



# SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association

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[www.k0si.net](http://www.k0si.net). If you have ideas for Web content, send them to Jim, WYØB.

To submit articles for this newsletter contact KCOHSB, John, at the next club meeting or at [kc0hsb@centurytel.net](mailto:kc0hsb@centurytel.net). Also, if you have any changes in your address or method of receiving the newsletter, please contact John.

## CALENDAR

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting is normally held at **Boone Electric** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Each third Monday evening of the month testing is conducted for new amateur radio licenses and upgrades at the club station on Worley St in the Red Cross building basement.

Each Wednesday is Club Net at 9:00 p.m. If you're interested or willing to volunteer for Net Control or if you have questions, contact WMØH, Dewey.

If you have not **renewed** your membership for 2010, see the treasurer, Don Moore, KMØR, at the meeting, or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to: CMRA; P.O. Box 283; Columbia, MO. 65205.

## CLUB CALENDAR:

\* April 13, CMRA Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Boone Electric

## CMRA Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

The March CMRA meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Boone Electric. It was convened at 7:02 PM by the president, Daniel, KC0UTW and began with introductions all around. There were 34 in attendance, including three representatives from the Mid Mo Chapter of the American Red Cross, duly noted below.

The motion was made and carried to approve the February meeting minutes as they are.

Don, KM0R, gave the treasurer's report. Savings and CD are unchanged. Checking balance is \$1,176.08.

Don, KM0R, reported on the Froze Toes event in late February. Turn out was good. Those involved with putting on the event were pleased and asked our club to participate again next year.

Dewey, WM0H, reported several have passed tests at testing sessions, including a new ham present at the meeting. The next regular session at the club station at the Red Cross building on West Worley is Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel, KC0UTW, acknowledge the presence of Dar, N0XLQ, and Nathan, KC0LCS,

who have been away from club meetings for some time.

Don, KM0R, reported on the membership recruitment letter being worked on by Cory, KC0YNS. There will be two letters mailed simultaneously, one for CMRA and one for BCARES.

Don, KM0R, has patches for both CMRA and BCARES for those who haven't yet gotten theirs. He announced he had just learned that Embroid Me no longer answers their phone, equipment is gone from their building, and the door is locked. We'll need to find another source for having patches made in the future.

Jake, KD0IRU, and Don, KM0R, reported on the Boy Scout special events station to be operational on the first Saturday in August at Central Methodist University. Details are still being worked out. The special call sign is KM0BSA. Operators wishing to volunteer should contact Jake, KD0IRU. There may be 4,000-5,000 people at the event that weekend to commemorate the centennial of the Boy Scouts.

Don, N0UBC, reminded everyone of the lunches held weekly at Country Kitchen, Wednesdays starting from 11:30-12:00 for hams, friends and families. Around 12-18 people have been attending regularly.

Dewey, WM0H, reminded everyone of testing every third

Monday of the month. He needs VE's to help conduct testing as well. It was mentioned now is a good time to get into HF operations because of contests and better propagation conditions. There's also a Newbie Roundup contest for new hams, which was announced in "QST."

Dave, KV0S announced the Missouri QSO party is the first full weekend in April, Easter weekend this year, on both Saturday and Sunday. A few club members will be roving to different counties with mobile HF equipment to allow contesters to make contact with counties where there are very few hams. We hope to have the club station open for the event as well.

Dave, KV0S, also reminded everyone our club sponsors a Worked All Counties Award for those who've worked all Missouri counties. There's also a certificate for those who've worked from all Missouri counties. There are 114 counties, plus St. Louis City.

Jon, N0OFJ, announced there may be another weather spotter training class in Columbia. Time and place to be announced. The first class was well attended and people were turned away.

WB0MAF reported the afternoon and evening weather spotter classes in Fulton on March 4<sup>th</sup> were well attended.

Don, KM0R, reported recruiting is under way for MS bike ride volunteers. More are needed this year than previously. It's preferred that volunteers sign up no later than about a month ahead of time. The event is September 11-12, the weekend after Labor Day. The link for more info and to sign up is <http://www.bikemshams.com/>.

Dale, AE0S, reported on an upcoming emergency

communications level one class. Tentative dates are the first part of April with exams on the first Thursday in May. Location to be announced. Anyone can take the class. It's not necessary to be a member of ARES. Class size is limited to 15.

