

MERRY CHRISTMAS—2009

CHRISTMAS PARTY—December 4th

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## Welcome to the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club

### AND THE NOMINEES ARE:

**For President: Rich Waeltermann, NOXCM, Vice President: Ken Pepin WOUKL, Secretary: Kelly Stansfield KD0IWM, and Treasurer: Eric Hamsch KC0WLF**

Our annual Christmas party is the next big event for our club. It will be held at the Mid American Bank, (Now Country Club Bank) Lincoln Room (south entrance off 4th and Cherokee) at 6:30 with set-up at 6 PM on Friday evening, December 4th..

The club will provide the meat, and set-ups, with members each bringing a side dish. The cost is \$2.00 per person, not to exceed \$6.00 per family.

This will be an especially important meeting to attend, as several of our officers were unable to attend the November meeting at which we were to vote on the new officers. So, we'll do it at the party!



Entertainment will be by the Cody Choraliers!

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# Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council (MECC)

## Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

November 7, 2009

The SET has been pronounced an unqualified success from a number of perspectives. Leavenworth ARES provided 2 members to the Wyandotte EOC, and six members to the Wyandotte CERT training group, meeting at Camp Naish Boy Scout Camp. In addition there were at least four additional members of the Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club performing duties with the Wyandotte County CERT training cadre.

Our ARES members congregated at Connie's restaurant in Lansing pending receipt of tasking from the Regional MECC nets. By 0900 we were requested to meet the Wyandotte County CERT teams at Camp Naish, and to provide two radio operators for the Wyandotte County EOC.

Our EC and his YL were dispatched to the EOC per request, and the rest of us proceeded to Camp Naish. With the help of a Scout troop we were able to find the assembly point and 6 of our radio operators were joined up with various CERT teams. While not projected, several of our members served a secondary function in addition to providing support to communications as "victims" during their simulated emergencies. The CERT exercise provided an excellent means for our members to experience and learn about CERT functions. We were also treated to a visit to their CERT trailers.

By 11:00 nearly all the objectives of the MECC SET were apparently met, and we were released. As said earlier, the exercise provided an opportunity to learn a number of things, and to hone our radio skills... particularly in checking into neighboring nets and frequencies while using HT radios.

## **AREA EVENTS**

**December 4 FRIDAY Annual Christmas Party. Lincoln room, Mid-American Bank, Details on weekly nets and in December QRZ.**

There are not a lot of activities this time of year in the amateur radio arena, unless you are spending some time on the HF nets chasing traffic. With the weather turning a bit more vicious, it may be a good time to stay inside and press the keys or PTT button.

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This appears to be a fun thing to do:

This year's Skywarn Appreciation Event will take place from 6:00pm CST Friday, December 4th until 6:00pm CST Saturday, December 5th. Any licensed amateur operator that would like to participate is welcome to do so. The event is designed to honor the hard work and dedication of amateur operators during storm spotting and damage assessments during and following severe weather.

To sign up, go to <<http://www.kcnorthares.org>>. Select the Storm Spotting menu on the top of the page and select the first menu option, Skywarn Appreciation Event Schedule.

### **2009 VE Testing Dates**

- o February 27
- o April 24
- o June 26
- o August 28
- o October 30
- o December 18 Last chance for this year!

If we don't have any callers to take a test by mid-week leading into the testing date, the testing session will be cancelled for that month.

If by chance we have several people interested in testing during one of our off months, we may be able to put together a testing session to accommodate them. **BE SURE TO BRING AN EXTRA COPY OF YOUR LICENSE IF GOING FOR GENERAL/EXTRA CLASS LICENSE.**

All testing sessions will be held at the Red Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Contacts for a test are:

- o Martha Auchard - 913-772-7350
- o Gary Auchard - 913-772-7350
- o Dave Phillips - 913-651-2621 (May have changed!)

Or any of the other qualified VE's that someone might talk to about testing.

Announcements pertaining to testing will be given during the weekly local 145.330, 147.000 two meter and on the 444.800 repeater nets.



It has been mentioned elsewhere, but don't forget to put December 4th on your calendar. It has traditionally been on the first Friday of December at the Mid American Bank, (Now Country Club Bank) Lincoln Room. This year, like last year we'll charge \$2.00 per person, not to exceed \$6.00 per family and all were asked to bring a covered dish with the club providing the meat.

