KENTUCKY NEWS KENTUCKY SECTION MANAGER STEVE MORGAN W4NHO OWENSBORO KY 42301 HAPPENING OF THE MONTH JUNE 2018



### GET READY, SET , GO - FIELD DAY 2018 JUNE 23-24



Figure 1 Paintsville ARC Group FD





Figure 2 Woodford Co

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2018 is June 23-24.

Figure 3 Paintsville FD ARC

Here is your link for all the rules etc. for 2018 <a href="http://www.arrl.org/field-day#">http://www.arrl.org/field-day#</a>

Don't forget your bonus points: I will be looking for **Section bonus points**, email: <u>w4nho@winlink.org</u> Good luck to all KY Clubs and Contest groups in FD 2018.

#### DAYTON 2018 - YEAR TWO @ XENIA





Dayton is and will be the Dayton Hamvention<sup>©</sup> come ice, sleet, snow or <u>rain</u>. It will adapt and overcome. I hope all that attended had a great time and enjoyed the forums, walking, long lines, walking, good food, walking and maybe some great buys. I know my pocket book is lighter but had a ball learning new technology. Will I go again? ..... heck yah! See you Xenia 2019!

### Dayton Hamvention - YL Style by Carol Laferty, K4SAF



Figure 4 Dayton YL's Hamvention 2018

The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) had a booth at the Dayton Hamvention in Xenia. YLRL has been in existence since 1939, and we have close to 500 members in the U.S. and throughout the world. Many members showed up in Xenia.

This year we were in one of the buildings, sharing that building with the ARRL Exhibition, Begali Keys, Ham Radio Outlet, and numerous other high visibility exhibitions and booths. The YLRL members doing most all the meet and greet duties were Anna Manna, WB1ARU, Hanover, MA; Carol Laferty, K4SAF, Morehead, KY; and Anne Dirkman, KC9YL, Francis Creek, WI. We had over 150 people sign the guestbook, but many more stopped by. We recruited 15 new members and received renewals from others. On Friday afternoon we held our annual YLRL Forum, with at least 70 YLs and OM attending. A long-time member and former YLRL President, Nancy Rabel Hall, engineer for NASA, spoke about her work at that agency in Ohio. Valerie Hotzfeld, also a member, spoke about her experiences as a member of the ARRL group who went to Puerto Rico to help after the devastating hurricane last summer. She is also the ARRL Amateur of the Year for 2018.

YLs want to be an important, contributing part of the Amateur Radio community, and we appreciate the opportunity each year at the Dayton Hamvention and other large and small hamfests throughout the country and world. Look for us in Xenia and elsewhere in 2018 and 2019.



#### **AMATEUR RADIO - BONDING FRIENDSHIP THROUGH TIME**

Figure 5 Carol Lafterty, K4SAF, Morehead with her long time friend Kent Miller, K4MK. Both were licensed as teens.

#### **CLUB OF THE MONTH**

#### **MOREHEAD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**



#### **Morehead Amateur Radio Society**

The Morehead Amateur Radio Society was formed in 2016, as an auxiliary to the Kentucky District 8 ARES network of hams in Morehead and Rowan County and the Northeast Kentucky region. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire and Rescue Training Building on State Hwy. 801 N in Rowan County. That is in the MMRC Business Park at 99 Lake Park Drive. Amateur operators from Rowan County, as well as neighboring counties, regularly attend the meetings.

Carol Laferty K4SAF, Terry Stewart K4EWW

The club became an ARRL affiliated club in March, 2017. Bill Barker, KB4AAA, is currently our President. There are 25 voting members in the club, with visitors often dropping by. Other officers are Gary Lanham, KM4GOQ; Secretary, Carol Laferty, K4SAF; and Treasurer, Emily Clarke, W4EDC. Terry Stewart, N4EWW, is senior consultant for the group and maintains our Morehead Repeater, KY4HS.

The club plans on setting up again for Field Day 2018 at the Fire and Rescue Training Center, where we meet. We operated in 2017 for the first time as a club. Everyone had a good time, got in some operating time, and were well fed.

