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CMRA Newsletter

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WDØDVG
Repeater
146.16/.76
Antenna atop
Paquin Towers
at 1023 ft. ASL

Meeting Minutes

The April club meeting covered a variety of business items and attendance was about 30. The program was the ARRL slide show "120 Years of Brasspounding". It featured vintage amateur radio equipment, antique keys, and audio recordings of spark transmitters.

Bird Wattmeter John, NDØN, reported that the proposed purchase and repair of a used meter would exceed the \$100 limit voted at the Feb. meeting, and would approach the cost of a new meter.

Columbia Hamfest '89 Jess, NØFPI, gave the Hamfest committee report. He detailed the budget voted at the March meeting and the expenditures and commitments made so far. L&B Electronics of Eldon will have a commercial exhibit again this year. He requested that club members try to sell tickets in advance for a \$2.50 donation. Major door prizes this year will be an ICOM 2-GAT HT, a packet controller, and a \$50 gift certificate from L&B Electronics. The ARRL-sanctioned Hamfest will be at the Midway exposition center, in the upper open pavilion starting at 6:00 am on Saturday, June 10. Food concessions will be available. ARRL/VEC exams will be given in the afternoon. Volunteers are needed for several duties throughout the day; if you are not yet on his list, contact Don, KBØCDS, as soon as possible.

ATV repeater George, NØIMS, reported that work is progressing on the fast-scan TV repeater. Testing of the assembled repeater is getting under way, and antenna brackets for the tower are being designed.

Financial Committee Report Ann, WBØTEG, reported for the special com-

mittee appointed to examine the financial needs of the club and current club dues, now \$12 per year. They have not changed since the club started. This is more or less in line with dues for other area clubs, but a modest increase might be necessary. Over the years, the Hamfest has produced a major portion of the club's income. A surplus of about \$3500 was available in 1985. This cushion has been whittled down through purchases such as club station equipment and the new repeater tower. The Executive committee will meet to draft a proposal for changes in the dues structure and will report back at the May meeting.

Club station Brian, KBØEEO, inquired about access to the club station. At present, several club members have keys to the building, but because of its location in the Red Cross building, it is not practical to issue keys to each member. The Executive committee will consider alternatives, including an "on call" list of those with keys, scheduled club station nights, and combination locks for the use of all club members.

Appointments The club president, George, NØIMS, announced that Don, NUØT, will be the trustee for the repeater. Jim, KA9HJP, will be chairman of the technical committee. Ann, WBØTEG, will be in charge of programming the repeater.

Repeater receiver John, NDØN, discussed the shortcomings of the present Spectrum repeater receiver, especially in terms of sensitivity. He suggested that donations be solicited for a new receiver. The response was rapid. As of April 20, \$200 was received. Mac, K4CHS, has ordered a highly-regarded Frank Parks receiver.

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Columbia Area Hams!

This issue of the CMRA Newsletter is being mailed to all hams in the Columbia area to introduce the Central Missouri Radio Association to those not familiar with the club. Besides sponsoring the WDØDVG 2 meter repeater, we are involved in a number of amateur radio and community activities. We promote National Weather Service weather-spotter training in March, Field Day activities and the Columbia Hamfest in June, and Traffic Booths during the holidays. Club members are involved in public service and emergency communications throughout the year. The CMRA maintains a well-equipped club station for the use of members. Our members are interested in a wide range of activities: repeaters, CW and SSB DX, traffic nets, packet, contests, QRP, and construction.

If you are a new ham, or have not yet made that first QSO, the club is an ideal place to find an Elmer for help with station set-up or technical problems. If you are an old pro but would like to talk about new bands, modes, or technologies, we invite you to meet our members and learn of their interests. If you are an inactive member, there are dozens of newer members who would like to meet you. Whichever group describes you, please join us! Our meetings are on the second Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room at the Boone Electric Coop, 1413 Rangeline.

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Public Service

CMRA members were involved in two public service events this month.

On Saturday, April 8, WBØTEG and NØIMS provided communications for the March of Dimes walkathon.

On Saturday, April 15, several members helped with two events in the Triathletics bicycle rally and road race. In the morning, NDØN and WMØH served as communicators at each end of the hill at Easley. The afternoon race was from Ashland to Millersburg, Fulton, and back to Ashland. NDØN coordinated communications at the starting line. NØIKD, WMØY, and NUØT kept track of the four groups of cyclists at various points on the course.

Meeting Minutes (con.)

New Members Elected to membership were Dan Basnett, KAØIKW, Milton Prather, KBØECV, and Brian Thomas, KBØEEO. Welcome to the CMRA! An application for membership was received from David Witten, of Columbia, and will be voted on at the May Meeting.

May Club Meeting

The May meeting will be on **May 9, 7:00 pm, in the Community Meeting Room at the Boone Electric Cooperative, 1413 Rangeline Rd. ARRL/VEC exams will be offered after the meeting. The testing fee (other than for**

Novice) is \$4.75. Please bring a copy of your current license, certificates of completion, and ID.

Central Missouri Emergency Net

The season for severe weather is here. Monitor the WDØDVG repeater to determine when the Central Missouri Emergency Net is activated. CMEN meets each Wed. at 9:00 pm for practice, to pass traffic, and for announcements. All are welcome. Net manager is Ben, KØPCK.

Kenwood HF Transceiver for Sale Model 520SE, 160-10M, with MC50 desk mike, SP520 spkr, 10-40 M Mosley vertical antenna. Contact Jess, NØFPI.

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