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*Comments or suggestions regarding the QRZ format are welcome and appreciated.*

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MORE FUN?

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

We will elect officers for the coming year at the Christmas party. Nominees as of now are:

**President: Rich Waeltermann, N0XCM**

**Vice President: Ken Pepin, W0UKL**

**Secretary: Kelly Stanfield, KD0IWM**

**Treasurer: Eric Hambsch, KC0WLF**

# FROM THE KICKAPOO QRP ARC OPERATING DESK

## From The Kickapoo QRP ARC Operating Desk

**The testing dates for 2010 are as follows:**

- o February 26, 2010
- o April 30, 2010
- o June 25, 2010
- o August 27, 2010
- o October 29, 2010
- o December 17, 2010

The next and last test session for 2009 is on Friday December 18. It does look like we have people that will be testing that evening so we do need some VE's to show up at the Red Cross by 7:00 p.m..

Gary A. – WB0MNA



## Minutes of PKARC Club Meeting

5 November 2009

1. The secretary called the meeting to order due to the absence of all other officers. The meeting was held outside, in the parking lot, and was a green meeting as no electricity was used. Dave Phillips, KEØDL presided and kept the meeting on task as much as possible.
2. Evan Strawbridge, WØAVN was ill and so there was no treasury report given.
3. Eric Hamsch, KCØWLF was nominated and accepted the position of treasurer. The other positions and officers that have been nominated and accepted are Richard Waelterman, NØXCM to remain as President, Ken Pepin, WØUKL for Vice President, Kelly Stanfield, KDØIWM for Secretary. Voting will occur at the Christmas Club Supper as will any other club business that needs taking care of.
4. Christmas Club Supper will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Room, basement of Country Club Bank, formerly known as MidAmerican Bank on 4<sup>th</sup> and Cherokee. \$2 per person not to exceed \$6 per family. Bring a covered dish, the club will furnish brisket, ham, turkey, barbeque beans, bread, drinks and all serving utensils.
5. Chuck Moorehead, AAØLV returned the MFJ antenna analyzer.

Submitted

Shawn M. Holloway, KCØLPS

Secretary



**Contest Corral** *National Contest Journal* AM/PM times are local. UTC dates and may be different than calendar date in North America. No contest activity on 30, 17, 12-meters.

Refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

**HF VHF+ Contest Title Phn CW Dig Exchange & Frequencies (MHz) Sponsor's Web Site Logs Due**

Dec 5, 1600Z - Dec 6, 1800Z

50-222 North American VHF WSJT Contest **X** Both calls, grid square, acknowledgement  
[www.sportscliche.com/wb2fko/w09/rules\\_w09.pdf](http://www.sportscliche.com/wb2fko/w09/rules_w09.pdf) Jan 15

Dec 12, 0000Z - Dec 16, 0200Z

**28 ARRL 10 Meter Contest **X X** RS(T) and State/Prov or serial [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests) Jan 13**

**Dec 12, 0000Z - Dec 13, 2400Z**

28 28 MHz SWL Contest **X X** Log ARRL 10 Meter Contest QSOs [swl.veron.nl/swlcontest.htm](http://swl.veron.nl/swlcontest.htm) Jan 31

Dec 12, 0000Z - Dec 13, 2400Z

1.8 Russian 160 Meter Contest **X X** RS(T), serial, square ID (see Web site) [www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/](http://www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/) Jan 21

Dec 12, 0000Z - Dec 13, 0200Z

1.8-28 Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint **X** RST, Feld-Hell number, QTH [www.feldhellclub.org](http://www.feldhellclub.org) 10 days

Dec 12, 1400Z - Dec 13, 1400Z

1.8-7 UBA Winter Contest **X X X** RS(T) and UBA section or serial [users.telenet.be/on6ly](http://users.telenet.be/on6ly) 3 weeks

Dec 12, 1700Z - Dec 13 1000Z

14 Great Colorado Snowshoe Run **X** RST, S/P/C, class, CQC number or power [www.cqc.org/contests/snow2008.htm](http://www.cqc.org/contests/snow2008.htm) 30 days

Dec 19, 0000Z - Dec 20, 2400Z

1.8-28 50,144 RAC Winter Contest **X X** RS(T) and province or serial [www.rac.ca](http://www.rac.ca) Jan 31

Dec 19, 0000Z - Dec 19, 2359Z

1.8-28 50,144 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party **X X** Serial or ARLHS number [arlhs.com](http://arlhs.com) Jan 31

1.8-28 Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint **X** RST, S/P/C, ARCI number or Power [qrparci.org/contests](http://qrparci.org/contests) 30 days

Dec 20, 2000Z - Dec 20, 2400Z

1.8-28 South Dakota QSO Party **X X X** RS(T) and SD county or S/P/C [www.w0blk.org](http://www.w0blk.org) Jan 28

Dec 26, 0000Z - Dec 26, 2400Z CW: 1.805, 3.550, 7.050, 14.050; Phone: 1.890, 3.890, 7.230, 14.290, 21.350, 28.400.