Licensed members of the faculty at the Morehead State University's Earth and Space program are active members, which adds a wider scope of our mission. Our main purpose is to help be prepared for emergency situations, such as the F3 Tornado that hit West Liberty and Morgan County so hard in 2012.

We also want to serve as Elmers for anyone who might be trying to get a license or upgrade. Testing is held after most every meeting in the same facility. Our community of amateur operators has been strengthened by getting to know each other and enjoying the camaraderie with other area hams.

Last year we were brave enough to hold our first hamfest, the Cave Run Hamfest. We will have our second one on Saturday, Oct 13, 2018, at our usual meeting place on Hwy 801N in the Business Park. Last year it conflicted with the Bowling Green Hamfest, and several hams in the state told us they would have liked to attend both. We have adjusted our date to resolve the conflict and accommodate them. Come out and support our efforts! Mike Sewell, KB8BOD, is chairman of the hamfest. His email is <a href="https://www.kb8bod@yahoo.com">kb8bod@yahoo.com</a> for information.

Carol Laferty K4SAF Secretary



There is an opinion poll circulating regarding Kentucky's long time standing in the GL Division of the ARRL and whether we should be considered to be a member of the Delta Division. The questionnaire was sent out via KYHAM on May 24th. We currently share with Tennessee our western to eastern boarder across Kentucky and also are joint members in Region Four FEMA. There will be no opinion given or discussion from this position, only to let you know it is available for comment. It's up to the membership to provide an opinion. I hope that you will decide for yourself based on fact, not on gossip or rumor.

End date will be June 23rd. Questions - please contact me direct. I have received many replies on both side of the fence. Must be an ARRL member to participate and callsigns will be verified.

### KY COMEX CONDUCTED JUNE 13 -14



By the time the Section News goes to press, this event will be history. If your county or district has been asked to participate, I hope you will provided the professionalism that is associated with ARES. During our meeting at Princeton June 2nd there is an established need to provide teams to aid their neighbors in time disaster or to provide training. Please consider your availability for such an event.

### ARRL HANDBOOK GOES TO WORTHY CAUSE PRINCETON HAMFEST 2018



Figure 8 Steve Brown K4SBB won the 2018 Handbook door prize during the ARES meeting at Princeton



Figure 9 Area ARES members at Princeton L to R Kenny Garrett N4KLG KY SEC, Kimber Heddens KI4GWN DEC3 BILL CALL KJ4W EM DIR Murray Dan Rubino KD9CHL Marion Steve Brown K4SBB Sturgis Mike Taylor N4MHT Princeton; Joey McCaslin KW4KL EM Dir Caldwell Co



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FIELD DAY JUNE 23 - 24 BIG SANDY HAMFEST JULY 28 LEXINGTON HAMFEST AUG 11

ARRL ST CONVENTION SHEPHERDSVILLE SEPTEMBER 8

### STILL IN SEARCH OF AN **AFFILIATED CLUB COORDINATOR**

#### **Comments from our Technical Coordinator, Chuck Miliam N9KY**

May. May is over? Went to Hamvention and came home with a SHARKRF openspot that I have programmed for use at home. With that been working on my DMR codeplug to cover Kentucky and vicinity.

Also purchased a power distrubution board from HamRadioWorkbench and assembled it for use around home. The assembly was quick and to the point after getting my parts from DigiKey in a couple if days.

Also been working satellites as time allows.

No official actions this month.

# **ARES SUMMARY FOR MAY 2018**

LOGAN CO AA4VO ARES PATICIPATION REPORT FOR KF4UKC KEN 7, 14, 21 MAY 2018 KDN 7, 14, 21 MAY 2018 NHC ANNUAL TEST WX4NHC 26 MAY 18 1326Z US COAST GUARD W5CGC 26 MAY 18 1555Z 3 TFC GENERATED AND DELIVERED 6 TFC RECIEVED AND DELIVERED submitted byAA4VO steve

ANDERSON CO KM4VQD Participated in 5 of the 5 Anderson Radio Club ARES Nets during May and served as Net Control for 1 net. I also participated in nets in Boyle, Fayette, Madison, Shelby, and Woodford counties and in the KY Emergency Net. I attended the Anderson Radio Club and Captital Amateur Radio Society monthly meetings.

