

# DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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to the

**Delta Amateur Radio Club!**

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## SEPTEMBER 2005 CLUB MEETING

**DATE:** September 13, 2005 ( 2nd Tuesday - be there )  
**PLACE:** Ellendale Church Of Christ, 7365 Highway 70,  
Memphis, Tn. ( 2 miles east of Hwy. 64-Stage Rd. )  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**PROGRAM:** To Be Announced

**VE TESTING:** Don't forget the monthly Volunteer Examiner testing session. Registration begins at **5:30 P.M.** and testing begins promptly at 6:00 P.M. Please remember to bring two forms of identification and copies of any existing licenses or CSCE's you might have. The ARRL FEC exam application is \$14. Please be on time for registration, as you will not be allowed to enter the testing session after 6:00 p.m. This is to allow our volunteer VE team to finish in time to attend the club meeting. For more VE testing information contact...

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**Please Remember:** Deadline for Reports and Articles for the next issue of SPARKS is Friday, September 30th. All articles **MUST** be in to me by the deadline in order to be published in the next issue. Please forward all articles and items of interest to:

[paulsonrj@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulsonrj@bellsouth.net)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To all of the Delta Amateur Radio Club Members:

It is now only two months from the time that we elect officers for the next year. I know everyone is looking forward to getting those phone calls asking them if they will be willing to accept a nomination to some officer's position to serve the club next year.

As you may know, a suggestion was made and motion made and passed to have the club get QSL Cards so that the club can respond and send the cards to those who desire them after contacts were made at field day. We do not get very many requests, but even one should be responded to. We are conducting a contest to decide to what the card will look like.

This month is the month in which the Delta Club helps put on the annual MS 150 bike ride. It will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Notify Tommy, KD4TJO, for a

work assignment. The MS 150 counts on us to provide vital communications during the event, and our reward is a lot of fun and food. Plus, we get to hone our skills of handling communications traffic.

We are providing an entry level Tech class on September 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 AM. The class will be held in the conference room at Memphis/Shelby County Emergency Management (EMA), 2668 Avery Street (in the Amour Center Complex). There will be a CERT class offered at the same time in the EMA's large room, there may be signs up showing the way to the CERT class that you can follow to the Tech class location. We offer VE testing at the location starting about 2:30 PM. All classes of test elements will be offered at the testing session. Admission to the class is free, but we encourage all that plan to attend to have already purchased and studied the ARRL's "Now Your Talkin" book. This book costs about \$ 15.00 to \$ 20.00.

There also is a fee of \$14.00 to take the test. I would suggest, from personal experience, that anyone planning to test bring at least \$28.00 so that in event you miss too many questions on the first try, you are able take it again at this testing session if you feel that you still have a chance to pass. I have seen to many miss passing the first test by only a couple, but could not take it over immediately because they did not bring enough to pay for the second try. Of

course, you may take additional tests at the same session, for no additional cost as long as you pass the one you are taking. ALSO, those testing must have a picture ID, and if already a ham, a copy of their license, or "CSCE", or both. I will be at the testing session and part of the class.

Ned Savage, KA4BLL

### DARC BOARD MEETING August 2, 2005

KA4BLL-Ned Savage called the board meeting to order at 7:05 p. m. KK4D-Darrell, KG4VAW-Bill, KI4DIL-Lisa, K4KCU-Roger and N2LAZ-Dean were in attendance.

KG4VAW-Bill gave the treasurer's report and KI4DIL-Lisa gave the secretary's report. The board accepted them as read.

#### **Old Business:**

The board discussed problems with our repeaters and decided to contact KD4TJO-Tommy and N9GSA-Suresh before the general meeting as they were not at this board meeting.

KK4D-Darrell presented a motion to sell the antenna in N4GMT-Lance's barn to same Lance Morris. N2LAZ-Dean seconded the motion and the board voted to accept it.

The board members discussed and unanimously decided not to

change the club ticket drawing procedures except for the grand prize drawing in November. We decided the only change would be that only a paid member would be able to win this prize.

KK4D-Darrell gave a short report on the tower trailer.

#### **New Business:**

KA4BLL-Ned presented the board with information on possibly opening an EBAY account for the club to sell items off of. KK4D-Darrell advised he would check on it advising it may not be cost effective.

The board discussed the need for QSL cards. KK4D-Darrell made a motion to develop and purchase QSL cards for the club. K4KCU-Roger seconded the motion and the board unanimously passed it.

KK4D-Darrell presented another motion to have contest between the club members for the design of the QSL card. KG4VAW-Bill seconded the motion. The board unanimously accepted and decided to present it this motion at the general meeting on August 9, 2005.

