



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 Nov. 2005

ARKAN MEETING

November 28, 2005

AGENDA

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

Program

None

Business Meeting

Reading of October meeting minutes

Old Business

Officer Nominations Wrap-Up

New Business

2006 Officer Elections
Drawing for Door Prize
Meeting Adjournment

Announcements (if any)

VE Testing

To follow meeting

NEXT MEETING

Christmas Party
Saturday December
10, 2005 6:30PM
Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in
Springdale, AR

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.

President's Note

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and was able to enjoy family.

The year is winding down and new ARKAN officers for 2006 are being elected at this month's club meeting. Nominations for these positions were held at the October meeting and will be held open through the first part of the November meeting so you still have time to make nominations if you haven't already done so.

2005 has been a great year for ARKAN, we have held Second Saturday workshops of some type almost every month, our special event station W5F was operated at Airfest, we held our second annual Parkfest tailgate party, it was our third year to host Field Day at the Air Museum, we had our third successful J.O.T.A. for the Scouts this year, and the list goes on. Our VE team has tested many folks this year at our club meetings for various tickets and most have passed. Like myself, I'm sure that everyone that has helped with, and has participated in these events has had a great time.

ARKAN's Thursday night 2m net now has some fresh voices as of this month. I have called the net for the past three years almost single handedly and have recently asked for some assistance and now have it. There will now be a Core Net Team that will be rotating each week to call the net and we are still looking for a couple of standby net operators just in case the Core Team isn't available for some reason. If you are interested in helping with the net, please let me know.

I am proud of our clubs accomplishments again this year and am proud to be part of ARKAN. I look forward to having our new officers step up with fresh ideas and see what all we can accomplish in the upcoming year ahead.

ARKAN continues to be on the move and will continue to pave the way for the amateur radio community in NW Arkansas.

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.

December

No Second Saturday due to holiday season

ARKAN needs volunteers to present and lead the Second Saturday workshops in 2006. John, KD5NFX will be stepping down from this position at the end of this year and in order to continue these workshops help is needed. If you are interested in helping with this position please let John know.

Pictures and Articles Needed!

We are looking for cool ham related pictures for the newsletter each month. John Robinson is requesting that ARKAN club members each submit pictures to him of your shack, stations, antennas, or other ham related gizmos that could be used in our club's monthly newsletter.

Newsletter articles written by our members are also needed for each newsletter. The article can cover anything ham equipment related. Some examples might be a product review, technical tips or advice, equipment or antenna mounting methods (base, or mobile), homebrew equipment and antennas, etc. There are some very creative people in ARKAN and we would like to have some short articles written by members to publish in the newsletter each month for everyone's reading enjoyment. ARKAN consists of a diverse group of people with varying interests in our hobby, please share something you enjoy with the rest of members.

ARKAN Blast From the Past

Below is a picture of ARKAN's first field day at the AR Air Museum in 2003. Not a lot of people attended and it was put together on short notice, but all of us there had a great time. ARKAN's field days have grown tremendously over the past three years.



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

**December 10
Christmas Party
Western Sizzlin'
Springdale, AR**

Officers take new positions

Public Service Events Calendar

None

Classifieds may be submitted free of charge by ARKAN members. To submit a listing please e-mail John Robinson, KD5NFX at johnr@cavalry.com.

Elections, Elections, Elections!

We are electing new officers for 2006 at this month's club meeting. Nominations will be held open through the first part of the November meeting, then voting will follow immediately after the nomination close. The nominations to this point are listed below. Please bring your nominations to this month's club meeting so we can have a little competition between the nominees.

Currently nominated for 2006 are:

President - Scott Anderson KD5KZJ

Vice President - Paul Dixon KK5II

Secretary - Mose Howard KB5BV

Treasurer - Bruce Carter K2BWC

Elected Board Member - Charles Winn KE5AEA

Contacting Your Club Board Members

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Charles Winn, KE5AEA - Elected Board Member ke5aea@arrl.net

Bill Smith, K1ARK - At Large Board Member k1ark@arrl.net

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

None

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 - September 26, 2005

Minutes were not submitted by the Secretary for the newsletter this month.