HENRY CO NG0O Had joint meetings with Shelby County 5/9 and 5/22. Had Skywarn Net 5/31 that lasted between 45 to 90 minutes with 9 check ins. Did monthly check on digipeater at Henry County Heath Department. LEPC Meeting at EMA office in New Castle, Ky 5/21

SHELBY CO NG0O Had 2 Club meetings for May with operators from Spencer and Henry Counties in attendance. 15 to 17 attended these meetings. Very good numbers for check ins on Wednesday night ARES Nets. Had 5 operators to volunteer to help EMA with clean up of storage garage on 5/23 followed

by LEPC meeting at city hall at 1:30 pm. Had Skywarn Weather Net on 147.00 Repeater on 5/31 conducted by KB4EBP. Net ran for 90 minutes with 10 check ins.

JACKSON CO KB9LXH This report includes the Southeast Kentucky SKYWARN Weather Net which meets Sundays at 2000 ET and District 11 ARES Net that meets on Thursdays at 1915 ET. Both nets are held on the ARES District 11 Linked Communications System serving Jackson and the surrounding counties of the district. For the month of May, the following updates are provided: 1. Membership: I currently have four members with recruitment efforts continuing.

2. Served Agencies: Jackson County EMA/CSEPP, McKee, KY and National Weather Service Forecast Office, Jackson, KY (NWSFO-JKL)

3. Communication Emergency: No ARES Communication Emergencies occurred in the month of May. Participated in 3 separate SKYWARN net activations on May 31, 2018. (For details, see PSARs for May 31, 2018, submitted by KG4KGN, KO4OL, and KM4VHI, plus the DEC report for May.)

4. Public Service Event(s): KB9LXH from Jackson County ARES assisted ARES District 13 & Fayette County ARES with American Diabetes Association fundraising PSE (See PSAR dated May 19, 2018.) 5. Training/Exercise:

1. Operated as the Southeast Kentucky SKYWARN Weather Net Control Station operator each Sunday for the months. (4 times).

2. Operated as the District 11 ARES Net Control Station operator every Thursday for the month, except on May 3, 2018, due to a meeting I participated in at ARES District 13. KM4VHI conducted the District 11 ARES net that day. (4 out of 5 times).

3. I am continuing study towards completion of the FEMA Emergency Management Professional Development Series (PDS) online program.

4. Emergency communications training requirements (including NIMS) for all ARES members is ongoing.6. Outreach Efforts:

1. KB9LXH, representing Jackson County ARES, attended the regular meeting of the Southeast Kentucky Amateur Radio Club (SEKYARC) in London on May 8, 2018, (See DEC report item for detailed comments).

DISTRICT 11 DEC KB9LXH In District 11, I have 7 active ADECs, AECs, ECs, and OESes appointed, and of these 4 have reported this month. Reports received are from ECs and/or AECs from Clay, Jackson, Knox, and Rockcastle counties. At the time of this report, I have not received an EC report from Laurel or McCreary County nor have I received an AEC report from Laurel County despite several email inquiries sent. 11b. Communication Nets: This report includes the Southeast Kentucky SKYWARN Weather Net which meets Sundays each week at 2000 ET and District 11 ARES Net that meets on every Thursday at 1915 ET. Both nets are held on the ARES District 11 Linked Communications System serving all eight counties in the district and beyond to include the Knoxville Metropolitan and NE Tennessee areas. 11c. District Leadership: I have EC positions filled for Clay County. I still have EC vacancies for Bell, Clay, and Whitley counties even though recruiting efforts to continue for an EC and ARES members in these and other established counties in the district. 11d. Drills, Nets, Training, and Exercises: 1. Operated as the Southeast Kentucky SKYWARN Weather Net Control Station operator each Sunday for the months. (4 times).

