



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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Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

December 2002

Happy Holidays

ARKAN MEETING

Dec. 16, 2002

AGENDA

Club members sign in for drawings
Call meeting to order
Acknowledge and welcome visitors

Program

Club projects and business

Business Meeting

Reading of the minutes
Treasurer's report

Old Business

Creation of VEC team
Technician class
Membership drive
Dale Rogers recognition project

New Business

Officer Elections
Programs for 2003
Selection of corporate officer
Executive session on membership
Door prize drawings
Meeting Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Monday, Jan. 27

The January program, along with the first quarter of the year, will be set at the December meeting. You know what they say -- if you aren't there, you might be volunteered for the January program.

ARKAN meets at the Arkansas Air Museum at Fayetteville Municipal Field each fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

It's our first annual holiday extravaganza, starring Mose Howard as Santa Claus. Kidding, Mose! However, Mose will be bringing the gift for Dale Rogers to the meeting. We'll get that new 2m radio programmed and decide on a time to take it to Mr. Rogers. The real attraction for this meeting is free snacks. Mose will be bringing gifts of homemade cookies for everyone. Mose, maybe you SHOULD wear that Santa costume, you're bringing some many "gifts" to the meeting! We will also provide soft drinks. Officer elections will be held, too. Please invite a friend to the meeting Monday night at 7pm at The Arkansas Air Museum!

From the President

Kevin Thornton, K5KVN

The first year for ARKAN is a success, if I may say so myself! Norwin got things going in March of this year, and now we end the year with a strong membership. Thank you all for being great ham radio operators, having a great attitude, and being wonderful friends. The year saw ARKAN at Airfest 2002 with W5A as a special event station, the Autumnfest parade, JOTA, Arkansas Simulated Emergency Test, Arkansas QSO Party, sponsoring the Worked All Arkansas Award, and becoming the state's newest ARRL-affiliated club. We even had a foxhunt! And I think we have the best club newsletter in Arkansas, thanks to Bill K1ARK. Here's to another great year!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We've already had one round of winter weather, and we're due to get more this season. So, keep those stations "winterized" and review your winter weather net procedures.

Please attend the December meeting. As always, we have a lot on the agenda! It's especially important that you attend for officer elections. Plus, we'll be taking up a collection for the radio we are giving Dale Rogers WA6ZJP. Invite a friend to the next meeting. Remember we are meeting a week early this month due to the holidays. See you on the 16th.

73,
Kevin
K5KVN

ARKAN on the web at: www.arkan.us

**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.

MARCH

Heart Walk Mar. 29
The American Heart Association's Heart Walk takes place around the University of Arkansas campus. Several members of ARCUA joined with other amateurs on this event. Time commitment is about one hour on Saturday morning.
CONTACT: Bill Smith
k1ark@arrl.net

JUNE

AIRFEST 2003 June 14-15
More workers are needed for this event. In addition to flight line access, volunteers receive admission when not on duty. Support for communications and event operations.
CONTACT: Bill Smith
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**AMATEUR RADIO
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Keep in mind these events coming up.

MAY

Dayton Hamvention May 16-18
Bill Smith is looking for a group of amateurs who want to join in on the experience of a lifetime. The drive is only 11 hours (actually very easy), and there is nothing like the world's largest hamfest.

CONTACTING YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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December Meeting Notes

Worked All Arkansas

The certificates are in the works and the official submission form will be attached to this month's newsletter. Check your old QSO cards or get a start on this award in next month's Arkansas QSO party. **Application form is on page five.**

QSO logs coming in

First handful of logs are coming in. As expected, they aren't very long, but the idea is to keep the concept of the QSO Party alive. Any and all suggestions to improve the event next year are welcome.

Your dues are due

Although 2002 was a "short" year with the club forming in March, dues for the 2003 year are coming due soon. Please help out and renew, and encourage your friends to join.

The Tube Prize

Thanks to Fort Smith's Arkansas assistant section manager, Jay Bromley, the club has its own mascot. Jay suggested that we use it as a rotating "door prize" that a member must bring back to the next meeting or face the penalty of buying everyone's dinner! Here's some ground rules:

- * -- No one gets the Tube more than once a year
- * -- If you forget the Tube, either buy everyone's dinner that night OR make a donation (\$5.00 suggested) to the door prize fund.
- * -- If you lose the Tube, you must replace the Tube.

2003 Officer Elections

Below is the slate of officers recommended by the membership and nominated at the last meeting for election at the December meeting.

President	Kevin Thornton
Vice-President	Gerry White
Secretary	Bill Smith
Treasurer	Mose Howard
At-Large Board Member	Randy DuCharme

Other nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.

