

	<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 February 2007

ARKAN MEETING

February 26, 2007

AGENDA

Greetings by KK5II
 Recognition of visitors
 Program : J-Pole Antenna
 Business Meeting
 Testing (After meeting)

NEXT MEETING

March 26, 2007

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.

President's Note

It's an exciting time to be in amateur radio. There is literally something for everyone to do in our hobby. That's the beauty of being involved with such a multi-faceted, and diverse past time.

Last month, Bill Smith put forth a challenge to everyone: "Try something new this year". Just ask yourself what interests you? Is it CW, PSK, PACTOR, PHONE, Winlink, Echolink, or RTTY. Then ask yourself what you like to do. Is it contesting, weather observation, rag chewing, emergency services, chase dx, work on WAS or other awards, elmering, teaching, or just simply learning to become a better operator. Then, look around, ask questions, and get involved.

We are so fortunate to be in a ham radio community where all of these elements are available to us, and it's very easy to participate in any number of activities. A great place to start is to become active in some of the 2 meter nets that are conducted weekly. If you're interested in the weather, check into the W5YM weather training net on Monday night. If you're interested in emergency services, check into the ARES training net on Tuesday night. If you're interested in weekly updates on amateur radio, check into the ARKAN talk and traffic net, or the BCRO net on Thursday night. And if you would like to become a better operator, volunteer to become a net controller for any of these nets. It's a great learning experience, and your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

At our next club meeting, we will open the doors an hour early, and have our new equipment operational (weather permitting to put up the G5RV). I'd like to thank Charles and John for procuring and checking out the new Icom 718 and the auto tuner. So if you would like to check out the HF side of our hobby, come on down.

At our meeting, we will be checking our the "j" pole, and doing some analyzing of it. The j pole is an effective, and cheap vhf/uhf external antenna. Also Joe Dunn will be bringing his latest pvc portable hf antenna.

This will be a short meeting in order to allow for the larger than average VE test session that will conducted after the regular meeting. Thanks to Scott and his crew for getting prepared for this endeavor.

Thanks to everyone for your club participation.

73's
 Paul
 kk5ii

For Sale:

K1ARK is downsizing vehicles, and the old HF mobile won't fit in the new Mini. I am offering for sale the entire kit of gear associated with my ICOM 706MKIIG.

This radio goes 440/2m, 6m and 10 to 160m, and was used probably more in my house as my base unit (it worked the majority of my DXCC and BARTG 40 PSK) than in my mobile.

I have the original packing and manuals. Along with the radio, I have two separation kits -- cable, head bracket, unit bracket -- which makes swapping between vehicles very easy (summer trip in the family van).

Also in the offing is a Heil headset, excellent for those road trips, and a LDG autotuner with connection to the 706. This allows one-touch autotuning. My cost in the lot is over \$1,500; I'm looking for \$1,000. Contact direct at 479-601-1039.

The Elmer Corner:

International Telecommunication Union Phonetic Alphabet:

A-Alpha	H-Hotel	O-Oscar	V-Victor
B-Bravo	I-India	P-Papa	W-Whiskey
C-Charlie	J-Juliet	Q-Quebec	X-X-ray
D-Delta	K-Kilo	R-Romeo	Y-Yankee
E-Echo	L-Lima	S-Sierra	Z-Zulu
F-Foxtrot	M-Mike	T-Tango	
G-Golf	N-November	U-Uniform	

ARKAN on the web at: www.arkan.us

Board meeting 12 February 2007

Members present: KE5LQM, KD5TLH, KK5II, KC5ZKH, KD5NFX, KD5KZJ, KZBWC

Discussion topics are as follows:

Decision of Second Saturday activities for month of March. = Elmering activities with new club rig.

Discussion of carrying out motion from last meeting concerning the purchase of books for the local libraries and how we want to donate them to the libraries, cost, which books and how much was decided to spend by the club. Designation of Scott (KD5KZJ), to carry out that research and possibly have the purchase to report to the club at the next meeting as being accomplished.

Joe Dunn, (KD5TLH) Public Information Officer, requested that we use the purchase and donation of the books as a tool to draw public interest to the hobby. i.e. news article in the local papers.

Joe also brought up the idea of publishing a weekly or monthly news article in the paper written by members of the club or board in an effort to draw more attention to our activities. Pros and Cons discussed, a proposal was made to bring this to the attention of the club members concerning participation in this activity. Before proposing this to the local paper, we wanted to have a year's worth of articles to hand to them, in the case that our members didn't write often. A stock pile of articles for them to draw from in case the current article didn't get submitted on time. It was also discussed about posting this on the website anyway, as well as attempting to get the paper to run it. Any club member wishing to participate in this activity, please submit your articles for the newsletter or paper to Scott Anderson (KD5KZJ)

Discussion returned to the second Saturday activities for the year and how to decide what the club wants to do, and get the word out to everyone sooner about what is happening. Paul Dixon (KK5II) will present a simple questionnaire at the next club meeting. So please be sure to look for these and fill them out so that we can get the year scheduled for you.

