



WEEKLY 2-METER NETS

All nets listed are 8:00 PM local time

Monday: W5YM University WeatherNet (147.135+, 110.9)

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

Wednesday: ARCUA Traffic Net (147.135+, 110.9)

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

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

ARKAN

Serving
the
Amateur
Service

Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

July 2005

ARKAN MEETING

July 25, 2005

AGENDA

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

Program

Net Control - How To's

Business Meeting

Reading of June meeting minutes

Old Business

J.O.T.A. Update

New Business

None planned
Drawing for Door Prize
Meeting Adjournment

Announcements (if any)

VE Testing

To follow meeting

NEXT MEETING

Monday August 22,
2005

Join the club for our next meeting.
ARKAN meets at the Arkansas Air Museum at
Fayetteville Municipal Field each fourth
Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

July Program Notes

This month's program will be about Net Control Operators and some of the "how-to's" that go along with that duty. There are several 2m nets held each week in NW Arkansas and most of these nets invite people to volunteer as fill in Net Control Operators. These nets allow you to gain experience calling a net in a non stressful environment so you will be prepared to call a net during an emergency should the need ever arise.

President's Note

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to attend a field day site last month and get on the air if you wanted to. ARKAN had a great Field Day and I want to say thanks to Steve, N9NSO the chairman for our Field Day. I would also like to say thank you to everyone that worked to make our event successful and to the participants and guests that attended.

ARKAN will be holding our Second Annual Parkfest tailgate party on August 13 and hope everyone has put it on their calendar. Last year went very well and we had a great turn out of people buying, selling, and just visiting. We hope this year will be even bigger than last so come out and have some fun with ARKAN. The 2005 Parkfest flyer is included in the rear of this newsletter with full details.

We have had our club station, AA5AR on the air for various events this summer and everyone that has participated has had fun working the HF bands as a group at these events. I would like to see the station on the air even more this year. If you have ideas for events in the next few months we could use AA5AR for please let me know.

I am looking for ideas for future club meeting programs and would welcome any ideas and suggestions for programs. If there is something you would like to see presented please let me know and we will try to find the resources to help us get it presented. Please bring your ideas to the meeting Monday night July 25.

73,

John Robinson KD5NFX

ARKAN on the web at: www.arkan.us

Second Saturdays

ARKAN holds a hands-on event each month for amateur radio operators. This event is held on the Second Saturday of each month and is open to everyone. The workshop starts at 10:00am at the Arkansas Air Museum and typically lasts between two to three hours depending on the subject or activity.

August 13

Parkfest 2005 (McClure Park in Lowell, AR)

September 10

How to install co-ax connectors, use a SWR meter, and a tuner

October 8

Go Kits - Everyone should bring theirs and do a show and tell so we can all learn and get ideas

November 12

Bench Test Equipment

December

No Second Saturday due to holiday season

ARKAN July Second Saturday It's a Foxhunt!



ARKAN held our third Foxhunt for the July Second Saturday. We all met at the Air Museum at 10:00am then John, KD5NFX departed to hide and activate the 2m fox. Each team was assigned a starting point in Fayetteville and once the fox was activated the hunt was on. Various people used different hunt methods and equipment, but a 2 meter HT's with a good signal meter was the common item everyone had. It didn't take long for most of the teams to close in on the general area where the fox was located. Once the general area was decided on people parked vehicles and proceeded across the soccer

fields and onto the bike trail heading into the woods at Walker Park. Once it was decided the fox was inside the tree line it didn't take the first place team Mose, KB5BV, and new ham Bruce, KE5FIH to locate the target and claim first place. The second and third place teams were not far behind. Once all teams had located the fox we took a few pictures and departed the area for the Braums on Sixth Street so we could get drinks, cool down and visit for a while. These Foxhunts and other Second Saturday Workshops are a lot of fun for everyone involved. Get out and have some fun with ham radio!



