

# CMRA Newsletter

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WD0DVG  
 Repeater  
 146.16/.76  
 Antenna atop  
 Paquin Towers  
 at 1023 ft. ASL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Jesse Bowen, WM0Y.

**Repeater** Mike Baker, N0LBA, the new chair of the technical committee, said there has been no down time for the repeater this month. Audio levels have been adjusted, and with Mac McKenzie, K4CHS, he is working on the new receiver. They hope to have it installed next month.

Mac, K4CHS, described the board he has prepared to provide frequency and deviation information in the new receiver. Mac offered to make copies of the board, which he has modified from the original receiver it was designed for, available to club members. Mac also reported he has ordering information on a touch-tone decoder board. It could be plugged into the earphone jack of a handheld at night; the speaker would remain silent until, when an emergency arises and the net must be called up, the repeater controller activates the signal for that particular board. If interested, contact him.

**Hamfest** There have been several inquiries from dealers as far away as Florida, with one paid reservation already in hand. The committee will be meeting soon to plan the general mailing, staffing, space assignments, and signage. Jesse, WM0Y will prepare a "Radiogram Newsletter" as he did last year. This year he will prepare individual name badges to identify club members working at the Hamfest. Names will be taken from the Sign-up sheet.

**Membership** new members unanimously approved for club membership were Robert Barnes, Robert D. Carter, KA0NDT, Ellen McKenzie, WB0VML, and Jerry Throckmorton, KB0EGO.

A Membership application from Robert E. Barnes II (Rob) was received and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

**Special Service Club Status** Jesse, WM0Y, reported on the requirements for renewal of our special service club status with ARRL. We are required to carry out such activities as emergency communications, the VE program, training programs, public relations, and recruitment of new members. In return ARRL provides to the club a percentage of ARRL annual dues for each member who joins through the club; authorizes a club awards manager to approve such awards as Worked All States, coordinates repeater frequencies, the VE program, provides training aids and materials for club programs, coordination and publicity for hamfests, and public relations and lobbying activities on behalf of amateur radio.

**Elmers** Jesse proposed, as part of our training activities, that we establish an "Elmer" program. It would require that we develop a list of volunteers to help newcomers solve the "start-up" problems with equipment and operating techniques we have all experienced. The response was very positive, and Jesse will pursue the idea.

## Legislation and Rule Changes

Ann, WB0TEG, reported on bills concerning fees for amateur radio license plates now being considered by the Missouri legislature. She also described an FCC proposal for restructuring amateur licenses to provide a "communicator" class of licensee.

## Planning for Club Activities

Jesse, WM0Y, passed out survey forms for members to indicate priorities for club activities and services and a separate sheet for us indicate the activities we wish to do. He will tabulate the responses and report at the March Meeting.

**Awards** Jesse, WM0Y, presented special service awards to past presidents Jesse Lyons, WX0K, and George Hessenbruch, N0IMS, for their service to the club and the community.

**March Meeting** The next club meeting will be at 7:00 on March 13 at the U.S. Weather Service, Columbia Airport. Following a brief business meeting there will be a program on severe weather: recognition, dangers of, and reporting procedures in the spotters nets operated by the CMRA for the Weather Service.

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**President's Corner**

Thanks to Mike, WB0LDJ, for setting up the program at the February meeting. Roy Parker, AA0B, presented a very interesting talk about radio control of model airplanes. Beside showing the equipment and his airplane, Roy described ways that the model servos and electronics might be used in other applications (such as turning switches, variable resistors, or variable capacitors) to produce mechanical effects by radio control. Roy is a member of the local airplane modelers club so contact him if you have an interest in modeling or radio control.

I'm still conducting the club survey to allow those who missed the February meeting to participate. When compiled, the results will be presented at the April meeting and summarized in the newsletter.

Be sure to show up for the **March meeting** at the weather service office at the airport. In addition to the Skywarn training for weather-spotters, the meeting will feature discussion and approval of our annual club budget.

**License Exams** at the VE session twelve elements were taken and eight passed. Congratulations to the following people who successfully upgraded their license elements:

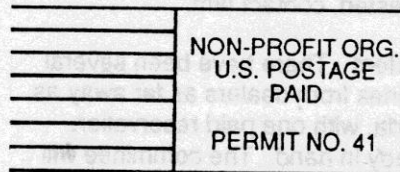
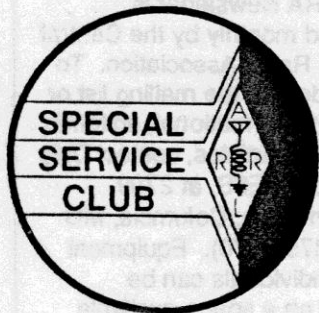
Rob Barnes (II)	Novice
Robert Barnes	General
Jack Crutchfield, KB0FQC	General
John Rogers, KB0ETJ	General
Gail Hurd, WB0BDZ	Extra

Volunteer examiners were John Turner, ND0N; Dewey Bennett, WM0H; Jesse Bowen, WM0Y; and Dale Huffington, AE0S.

The new Volunteer Examiner Manual from the ARRL shows two forms that appear to be from a VE session held in Columbia.

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