KI4DIL-Lisa presented an application for membership from KI4KRM-Daniel Hatchel to the board. The board voted to accept him as a new member.

KK4D-Darrell motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 7:46 p.m.

KA4BLL-Ned seconded.

Respectfully submitted by KI4DIL-  
Lisa Sheffield DARC Secretary

**DARC GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
August 9, 2005**

KA4BLL-Ned Savage called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM with the introduction of the members and guests present. There were 30 members and 3 guests present.

Ned called for the secretary's report. KI4DIL-Lisa read the previous month's minutes to the membership. KC4SXT-Bill made a motion to accept and the membership unanimously voted to pass the minutes.

Ned then called for the treasurer's report. KG4VAW-Bill read his report. KK4D-Darrell made motion to accept and N2LAZ-Dean seconded the motion. The membership unanimously voted to accept report as read.

**Old Business:**

KA4BLL-Ned presented the updated decision to the general membership concerning the monthly ticket drawings.

KG4OLG-John made a motion that you have to be a member to win the grand prize in November.

KC4SXT-Bill seconded the motion and the membership voted to accept.

KG4OLG-John presented information to the membership concerning a 1-day class session and testing session for TECH set

for September 24, 2005. He advised that you can email him if you are interested in attending at kg4olg@arrl.net .

K4NDH-Bob Holdford gave information on his plans to ride in the MS150 Bike tour and advised the membership of the importance of this event.

KA4BLL-Ned thanked K4KCU-Roger for the membership rosters.

**New Business:**

WA4KHN-Tony Brignole advised membership of MARA's trip to the Huntsville, AL Hamfest on August 20<sup>th</sup> and invited members to attend.

KD4TJO-Tommy Thompson gave the membership information on the upcoming MS 150 Bike Tour in Tunica-September 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers.

KD4TJO-Tommy gave an update on the club's repeaters and explained why we have been having problems advising he and N9GSA-Suresh have been keeping on top of the problems and would continue to do so.

KD4TJO-Tommy then introduced the guest speakers for the program for the evening. Jason Motz and Tim Curtis of Desoto County EMA presented an informative program on Emergency Services Citizen Corp-a division of Homeland Security. They presented information on RACES-Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and how we can become a part of

this organization.

At 7:50 KA4BLL-Ned called for a fifteen minute break. At 8:05 p.m. KA4BLL-Ned resumed the meeting.

KK4D-Darrell made a motion to the membership to sell the antenna stored in N4GMT's barn. KC4SXT-Bill seconded. KA4BLL-Ned opened the floor to discussion-there was no opposition and general membership unanimously passed the motion to sell the antenna.

KK4D-Darrell made a motion to the club to purchase QSL cards for the club. KG4VAW-Bill seconded the motion. The membership voted and passed the motion.

KK4D-Darrell then made a motion to have a contest for the design of the club's QSL card. The design needs to be in to the board by the September 5 board meeting. This motion passed.

KF4NDH-Bob brought to the memberships attention that we need a net controller for Saturday nights.

KE4DXN-Melinda Thompson won the door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

KI4DIL-Lisa Sheffield  
DARC Secretary

## VE CORNER

Thank you to the following VE's for helping with the testing sessions.

Rick Bonds KE4NTI; James Brown K4USN ; Jim Cissell KI4I; Ed Cookenham K3ORS; Bill Covington KC4SXT; Richard Garrett AI4BN; Ned Savage KA4BLL; Tom Vickers N4TV; Francis White WA4ZYN; Ray Wilson N4ARH

CONGRATULATIONS to the following:

July 12, 2005

Robert Bumpus - N9GIL - General  
Daniel Hatchel KI4KRM - Tech  
Kevin Lamb KI4KRN - Tech  
Leslie Moore - KI4KZZ - Tech  
Lucas Nwaobi - KI4KZY - Tech  
David Royer - KI4FCU - General  
Akimasa Umemoto - Extra Class

August 9, 2005

John Seaton KE5FSM - Tech

Please also note there will be a Saturday testing session - September 24th at the EMA office on Avery at 3:00.

73, Joan KN4PM

## TECHNICIAN LICENSE TRAINING CLASS

John, KG4OLG, Director of Training will be teaching a Technician License training class, on September 24 at the Shelby County EMA office on Avery. This

will be a one day class with a VE testing session immediately following the class.

For further information contact John Zempel, KG4OLG at (901) 386-1695 or email kg4olg@arrl.net

## FROM THE ARRL NEWSLETTER

### ARRL PRESIDENT URGES ORDERLY AMATEUR RADIO RESPONSE TO KATRINA

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, this week called on the Amateur Radio community to exercise patience as the Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans flooding relief and recovery efforts move into high gear.

