



WEEKLY 2-METER NETS

All nets listed are 8:00 PM local time

Monday: W5YM University WeatherNet (147.135+, 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

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Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest Sept. 2005

ARKAN MEETING

September 26, 2005

AGENDA

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

Program

APRS over IP

Business Meeting

Reading of August meeting minutes
Summary of September Board Meeting

Old Business

J.O.T.A Event Status

New Business

ARKAN Exhibit at the NW AR Mall - October 8
Drawing for Door Prize
Meeting Adjournment

Announcements (if any)

VE Testing

To follow meeting

NEXT MEETING

Monday October 24,
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.

September Program Notes

Bob Atkinson, KX5N will present this month's program on APRS over IP. Bob has been involved in learning and sharing all aspects of APRS and is always happy to help hams get started in APRS.

President's Note

Hi everyone,

With hurricane Katrina and now Rita hitting the U.S. coastline over the last few weeks and doing major damage in areas they each hit, Emergency Preparedness has become a hot topic of conversation in our area. A big part of being prepared is not just having supplies, but having a plan and knowing how to execute it. This is particularly important when you have a family. Each member of your family should know what the plan is and what they are supposed to do in any type of any emergency or disaster (natural or un-natural). There are many resources that can be used to learn about Emergency Preparedness and I encourage everyone to access your family's needs and put plans and preparations in place as you see fit. If the folks pulled from their rooftops in New Orleans had a personal go-kit with things such as, spare clothes, prescription medications, important contact lists, a couple bottles of water, etc. they would have been much better off than they were.

Ham radio has once again shown its usefulness in disasters with large quantities of health and welfare traffic being passed on various bands immediately after Katrina made landfall. Ham radio will always have a purpose in disasters since it can run without commercial power, can be setup anywhere, and does not rely on any type of infrastructure.

Participate in the nets, learn to pass NTS traffic, know how to setup your equipment in an expedient fashion in a less than perfect environment, and have a go-kit ready for each member of your family.

I hope to see everyone at the ARKAN meeting this Monday night September 26!

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.

October 8

NW AR Mall Exhibit Day
We will be at the NW AR Mall from 10am - 2pm visiting with people inside the mall about ham radio.

November 12

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

December

No Second Saturday due to holiday season

ARKAN 2006 Officer Elections

If you are a member of ARKAN and are interested in an officers position for 2006 please let your wishes be know. ARKAN will be holding 2006 officer nominations next month at the October club meeting. We will be voting on the nominees at the November club meeting.

Emergency Preparedness web sites:

FEMA

<http://www.fema.gov/preparedness/>

American Red Cross

http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_319_,00.html

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

Boy Scouts of America

<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/emergency/>

Emergency Coomunications web sites:

ARES

<http://www.ares.org/>

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/pscm/sec1-ch1.html>

Races

<http://www.races.net/>

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

September 26
APRS Over IP

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

The Weather Report - Bill Smith, K1ARK

Second Season is around the corner

While most folks associate severe storm season with the spring, in our part of Arkansas we actually see as much severe weather in the autumn months. Some of our most memorable nets and storms have come in October – one must famously delaying the first Razorback SEC game in the renovated stadium on ESPN.

Severe weather peaks when there is conflict between the major air masses. In the spring, warm gulf and warm dry desert air is driving north against the continued cold fronts and troughs. Well, what happens in the fall? The opposite as cold Canadian air begins to drive out the warm, moist gulf air.

Spotter training questions

My position has always been that storm spotter training – and in turn certification – is an area best left to the good folks at the Tulsa NWS office. The downside is they only do storm spotter training in the first quarter of the year.

We are awaiting the posting of the calendar to pick dates, and will again host a storm spotter training session in Washington County in 2006.

However, in the meantime, I have received several requests for an informal storm spotter session. If we have sufficient interest – and most of all, everyone understands this is NOT a replacement for attending the Tulsa NWS session in the winter – I'm game to host a meeting.

Tuesday ARES net still seeking controller

Absent a volunteer for net control, Washington County ARES will continue to meet along with the W5YM University WeatherNet on Monday evenings on the 147.135 repeater. We would like to resume operations of the Tuesday night net, but we need an interested ARES member to handle the net control duties. If you are interested, please contact Larry Rankin, the Washington County EC, or Bill Smith, the District EC.

Contacting Your Club Board Members

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ARKAN ARRL Special Services Club (SSC) Appointments

Technical Liaison	Charles Tillotson, W5NX	w5nx@cox.net
Public Information Officer	Joe Dunn, KD5TLH	bjoedunn@hotmail.com
Public Service Liaison	Bill Smith, K1ARK	k1ark@arrl.net

Upcoming Area Hamfests

Green County Free
Tailgate-n-Swapmeest
Tulsa, OK
October 8

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

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

ARKAN Meeting Minutes - August 22, 2005

Meeting called to order by John, KD5NFX, at 7:37PM.

A motion was made by Joe, KD5TLH, to approve the July minutes as printed and seconded by Charlie, KD5AEA. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Don, K5DB, to approve the treasure's report as printed in the newsletter. A second by Charles, KD5DRF. The motion passed.

ARKAN president, KD5NFX, mentioned that an informal board meeting was held on EchoLink in which the upcoming Mall Exhibit was discussed.

Old Business:

JOTA will be October 15 according to chairman Paul, KK5II.

New Business:

According to Joe, KD5TLH Northwest Arkansas Mall Exhibit will be Saturday, October 8 at 10AM to 1 PM. There will be a table at center court in the mall. A 440 Mhz to HF setup is needed. The exhibit will be to promote ham radio and JOTA.

There was a discussion on the need for members to be available for nomination for 2006 ARKAN officers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles, W5NF and passed.

Board Meeting Minutes - September 2005

A Board meeting was not held in September.

ARKAN will hold regular Board meetings in October and November.

Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest Treasurer's Report

September 2005

	<u>DEBT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
August 7 Balance forward			\$763.25
There were no checks or deposits			
September 23 Balance			\$763.25

There is \$10.25 cash on hand which was left over from drinks sold at Parkfest. Also, there is a small inventory of drinks and condiments stored for future use.

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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