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

## April Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Jesse Bowen, WMØY, who distributed copies of the Active Member Roster and the Members Survey results. Additional copies will be available at the May meeting.

**Repeater** Mike Baker, NØLBA, reported there is a problem with the digit "9" but the rest of the system is working well. The Technical Committee recommends purchasing a new 2 meter rig and a digipeater for the E.O.C. Discussion followed on how to fund the items. Mike reported a new repeater at 444.9 (up) will soon be permanently installed at Ashland.

**Hamfest** Ben Smith, KØPCK, reported that over 2500 fliers announcing the Hamfest have been mailed. All members were asked to help with the Hamfest. A signup sheet was passed around for the members to choose the times they would work. Each member will be responsible for 10 tickets to sell, buy, or return the week before the Hamfest.

**Field Day Reminder** It will be on June 23 and 24 at the same site in Rockbridge State Park.

**Public Service** Ann Guptil, WBØTEG, asked for volunteers to work the Boy Scout show on April 21. The club received thanks and a red ribbon for our exhibit of equipment and amateur operation.

Jesse, WMØY, asked for volunteers for the Annual Triathletes Bike Race on April 28th. Doug Turner, NØIKD, will coordinate.

**Membership** Rob Barnes, KBØGIR, was unanimously elected to membership in the Central Missouri Radio Association. Next month applications from Charlie W. Mitchell, Jr. and Jack Crutchfield, KBØFQC, will be acted upon.

**ARRL Section Manager** Bill Granahan, KØORB, presented the April program. After He described recent ARRL activities and reviewed the FCC proposal for a communicator license class. He led a lively, wide-ranging discussion session.

**VE Session** Following the meeting there was a VE session conducted by John, NDØN, Jesse, WMØY, Jesse Lyons, WXØK, and Dewey Bennet, WMØH. Six people took test elements, nine elements were taken, and five were passed. Upgrades were as follows: Don Barnhart, WBØZFE-tech; Brian Thomas, KBØEEO-General; Jack Crutchfield, KBØFQC-advanced. Congratulations!

**Vec Exams** The CMRA will offer ARRL/VEC exams for all written elements following the April Meeting at the Boone Electric Coop. Because of the recent changes in FCC rules and regulations, some study materials may need to be supplemented by

updated manuals. If you have questions about study materials or how to get started, call John Turner, NDØN (657-2391) or Jesse Bowen, WMØY (474-7674).

**CMEN Report** In March, the Central Missouri Emergency Net held 5 sessions with 74 check-ins and handled 1 message. The net meets every Wednesday at 9 pm on 146.16/76 to handle traffic and practice. Net manager is Ben Smith, KØPCK. All hams are welcome.

## May Meeting

The next club meeting will be at 7:00 in the Community Meeting Room of the Boone County Electric Cooperative, 1413 Rangeline Road. The program will be on Hamfest preparations. All members: if you can't be at the meeting, please call Ben Smith, KØPCK at 443-5168 to learn of plans.

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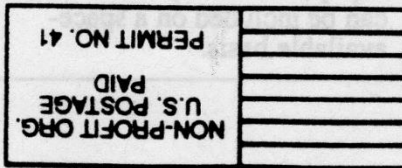
### President's Corner

Amateur Radio is a unique entity. On the one hand, it is a federally licensed service with sole claim on large segments of important radio spectrum. On the other hand, it is an avocation, something done for fun, a hobby (although some would quail at the use of the "H" word). We exist at the pleasure of the Federal government, yet we are (or should be) regarded in both governmental and public circles as a national resource. The service aspect of amateur radio has long been used in this country as a powerful argument for our existence. Unfortunately, the argument does not always work exactly the

way we might wish. Yet without it, the commercialization of amateur frequencies would have long ago obliterated our "hobby" or turned it into something quite different from what it is today. How can you be of service? There are a variety of ways, and a variety of causes. You can serve Amateur Radio by making your opinion known to the FCC concerning actions such as proposals to eliminate license classes, change license requirements, or alter frequencies. You can serve the community by volunteering time to help out with public service events such as those sponsored by our club and by participating in ARES training sessions. You can

serve prospective hams by assisting with license classes or by lending a hand as an Elmer. You can serve the Central Missouri Radio Association by working at club events such as the Hamfest or by donating time to the upkeep of club facilities. You can serve your own technical and operating competence by pursuing operating awards, participating in Field Day, or exploring a new mode. Amateur Radio is rich with possibilities. You don't need to be an expert to make a contribution since learning new skills is a natural benefit of trying something different. In that way, taking part in any of these activities serves someone else - you!

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