"I know many people would like to move now," Haynie said. "Please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet." Haynie instead advised hams eager to assist to make sure they're prepared, refresh their skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures.

The ARRL now is seeking experienced Amateur Radio emergency volunteers to help supplement communication for American Red Cross feeding and sheltering operations in Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. Special consideration will be given to operators who have successfully completed the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency

Communications course training (Level I minimum) to serve as team leaders. All interested should e-mail Katrina@arrl.org;, providing name, call sign, contact information and any equipment you can take along on a field deployment for an indefinite period. Volunteers may face hardship conditions without the usual amenities and will need to provide their own transportation to the marshaling area.

Haynie says safety is of paramount importance to all ARES volunteers. "For now, the area is simply too dangerous, and no one is being allowed in," he pointed out. "Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion." He requested that ARES members and teams work through their Section Emergency Coordinators (SECs).

Amateur Radio operators from Texas were deployed this week to New Orleans to assist in the trouble-plagued evacuation of flooding refugees from the Louisiana Superdome. Because of additional flooding, damage to the facility and other problems at the Superdome, authorities conveyed the 25,000 flood evacuees in the sports stadium to the Houston Astrodome and other locations in Texas.

Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Stratton, K5GLS, says ham radio communication between Houston and the Baton

Rouge, Louisiana, emergency operations center (EOC) September 1 was able to clarify some logistical issues involved with the refugee relocation effort.

While Amateur Radio is providing support in Louisiana for various relief organizations, Stratton said most ham radio efforts to date have gone toward assisting with emergency management and search-and-rescue operations. Stratton says he has ARES members ready to roll once authorities reopen the hardest-hit parishes that have been closed off to outsiders.

"We have people on standby from all over northern Louisiana and from the South Texas Section basically champing at the bit trying to find out when they can go," Stratton told ARRL. "It's a very tough wait." Volunteers have been or will be deployed into areas that are not cordoned off, he said.

Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, says ARES members are active in the three hardest-hit counties--Harrison, Hancock and Jackson. Amateurs there have been using HF, VHF and UHF resources to support emergency management as well as the Red Cross, The Salvation Army and the Baptist Men's Kitchen. They've also been handling considerable health-and-welfare traffic, Keown said.

In combination with his role as an ARES member, Alabama SM Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, this week

volunteered at a Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Organization encampment in Mobile on his state's hurricane-stricken Gulf Coast--and he's using his vacation time to do it. He supported communication for the Red Cross, The Salvation Army and Southern Baptist relief organizations helping to feed flood victims and supply them with necessities.

"There's still a lot of power outages, still a lot of damage--trees down, roads blocked, a lot of streets under water in the downtown Mobile area, and a lot of people who don't have food, electricity or phones here," Sarratt told ARRL. "Until I got down here, I didn't know the magnitude of the Mobile situation." He said Amateur Radio volunteers at the encampment are coordinating on HF with Alabama SEC Jay Isbell, KA4KUN, and providing logistical communication support for Red Cross emergency response vehicles on VHF FM simplex.

Sarratt will head to Mississippi and Louisiana's ravaged coastal areas over the holiday weekend to help out ARES volunteers already there. "Those guys down there have found massive devastation--no power, no cell phones."

The West Gulf ARES Emergency Net remains active on 7.285 MHz days and 3.873 MHz nights, handling emergency and priority traffic only. Health-and-welfare traffic is being handled on 7.290 MHz days and 3.935 MHz nights. The Salvation Army Team

Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) on 14.265 MHz has begun concentrating on emergency and priority traffic and shuttling health-and-welfare requests to its Web site <http://www.satern.org/>. The Salvation Army also is using Amateur Radio for its tactical communications.

Radio amateurs not involved in emergency communication are being asked to keep the West Gulf Emergency Net and SATERN frequencies clear, plus or minus 5 kHz. ARRL advises that stations not initiate any additional traffic into the storm-affected areas at this time.

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT TO "HAM AID" WILL SUPPORT KATRINA RESPONSE

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) <http://www.nationalservice.org/> will provide a \$100,000 grant supplement to ARRL to support Amateur Radio's emergency communication operators in states affected by Hurricane Katrina. The grant will help to fund "Ham Aid," a new League program to support Amateur Radio volunteers deployed in the field in disaster-stricken areas. ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, expressed gratitude to CNCS for its generous response. Ham Aid, she said, offers a unique opportunity to support individual radio amateurs helping to bridge the communication gap Hurricane Katrina has caused.

