



WEEKLY 2-METER NETS

All nets listed are 8:00 PM local time

Monday: W5YM University WeatherNet (147.135+, no pl)

Tuesday: Washington County ARES Net (146.955+, 110.9)

Wednesday: ARCUA Traffic Net (147.135+, no pl)

Thursday: ARKAN Traffic and Talk Net (146.955+, 110.9)

**Check in and
participate in
local nets --
keep amateur
radio active on
the repeaters**

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THE
AMATEUR
SERVICE**

Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

April 2002

Welcome to a New Beginning

ARKAN MEETING

April 22, 2002

AGENDA

Call meeting to order
Acknowledge and welcome visitors
Reading of the minutes
Treasurer's report

Old Business

Articles of Incorporation
Bylaws revisions

New Business

Tax ID Number
Bank account
ARRL affiliation
Club callsign
Next club activity
Arkansas Air Museum
May club meeting date
Upcoming events

Program

ARES/weather
Fox hunt recap

Meeting Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Friday, May ???

A topic for this evening is to decide whether the next ARKAN meeting will be the fourth Monday -- which is Memorial Day this year -- or on the third Monday. Otherwise, ARKAN meets at the Arkansas Air Museum at Fayetteville Municipal Field each fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

We hear a lot about family values in the media. Have you thought about what that means in our hobby? There may be many new modes of operation, and many new toys to use. The radios keep getting smaller and the antennas bigger. The constant through it all are the amateur radio operators.

Unfortunately, there has been a rapid decline in traditional amateur radio values. Mentoring our new amateurs -- elmering -- in many places is a lost art. Common courtesies on the bands is harder and harder to find.

A major point of emphasis for this year in the club is a return to those traditional amateur radio values. Think back, and help us move forward.

A new club?

Last month, several amateur radio operators with a common goal of returning fun and service to the hobby met to decide if a new club was warranted. Some folks have asked why we need yet another club in our area. The group, obviously, decided yes. The reasons why are varied, but they shared that common thread -- a fellowship based on our shared love for the amateur radio service and a sincere desire to serve the community.

Growth

A key component in the success of Northwest Arkansas is growth. That growth has brought new people to the Arkansas Northwest, and they bring with them a great diversity that we need to take advantage of in amateur radio. Many of them were club members before coming to the area and are looking for a new home. Some of them are new amateurs, or recently upgraded amateurs. And some have been waiting for a place that would return to the traditional amateur radio values of elmering new hams, and recruiting them to join the ranks.

Invite a friend

There are almost 800 licensed amateur radio operators in northwest Arkansas. Do you know someone who has not been to a meeting recently? Do you know someone who would like to become involved? Do you know someone who once was active in the amateur community?

Now is the time to ask them to come back.

**PUBLIC SERVICE
EVENTS CALENDAR**

The following organizations have asked for amateur radio operators to support their events. Please contact the persons listed. There are more events anticipated for this coming year.

JUNE

Clean Air Challenge June 8-9
 This is a new event for the northwest Arkansas area. It is a bicycle event from Alma to Fayetteville along scenic US 71. Volunteers are needed to operate along route as mobile vehicles, fixed checkpoints and in the "sag" wagon. Volunteers are sought from both Fort Smith and NW Arkansas area. More information to come in from the American Lung Association.

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JUNE

AIRFEST June 14-16
 This is the annual AIRFEST hosted by the Arkansas Air Museum at Fayetteville's Drake Field. Communications support between remote locations along flight line and assist with crowd control. Coordinate with CAP volunteers. Event is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 15 - 16. Afternoon of June 14 is setup and orientation.

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OCTOBER

AutumnFest Parade TBA
 Organizers of the event have contacted Washington County EC for communications support for parade.

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DECEMBER

First Night Dec. 31
 Volunteer for two hours and receive admission to events for evening. Event may not continue due to local funding problems with the First Night organization.

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Quick Notes

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have a great hint on how to operate? Do you have a new wrinkle on how to build an antenna? Did you discover something exciting in amateur radio that you want to share with others? Your input and additions are welcome. Please email your articles and other information to the newsletter editor, Bill Smith, one week prior to the club meeting. If you are sending images, make sure they are attached as JPEGs with 300 dpi.

DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues for the 2002 year are now due.

NEWSLETTER ON TREES OR ELECTRONS

If you prefer to have the newsletter emailed in Acrobat PDF, please indicate on your annual renewal form.

JOIN THE ARRL

Consider this one fact: membership in ARRL is about the same as the subscription price for any other magazine on amateur radio, and certainly less than buying QST off the rack. And when was the last time a magazine company lobbied on your behalf before the U.S. Congress or IAAU.

Are you interested?

