 20th, at the Woodford County Ambulance Service area. The event will run from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Club plans to display Amateur Radio at the event.

Sarah indicated in her note that: MRC/CERT has been invited to participate. We will have an area inside the ambulance bay. They expect to utilize the bay area for all tables and have large equipment outside. Some agencies that have been asked to participate include: Life Care Helicopter, County SWAT team, Drive Smart KY, Hunter Education, National Guard, KU electrical safety display, Fire Safety House, Emergency Management Command Post and multiple other agencies in and outside Woodford County.

New Business cont'd:

Jim Hughs, K4ZPL, presented some comics published by Icom, aimed at sparking interest in Amateur Radio for youngsters. It was suggested that the Club should obtain copies for use at the "Kids Safe Fair" and other events. Jim offered to look into obtaining copies for distribution.

Todd Rose, KE4YAH, seconded a motion made by Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried at 8:02.

Net Report

3/6/08	3/27/08	3/20/08	3/13/08
KB4ENQ	KB4ENQ	KB4ENQ	KG4IES
KE400I	KI40JG	KE4AIE	KE4LZP
KF4LRK	KA4TJD	KE400I	KG4LXR
KE4GNX	AC4YD	KJ4BGQ	KD4GNX
KE4VIU	KE4GNX	AC4YD	KE400I
KI4QQF	KF4LRK	KE4GNX	KI4QQF
KI40JG	WA4PCS	KF4LRK	KI40JG
AC4YD	KF4WRO	KI4ZWW	
KD4GNX	KE4LZP	KI40JG	
K4HOD			
KU4A			
WA4PCS			

Attendance:

Jim Hughes	K4ZPL
Paul Harrington III	KB4ENQ
Todd Rose	KE4YAH
Steve McFadden	KA4TJD
Jerry Hatchett	N8NZF
Drew Chandler	KI4TFI
Tristan Wilson	KI4QQF
Mark Currens	KI40JG
Mike Brannock	KG4IES
Rob Hutchinson	KI40DT

Daffynition - Vacation: When you spend thousands of dollars to see what rain looks like in different parts of the world.

From the ARRL Newsletter:

==> HAMS ON HAND AS TORNADOS SWEEP THROUGH GEORGIA, DOWNTOWN ATLANTA

When tornados swept through Georgia this past weekend, Amateur Radio operators were on hand to assist where needed. On Friday, March 14, an EF-2 tornado touched down in downtown Atlanta at 9:38 PM (local time). The

National Weather Service said the twister was 6 miles long and 200 yards wide. Downtown Atlanta was a busy place that evening; not only was there a professional basketball game, college basketball fans were in town for the Southeast Conference tournament at the Georgia Dome. Due to the tornados, the final college game of the day was postponed until the next day. According to reports, the tornado blew off portions of the roof of the Georgia Dome.

An EF-2 tornado has wind speeds from 111-135 MPH. In such a tornado, roofs are torn off well-constructed houses, foundations of frame homes are shifted, mobile homes can be completely destroyed, large trees are snapped or uprooted, light-object missiles are generated and cars can be lifted off the ground.

ARRL Georgia Section Manager Susan Swiderski, AF4F0, said "William Chandler, KG4JTK, went from house to house in the wind and the rain checking for any injuries in the homes that had sustained damage by falling trees and debris. At the same time, he issued reports via radio to Barry Kanne, W4TGA, the Emergency Coordinator for neighboring DeKalb County, regarding fallen trees, billboards, power lines and other threats to public safety. Barry relayed this information to the Atlanta 911 center and to the Grady Hospital Emergency Operations Center."

DeKalb County is directly to the east of Fulton County; Atlanta is the county seat of Fulton County.

The City of Atlanta Web site reported that "[e]xtensive damage has been reported to a number of landmark buildings in downtown, including the Omni Hotel, Georgia World Congress Center, CNN Building, the Georgia Dome and Phillips Arena and homes and businesses in nearby neighborhoods."

The Red Cross opened a shelter at Central Recreation Center. There was "no external damage" to Hartsfield International Airport.

Eyewitness accounts said that "huge hunks of metal and broken glass were everywhere [in Atlanta], as well as overturned cars and benches in the road. Olympic Centennial Park is a mess." The high winds caused major damage to several other landmarks including the Georgia World Congress Center. Many hotels and office buildings had their windows blown out. Grady Memorial Hospital, the major trauma center for the Atlanta metro area, had its 100 foot tall communications tower blown off the hospital roof, disabling communications with emergency medical personnel.

