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Repeater:         Steve McFadden, KA4TJD  
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 ( 38°3'34" N 84°43'11" W ). 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](mailto:ky4wc@ky4wc.org). E-mail may be sent to the membership by sending a message to [maillist@ky4wc.org](mailto:maillist@ky4wc.org).

# W.C.A.R.C. Raffle



The membership wishes to thank our generous sponsors this year. Please remember these merchants and service providers: Doubletree Suites, Hilton Suites, Ricardo's, Cleveland's, Holly Hills, Wallace Station, Moores Meats, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Little Cesar's Pizza, Jeff Jones Chevrolet, Concord Custom Cleaners, Queens Chevron, STS World Class Bodywork, and

Revive Hair Design & Salon. Pictured above left to right, Todd Rose, KE4YAH, Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, and Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ, at the Millville Hillbilly Daze event.

Thank You to the DoubleTree Guest Suites of Lexington, 2601 Richmond Rd., for duplication of this month's Newsletter

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were accepted with a spelling correction. Todd Rose, KE4YAH, seconded the motion made by Steve McFadden, KA4TJD. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, reported an opening balance of \$\$\$\$\$\$. Expenses for the month were \$\$\$\$., postage, \$\$\$\$., insurance, and \$\$\$\$ for Adopt-a-Highway tools, resulting in a closing balance of \$\$\$\$\$\$. Drew Chandler, KI4TFI, seconded a motion made by Paul Harrington III, KB4ENQ, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

Emergency: Drew Chandler, KI4TFI, reported that the state wide exercise held in August was declared a success. Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, Mike Brannock, KG4IES, and Jim Hughes, K4ZPL manned the amateur station of the county Emergency Management Trailer.

There are currently not enough new students to hold a CERT class. Ten students are signed up, but twenty five are needed to start a class. The class will be stated when to roster fills.

Work continues on upgrades to the EOC.

Fund Raising: Todd Rose, KE4YAH, reported that all prizes have been received. There is still a need for help with tickets sales at Krogers, September 12th, please, check with Todd if you are able to help. The second ticket sales event and drawing will be held at Millville Hillbilly Daze on September 19th. Help is needed for that event as well.

Adopt-a-Highway: A trash pickup is tentatively scheduled for October 10th. The date will be firmed up at the October meeting.

Web Site: The Field Day video has been posted on YouTube. Work still needs to be done to create a link to the video on the KY4WC web page.

New Business: Todd Rose, KE4YAH, reported that two radios and chargers used by the New York Police have been received. There are plans to convert these units for use on 144 MHz if possible.

Jim Hughes, K4ZPL, seconded a motion made by Steve McFadden, KA4TJD, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried at 8:20 p.m.

Visit one of you local Hamfests this Summer. See a list of Hamfests and Exam dates on the last page.

Name:	Call:	Member:
Steve McFadden	KA4TJD	Y
Todd Rose	KE4YAH	Y
Drew Chandler	KI4TFI	Y
Paul Harrington III	KB4ENQ	Y
Jim Hughes	K4ZPL	Y

Net Report:	09/22/09	10/01/09
	KB4ENQ	KB4ENQ
	KF4LRK	KF4LRK
09/03/09	09/10/09	KE4GNX
KI4TFI	not called	W2IF
KF4LRK		K4LZP
KB4ENQ		KY4OZ
KE4GNX	09/17/09	KI4OJG
KI4OJG	KB4ENQ	KG4VAR
K4H0D	KF4LRK	KI4TLY
W4XXL	KE4GNX	WA4PCS
KI4FEA	W2IF	WD4HXE
N6BX	KI4OJG	KI4TLW
AJ4LS	KE4AIE	KE4AIE
KI4TLW	WA4PCS	WA4PCS
KY4OZ		KI4TLW
KI4TLY		KG4VAR
WA4PCS		

First call in each list indicates net control. See the member data page for a list of local nets.