2. Operated as the District 11 ARES Net Control Station operator every Thursday for the month, except on May 3, 2018, due to a meeting I participated in at ARES District 13. KM4VHI conducted the District 11 ARES net that day. (4 out of 5 times).

3. I am continuing study towards completion of the FEMA Emergency Management Professional Development Series (PDS) online program. 11e. Social Media Outreach (Recruitment & Retention): This work to recruit new hams, in general, as well as current operators interested in emergency

communications, continue to with our District 11 ARES website & blog at

https://kydistrict11ares.wordpress.com/, a Google+ page, and Twitter account @KYARESDist11. Other outreach efforts include Diaspora\* (an alternative to Facebook) and for ARES member retention in District 11, a separate Groups.io account from the kyares.net website. 11f. Club Liaison: 1. Work continues with the two radio clubs in the district, Southeast Kentucky Amateur Radio Club (SEKYARC) in London and Mountain Amateur Radio Club (MARC) in Middlesboro to recruit new hams and in turn look to develop a pool of ARES members as well as SKYWARN spotters with our NWSFO partner in Jackson, KY. 2. Participated in the regular monthly meeting of the SEKYARC at the Laurel County EOC on May 8, 2018. Items discussed include:

1. the upcoming ARRL test session on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

2. A personnel matter involving a former club officer, and

3. Field Day 2018 options for the club.

11g. Communications Support/ARES/SKYWARN/Public Service Event Planning/License Testing: 1. Communications Support: Coordination of the District 11 ARES and Southeast Kentucky Skywarn Weather Nets continues to work (at least on a part-time basis) to a District-wide ten-repeater system, identified as ARES District 11 Linked Communications System with the Kentucky repeaters listed on the website Repeaterbook.com. Our support is provided by MARC in Middlesboro and from repeater owners who are also members of SEKYARC in London. With this system in place, the district is able to maximize our repeater coverage to all SE Kentucky and surrounding areas via All-Star/IRLP node connections with Echolink available on most repeaters for District 11 ARES and Southeast Kentucky Skywarn Weather Nets.

2. ARES Communications: No ARES communication emergencies took place in May.

3. SKYWARN Communications: Participated in 3 separate SKYWARN activations on May 31, 2018; 2 in Madison County/District 13 while traveling to and from Lexington and one in SE Kentucky SKYWARN (District 11). (For details, see PSAR from KG4KGN and KO4OL for Madison County & PSAR from KM4VHI for Southeast Kentucky SKYWARN, all dated 5/31/2018.)

4. Public Service Events:

1. Participated with District 13 & Fayette County ARES for the American Diabetes Association's "Tour de Cure" Ride-Run-Walk fundraising event. (See PSAR, dated 5/19/2018.)

5. License Testing: Participated in none for the month of May.

GARRAD CO KM4KGN On May 19th - 20th, 3 Garrard ARES members completed the "Search Management for the Initial Response Incident Commander" training class provided by KY State EOC. This was the last of several training courses required to allow those members to actively participate in Search and Rescue Operations in support of the Garrard County EOC. A request was also made for me to accept an appointment to the Garrard County Rescue Squad Executive Board, as well as provide Wilderness First Aid/CPR, Wilderness Survival and Land Navigation Training for the Rescue Squad.

MADISON CO KO4OL Several severe thunderstorm warning were issued for Madison County on May 31. There was no damage reported by amateurs although EMA reported there were several trees down and local flooding in the usual places. Amateurs participating in the ARES activations were KO4OL, KM4KGN, KG4KFH, KY4SGM KJ4AOM, KE4JXD, KJ4PBL, AJ4A, AJ4AJ, KK4QPB, KB9LXH, KY4OZ. The antenna on the 146.865 repeater has been determined to be bad. A new antenna has been ordered and is on back order. May be July before it can be replaced.

CLAY CO AEC KS4WM this is my first report since my appointment as clay county AEC. I have spent some time getting a list together of licensed hams in clay county and I plan to notify them either by phone , email , letter or on air conversation in the coming month. I look forward to serving as clay county Assistant Emergency Coordinator. thanks Bruce, ks4wm

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