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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 May meeting was presided over by Doug, NØIKD. The main item discussed was a report from the Executive Committee concerning the restructuring of the club dues schedule. It was agreed that several specific proposals that will involve changes in the club bylaws will be voted on at the June meeting, after being published in this issue of the Newsletter. In brief, the proposed changes are:

1. Annual dues will be increased to \$15 starting in January, 1990.
2. New lifetime memberships will no longer be accepted.
3. Family dues will be \$20 per year for family members living at the same address.
4. Sponsor memberships will be established for businesses and other organizations. They will be \$100 per year and will include recognition at the annual Hamfest and in the club newsletter.

**Hamfest Committee** NØFPI reported on preparations for the Hamfest. He requested that each club member take ten Hamfest tickets to sell. Money and remaining tickets can be returned to NØFPI, KØPCK, or AEØS on or before June 10. Don, KBØCDS, is organizing the work schedule for the day of the Hamfest. If you can help out on June 10 and have not yet contacted Don, please let him know the times you can be available.

**Repeater Receiver** Mac, K4CHS, reported that the new receiver for the WDØDVG 2 meter repeater has been ordered. However, since it will be hand-built, it will probably not be installed for a few months. In the interim, the current receiver has been adjusted to improve its sensitivity.

**New Members** The membership application of David Witten was approved by unanimous vote. Applications for membership from the following will be voted on at the June meeting:

Ralph Turner, N5AMR  
Mike A. Smith, NØIFE  
Willis W. Peery, KBØCZF  
Gene Imbler, NØKGX  
Donald F. Elderbrook, KAØBOM  
James Taylor, KEØVD.

**VE Exams** John, NDØN, reported that new code tapes have been received from the ARRL. The new tapes are shorter, running between five and six minutes, and the QSO material has fewer unusual or unlikely words, names, and topics.

**Field Day** Mark your calendars for Field Day, to be held the last weekend in June, the 24th and 25th. Current plans call for an operation similar to last year's at Rock Bridge State Park. Detailed plans and sign-up for operating times will be discussed at the June meeting. People will be needed for operating, logging, and support, so everyone who is free should plan to take part in this event.

Field Day is a challenging test of equipment, operating skills, and teamwork. It allows us to hone our ability to provide communications under emergency conditions. It also offers a superb opportunity to enhance the public image of our hobby and provides visibility to potential recruits. An information booth is planned to answer questions about Amateur Radio and our club. Whether Novice or Oldtimer, plan to join us!

**Columbia Hamfest '89**  
June 10, 6:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Midway Exposition Center  
I-70 exit 121  
2 miles west of Columbia

## No-code License Class

As most have heard by now, a committee appointed by the ARRL has developed a proposal for an Amateur Radio license class that requires no Morse code test. The essential features of the proposed changes are:

1. No current licensees will lose privileges.
2. The new license class will be called "Technician" and the present Tech license will be changed to "Technician Plus."
3. New Techs will have all current Tech privileges above 30 MHz, except that 2 meter operation will be digital modes only and only from 144.9 to 145.1 MHz.
4. New Techs will have distinctive call signs, such as NX#XXX.
5. Upgrade to Tech Plus would require a five wpm Morse code test.
6. New Techs would take written tests equivalent to the present Novice and Tech tests (elements 2 and 3A, with 3A to be expanded from 25 to 30 questions.)
7. All New Tech tests would be VE administered.

This proposal will be voted on at the ARRL Board of Directors meeting July 21-22. Whether you agree or disagree with this proposal, or if you have suggestions for changes, now is the time to make your comments known to the Midwest Director, Paul Grauer, WØFIR, Box 190, Wilson, KS 67490, telephone 913-658-2155.

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## Public Service Ozark 100 and Rain Provide Challenge

Members of the CMRA provided communications for the Ozark 100 triathlon on Sunday, May 28. The Ozark 100 consists of running, paddling, and bicycling events and this year it drew about 55 entries. Doug, NØIKD and Ann, WBØTEG, coordinated communications for the bicycling portion of the course. After the running and paddling courses, entrants bicycled from the Missouri River at Jefferson City to Fulton, Millersburg, and Columbia, to finish at Rock Bridge State Park. Due to intermittently heavy rain, there were several drop-outs that required assistance or reporting for tracking purposes.

The conditions resulted in several minor injuries and cases of exhaustion. Commendation is due the CMRA members and the amateurs from the Jefferson City area who donated their time and energy on a holiday weekend to help ensure the safety of the athletes. Jefferson City participants were Tom (NØSS), Rich (NØJBF), and Jon (KAØDLLD). CMRA members taking part were Bill (KBØATZ), Ben (KØPCK), John (NDØN), and Earl (KAØIBS).

## June Club Meeting

The June CMRA meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room at the Boone Electric Cooperative, 1413 Rangeline. The program is still being planned and

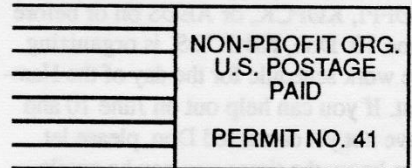
will be announced on CMEN when finalized. ARRL/VEC exams will be given after the meeting. Bring a copy of your current license, photo ID, and the \$4.75 fee.

## Central Missouri Emergency Net

CMEN was activated in response to severe weather in the central Missouri area on May 25. Ann, WBØTEG, was NCS. There were 20 check-ins, and stations in four counties helped track the severe thunderstorms. For the month of May, CMEN had six sessions, 107 check-ins, and handled three pieces of traffic. CMEN meets for practice every Wednesday at 9:00 pm on the WDØDVG 146.16/.76 repeater. Net manager is Ben, KØPCK.

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