Daniel, KC0UTW, announced the state wide tornado drill had been postponed until Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30, due to the potential threat of severe weather elsewhere in the state. It wasn't clear if WX0BC would be operated. Dewey, WMOH, offered to serve as local net control. Bill, WB0MAF, announced the Mexico club would hold their drill at 6:00 PM that Thursday.

Daniel, KC0UTW, requested participation in getting things organized and getting merchandise for the club auction upcoming in July. The location has been reserved at the Boone Hospital conference room as before. It wasn't certain if our auctioneer had been secured for the event. John, KC0HSB, said he'd check on it. He also said they might have some files useful for planning this year's event. Daniel requested a committee of three to coordinate things. It's important to contact merchants early. Members are invited to bring their own ham related items for auction. Last year's auction brought in nearly \$1,100.

Daniel, KC0UTW, announced Michelle Bogowith, weather caster from KOMU-TV 8, would present a program at the April club meeting, but would need to do so at the beginning before the business meeting.

Pam, KD0GRQ, reminded everyone about the potential danger from earthquakes, even small ones, since falling objects

can cause injuries. She also suggested being knowledgeable about how to cut off utilities at home, such as gas and water.

Don, KM0R, reported that a couple of hams from the St. Charles area have designed a circuit costing \$20-\$25 that will mute a radio's external speaker until an alert is issued, such as for weather. For example, someone from Joint Communications would contact a ham operator who would activate the alert. Two tones sent over the repeater would unmute a radio that's on with this device. This will not totally replace pagers now in use.

Jon, N0OFJ, said Joint Com is in the process of putting together a wide area alert system to alert various agencies and individuals. It should work with various modes of communication for those receiving alerts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

A program followed with discussion on how the Red Cross and CMRA can work together, introduced by Dale, AE0S, and featuring representatives from the American Red Cross, Mid MO Chapter. Mike Odneal, Executive Director, conducted the presentation with help from Paulett Hansen, Disaster Services Director, and Kevin Car, a volunteer who oversees the Emergency Communications Response Vehicle from the Kansas City Area.

- Respectfully submitted by John, KC0HSB, for Jim, W0JGT

## **UPCOMING HAMFESTS**

The following is From

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

\* 11 Apr 2010

Eastern Ozarks Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.k0eor.org>  
Talk-In: 147.030 (PL 100)

Contact: Arthur Jones, KE5JLB  
1228 East Lakeshore Drive,  
Bismarck, MO 63624, Phone: 573-  
915-4116, Fax: 573-734-2748  
Email: [ke5jlb@gmail.com](mailto:ke5jlb@gmail.com)

Iron Mountain Lake, MO, Ladies  
Auxiliary, 591 North Lakeshore  
\* 17 Apr 2010

Ararat Hambash, Ararat Shrine  
Radio Club,  
<http://www.hambash.com>

Talk-In: 145.13 (open repeater)

Contact: David Michael,  
WA0NXD, 3361 Blue Ridge Blvd.  
Independence, MO 64052, Phone:  
816-254-9011, Email:

[wa0nxd@arrl.net](mailto:wa0nxd@arrl.net)

Kansas City, MO, Ararat Shrine  
Temple, 5100 Ararat Drive  
\* 18 Apr 2010

AAROFest 2010 Area Amateur  
Radio Operators

<http://www.qsl.net/aa9ro/index.htm>  
1 , Talk-In: 145.490 -- 225.7

Contact: Bill Anderson, WA9BA,  
30 Wallace Street, Galva, IL  
61434, Phone: 309-932-3023,  
Email: [wa9ba@arrl.net](mailto:wa9ba@arrl.net)

Galva, IL, Galva High School,  
1020 North Center Avenue

\* 24 Apr 2010

Arkansas Section Convention,  
Benton County Radio Operators  
Club,

<http://www.Bentoncoradiooperator.org> , Talk-In: 145.29 MHz -  
Negative Offset (PL 110.9)

Contact: Jay Harrison, KC0CNB,  
1519 West Magnolia Street,  
Rogers, AR 72758, Phone: 479-  
631-7727, Email:

[Texgun19@cox.net](mailto:Texgun19@cox.net)