Give us some key information, and we'll make sure you know about our future activities.

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ NIGHT PHONE: _____

AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS CALENDAR

Keep in mind these events coming up this year.

APRIL

Little Rock Hamfest April 25-26
Notable on the agenda are the state ARRL meeting and the Arkansas Repeater Council meeting, both on Saturday.

MAY

Dayton Hamfest May 16-18
Several folks are planning a road trip to the 51st annual super festival.

JUNE

Field Day June 22-23
W5YM hosts Field Day on the lawn of Old Main each year.

OCTOBER

Arkansas SET Oct. 5
The SET is the Simulated Emergency Test, a nationwide ARES exercise that also has a state level component. The scenario is not established, but it will one that "effects" all counties. The 6-8 hour drill will be on this Saturday morning. Please mark it on your calendar to work the event.

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Formation meeting minutes

March 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Norwin Harral, N5YOR.

There were twelve people present.

General topic of discussion was the formation of a new amateur radio club. After discussion for the need for a club that would be oriented toward public service, emergency communications (ARES, SKYWARN) and general operating activities, the group moved forward toward the mechanics of forming a new club.

The name of the organization: Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest, Inc.

The reason for the formation of the organization: To create a club of amateur radio operators to advance the hobby of amateur and to perform communications functions for other civic non-profit organizations in times of need or emergency.

The Articles of Incorporation: The Articles of Incorporation were explained to the people present as being required by the state and also to protect the any members of the organization. Harral will find and present the Articles of Incorporation to an attorney for reading and changes if any are required before proceeding with the filing to the Secretary of State of Arkansas. There will be a filing fee of approximately \$150 required at time of filing with the state.

The Organizations Bylaws: The organization's bylaws as written by Norwin Harral were reviewed by all those present and discussed at great length as to why some clauses were required. Several changes were requested to the bylaws: Article 4 Section 3, Order of Business, added a note that the order in which the order of business was conducted could be changed to accommodate the meeting program, but all busy items shall be discussed before adjournment. Article 5 Section 1, Directors, rewrite to reflect that the elected officers of the organization makeup the board of directors of the organization and that the president shall act as the chairman of the board. Article 5 Section 11, Voting Powers of the Chairman (President) of the Board, needs to be added to clarify when the chairman can vote during board meetings (tie breaker). Article 6 Section 1, Designation of Officers, rewrite this part to reflect and clarify actions in Article 5 Section 1. Article 6 Section 2, Qualifications, removed the word directors and replace it with officers. Article 8 Section 2, Checks and Notes, add wording that all monies paid shall be approved by the board and membership prior to payment.

Selection of meeting time and Place: Those present discussed possible days of the week to hold the organization's regular meeting. It was decided the 1st, 3rd or 4th Monday of the week would be best. Mose Howard mentioned that he believed the 3rd Monday could conflict with the Fort Smith Ham Club meeting, which could hurt us in getting speakers for certain programs. Norwin Harral said he would check on the days of the Fort Smith meetings and follow up with emails to those interested of the specified day the club would meet on. The time for the meetings was set for 7:00PM. Bill Smith said he might be able to get the organization a meeting place at the Fayetteville Air Museum at Drake Field. It was voted on and if available the future meetings would take place at the air museum if approved by the museum board. Again this would be followed up by emails to everyone as to the selected meeting place.

Bank Account: Discussion of establishing an organization banking account was mentioned. Karen Harral will establish a bank account at one of the Arvest banks before the next meeting.

An transmitter fox hunt activity was discussed for some weekend (Saturday) in April, pending on upcoming activities in the area. Motion was made and seconded that the first meeting of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest be adjourned. All voted in favor of adjournment and the meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

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Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest Membership Application

Personal Information:

___ New Application ___ Yearly Membership Renewal Application

Applicants Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Age: _____ ARRL Member: YES NO QCWA Member: YES NO

Spouses Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Other household members holding licenses:

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Other Interest:

Membership in other organizations: _____

Other amateur interest: Skywarn Y / N HF Y / N Satellite Y / N Slow Scan TV Y / N

Please attach a copy of amateur radio license(s) for all those applying for membership.

Dues are \$20.00 for first club member and \$3.00 for each additional family member.

I acknowledge that I will follow all FCC rules and regulations as well as the by-laws of the Northwest Arkansas Amateur Radio Club. Any infraction will result in immediate termination of membership in the club.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Sponsored by _____ Date _____

Board of Directors Approval

License attached: Y/N Dues Payment Attached: Y/N Amount of Payment: \$ _____

RECEIPT FOR ARKAN DUES

Date: _____

Received from: _____ Callsign: _____

Amount: _____ \$ _____

For: _____

Received By: _____