3.5-28 RAEM Contest **X** Serial and lat/long in degrees [www.srr.ru/CONTEST/cup\\_raem\\_engl\\_07.php](http://www.srr.ru/CONTEST/cup_raem_engl_07.php) Jan 8

Dec 26, 0200Z - Dec 26, 0959Z

3.5-7 DARC Christmas Contest **X X** RS(T) and DOK or special station code [www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcx.htm](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcx.htm) 3 weeks

Dec 26, 0830Z - Dec 26, 1100Z

1.8 Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challeng **X** Grid square [jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt](http://jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt) Jan 31

Dec 26, 1500Z - Dec 27, 1500Z

14 070 Club QRP DX Scramble **X** Call sign, first name, WR 100 entity [www.podxs070.com](http://www.podxs070.com). Jan 28

Dec 27, 0000Z - Dec 27, 2400Z

**3.5-28 50+ ARRL Straight-Key Night **X** General QSO [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests) Jan 31**

## TRIVIA ANYONE?

President Hayes had the first telephone installed in the White House in 1879, receiving personal instruction on its use from Alexander Graham Bell.

**According to American Radio Works, the national documentary unit of American Public Media:**

***“The first President to pick up a White House telephone couldn't use it for much. The boxy device only called one number: the Treasury Department. When President Rutherford B. Hayes installed that first phone in 1879, there were no operators or switchboards yet, so a line had to go directly from one telephone to another. Still, Hayes proclaimed the new invention ‘one of the greatest events since creation.’”***

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**VE Bits**



Club members and others interested in taking the FCC examinations for the various license classes should know that testing sessions for the Club have been set at the American Red Cross building on Shawnee Street, Leavenworth at 7:00pm. The next testing date for 2009 is scheduled for 24 April.

If you need assistance preparing, please ask any of the Club officers. Classes will be held also throughout the year depending on the number of those interested in devoting the time. Bring an extra copy of your license if applying for a General or Extra license.

Please notify Martha Auchard, **WBOERI**, at 772-7350 of your desire to take the test, so Volunteer Examiners can be notified and all the elements you need are on hand. Also, if you have any questions about testing, or how to become a Volunteer Examiner, contact Martha.

The Raytown Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an “Amateur Swap and Sell

Net” on the two meter repeater 145.170(-). Please join us every Sunday night at 7:00 pm local time, if you have any ham equipment to sell or possibly swap. And all you bargain hunters should be listening, for something that might be just what you’re looking for.

## Calling All DX Chasers

**PALAU**, T8. Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as T88CI from Koror Island, Nov 25-Dec 10.

**IOTA** OC-009, from November 25 to December 10. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using mainly CW. He may also try SSB and RTTY.

**CHAD**, TT. Jovica, E78A is QRV as TT8JT from Abeche for three weeks.

**BELIZE**, V3. Pete, K8PT will be QRV as V31PT from Ambergris Cay, November 24 to December 5. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.

**NAMIBIA**, V5. Klaus, DJ4SO will be QRV as V5/home call November 23 to December 15. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW.

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND**, VK9X. Harry, DM5TI, Rene, DL2JRM, Thomas, DL2RMC and Sid, DM2AYO will be QRV as VK9XX from November 21 to December 5. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. They will be QRV as VK9XW in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL both calls via DL1RTL.

**INDIA**, VU. Amateur Radio operators in India have recently been authorized to transmit between 7100 and 7200 kHz, now giving them use from 7000 to 7200 kHz.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Need that one last location to finish off an award? Or just looking for new wall paper for your shack? Fulfill both needs by contacting these Special Event stations during the month.

**Dec 1-Dec 16, 1800Z-0400Z**, Sevierville, TN. Sevier County Emergency Radio Service, W4W. Sevier County Emergency Radio Christmas QSO Party. 28.350 14.260 7.250 3.840. QSL. QSL direct to amateur operating, the W4W special event station.