ARRL Georgia Section Traffic Manager Charles Pennington, K4GK, served as Net Manager during the storms: "After several hours of recovery and damage assessment, it became obvious that while Atlanta had received major damage to downtown area, there were no fatalities reported and amazingly only 21 persons were treated for injuries." Two fatalities were reported in northwest Georgia.

In Effingham County, near Savannah on Georgia's coastline, Swiderski said a tornado "took down six power towers during the annual St Patrick's Day celebrations," thrusting the community into "total blackout conditions."

"A local 2 meter SKYWARN net, with Greg Tillman, N4VAD, serving as NCS, provided a vital link with the staff at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah. Dr Ra Meguiar, N4RVM, a physician and senior hospital administrator, later sent a letter of appreciation in recognition of the local hams 'for staying with us

through the weather and the power outage.' He said that this was his first experience in participating in a severe weather net and the 'support was invaluable,'" Swiderski said.

According to Swiderski, reports came mostly through the linked repeater system, "usually from a liaison from one of the many local nets that were going on in county after county, but there were also reports from stand-alone hams who had the misfortune of being in an affected area. There were reports of wall clouds, funnel clouds and hailstones -- large hailstones, sometimes as large as baseballs."

Tillman said that two mobile homes were completely destroyed and one was "tossed like a rag doll, rolling over numerous times 100 feet from its foundation where the anchors were pulled up from the ground." Nearly a dozen other homes and automobiles were damaged; five people from Effingham were transported to the local hospital for treatment and evaluation, he said.

"In some of the counties, this event was a true 'baptism under fire' for brand new Emergency Coordinators," Swiderski said. "I'm pleased to say that they all conducted themselves and all of the challenges admirably."

From Page 1: As always, the USA ARDF Championships are open to anyone of any age who can safely navigate the woods. A ham radio license is not required, so encourage your unlicensed-but-athletic friends and family members to join in. Each person competes as an individual; there is no teaming or person-to-person assistance allowed on the courses. Using GPS as a navigation aid is also forbidden.

Registration for the 2008 USA championships is now open. A \$70-per-

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

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

12-Apr-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: HARDIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 NORTH BRANCH
 800 SOUTH LOGSDON PARKWAY
 ACROSS FROM NORTH HARDIN HS
 RADCLIFF, KY 40160

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/
 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

26-Apr-2008
 Sponsor: OH- KY- IN ARS
 Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: BRIAN C DEYOUNG (859)635-3095
 Email: K4BRI@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 3132 MOZART AVE
 CORNER MOZART & HIGBEE
 CHEVIOT/WESTERN HILLS AREA
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

16-18 May 2008
 Dayton Hamvention
 Dayton Amateur Radio Association
<http://www.hamvention.org>
 Contact:
 PO Box 964
 Dayton, OH 45401
 Phone: 937-276-6930
 Dayton, OH
 Hara Arena
 Div: Great Lakes
 Sect: Ohio

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 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

10-May-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: HARDIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 NORTH BRANCH
 800 SOUTH LOGSDON PARKWAY
 ACROSS FROM NORTH HARDIN HS
 RADCLIFF, KY 40160

10-May-2008
 Sponsor: BLUEGRASS AR SOCIETY
 Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: FERNIE D WILLIAMS (859)245-2140
 Email: KE4MAI@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: RED CROSS BUILDING-CLASSROOM B
 1450 NEWTOWN PIKE
 AT GRIFFIN GATE BLVD
 HTTP://WWW.BLUEGRASSARS.ORG
 LEXINGTON, KY 40511

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 Contact: LYLE H HAMILTON (513)315-4032
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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.

Upcoming Hamfests:

3 May 2008
 8th Annual Hamfest
 Hopkins County Amateur Radio Association
http://www.wb4jro.net/hamfest_flyer.htm
 Talk-In: 146.61 (PL 100)
 Contact: Michael Walker, KI4UBL
 964 Jamestown Loop, Apt. 75
 Madisonville, KY 42431
 Phone: 270-821-5998 or 270-836-0552
 Email: ki4ubl@yahoo.com
 Madisonville, KY
 Hopkins County Emergency Management Building
 130 North Franklin Street
 Div: Great Lakes
 Sect: Kentucky

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.

person package includes the practice session, both competitions, Friday dinner and a T-shirt. Check out the Texas ARDF Web site <<http://www.texasardf.org/>> for detailed schedules, frequencies, lodging information and registration forms. An e-mail reflector <<http://lists.texasardf.org/mailman/listinfo/texasardf>> is available for Q&A, as well as for coordinating transportation and arranging equipment loans.