



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

November 2003

Officer Elections

ARKAN MEETING

Nov. 24, 2003

AGENDA

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

Program

Elections and BPL video

Business Meeting

Reading of the minutes from Oct
Treasurer's report

Old Business

ARKAN station construction
Worked All Arkansas net

New Business

Election of officers
Door prize drawings
Meeting adjournment

VE Testing

To follow meeting

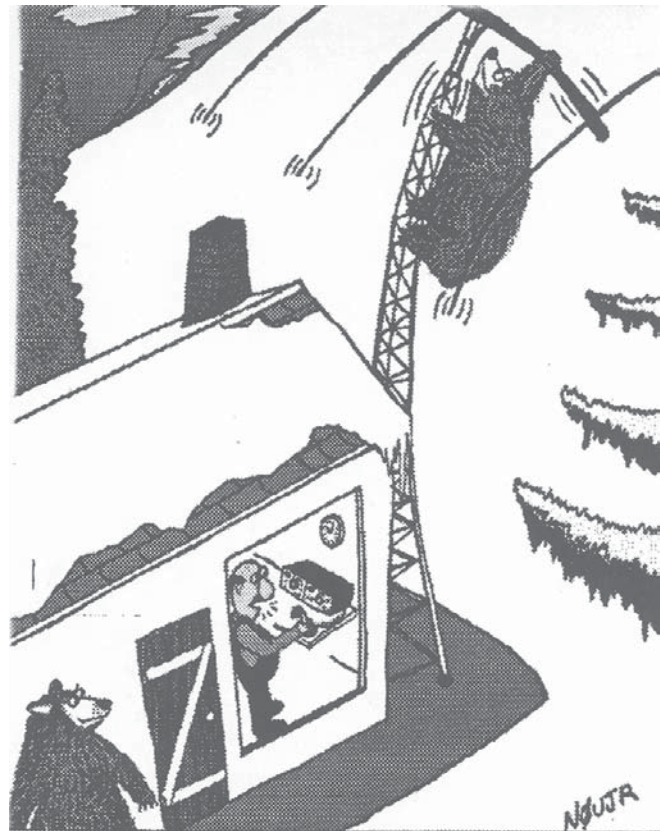
NEXT MEETING

Monday, Dec. 15

Seasons greetings from ARKAN as the club holds a potluck snackfest for the December meeting. The meeting will not be the fourth Monday -- as usual -- due to Christmas, so remember to be at the Air Museum on the 15th.

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

Elections for the upcoming year is the top order of business, with a video on the effects of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) also on tap.



"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."

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.

APRIL

Heart Walk TBA
Each year the University club works with the American Heart Association to assist with communications. Date for the event is not set.

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ARKAN CALENDAR

Take a look ahead at upcoming meeting dates and program topics

NOVEMBER

Open Program Nov. 24

DECEMBER

Holiday Meeting Dec. 15

AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS CALENDAR

Keep in mind these events coming up.

DECEMBER

ARRL 10-Meter Contest
Dec. 13-14

November Meeting Notes

Elections top order of business

Nominations for officers for the upcoming year are needed for the October meeting. Please give some thought to who you would like to lead the club into the next year. According to the bylaws, each of the four officer slots are up for election next month. Depending on the outcome of elections, the positions on the club board for at-large and past president may also change.

Visit from AAM Director

Judy Hammonds, director of the Arkansas Air Museum, spoke to the group prior to last club meeting about Jamboree of the Air and other A.A.M. projects. She thanked the group for bringing in the scouts, and said that she had spoken with members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) about joining in on JOTA weekend next year. Hammonds said she wants to put JOTA on the museum calendar for 2004, and encourage more scouts to double up their radio merit badge work with the aviation merit badge.

Hammonds also discussed an increased roll for the amateur radio operators at next year's AIRFEST, and invited the club members to join in.