**Dec 4-Dec 7, 1400Z-1100Z**, Fredericksburg, TX. Hill Country Amateur Radio Club, N5P. Opening of the George H. W. Bush Gallery at the National Museum of the Pacific War, and commemorating the hams that served in WWII. 14.255 21.275 7.275 3.940. QSL. Nimitz Foundation

**Dec 5, 1400Z-2300Z**, Granite City, IL. The Egyptian Radio Club, Inc, W9AIU. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Egyptian Radio Club. 14.275 14.035. QSL. Egyptian Radio Club, PO Box 562, Granite City, IL 62040-0562. .

**Dec 5, 1700Z-2359Z**, San Deigo, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. SSB 14.320 7.050 PSK-31 7.070 CW 14.060 7.055 D-STAR 2m/70cm

**Dec 5-Dec 6, 1400Z-2200Z**, Baltimore, MD. ARC of the National Electronics Museum, W2W. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. 14.241 14.041 7.187 7.041. Certificate. ARCNEEM, Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21230.

**Dec 5-Dec 6, 1600Z-2000Z**, Gates Mills, OH. Gilmour Academy Amateur Radio, ND8GA. Opening of new \$18 million Gilmour Athletic Center. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Gilmour Amateur Radio, ND8GA, 34001 Cedar Rd, Gates Mills, OH 44040.

**Dec 12-Dec 13, 1700Z-0300Z**, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Broward Amateur Radio Club, W4AB. Fort lauderdale Winterfest Boat Parade. 14.250 7.200. QSL. Steve Adams, 1017 SW 4th Ter, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

**Dec 16-Dec 26, 1300Z-0500Z**, Granite Peak, MT. Beartooth Climbers, W7G. Radio and Science at the Summit of Montana. 146.52 14.280 3.920 20 m and 80 m weather permitting. QSL. Coordinator, 20 Tai Ln Apt 5, Bozeman, MT 59715.

**Dec 18-Dec 20, 1700Z-2200Z**, Wheeling, WV. Northern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club, W8ZQ. Festival of Lights Oglebay Park. 75 40 20m Gen bands. Certificate. Joe McCready, WB8CTC, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43909.

## USEFUL REFERENCES

QRZ—Call sign database and on-line practice tests: <http://www.qrz.com/site.html>

QST—Monthly ARRL Monthly Membership Journal: <http://www.arrl.org/qst/>

FINDU—Locate anyone with an APRS— (insert the desired call sign in lieu of KCOVERN):  
<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=kc0vrn>

Contest and Special Event listings courtesy of the Amateur Radio Relay League, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). DX listings courtesy of the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin, [www.papays.com/opdx.html](http://www.papays.com/opdx.html). Due to space limitations, not all listings from the sources are provided; only those that may be of general interest. Additional information and listings may be obtained from the respective websites. The Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club (PKARC), the QRZ, or it's editor make no guarantees to the accuracy of the information provided.

**Contest abbreviations** - SO -- Single-Op, M2 -- Multiop -- 2 Transmitters, MO -- Multi-Op, MS -- Multi-Op, Single Transmitter, MM -- Multi-Op, Multiple Transmitters, AB -- All Band, SB -- Single Band, S/P/C -- State/Province/DXCC Entity, HP -- High Power (>100 W), LP -- Low Power, QRP (5 W or less), Entity -- DXCC Entity.

**MEETINGS**

Date: First Thursday of each month  
 Time: 7:30 p.m., Central Time  
 Location: The American Red Cross  
 525 Shawnee  
 Leavenworth, KS



**AFFILIATIONS**

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE  
 THE AMERICAN RED CROSS  
 THE LEAVENWORTH COUNTY  
 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
 THE SALVATION ARMY

AREA REPEATERS	PL TONE	TRUSTEE
145.330(-)		NOKOA
147.000(+)	151.4	WBOERI
444.800(+)	151.4	WOROO
442.350(+)	107.2	NOMIJ

LOCAL NETS	DATE - TIME - REPEATER
ARES Info and Training:	Sun. - 7:30pm - 147.000
PKARC Net:	Wed. - 7:30pm - 147.000
ARES Net:	Thur: - 7:30pm - 145.330
MAC Net:	Sun: - 7:00pm - 444.800

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