From the ARRL Newsletter:

=> NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL RESPONDS TO ARRL: NO EVIDENCE OF "SIGNIFICANT CRASH RISKS" WHILE OPERATING MOBILE

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote a letter to National Safety Council (NSC) President Janet Froetscher in July expressing the ARRL's concerns that Amateur Radio not become an unintended victim of the growing public debate over what to do about distracted drivers <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Letter7-30-09.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Letter7-30-09.pdf)>. Froetscher has now replied, saying the NSC does not support bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radios while driving <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Response\\_to\\_ARRL.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Response_to_ARRL.pdf)>.

Noting that there is significant evidence that talking on cell phones while driving poses crash risk four times that of other drivers, Froetscher observed that the NSC position calling for bans on the use of cell phones while driving is grounded in science. "We are not aware of evidence

that using Amateur Radios while driving has significant crash risks," Froetscher wrote in her August 24 letter. "We also have no evidence that using two-way radios while driving poses significant crash risks. Until such time as compelling, peer-reviewed scientific research is presented that denotes significant risks associated with the use of Amateur Radios, two-way radios or other communication devices, the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibition on their use."

Froetscher said that while "the specific risk of radio use while driving is unmeasured and likely does not approach that of cell phones, there indeed is some elevated risk to the drivers, their passengers and the public associated with 650,000 Amateur Radio operators who may not, at one time or another, not concentrate fully on their driving." She points out that the "best safety practice is to have one's full attention on their driving, their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road. Drivers who engage in any activity that impairs any of these constitutes an increased risk."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the ARRL "appreciates NSC President and CEO Janet Froetscher's clear statement that the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radio while driving. We applaud the NSC for taking positions that are grounded in science. At the same time, all radio amateurs should heed her call to concentrate fully on driving while behind the wheel. It is possible to operate a motor vehicle safely while using Amateur Radio, but if it becomes a distraction we owe it those with whom we share the road, as well as to our passengers, to put safety first."

On January 30, 2009, the ARRL Executive Committee adopted the ARRL's Policy Statement on Mobile Amateur Radio Operation <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/MobileAmateurRadioPolicyStatement.pdf>> that states "Amateur Radio mobile operation is ubiquitous, and Amateur Radio

emergency and public service communications, and other organized Amateur Radio communications activities and networks necessitate operation of equipment while some licensees are driving motor vehicles. Two-way radio use is dissimilar from full-duplex cellular telephone communications because the operator spends little time actually transmitting; the time spent listening is more similar to, and arguably less distracting than, listening to a broadcast radio, CD or MP3 player. There are no distinctions to be made between or among Amateur Radio, public safety land mobile radio, private land mobile radio or citizen's radio in terms of driver distraction. All are distinguishable from mobile cellular telephone communications in this respect. Nevertheless, ARRL encourages licensees to conduct Amateur communications from motor vehicles in a manner that does not detract from the safe and attentive operation of a motor vehicle at all times."

In his letter, Harrison explained to Froetscher that Amateur Radio operators provide essential emergency communications when regular communications channels are disrupted by disaster: "Through formal agreements with federal agencies, such as the National Weather Service, FEMA and private relief organizations, the Amateur Radio volunteers protect lives using their own equipment without compensation. The ability of hams to communicate and help protect the lives of those in danger would be strictly hindered if the federal, state and local governments to not ensure that Amateur Radio operators can continue the use of their mobile radios while on the road."

Froetscher replied that she "appreciate[s] your focus of Amateur Radio for emergency communications during disasters. I encourage ARRL to adopt best practices for the safe operation of vehicles that confines use of Amateur Radios while driving only to disaster emergencies."

The Policy Statement asserts that the ARRL "is aware of no evidence that [mobile] operation contributes to driver

inattention. Quite the contrary: Radio amateurs are public service-minded individuals who utilize their radio-equipped motor vehicles to assist others, and they are focused on driving in the execution of that function."

