



AMATEUR RADIO SERVING THE PUBLIC

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

Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was chaired by President George Hessenbruch, NØIMS.

Sister City Presentation The plaque and accompanying materials presented to the CMRA by the Matsuto Shortwave Club were displayed at the meeting. As described last month, the beautifully framed and printed declaration was sent to our club by hams in our sister city of Matsuto, Japan. NØIMS will take the materials to display downtown temporarily. The club agreed to send the Matsuto club a framed picture of CMRA members taken at the Sep. meeting.

Repeater repairs Repairs to the WDØDVG repeater are continuing. Various ills, probably resulting from multiple lightning strikes over the summer, are being discovered and dealt with by several club members. John, KSØI, and Mike Baker replaced the final amplifier transistors and the output of the repeater is now up to its full rating of 32 watts. The antenna has a major problem, and it will need replacement or repair. A temporary antenna near the base of the tower is now being used. Others who have provided major help are Mac, K4CHS, Jim, KA9HJP, Earl, KAØIBS, and Winston, KBØDUH.

Public Service Several CMRA members assisted with the Jefferson City Skyfair airshow held the last weekend in August. Beside helping with communications for everything from wayward smoke oil to lost parents, those involved had a chance to see great aerobatic acts up close. The Skyfair is being planned for next year, and those interested in airplanes or flying should think about volunteering for communications duties. Participating this year were K4CHS, KAØIBS,

NØIMS, NDØN, and WMØY.

On Sunday, Sep. 10, members of the club manned a communications station at University Hospital for the MS150 Bike Ride for the Kansas City Multiple Sclerosis Society. Fortunately, only a few minor injuries needed treatment. Through pledges, the K.C. group raised over \$1,000,000 for the MS Society. Taking part were KAØIBS, AEØS, WBØTEG, and WMØY.

New Members Elected to membership in the CMRA were Robyn Winans, of Columbia, and Brian Bowman, WBØHGB, of Centralia.

Not a CMRA member?

The mailing list for the CMRA Newsletter is being updated. If you are an active CMRA member (that is, if you have paid dues in 1988 or 1989), you are, or should be, on the mailing list. Other Columbia area hams receive this Newsletter as a service provided by CMRA members. **If you are not an active CMRA member**, please let the editor know if you would like to continue receiving this Newsletter. Just call, or send a card or letter to the address in the box at the lower left of this page. Alternately, attend a CMRA meeting and join the club or reactivate your membership!

Public Service Communications

Public service and special events communications are one of the ways hams can acquaint the community with our hobby and our capabilities. It is also excellent training for emergency communications

situations. For the newly licensed or the experienced old-timer, volunteer service can provide valuable benefits in terms of public relations for our hobby and the cultivation of our skills as professional-level communicators. The following guidelines are adapted from the ARRL publication *Special Events Communications Manual*. They are offered as refreshers for those who participate in public service situations as well as pointers for those newcomers who would like to get involved the next time the call goes out for CMRA volunteers.

1. Get a clear understanding of the needs of the group you are serving.
2. Arrange for a Net Control Station (NCS), even for small events.
3. Operators should be lined up well in advance of the event, and their availability confirmed shortly beforehand.
4. The NCS should keep track of who is where at all times.
5. If possible, have operators work in teams so that someone is monitoring the net at all times.
6. Identify individuals and vehicles as Amateur Radio Operators using signs, badges, or patches with call signs and/or ARES logos.
7. Maintain a professional, courteous image in contacts with the public as well as with local agencies.

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(Public Service ... continued)

8. Relief operators should be provided for lunch or coffee breaks.
9. Don't over-identify on the air: once every ten minutes is sufficient during a series of transmissions; short, occasional transmissions can be identified at the end of the exchange.
10. Be sure the frequency is clear before transmitting and keep communications as short and to-the-point as possible.
11. In emergency situations, remain calm and call for help; apply first aid only if qualified and call for emergency vehicles to transport the injured.
12. Be prepared beforehand with charged spare batteries, paper and pencils, gas, maps, etc.
13. Introduce yourself to those you will

- be working with and let them know your assignment and your capabilities.
14. Address questions or requests to the NCS; always inform the NCS if you leave the frequency.
 15. Be aware of net and alternate frequencies; use simplex instead of a repeater if possible.
 16. Don't handle routine business or commercial communications.
 17. Enjoy yourself! Amateur Radio public service is fun and rewarding!

October Meeting

The October club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 10 in the Community Meeting Room at the Boone Electric Coop, 1413 Range Line. All are invited.

CMEN

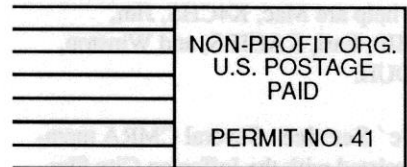
The Central Missouri Emergency Net is called each Wed. at 9 pm on 146.16/76. CMEN meets for the purposes of handling traffic, enhancing our emergency preparedness, and for announcements of interest to local amateurs. Net manager is Ben, KØPCK. All hams are welcome.

VEC Exams

As usual, the CMRA will sponsor ARRL/VEC exams for all written and code elements following the Oct. club meeting at the Boone Electric Coop. Bring your original current license and a copy, photo ID, and the \$4.75 test fee. For more information, contact John, NDØN, at 657-2391.

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