



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 2003

Holiday Celebration and Officer Installation

ARKAN MEETING

Dec. 15, 2003

AGENDA

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

Program

Pot luck snacks

Business Meeting

Reading of the minutes from November
Treasurer's report

Old Business

ARKAN station construction

New Business

Installation of officers
Programs for first quarter
Appointment of event chairs
Special Service Club status
Door prize drawings
Meeting adjournment

VE Testing

To follow meeting

NEXT MEETING

Monday, Jan. 26

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

Seasons greetings from ARKAN as the club holds its meeting one week early to accommodate the holidays.

A pot-luck and installation of the new officers for the 2004 year are the main items of business.

Also, a reminder that dues for the 2004 year are due.

Pres Note

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Club for the last two years. I've had a great time! Unfortunately, I was unable to participate in many meetings and events the last part of this year. A new job with longer hours and having a baby on the way takes up a lot of time.

The capable crew of club officers handled things very well and I have many thanks to give to them. This month, the torch is passed to the next group. I believe the club is doing great things.

Winter may slow activity a bit, but we have an entire year to plan for now. Let's have a great year and a lot of fun! Merry Christmas to each of you and your families.

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.

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.

CONTACT: Bill Smith
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ARKAN CALENDAR

Take a look ahead at upcoming meeting dates and program topics

JANUARY

Open Program Jan. 26

FEBRUARY

Open Program Feb. 23

FEBRUARY

Open Program Mar. 22

AREA HF 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 (alt freq. 7.260)
TIMES: Sunday morning, 7:00 local
Monday evening, 7:00 local
(following close of Razorback Net)

Worked All-Arkansas Net

Net Control: Don Banta, K5DB
Weekly net for persons wishing to confirm and work counties for the club's Worked All-Arkansas Award. Follows the conclusion of the Razorback Net or 7 p.m. each Saturday until spring.
FREQ: 3.9875
TIMES: Saturday evening; 7:00 p.m.
(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

December Meeting Notes

Installation of Officers

The main duty of the meeting is passing the torch from the past to future officers of the club.

Event Chairs for 2004

Incoming president John Robinson has asked that the major events for the upcoming year have chairs who will direct the club's activities. Discussion is set as a topic under new business.

Special Service Club status

Vice president Bill Smith would like the club to consider making the appointments necessary to qualify for SSC status within the ARRL structure. Most of the items needed for SSC status are already in place within the club's current activities. Among the major benefits for ARKAN as a SSC club are lists and labels of newly licensed amateurs in our area.

In the entire state, there is only one SSC club -- Cross County ARC over in Cherry Valley.

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.

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.

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

Treasurer's Report

Balance Oct. 28, 2003		\$395.96
Deposit Nov. 20, 2003	20.00	
Check-ARRL VEC Nov.24,2003		12.00
Deposit Nov. 24,2003	57.00	
Balance Nov. 25, 2003		\$460.96
Thank, Mose		

YOUR ARRL EC REGION OFFICIALS

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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
 Fayetteville, AR 72703

CONTACTING YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

John Robinson, KD5NFX	President	johnr83@alltel.net
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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. Followed each week by a trader net for local hams.
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

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

Minutes of November 2003, meeting

Arkansas Air Museum; Fayetteville, Ark.

John Robinson (KD5NFX) called the meeting to order then turned it over to Mose Howard (KB5BV). Mose presented a 10 minute video on the effects of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) and the interference that it will cause to Amateur Radio. A very good discussion followed the video with comments from several individuals. The negative impact of BPL on Ham Radio was clearly understood. Mose also discussed the importance of contacting our state representatives and senators to appeal to them to not allow BPL to be implemented.

Following the video and discussion of BPL, everyone was introduced because several first time visitors were present.

Mose mentioned that he knew someone that would make a great a guest speaker for sharing on DX and Dxpeditons.

The next thing on the agenda was the drawing for the door prize. WD5DKA won the door prize which was a mini maglight.

Afterwards, John (KD5NFX) called the business meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and Mose (KB5BV) made a motion to accept the minutes. Gordon Speak (W9HH) seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Mose (KB5BV) then gave the treasurer's report, explaining that the report shown in the November newsletter was incorrect and the actual balance was \$450.96. He also explained that the funds for the VEC testing are being receipted, deposited and a check being sent from ARKAN to ARRL for the testing. Mike Oliver (N5UWX) made the motion to accept the financial report as presented by Mose. The motion was seconded by Don Banta (K5DB). The financial report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business: Permission was granted by the air museum to use the power pole for a vertical antenna for the club station. John explained how the temporary antenna will be mounted. Mose currently has the antenna at his housing for testing.

John stated that he would be sending an e-mail to set up next work day on club station. Possibly weekend after Thanksgiving.

John reminded everyone that on Thursday night net there is also a trader's net to buy, sell, or trade radio equipment.

Don Banta mentioned that the club had initiated a Worked All Arkansas Award six months ago. Two people have already qualified for the award. Don encouraged everyone that could to get involved on the WAA net. In the three sessions on the net there have been 13, 15, and 17 check-ins respectively. The net is on Saturdays immediately following the Arkansas Razorback Net.

John reminded all that the December meeting will be on the third Monday (December 15). The meeting will be potluck (desserts, snacks). The meeting will be a time of passing the torch.

New Business: John asked question for ideas for programs for future meetings. APRS, PSK 31, Packet, Antenna grounding were mentioned for possible programs.

John also reminded everyone to write up a short story of a favorite or unforgettable ham radio experience. John also reminded that the annual dues are \$20 per individual or \$25 per family.

There was a brief explanation of the nomination and electoral process. Hand voting was accepted by all.

Steve Barrington (N9NSO) withdrew his nomination for Vice-president. Mose than made a motion that Steve be nominated for the At Large Board Member position. Ted Flynn (AD5ON) seconded. Steve accepted the nomination. Gordon Speak (W9HH) made a motion that nominations cease. Steve (N9NSO) seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve (N9NSO) made a motion that one massive vote be taken for all the board positions being voted on since there was only one nomination per office. James Williams (KD5PXY) seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The vote was taken for the nominations for the ARKAN board. The vote was unanimous and the new ARKAN Board will be as follows.

President	John Robinson (KD5NFX)
Vice-President	Bill Smith (K1ARK)
Treasurer	Mose Howard (KB5BV)
Secretary	Ted Flynn (AD5ON)
At-Large Board Member	Steve Barrington (N9NSO)
Past President	Kevin Thornton (K5KVN)

The Tube drawing was held and Don Banta (K5DB) was the lucky recipient of the club mascot. James Williams (KD5PXY) made motion that meeting be adjourned, Mike (N5UWX) seconded, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. After the meeting testing was conducted.

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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