

	<i>Weekly 2 Meter Nets</i>
	All nets listed are at 8:00 PM local
	Monday – W5YM University weather net (147.135+, 110.9)
	Tuesday – ARES net (146.760-,110.9)
	Wednesday – ARCUA Traffic Net (147.135+, 110.9)
Thursday – ARKAN talk & traffic net (146.955-, 110.9)	

Newsletter of the Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest October 2006

ARKAN MEETING

October 23, 2006

It's another round-table discussion. This month it will be about antenna's and will be chaired by KB5BV(Mose). Testing will be offered after the meeting

AGENDA

Round-table discussion

Business Meeting

Reading of Sept meeting minutes
Overview of October Board Meeting

Old Business

None Listed

New Business

Jota review
HF equipment purchase

Announcements (if any)

VE Testing & Code Practice

To follow meeting

NEXT MEETING

Nov. 27, 2006 7:00pm

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.

October Program Notes

President's Note

It's time to think about electing new officers for the club. We will be taking nominations during the October meeting, with elections to be held during the Nov. meeting. All positions are open, and don't be embarrassed to nominate yourself.

VE testing results.

1 applicant . No exams passed

Christmas party update! Fire Mountain has closed. A new location will be announced as soon as plans are formalized.

We are always on the lookout for meeting ideas. If you have an idea for a meeting, or if you would like to give a presentation, please let me

73,
Scott KD5KZJ

ARKAN on the web at: www.arkan.us

ARKAN Newsletter

For Sale:

From Joe Dunn:

I have a couple of computer monitors and one dishnet work "dish" and one complete dish network hook up I will GIVE someone if they will give me a call.

EMAIL list

We have implemented an email list server. I will be trying to send out friendly meeting and net reminders. If you want to be on the list server, please let me know. If you are on the list, and don't want to be, please let me know and I'll remove your email address from the server. -Scott

Treasurer's Report

DATE	Ck#	To	\$\$	From	\$\$	Balance	Audit Date		
6/10/06	731	Website Renewal	53.97			1856.44	6/30/06 bank statement		
7/9/06	732	Joe Dunn	94.97			1761.47			
				Wilber Rankin	20	1781.47			
				Bill Smith	20	1801.47	7/31/06 bank		
	733	Don Banta printing	75.95			1725.52	8/31/06 bank		

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

W1AW Morse Code Practice Schedule

Slow code practice : Central Time

0800 Wed & Fri 1500 Tues & Thur

1800 Monday & Wed & Fri

2100 Tues & Thur

Frequencies are 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.

Slow Code = practice sent at 5, 7-1/2, 10, 13 and 15 words per minute (wpm).

Fast Code = practice sent at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm.

Code practice text is from the pages of QST magazine, the League's membership journal. The source is given at the beginning of each practice session and alternate speeds within each session. For example, "Text is from July 1992 QST, pages 9 and 81," indicates that the practice session's plain text is from the article on page 9 and its mixed number/letter groups are from page 81

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ARKAN Meeting Minutes September 25, 2006

Old Business

A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Bill Smith and seconded by John Robinson.

A report on the SET was made by Bill Smith.

New Business

Elections for 2007 officers are upcoming with nominations in October, election in November and installation in December.

The clubs call sign trustee responsibilities will be transferred to Scott Anderson from Don Banta.

A motion was made to adjourn by Paul Dixon.

Minutes of ARKAN Board Meeting – October 9, 2006

Officer elections are upcoming. Nominations will be made in October and elections will be held in November.

JOTA will be the topic for the October 2nd Saturday. Operations will be October 21, 10AM to 12 noon. There will be not 2nd Saturday for November and December due to holidays.

The board confirmed that John has permission to purchase new equipment for the club. John will be purchasing an ICOM-718 HF radio, Yaesu FT-7800 VHF/UHF radio and an MFJ-949E HF Tuner. This should run around \$1050 or so.

The board decided that if a non-ham takes his test and gets a license, he will be granted a free membership to ARKAN for the balance of the year. The President can, at his discretion extend the free membership into the next year. This would be used if, for example, the applicant passed his test in December.

The Weather Report

From Bill Smith, K1ARK

Big Thanks for Great SET!

My hat is off to the participants of this years SET exercise for Washington County. A solid hour of traffic packed activity was promised and the stations participating certainly delivered. The final report is being written, and an upcoming Tuesday night will be the debrief session at the EOC.

This is the largest drill for SET since 2002, and final numbers will likely be the highest participation since the mid to late 1990s. Pat yourselves on the back.

Another Successful Tour d'Cure

For those not in the Washington County drill, Benton County had its own drill with a fantastic turnout for the Tour dCure bicycle event. It proved hardly a drill as the real-life emergency of a pelaton crash resulted in one air evac and one ground transport for injuries. The hams were right there to provide the communication support.

Thanks to Buster, AD5AM, for his usual outstanding job in organizing.

The Broken Record Continues

IC classes for all; level 100 and 700 as the first round, level 200 and 800 for the next round. How serious is this for ALL volunteers? Washington County is requiring it for its responders that work for served agencies, for example, sheriffs office or fire department personnel.

Again, this is not an arbitrary dictate at the local or even state level. This is coming down from FEMA DC through the command chains.

Look, Its Not Just FEMA

The Weather Report – Continued (Part 2)

This is from the national ARES newsletter. I'll run it verbatim:

The Red Cross said their national policy requires everyone that works in a Red Cross Shelter to have a background check on file. This includes persons that are signed up at the last minute. The Red Cross has a contract with an on-line company that performs background checks. There is a fee for each background check and the Red Cross is currently picking up the cost. The results are only sent to one local Red Cross office. The Web site is

<<http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com/arcvts>> and you must select the state map and then the local chapter.

This may significantly impact Amateur Radio operators in the future. ARES membership will not allow you access to a Red Cross shelter unless you have a background check. In Orlando, Orange County, Florida, the ARES/RACES group is sponsored by the county and background checks were done through the sheriff's department. Upon completion the members were issued county ID cards. The city and county EOCs and communication centers would not permit anyone inside the centers that did not have the county ID card. With the additional emphasis on security, this is going to be a bigger problem in the future. Homeland Security is pushing for a single national ID for government first responders. -- Jerry Reimer, KK5CA, South Texas SEC

The Weather Report Continued (part 3)

More from National News

The ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, is one of the top people in emergency communications, not just in the country, but world wide. She sits on numerous national and international boards and committees. Please read carefully:

"In the US, there has been a post-Katrina emphasis to speed up deployment of sophisticated communications systems after disasters, so that government and non-government organizations can get to work quickly. As the emergency tele-comm world as a whole speeds up its reaction time, we hams must be better organized, more capable and on the scene as quickly as possible after our help is requested.

"Given ham radio's dependency on emergency communications as our reason to exist in the US, it would be suicidal to assume that what we have always been able to do -- at the speed we have always been able to do it -- will be just fine to maintain our relevance into the indefinite future."

Folks, it doesn't get much clearer than this. In the crisis response business, we call this the golden moment. In some fields, it is an hour. In some, it is a day. In some a week. Regardless, thanks to Katrina, two things have happened. Ham radio regained some of its national reputation just look at the recently signed appropriation bill for Department of Homeland Security and the mandate for the integration of ham radio operators into emergency plans at every level. But, with that comes responsibility.

Quite ominously, Craigie concluded her notes in the national ARES email list: "The question is whether we will suitably prepare ourselves to play it.

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 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: \$

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