#### ==> CHANGES IN STORE FOR THE ARRL LETTER

After asking for feedback from ARRL Letter subscribers and reviewing surveys sent to ARRL members, we are changing the way you receive The ARRL Letter. Starting in two weeks -- October 1 -- The ARRL Letter will be available to subscribers in an HTML formatted version. Of course, those members who do not wish to receive the HTML version can click on a link to view the Letter on the ARRL Web site. In addition, The ARRL Letter will be distributed on Thursdays beginning September 24.

According to ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, this new format will allow for more graphics and pictures, as well as occasional articles that feature the technical side of Amateur Radio. We will also be running portions of popular QST features, such as "The Doctor Is IN" and "Hints & Kinks."

"I am very excited about presenting The ARRL Letter in a completely new format," Keane said. "Not only will we be able to add features such as pictures and video, but by offering the Letter in HTML, readers will be able to navigate directly to those stories they are most interested in.

The ARRL already offers two other newsletters -- The ARRL Contest Update and The ARRL ARES E-Letter -- in an HTML version. We have received a lot of positive feedback on these two newsletters."

The ARRL Letter first appeared in 1981 as a print publication,

available by subscription from the League. In 1991 -- following the technology of the day -- it moved from being a print publication to being published electronically and sent via e-mail as a free service to ARRL members. "Now, once again, we at the ARRL are following technology's path and publishing The ARRL Letter in a new way, moving from plain text to a graphically pleasing interface," Keane explained.

We think you will enjoy this new format, and we welcome your comments. Tell us what you like -- and don't like -- by sending an e-mail to Keane <k1sfa@arrl.org>, with "ARRL Letter Feedback" in the subject line.

#### ==> ARRL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTERS, BULLETINS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know the ARRL offers more newsletters than just The ARRL Letter?

One of the many ARRL membership benefits includes other newsletters, such as the ARRL Contest Update (a bi-weekly contest newsletter), the ARES E-Letter (sent monthly, containing public service and emergency communications news), the ARRL Club News, the ARRL Instructor/Teacher E-Letter and the VE Newsletter, just to name a few.

You can also elect to receive news and information from your Division Director and Section Manager (keep in mind that not all Divisions/Sections send notices), as well as W1AW bulletins that relate to DX, propagation, satellites and Keplerian reports. The ARRL also offers a free notification service to members, letting them know when their membership and license are due to expire.

Sign up for these newsletters, bulletins and notifications on the Member Data page of the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html>>.

## Upcoming Exams:

Exams listed are within 100 miles of Woodford County

03-Oct-2009  
Sponsor: CINCINNATI REPEATER ASSOC INC  
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins ok)  
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

08-Oct-2009  
Sponsor: MILFORD ARC  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: BARBARA L STEWARD (513)625-8651  
Email: WSTEWARD@FUSE.NET  
VEC: Laurel VEC  
Location: FAITH CHURCH  
5900 PRICE RD  
MILFORD, OH 45150

10-Oct-2009  
Sponsor: HARDIN COUNTY TESTERS  
Time: 9:30AM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: ARCHIE A MACK (270)351-6159  
Email: AMACK1@BBTEL.COM  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: HARDIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
800 SOUTH LOGSDON PARKWAY  
ACROSS FROM NORTH HARDIN HS  
RADCLIFF, KY 40160

11-Oct-2009  
Sponsor: THOROUGHbred DX GROUP  
Time: 1:30PM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: MARGUERITTE WILLIAMS (859)245-2140  
Email: KE4MAJ@ARRL.NET  
VEC: Western Carolinas ARS  
Location: RED CROSS BLDG - CLASSROOM B  
1450 NEWTOWN PIKE  
AT GRIFFITH GATE BLVD  
HTTP://WWW.LEXKYWCARS.ORG/  
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

23-Oct-2009  
Sponsor: LAKE CUMBERLAND ARA  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: WANDA L MUNSEY (606)416-3144  
Email: WM4LM@HUGHES.NET  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ROOM 128  
MEECE HALL  
NORTH CAMPUS OFF FORD DR  
SOMERSET, KY 42501