"For the first time in ARRL history, we will be able to reimburse some of the expenses that hams incur in response to a disaster," she said. "We only wish that we could justify an expense reimbursement program like this every time Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers are called upon to help in a disaster or emergency, sometimes placing themselves in harm's way."

Hobart said it's only due to the scope of the unprecedented and tragic Katrina disaster that CNCS agreed to help support dedicated Amateur Radio volunteers. "But," she added, "we'd like to think of this grant as a token of appreciation and a recognition of Amateur Radio's value in past emergencies and disasters, such as 9/11."

Hobart says ARRL's Ham Aid program already has received some substantial private donations. Those and the CNCS grant, she said, provide a way for the League to "support our Field Organization as never before."

The CNCS Ham Aid grant is effective for operations established and documented as of September 1, 2005, and the aid is earmarked for Hurricane Katrina deployments only at this point. Guidelines are being established that will permit volunteers who have been involved in bona fide field support operations on or after September 1 to apply for a reimbursement voucher on a per diem basis.

Grant funds may also sustain the

Ham Aid program and help to rebuild the emergency communications capabilities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to ensure that the Gulf Coast is prepared, should disaster strike again.

The CNCS grant is an extension of ARRL's three year Homeland Security training grant, which has provided certification in emergency communication protocols to nearly 5500 Amateur Radio volunteer over the past three years.

"CNCS grants helped make it possible for the ARRL to train America's hams and make them the best all-volunteer emergency radio service ever seen," Hobart said. "Now they are making it possible for the hams to use that training."

#### HIGHER VANITY CALL SIGN APPLICATION FEE NOW IN EFFECT

The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign rose to \$21.90 effective for applications received by the FCC on or after Tuesday, August 23. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a new Fee Filing Guide [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf) this week, and WTB personnel have confirmed that the new vanity fee is in effect.

In a Report and Order and Order On Reconsideration (R&O) in the assessment and collection of

regulatory fees for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 released July 7, the FCC raised the vanity application fee for FY 2005 from \$20.80 to \$21.90 for the 10-year license term. The FCC said it had adjusted FY 2004 "payment units" for each service to better reflect expected FY 2005 payment liabilities. The fee went up from \$16.30 to \$20.80 a year ago.

A reevaluation in the number of anticipated vanity call sign applications--or "payment units"--accounts for this latest fee hike. The FCC says it anticipates 7600 vanity applications--up only slightly from a year earlier.

The fee applies to applications for new vanity call signs as well as to license renewals for current vanity call sign holders. Vanity call sign licenses issued in 1996 when the FCC resurrected its vanity program will be coming up for renewal starting in mid-2006. Under current rules, Amateur Radio licensees may only file renewal applications within 90 days of their license expiration date.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrrl.org/arrrlvec/vanity.html>.

### PACKET UPDATE .....

Many times when running digital modes we run on battery power. The health of these batteries determine how long and even if we will be able to run our equipment portable or during a power failure. West Mountain Radio has come up with a battery analyzer to check up on your batteries to make sure they can do their job when needed. The CBA hooks to the battery and the USB port of our computer. By monitoring the voltage and current as the battery is discharged they can calculate the amp hour capacity of the battery and print label printouts to stick on the battery along with graphs that can be saved and compared to previous tests. While not for everyone this tool makes it nice to know all your batteries will be up to par and ready to go when you need them. For anyone interested in information on the CBA ( computerized battery analyzer ) check out the West Mountain Radio website at [www.westmountainradio.com](http://www.westmountainradio.com).

James Butler, KB4LJV

### AMATEUR HARDWARE UPDATE .....

Many amateurs are now getting into QRP morse code operation. There are many manufacturers that have come out with low power rigs. A lot of small companies have also come out with inexpensive CW only monobander kits to get on the bands with. This month's project is the OAK HILLS RESEARCH monobander kit for 30 meters. These kits sell for about \$140 and take from 15 to 20 hours to assemble. Included with the kit is all you need except for the solder. When you finish hook up to a 12 volt power supply, antenna , and a key and you are ready to go. The kits are offered for 40, 30, 20 and 15 meter bands. They cover about 70 KHZ of the band. I built the one for 30 meter. The unit went together without any problem. Power output is 5 watts and can be turned down if desired as low as you want to go. The unit has full break in keying with solid state switching. The rig has a volume control, gain control, RIT control, bandwidth control, and tuning control. Included in the kit price is the PC board, All the parts needed to assemble, knobs, and case. Available options are a 15 turn potentiometer for finer tuning and a keyer module that mounts inside. You can also buy their digital display kit which plugs in the back to give a digital readout of frequency. The kit works nice and includes a few features not found on some of the cheaper kits like RIT and volume control. If you are in the market for a nice kit that has all the parts provided check out one of these for your favorite band. For more information you can check out the website that has them. It is [www.mtechnologies.com](http://www.mtechnologies.com).