New Worked All Arkansas Net is rolling along

To supplement the club's Worked All-Arkansas Award, a Worked All-Arkansas net on Saturday evenings on 3.9875 after the conclusion of the Razorback Phone Net is being called each week by Don Banta, K5DB.

From the Arkansas QSO Party

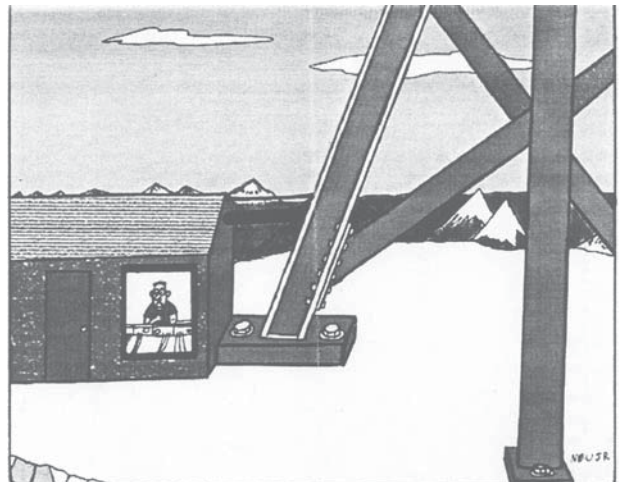
Giving plenty of time for stranglers, the final Arkansas QSO Party results will be in the December newsletter. However, one of the highlights was the note attached to Bill Dailey, WB5FKG, and his report. He headed to his parents home in Emerson to work the party, and reported that long with his 492 contacts he completed a Worked All States in the course of the Arkansas event. A long-time ham, Dailey reported via email that his first WAS took over a year when he got his license in the 1970s – this one coming in a weekend was considerably quicker!

Your Radio Memories

Do you remember how excited you were about that first DX contact? Or your 50th state? Or your first night on an active storm net? Share them with us for the monthly newsletter. Email your radio memories to newsletter editor Bill Smith for inclusion in upcoming issues. We have lots of newcomers to the hobby in the club, and they would benefit from your experiences.

Swap and Trade added to net

We are adding a new "For Sale/Trade/Wanted" portion of the Thursday night 2m net. People participating in the net can tell everyone listening about any radio related stuff they have to sale and trade, or if they are just looking for something. Prices cannot be discussed on the repeater and must be done off-line. Thursday net control, John Robinson, will keep track of who has, or wants what and their contact info so it can be given back out once advertised.



"Yes I really am running just 5 watts QRP...although I suppose I do have an above average antenna system..."

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Madison County EC

Currently vacant and seeking nominations



UPDATE YOUR INFO

A quick note to all Washington County ARES members: Please update your database info as soon as possible. Folks move, change jobs, change phone numbers (in particular cell phone numbers), upgrade licenses or equipment and we need to know. If you have had a change since you filled out your ARES form, please contact one of the members of our county ARES leadership team.

The Weather Report

**W5YM University WeatherNet info from Bill Smith, K1ARK
New activation cards for 2004 on the way**

As a part of our updating of records, new activation cards will be made for the 2004 special event/emergency season. Any suggestions are welcome for the information to be included on the cards.

ARES renewals

If you have worked with ARES in the past, please take a moment to update your ARES information. If you are interested in joining up, please ask for a form.

Winter is here; nets don't go away

Remember, the net continues during the winter, and we have special winter weather criteria. They are in the spotter guide -- which you can download at W5YM.org (no www.) -- but just in case, here they are again:

- Snowfall in excess of two inches
- Severe icing on trees, streets or power lines
- Sleet or freezing rain
- Winds in excess of 30 miles per hour
- Downed trees or power lines
- Impassable or closed roads

ARKAN address

The club has a post office box to serve as the official address of the organization:
ARKAN
P.O. Box 9701
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CONTACTING YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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**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: Ted Flynn, AD5ON
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: John Robinson, KD5NFX.
Weekly meeting for ARKAN and traffic
handling.
FREQ: 146.955 - (pl 110.9)
TIME: 8:00 PM local