07-Nov-2009  
Sponsor: CINCINNATI REPEATER ASSOC INC  
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins ok)  
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-Nov-2009  
Sponsor: MILFORD ARC  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: BARBARA L STEWARD (513)625-8651  
Email: WSTEWARD@FUSE.NET  
VEC: Laurel VEC  
Location: FAITH CHURCH  
5900 PRICE RD  
MILFORD, OH 45150

14-Nov-2009  
Sponsor: BLUEGRASS AR SOCIETY  
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)  
Contact: FERNIE D WILLIAMS (859)245-2140  
Email: KE4MAJ@ARRL.NET  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: RED CROSS BUILDING  
1450 NEWTOWN PIKE  
AT GRIFFIN GATE BLVD  
HTTP://WWW.BLUEGRASSARS.ORG  
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

\* South African Amateur Radio Payload Reaches Orbit: After several delays, South Africa's SumbandilaSat satellite <<http://www.amsatsa.org.za/SZASAT.htm>> finally blasted to orbit aboard a Soyuz rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on September 16 <<http://www.russianspaceweb.com/baikonur.html>>. The main payload is a multi-spectral imager, but the satellite also carries an Amateur Radio component consisting of a 2 meter/70 cm FM repeater. After SumbandilaSat is fully commissioned, the repeater will be activated with an uplink at 145.880 MHz and a downlink at 435.350 MHz; there will also be a voice beacon at 435.300 MHz. The transponder mode will be controlled by a CTCSS tone on the uplink frequency. The CTCSS tone frequencies have yet to be announced. SumbandilaSat was sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology and was built at SunSpace <<http://www.sunspace.co.za/>> in cooperation with the Stellenbosch University <<http://www.sun.ac.za/>>. In addition to the SA-AMSAT amateur module, the satellite carries Stellenbosch University's radiation experiment and software defined radio (SDR) project, an experiment from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and a VLF radio module from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

## Upcoming Hamfests:

31 Oct 2009  
Kentucky Mountains ARC  
<http://k4avx.net>  
Talk-In: 146.07/.67 (PL 103.5)  
Contact: John Farler, K4AVX  
1264 Hall Mountain Road  
Viper, KY 41774  
Phone: 606-476-9662  
Email: k4avx@arrl.net  
Hazard, KY  
National Guard Armory  
782 Dawahare Drive  
Div: Great Lakes  
Sect: Kentucky

7 Nov 2009  
Grant Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.garcOhio.net/>  
Talk-In: 146.730- (tone will be off)  
Contact: Rodney Crawford, WD8CTX  
2585 State Route 138  
Sardinia, OH 45171  
Phone: 937-446-2338  
Fax: 937-446-2338  
Email: wd8ctx@juno.com  
Georgetown, OH  
ABCAP Building  
406 West Plum Street  
Div: Great Lakes  
Sect: Ohio

6 Mar 2010  
Mammoth Cave ARC  
<http://www.geocities.com/ky4x2000>  
Talk-In: 146.34/94  
Contact: Larry Brumett, KN4IV  
108 Withers Drive  
Glasgow, KY 42141  
Phone: 270-651-2363  
Email: lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com  
Cave City, KY  
Cave City Convention Center  
502 Mammoth Cave Street  
Div: Great Lakes  
Sect: Kentucky

The Dayton Hamvention will be held May 14, 15 and 16 2010. Visit [www.hamvention.com](http://www.hamvention.com) for more information.

11 Sep 2010  
Greater Louisville Hamfest 50  
Greater Louisville Hamfest Association  
<http://LouisvilleHamfest.com>  
Talk-In: 146.700 MHz (PL 79.7)  
Contact: Bob Myers, K4RVM  
PO Box 34444  
Louisville, KY 40232-4444  
Phone: 502-935-6710  
Email: GLHA50@LouisvilleHamfest.com  
Shepherdsville, KY  
Paroquet Springs Conference Centre  
395 Paroquet Springs Drive  
Div: Great Lakes  
Sect: Kentucky

## Local Club Meetings:

Jessamine 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](mailto:ky4eoc@ky4eoc.com)

Anderson County meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

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.

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