Rogers, AR, Rogers First Church  
of the Nazarene, 4911 West  
Pleasant Grove Road

\* 24 Apr 2010

Des Moines Radio Amateurs'  
Association,

<http://www.dmraa.com>

Talk-In: 146.940 (PL 114.8)

Contact: Tom Reis, N0VPR,

PO Box 88, Des Moines, IA  
50301, Phone: 515-254-0244,

Email: [NOVPR@arrl.net](mailto:NOVPR@arrl.net)

Des Moines, IA, Iowa State  
Fairgrounds, Walnut Center  
Building, East 30th Street and East  
University Avenue

\* 24 Apr 2010

Lewis & Clark Radio Club

<http://k9ham.org> , Talk-In: 145.23

Contact: Jim McDermott,  
KC9JZW, 220 Patterson Place  
Alton, IL 62002, Phone: 618-462-  
7184, Fax: 618-462-7184

Email: [kc9jzw@arrl.net](mailto:kc9jzw@arrl.net)

Godfrey, IL, Riverbend Arena,  
(Lewis & Clark Community  
College), Godfrey Road

\* 25 Apr 2010

Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub

<http://www.qsl.net/mark/>

Talk-In: 146.055/146.655 (PL  
162.2) & 445.64375/440.64375 D-  
star Contact: Ralph Zancha,

WC9V, PO Box 55, Lovington, IL  
61937, Phone: 217-254-7574

Fax: 217-345-5715, Email:

[rzancha@one-eleven.net](mailto:rzancha@one-eleven.net)

Arthur, IL, Arthur Firehouse  
Route 133

\* 1 May 2010

Swapfest and Picnic, Missouri  
Traffic Net

<http://wa0kbz.org> , Talk-In:

145.390 (PL 127.3) Contact:  
Bill Hudson, WA0KBZ, 1706  
Highway CC, Linn, MO 65051,  
Phone: 573-897-9917, Email:

[wa0kbz@yahoo.com](mailto:wa0kbz@yahoo.com)

Linn, MO, Linn Lions Club Park  
Hwy 50 and Hwy CC

### **In Case You Hadn't Heard...**

\*\*\* Thanks to Don, N0UBC,  
there's a listing of Area 2 Meter  
Nets at <http://www.k0si.net/msgs/>  
under "Links of Interest." Be sure  
to check into these nets as often as  
you can.

\*\*\* Two items from the 4/1

ARRL Letter: ARRL Signs

Memorandum of Understanding  
with American Red Cross On  
Thursday, March 25 ARRL  
President Kay Craigie, N3KN,  
signed a new Memorandum of  
Understanding (MoU) with the  
American Red Cross (ARC) at  
ARC National Headquarters in  
Washington, DC. The  
MoU... "broad framework for  
cooperation" between the ARRL  
and the ARC "in preparing for and  
responding to disaster relief  
situations at all levels in rendering  
assistance and service to victims of  
disaster, as well as other services  
for which cooperation may be  
mutually beneficial."

\* New ARRL Web Site  
Undergoes Further Testing Before  
Launch According to ARRL Chief  
Operating Officer, Harold Kramer,  
WJ1B, we are currently finishing  
the final pre-launch adjustments  
and... plan to launch it by April 12.

.\*\*\* From the 4/8/ ARRL Letter:  
The First Rookie Roundup --  
Coming April 18! The ARRL's  
newest contest...is...scheduled for  
April 18 and will be an SSB  
contest. The Rookie Roundup is six  
hours of fun on a Sunday afternoon  
[1800 UTC-2359 UTC

]...designed to give new hams a  
chance to get their feet wet on HF  
and 6 meters. Old-timers are  
encouraged to get on the air and  
work the Rookies...

\*\*\* Radio Shack for Sale? The  
New York Post reported on March  
26th that Radio Shack may be  
looking for a buyer, though any  
sale wouldn't happen for weeks or  
months. They might merge with  
Best Buy. Read more at  
[http://www.nypost.com:80/p/news/  
business/radioshack\\_search\\_G0Xz  
MIn7DFx74tx6LpUzVJ](http://www.nypost.com:80/p/news/business/radioshack_search_G0XzMIn7DFx74tx6LpUzVJ)