New section manager

Many of you may be aware that Bob Ideker is not seeking reelection as the Arkansas section manager, and that Elmer Langston has been nominated to replace Bob.

AREA 2 METER NETS MONDAY

W5YM Unviersity WeatherNet
Net Control: Bill Smith, K1ARK
Weather spotter group for Washington County, Arkansas; Information for emergency communications.
FREQ: 147.135 + (no tone)
TIME: 8:00 PM local

TUESDAY

Washington County ARES
Net Control: Rotational
Weekly instruction and meeting for members of Washington County ARES
FREQ: 146.955 - (pl 110.9)
TIME: 8:00 PM local

WEDNESDAY

W5YM Traffic Net
Net Control: Rotational among students
Weekly meeting for members of Amateur Radio Club of the University of Arkansas.
Open to all licensed amateur operators
FREQ: 147.135 + (no tone)
TIME: 8:00 PM local

THURSDAY

ARKAN On the Air
Net Control: Randy DuCharme, AD5GB
Weekly meeting for ARKAN and traffic handling.
FREQ: 146.955 - (pl 110.9)
TIME: 8:00 PM local

OTHER AREA NETS

Benton County Radio Operators
FREQ: 145.290 - (pl 110.9)
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Thursdays

TARC Triple T Net -- TARC System
FREQ: Your nearby TARC linked repeater
TIME: 9:00 p.m. Thursdays

Arkansas ARES Net
Net Control: Dale Temple, W5RXU
Weekly training net for ARES/RACES personnel. Anyone interested in emergency communications with HF privileges is encouraged to check in. Persons without HF are encouraged to monitor. Presentation from Sunday morning is repeated Monday evening.
FREQ: 3.9875
TIMES: Sunday morning, 7:00 local
Monday evening, 7:00 local
(following close of Razorback Net)

7 DAYS A WEEK

Razorback Phone Net
FREQ: 3.9875
TIME: 6:30 p.m. local

Ozark CW Net
FREQ: 3.592
TIME: 7:00 p.m. local

The Weather Report

W5YM University WeatherNet info from Bill Smith, K1ARK Winter isn't coming; It's Here!

Make sure that all your connections are ready for the cold weather. When we get those odd warm days, use that time to make check on the weatherproofing and coax. Don't forget to rotate stock in your "go box" -- food, water, etc. -- and check the strength of any batteries you have. When it isn't sleeting is the time to prepare.

Slow times on the nets

This is my bad time of the year for NCS, so please, any Monday or Tuesday that anyone does not hear me at 8 p.m., jump in and run the net. We need to keep the consistency of the nets up. My job keeps me busy during the winter nights with hoops games, and sometimes travel -- as it did twice in November and December -- has me out of town.

That said, don't forget to check in on the nets. Winter weather is upon us, and one good ice storm could put our communications skills on the front lines.

Calling Tech class, again

The offer is on the table for a four-session, eight-hour technician class hosted either at the AAM or Barnhill Arena (although the parking is better at the AAM). We just need four or five firm commitments.

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

Minutes of November 2002, meeting Arkansas Air Museum; Fayetteville, Ark.

Business meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Kevin Thorton, K5KVN. A motion was made to accept the October minutes by Sue, AB7GL, and seconded by Chuck, KD5MEH. The motion carried unanimously.

Mose Howard, KB5BV, presented the treasurer's report. The account balance was unchanged at \$280. Sue made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Chuck. The motion passed.

Under old business a report was made on the antenna party to take down the tower and beam given to the club by Dale Rogers. The club now has custody of all the equipment. Also, a report and discussion of the Arkansas QSO Party which was sponsored by ARKAN was held.

Under new business there was discussion of a VEC team. Susan Miner, AB7GL, has received her packet of VEC material from the ARRL. Scott, W5JSR discussed Technician License classes. The possibility of a membership drive was discussed.

The purchase of a 2 meter radio for Dale Rogers as a thank you for his generous contribution of equipment to the club was discussed. Susan made a motion to take up a collection at the next meeting to pay for the radio and any shortage to be made up out of the treasury. The motion was seconded by John and the motion passed. A Kenwood 261A will be ordered.

Programs ideas for 2003 were discussed. The December meeting has been changed to the third Monday this year after a motion by Susan and second by Scott. Motion passed.

ARKAN officers election for 2003 was discussed. A motion was made by Mose and seconded by Scott to keep the same officers. The motion passed. Scott announced the 145.29 repeater in Centerton is now 280 feet higher and can be worked over a larger area.

