



# SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association

KØSI 146.76(-) PL 127.3

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The Central Missouri Radio Association is the oldest Amateur Radio Club in the Columbia, Mo. area. Check out our web site at:

[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 2009, 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:

\* June 9, 2009, CMRA Meeting, Boone Electric

## CMRA MEETING Minutes

CMRA Monthly Meeting  
Boone Electric Cooperative  
Conference Room  
May 12, 2009

President Larsen, KVØS, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 27 members and 3 visitors present.

Members introduced themselves by name and call sign.

The minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Moore, KMØR, gave the treasurer's report.

CD	\$ 2,222.86
Checking	\$ 2,467.59
Savings	\$ 2,244.15

Pam Sample, KDØGRQ, and T. C. Parry, Jr, KDØFTE, were accepted into **membership** of CMRA.

**HR26** and related bills have not reached the floor and not expected to do so. Don, NØUBC is tracking info.

John, KCOHSB, announced that **newsletter via KØSI website** is moving forward. Discussion ensued. A notice was sent out advising that the past newsletter was on the website.

**Proposed logo** – Corey, KCØYNS, is working with Embroider Me. He brought a

sample logo for perusal. Some suggestions were made. Daniel KCØUTW's daughter is making some alternate designs.

Wes, ABØSE, reported that **Boonville group** is proceeding with Ham training.

**Monday testing** will have 5-7 examinees.

**Earl Lubensky**, KAØOKS, died according to Jim, WYØB.

Myron reported on St Louis **QSL incoming cards bureau**.

**Field Day site** has been reserved at RB State Park.

Field Day – Jim, WYØB, volunteered to assist a chairman. Mac, K4CHS, will assist in coordinating. Consensus was to stay with the scoring system used in the past. Different aspects on conducting Field Day were discussed.

**Auction**, July meeting at Columbia Regional Hospital conference room, needs a chairperson(s). Contact John, KCOHSB, if interested in helping.

Bob, KØYBN, thanked Jim, WYØB, for helping with his antenna.

Jon, NØOFJ, is interested in developing **fox hunt activities** here, 2 meter. Can vary from easy to difficult. A section on the website will be devoted to fox hunting.

Bill, WBØMAF, moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob, KØYBN, that the meeting be

adjourned. Motion carried at 8:02 p.m.

Dave, KVØS, gave a program on Solar activity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Thorne, WØJGT,  
CMRA Secretary

## UPCOMING HAMFESTS

The following is From

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

14 Jun 2009

80th Year Hamfest

Egyptian Radio Club

<http://www.w9aiu.org> Talk-In:  
146.79 (PL 123.7) & 146.76 (PL  
141.3) Contact: Frank Shears,  
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Granite City, IL, Southwestern  
Illinois College, Sam Wolf  
Campus, 4950 Maryville Road

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

\*\*\* Don, KM0R, recently send the following to the CMRA Yahoo Group: This Yahoo group will soon be discontinued. Please join our new forums on the [/www.k0si.net](http://www.k0si.net) website if you have not done so yet. There is a link on our home page or you can go to [ww/msgs](http://ww/msgs) to join. Thanks and 73, Don M. - KM0R

\*\*\* Jon, N00FJ, conducted a fox hunt on May 31, and plans to have them weekly, Sunday mornings at 10 AM. Meet at the parking lot of the Boone County Library on Broadway in Columbia. The fox will be somewhere within a five mile radius from the library. Activity will be coordinated on the the 146.76- repeater. For more info contact Jon Cole, N00FJ.

\*\*\* Dave, KV0S, presented a video on solar storms at the May club meeting, and you can see it at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/sciencenow/0304/02.html>

\*\*\* The following is from the May 29 ARRL Newsletter.  
==> ARRL FIELD DAY TIPS  
AND TECHNIQUES THAT  
EVERYONE CAN USE  
Many amateurs treat ARRL Field Day (June 27-28) as a contest, even though it isn't one <http://www.arrl.org/fieldday> . But if your idea of Field Day fun is to go for the highest score possible, ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, offered the following suggestions at the ARRL Field Day Forum at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention.

1) You will get many more stations in your log by calling CQ than by tuning the dial and answering CQs; however, if you're calling CQ and not getting any replies, keep calling. Most major contesters call CQ for several minutes at a time before giving up. Giving up after three or four CQs is giving up too soon.

2) Keep your CQs short and to the point: "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, Field Day." Wait about 5 seconds between CQs -- this gives stations enough time to answer you.

3) Use standard phonetics. "Cute" phonetics don't always get through and they can confuse newer operators.

4) When working a station, you should give your exchange information only once and keep it simple. "Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy three Foxtrot Connecticut, QSL?" If they didn't get all of the exchange, they will ask for a repeat.

5) If you are running a pileup: Once you have pulled a call out of the pileup, give your exchange information first. Here's an example: "Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy 3F Connecticut, QSL?" Don't ask for the calling station's information first -- this will reduce any sense of rhythm and timing in the pileup.

6) If you get a pileup of stations and can't make out an entire call, listen for one letter and ask for it specifically: "The station with Delta only, go ahead."

7) When you get the other station's information, keep your acknowledgment simple. "QSL, thanks, QRZ Field Day from Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey."

8) Find a comfortable pace for you and maintain that pace. You will tire quickly if you are screaming into the microphone or trying to work stations too quickly. This leads to inefficiency.

9) Use a headset with a boom microphone and a foot switch -- this frees up your hands to log QSOs. Writing or typing with a mike in your hand slows you down.

10) Go for as many bonus points as you possibly can. Numerous opportunities exist, from copying the Field Day message to sending traffic to using natural power for QSOs.

These tips should help maximize your score on Field Day.

Remember: No matter how you choose to enjoy Field Day, maximize your fun, however you define it.