We also wish to express our warm regard and sincere thanks to the people who delivered an excellent SKY WARN presentation, on the 10th of February. I know that the members who participated in that had an excellent and enjoyable trip.

VE testing results.

We had a very busy test session in January.

Eight people tested.

Congratulations go out to :

John Robinson KD5NFX Element 3

Mike Smith Element 2

Mat Zorzin KC4YLV Elements 3 & 4

Bruce Carter K2BWC Element 3

Jerry Thornhill Element 2

Pat O'Neal KE5DLV Element 3

Jeff Dalrymple N5YEI Element 3

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

Treasurer's Report

CHECK #	TO:	DEBIT	FROM:	CREDIT	BALANCE
24-Oct			DELPHARD TAYLOR (EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$150.00	\$900.72
25-Jan			PAUL DIXON-KK5II, 2007 DUES	\$20.00	\$920.72
25-Jan			CHARLES WINN-KE5AEA, 2007 DUES	\$20.00	\$940.72
25-Jan			BILL SMITH-, 2007 DUES	\$20.00	\$960.72
25-Jan			PATRICK O'NEAL-KE5DLV, 2007 DUES	\$20.00	\$980.72
25-Jan			JAMES WILLIAMS-, 2007 DUES	\$20.00	\$1,000.72
25-Jan CK# 735	BRUCE CARTER (door prizes)	\$24.30			\$976.42
25-Jan CK# 736	JOHN ROBINSON (tuner)	\$129.95			\$846.47

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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Delphard Taylor ,KC5ZKH - Elected Board Member

John Robinson, KD5NFX - At Large Board Member johnr@cavalry.com

ARKAN ARRL Special Services Club (SSC) Appointments

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

ARKAN Meeting Minutes January 22, 2007

Arkan Club monthly meeting Date: 22 Jan 2007

Opening Comments: New Board Members for this year introduced. (see website for specific contact information) Thursday night net was great, a need was expressed for more net callers. Great turn out for the first general meeting of this year. 24+ members and visitors.

Presentation: Given by Bill Smith K1ARK, (W5YM coordinator,) who showed to us an overview of a presentation that he gave recently for the Emergency Management Coordinators of the 4 state area. (AR, KS, MI, OK)

Outcome of that meeting. Their needs when working with us are as follows:

They highly "Stress the importance of Training" within our organization and "Emphasize a Great need for Team players" in all aspects of our service.

Originally, I intended to write an overview about his presentation, as it contains such important and great information for all of us. Instead, if you would like to see his presentation or read it for yourself again please contact him at bismith@uark.edu

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Bill Smith for the work he is doing to further the interest of coordinating our efforts within the local community emergency services.

Tentative agenda presented for the year, calendars on the back table. Discussion concerning certain scheduled events among the members of the meeting.

Joe Dunn KD5TLH: has accepted the roll of Public Information Officer for this present year.

John Robinson KD5NFX: Presented the purchase of a new Auto Tuner for the club equipment, reported that the club saved some money on the exchange.

Bruce Carter K2BWC: Treasurer's report- Other than the purchase of the new equipment, no financial activity in the last three months; Club Balance = 900.72

Club's largest expense if Field Day. Club Dues \$20 per year.

Announcement of decision made by board (at Business meeting on 8 Jan 07) to continue the one year free membership in the club to test takers who pass the exam.

Second Saturday activity for February 10th will be a trip to the Tulsa weather bureau for Sky Warn Training, with a tour of the facility scheduled to follow. A shortened class is scheduled for January 30th in the old Engineering bldg at the University, Rm 209 at 7pm.

Motion presented by Bill Smith, Suggestion to put the following materials into the public library system. Specifically the Fayetteville and Springdale Libraries system. Much discussion followed concerning the details of the motion. Specifically what books to include in the donation. It was decided that four books will be included, a ham book, an Antenna book, an Operating manual and a Current licensing manual. 4 books total will be donated with a cap on cost to be \$250. for the library manuals. Motion seconded by Stephen Brandt, KD6TZF. Motion passed unanimous.

Announcement of 'Elmer'ing program, specifically to have the club HF rig up and going before Meetings in the future in order to provide an opportunity for hands on training for club members.

Door prize winner: Angelia Brandt KD5LQM (set of 6 screwdrivers.)

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: \$

RECEIPT FOR ARKAN DUES

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