Benton County Radio Operators
FREQ: 145.290 -
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Thursdays

Benton County ARES/RACES
FREQ: 145.290 -
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays

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

OTHER AREA NETS

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 is repeated Monday.
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

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

**Minutes of October 2003, meeting
Arkansas Air Museum; Fayetteville, Ark.**

After Steve Barrington (N9NSO) presented a video on amateur radio during the Kuwait Gulf War, Bill Smith, K1ARK, brought the meeting to order.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Mose Howard, KB5BV, and seconded by John Robinson, KD5NFX. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given by Howard. Ted Flynn, AD5ON, made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Smith, K1ARK. The report was accepted unanimously.

A station work update was given by Howard and Robinson, and a tentative work date of either Nov. 8 – if persons were not going to the Springfield hamfest – or Nov. 9 were discussed. The hamfest moved the group to go for Nov. 9 at the opening of the museum at 11 a.m.

Don Banta, K5DB, discussed the new Worked All Arkansas net which would begin on Nov. 1, and would be after the Razorback Phone Net each Saturday from Nov. 1 to March 31. Smith urged all members with HF privileges to support Banta's effort by checking in.

JOTA round up was given by Robinson and Smith, and the club expressed its appreciation for the work Robinson and Howard performed to get the AA5AR station on line for the event.

The November meeting date was discussed and left as is with club elections, a video tape on BPL interference and a general potpourri of topics for the program. The December meeting date was proposed to move up to Dec. 15, and to be a holiday party with a potluck in the A.A.M. conference room. Smith made a motion to change the meeting date to Dec. 15, seconded by James, KD5TCY. The motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that each member take time to jot down a special moment in ham radio that could be compiled and used in future newsletters. Members were encouraged to forward those to Smith as newsletter editor.

Under new business, nominations were taken for the 2004 slate of officers. There was discussion regarding the need for at-large or past president positions to be filled, with outgoing president Kevin Thornton to be asked if he will serve on the board in the past slot and club members would contact Randy DuCharme, AD5GB, to see if his schedule would allow his at-large slot to continue. Therefore, potential nominations for these positions were tabled until the November meeting.

Nominations from the floor were made for the following positions: president, Robinson, KD5NFX; vice-president, Smith, K1ARK, and Barrington, N9NSO; treasurer, Howard, KB5BV; and secretary, Flynn, AD5ON. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting.

Robinson urged the club to focus on three major events for the coming year, and to make them work better to have chairs established to coordinate all activity for the events – Field Day, JOTA and AIRFEST. Flynn asked for NCS to take the next two weeks of the county ARES net as he would be out of the country on business. Cynthia Barrington received the Tube Prize, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

After the meeting, testing was conducted with three successful candidates for technician license, and a successful code test.

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

Treasurer's Report

Balance forward	\$355.96
Deposit	\$20.00
Check to Ark. Sec. of State	-\$25.00
Balance 10/16/03	\$350.96
Mose Howard	

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: _____

2004 Officer Ballot

Below are the current slate of officers and nominations which were made from the floor during the October 2003 meeting. Others may be nominated from the floor before elections. Please circle your choice for each position.

President

Currently: Kevin Thornton, K5KVN (not running for 2004)

Nominated at October meeting:

John Robinson, KD5NFX

Vice-President

Currently: John Robinson, KD5NFX

Nominated at October meeting:

Bill Smith, K1ARK

Steve Barrington, N9NS0

Treasurer

Currently: Mose Howard, KB5BV

Nominated at October meeting:

Mose Howard, KB5BV

Secretary

Currently: Bill Smith, K1ARK

Nominated at October meeting:

Ted Flynn, AD5ON

At-Large Board Member

Nominations from the floor

Past-President

Kevin Thornton, K5KVN (automatic upon acceptance by past president; no vote necessary)

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