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

Upcoming ARKAN Meeting Programs

August 22
Net Control How To's

September 26
TBD

October 24
TBD

Public Service Events Calendar

October
Tour deCure
October 8
This is a 25, 50, 100 mile bicycle ride sponsored by the American Diabetes Association that starts and ends at the Bentonville Town Square. If you can assist with radio communications please contact the individual listed below.
CONTACT: Buster Morrow
AD5AM 479-631-9231
ad5am@mc2k.com

ARKAN Field Day 2005 Report

Once again we had another great Field Day, and this year was even better than last year in that we had excellent weather, more operators, more visitors, and good media coverage thanks to the efforts of the club's PIO Joe, KD5TLH. A big thanks also goes out to Terry, KDØHY for providing the HF rigs for the CW and Phone stations; and to Charles, W5NX for providing the computers and software which made logging and stats quick and easy. This year Charles networked the two stations together so that their activities could be monitored from either station at any time during the event . . . "ain't it COOL!" At the end of Field Day, results were combined and immediately available. This year the CW operators really "kicked butt" and made 178 more contacts than last year (1100 vs. 922). The Phone station was equally impressive, especially when you take into account that we had only one Phone station this year as opposed to two last year. The Phone station made a total of 593 contacts this year with last year's two Phone stations making 825 contacts. Great job, folks!!

As always, no Field Day would be complete without a hiccup or two; and ours always seem to be antenna related. However, with some good ole "Yankee" ingenuity (or would that be "Rebel" ingenuity) our antenna problems were quickly solved. We did, however, have problems with the GOTA station which prevented our visitors from making any contacts. But those visitors who really wished to operate were offered a chance at one of the other stations.

This year one of the challenges was to develop a "KISS" philosophy of operation and keep everything as simple as possible. In doing so, I believe setup and take down went much smoother and faster. My thanks to all who came down Friday evening and Saturday morning to help set up; and to those who came down (or stuck around) Sunday morning to take down.

Although I appreciate the pats-on-the-back and "atta-boys", the real "kudos" go to all of you who participated in Field Day. Without you Field Day doesn't happen. Thank you all.

Steve, N9NSO

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Upcoming Area Hamfests

ARKAN Parkfest (Lowell, AR)
August 13

If you have articles or ham radio related submissions for the monthly ARKAN newsletter please submit them to John Robinson, KD5NFX. johnr@cavalry.com

ARKAN Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2005

Minutes of ARKAN meeting June 25, 2005

The program was preceded by a short talk by Rick Katzfey who is a meteorologist for KNWA TV. Rick would appreciate severe weather reports from hams.

The program was lead by Steve Barrington, N9NSO, on Field Day 2005 efforts.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07PM by John Robinson, KD5NFX.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Joe Dunn, KD5TLH and second by Charles Winn, KD5AEA.

The Treasure's Report was approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Steve Barrington, N9NSO, and second by Charles Aldrich, KE5DFR.

OLD BUSINESS

According to the president the ARKAN newsletter will be available in limited quantity at the meeting in the future for those who do not have email. The page containing the minutes and treasure's report will be available in sufficient quantity for all attending meeting so they can review the information for approval of the reports. The newsletter will continue to be distributed by email.

Paul Dixon, KK5II, JOTA chairman gave a report on efforts for JOTA which will be October 15. According to Paul and his assistant, Joe Dunn, KE5TLH, we should all tell any scout troops about JOTA.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Barrington, N9NSO made a motion for the club to purchase a G5RV antenna for Field Day if one is not donated. During discussion it was suggest we might consider another type of antenna. The motion was tabled while other types of antennas are researched.

The monthly drawing was for a official ARKAN Field Day 2005 cap and was won by Charlie Winn, KE5AEA.

There was discussion about the special events station, W5F, which ran during Airfest. Moion to adjourn by Craig Culver, AB5OK

Board Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2005

July board meeting was not held. No formal business to discuss.

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas

Northwest Treasurer's Report

July 2005 Treasure's Report

	<u>DEBT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
June 15 Balance forward			\$932.12
June 26 Ck# 721 Joe Dunn (FD gas)	\$44.88		
June 27 Ck# 722 Steve Barrington (FD food)	133.37		
June 27 Ck# 723 ARRL VEC	28.00		
July 7 Deposit		\$68.00	
July 7 Balance			\$793.87

To change your e-mail or mailing address
Send To:
johnr@cavalry.com

New Tickets and Upgrades

The people below tested with ARKAN at the last meeting. If you see them, or hear them on the air please congratulate each of them.