Custody of the club mascot tube was given to Susan. A great program of foxhunting was given by Sergei Starkov with demonstrations and video.

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 ARES Member: YES NO

Spouse's Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Other household members holding licenses:

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ Class: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Personal Web Site: _____

Membership in other organizations: _____

Interests: VHF/UHF Y/N APRS Y/N Packet Y/N Satellite Y/N ATV Y/N Spe. Events Y/N ARES Y/N SKYWARN Y/N HF Y/N Phone Y/N CW Y/N Digital Modes: RTTY Y/N PSK31 Y/N Contesting Y/N

Other Non-Amateur Interests: _____

Please attach a copy of amateur radio license(s) for all those applying for membership. Dues are \$20.00 for first club member and \$5.00 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 Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsored by (Print) _____ Signature _____ 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: _____

ARKAN Worked All-Arkansas Award Work Sheet

To qualify for the Worked All-Arkansas Award, a station must have written verification of QSOs -- any band or mode -- with all 75 counties of the state of Arkansas. Please fill in the application sheet below, and return the completed application plus a \$5.00 award certificate fee to: ARKAN, P.O. Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR, 72703. All applications must be verified and signed off by two current officers of a registered ARRL club, or by presentation of cards with form. If sending cards, please include return postage.

COUNTY	CALL	TOWN	BAND	COUNTY	CALL	TOWN	BAND
ARKANSAS	_____	_____	_____	LAWRENCE	_____	_____	_____
ASHLEY	_____	_____	_____	LEE	_____	_____	_____
BAXTER	_____	_____	_____	LINCOLN	_____	_____	_____
BENTON	_____	_____	_____	LITTLE RIVER	_____	_____	_____
BOONE	_____	_____	_____	LOGAN	_____	_____	_____
BRADLEY	_____	_____	_____	LONOKE	_____	_____	_____
CALHOUN	_____	_____	_____	MADISON	_____	_____	_____
CARROLL	_____	_____	_____	MARION	_____	_____	_____
CHICOT	_____	_____	_____	MILLER	_____	_____	_____
CLARK	_____	_____	_____	MISSISSIPPI	_____	_____	_____
CLAY	_____	_____	_____	MONROE	_____	_____	_____
CLEBURNE	_____	_____	_____	MONTGOMERY	_____	_____	_____
CLEVELAND	_____	_____	_____	NEVADA	_____	_____	_____
COLUMBIA	_____	_____	_____	NEWTON	_____	_____	_____
CONWAY	_____	_____	_____	OUACHITA	_____	_____	_____
CRAIGHEAD	_____	_____	_____	PERRY	_____	_____	_____
CRAWFORD	_____	_____	_____	PHILLIPS	_____	_____	_____
CRITTENDEN	_____	_____	_____	PIKE	_____	_____	_____
CROSS	_____	_____	_____	POINSETT	_____	_____	_____
DALLAS	_____	_____	_____	POLK	_____	_____	_____
DESHA	_____	_____	_____	POPE	_____	_____	_____
DREW	_____	_____	_____	PRAIRIE	_____	_____	_____
FAULKNER	_____	_____	_____	PULASKI	_____	_____	_____
FRANKLIN	_____	_____	_____	RANDOLPH	_____	_____	_____
FULTON	_____	_____	_____	ST. FRANCIS	_____	_____	_____
GARLAND	_____	_____	_____	SALINE	_____	_____	_____
GRANT	_____	_____	_____	SCOTT	_____	_____	_____
GREENE	_____	_____	_____	SEARCY	_____	_____	_____
HEMPSTEAD	_____	_____	_____	SEBASTIAN	_____	_____	_____
HOT SPRING	_____	_____	_____	SEVIER	_____	_____	_____
HOWARD	_____	_____	_____	SHARP	_____	_____	_____
INDEPENDENCE	_____	_____	_____	STONE	_____	_____	_____
IZARD	_____	_____	_____	UNION	_____	_____	_____
JACKSON	_____	_____	_____	VAN BUREN	_____	_____	_____
JEFFERSON	_____	_____	_____	WASHINGTON	_____	_____	_____
JOHNSON	_____	_____	_____	WHITE	_____	_____	_____
LAFAYETTE	_____	_____	_____	WOODRUFF	_____	_____	_____
				YELL	_____	_____	_____

I certify the contacts listed above as correct by visual inspection of the confirmed written QSOs, and I am a duly elected Ark. ARRL club officer.

#1 PRINT NAME: _____ CLUB: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

#2 PRINT NAME: _____ CLUB: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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