Board Meeting - November 2005

A board meeting was not held this month.

Treasurer's Report - November 2005

	<u>DEBT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance as of 10/18/2005			\$681.15
Deposit left out of check book earlier		\$20.00	
Adjustment for math error	\$00.01		
Balance as of 11/20/2005			\$701.16

Cash on hand -
from VE testing in August \$14.00
from Parkfest refreshment sales. \$ 10.25

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.

Member Classifieds:

None This Month

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The Weather Report

Bill Smith, K1ARK

SKYWARN official training coming in first quarter

The calendar for Tulsa National Weather Service official SKYWARN spotter training is up on the branch website. The dates for several of our neighboring counties are set.

We're working with the county and the University to establish the Washington County date, likely a Tuesday in January or February. As soon as the final date is set, it will be announced in newsletters and on the nets.

Remember participants in spotter activities should attend an official NWS session once each three years. As we have a new warning coordination meteorologist in Tulsa — Ed Calanise — I think you'll get a chance to see something different in the presentation this year.

Second storm season underway

The tornadoes of the upper midwest should remind everyone that we are right in the middle of our second storm season. While it started a little later than usual, expect those strong Canadian fronts to collide with the receding Gulf air and produce some significant events.

Pretty quiet overall

As the year winds to a close, the most significant net of the year remains the power outage/SET drill of late August. That was a great performance by everyone, and turnout was great.

The flip side, net participation is down on raw numbers this year simply due to less active nets.

Quiet on the repeater front

After a couple of months of operation, the W5YM repeater seems to be a little tighter on noise and certainly higher performance thanks to the upgrade of antennas provided by the Washington County OES.

Please continue to experiment with the repeater and turn those reports in. If you reached on 10 watts in the past, try 5 watts or HT with 1 watt. Judging from early reports, you may be surprised how little juice you'll need to reach the repeater. That could be of extreme importance in an emergency when you need to extend battery power.

Next on the horizon

The antenna and TNC are in place for a WinLink 2000 node for the county. Work on the software side is next at the K1ARK QTH. Also, the state provided a complete packet node for county OES work. Hopefully that project gets underway before the too cold days for climbing of deep winter.

The Weather Report (continued)

Final details on Tuesday nights

Work and family illnesses have derailed my attempts to coordinate with a couple of new volunteers to return a separate ARES net to Tuesday nights. If you are still interested in working on that project, I am seeking two to four persons who would share the net on a schedule — K5ABC has first Tuesdays, K5DEF has second Tuesdays, etc.

Just when you thought it was safe to go to the internet

Sen. Rick Santorum is back, and trying to privatize the data of the National Weather Service. He is moving forward with what I call the AccuWeather Protection Act, which will give the upper hand to companies that repackage and charge for NOAA data — even to public service clients. This is an outrage of epic proportions, and in my opinion borderline criminal. We all learned the tragic lesson of “more than one means of communication” that is oft repeated on the nets through the past (and seemingly current) hurricane season.

It is bad enough that Santorum, who has the HQ of AccuWeather and several other private weather data companies in his home district of Pennsylvania, is putting forward this blatant attempt to protect a constituent.

Worse, our own senator, Mark Pryor, sits on the subcommittee that will hear Santorum’s abomination. His early response to my own letter on the issue was a staff-drawn form letter that was supportive and sympathetic to Santorum’s bill. At least our other senator, Blanche Lincoln, appeared to understand the impact to Arkansans — general public, farmers, small business and public safety — by restricting the flow of information.

My personal position is why should we pay for access to data that is generated by satellites our tax dollars paid for, from radar units our tax dollars paid for, and from analysts whose salaries our tax dollars paid for. It makes as much sense as charging a user fee for every GPS in the country because TomTom or Magellian provides a paid service that competes with consumers.

I encourage you to learn more about the bill, Senate 786, which is entitled National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005.

Until next month, good WX de K1ARK

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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