N5GPC, Jerry Payton -
Upgraded to Extra Class

KE5FIH, Bruce Carter -
New Technician

Member Classifieds:

For Sale

Central Electronics 100V HF
Transmitter

John, KD5NFX 479-839-8112
johnr@cavalry.com

The Weather Report

Bill Smith, K1ARK

Dog days or hurricane ways

With the fifth named storm of the year already in the books, our summer weather could be affected by the hurricane activity. One of the best sources for the latest in graphics is the Hurricane Watch Net, which is the amateur radio operator group that supports the National Hurricane Center in south Florida.

The forecasts and procedures for the HWN can be found at www.hwn.org.

One of the most interesting items on the net is the activation procedure, which posts with each hurricane or tropical storm approach. There is a considerable amount of similarity with what we do, except of course, the use of 20 meters (14.325) rather than local repeaters.

Invite a friend and get on a roll

If there's a fellow ham in your part of the county, encourage them to participate in the area nets. Starting in July, we're switching back to the geographic check-in module in the weekly training script to see which persons and towns can stay on the list.

Work with your neighbors to keep your town's streak going. Charlie Winn, KE5AEA, had the longest strings of check-ins both for himself and for Westville during the late winter and early spring – 10 weeks each. Can you beat that, or your town?

Auditions still open for Tuesday net

Much thanks to James, AD5SW, for stepping in for a couple of turns with the Tuesday Washington County ARES net. Summer is a tough time for NCS ops with family or vacation, so we need your volunteering.

Everyone starts somewhere, and if you are serious about emergency communications you need to have the experience of running a net. I do not expect perfection; in fact, I'm encouraging folks to experiment by taking turns with the net control for the weekly training net.

The script is written. All you need to do is ask for a copy and key the microphone. Even if you never think you will be called upon to manage a net in an emergency, taking a turn as the weekly net control operator will make you a better net participant.

And a last call on Tuesday

If participation doesn't pick up, the Tuesday net will fold and shift into the Monday weather net. It's up to you to take part.

On a humorous note

Check out the website of The Ham Band at www.hamband.com. Hard-core contesters in the club will be especially pleased with the selection, "It's great to QSO in morse again," and don't miss the music video – you have to see it to believe it.

You are cordially invited to attend . . .

THE SECOND ANNUAL

ARKAN PARKFEST

Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest

**AN AMATEUR RADIO
TAILGATE PARTY**

SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Set up at 9:00 a.m.)



!!! FREE – FREE – FREE – FREE !!!
(NO ADMISSION CHARGE)

**Lowell Park
Lowell, Arkansas**

• **BUY / SELL / TRADE**

• **MEET OLD HAM FRIENDS**

• **MEET NEW HAM FRIENDS**



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Steve Barrington, N9NSO

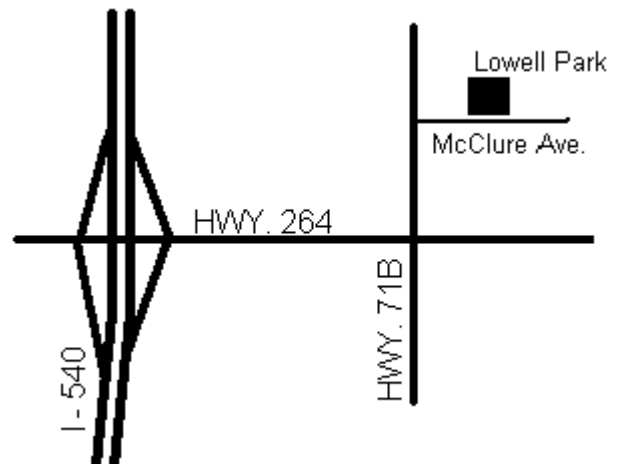
479-696-9104 e-mail: n9nso@mail.com

• **PUT FACES TO CALL SIGNS**

• **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY**
(2 GREAT PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE KIDS!)

Talk-in Frequency: 146.955 (-) PL Tone 110.9

DIRECTIONS: From I-540, take the Lowell / Cave Springs exit. Go east on Highway 264 into Lowell to Highway 71B. Turn north onto Highway 71B and go approximately 0.6 miles to McClure Avenue. Turn east and go approximately 0.1 of a mile to Lowell Park.



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 organiza-

tions: _____

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 Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest. 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: _____

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