James Butler, KB4LJV



# September

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				<b>1</b> <b>MARA Club Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>2</b> Will Pace	<b>3</b> Roger, KI4AJH Richard, KN4AG
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Terry, KB4KA
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Delta Club Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> John, KA4RXP	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> James, KG4YKY Jim, KN4F	<b>20</b> Marjorie, KF4NZA David, KU4AS	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Mike, W5CHR Bill, KG4VAW	<b>24</b> Ken, K4DIT
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Shelby Cty.,</b> <b>ARES Meeting</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Mark, KB4MFD	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# October

2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Jeanette, KC4VYJ	<b>2</b> Ann, WB4FAA Karen, KC4VRL	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>MARA Club Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Paul, KC4VSM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Delta Club Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Frank, KA4SJM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Donna, KE4WEU Daisy, WB4BKL	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Robert, KE4HFH	<b>18</b> Charlie, KE4NTM	<b>19</b> Earshel, WD4KRA Melinda, KE4DXN	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Jeff, N3TBY	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Shelby Cty.,</b> <b>ARES Meeting</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Claude, N4ARH	<b>25</b> Beverly Rauch	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Angie Garrett Mary, KA4UGI
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Jerry, W4TIL				



**CONTEST CALENDAR**

Here are some of the contests and special events coming up in the next few weeks...

1400Z Sep 14-0200Z Sep 16, work 24 out of the 36 hour period. Try frequencies ending in 33 or 88, such as 7.233, 14.288, etc. For more information: [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org).

**WAE DX Contest**--SSB, 0000Z Sep 10-2359Z Sep 11 (see Aug *QST*, p 85, or [www.darc.de/referate/dx](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx)).

**ARRL Sep VHF QSO Party**, 1800Z Sep 10-0300Z Sep 12 (see Aug *QST*, p 90).

**Second-Class Operators Club (SOC) Marathon Sprint**--CW, from 1800Z to 2400Z Sep 10. (Most sprints run 4 hours, but since we're Second Class Ops, we need more time!) Frequencies: 160-10 meters.

**Arkansas QSO Party**--CW/SSB/PSK31 sponsored by K1ARK, from 1400Z Sep 10-0600Z Sep 11 and 1800Z Sep 11-0200Z Sep 12. Frequencies (MHz): CW--3.550, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050; Phone--3.980, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 145-147; PSK--3580, 7070; 14.070; 21.080; 28.120. Categories: SO, MS, Mobile, HP, LP, QRP, S/P/C, PSK. For more information: [www.arkan.us](http://www.arkan.us).

**Tennessee QSO Party**--CW/Phone--sponsored by the Tennessee Contest Group, 1800Z Sep 11-0100Z Sep 12. Frequencies (MHz): CW--1.815, 3.540, 7.040, 14.040, 21.040, 28.040; SSB--1.855, 3.900, 7.240, 14.280, 21.390, 28.390; Novice/Tech--3.700, 7.130, 21.140, 28.140, 28.390; VHF/UHF--50.195, 144.195, 146.55, 223.5, 446.0. For more information: [www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp05\\_rules.html](http://www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp05_rules.html).

**North American Sprint**--CW, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 11 (see Feb *QST*, p 102, or [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)).

**YLRL Howdy Days**--CW/SSB--sponsored by the YL Radio League,

**Get Your Feet Wet Weekend**--CW, sponsored by FISTS CW Club, from 0000Z Sep 16 - 2400Z Sep 18. Frequencies (MHz): 3.610, 7.110, 14.110, 21.110, 28.110. Categories: Newcomer or Experienced. For more information: [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org).

**ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest**, 0600 local-2400 local Sep 17-18 (see Aug *QST*, p 91)

**North American Sprint**--SSB, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 18 (see Feb *QST*, p 102, or [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)).

**Scandinavian Activity Contest**--CW--sponsored by Sveriges Sändareamatörer (SSA), 1200Z Sep 17-1200Z Sep 18 (Phone, 1200Z Sep 24-1200Z Sep 25). Frequencies: 80-10 meters. For more information: [www.nrri.no/7\\_english/start\\_e.htm](http://www.nrri.no/7_english/start_e.htm).

**Washington State Salmon Run**--CW/SSB--sponsored by the Western Washington DX Club, 1600Z Sep 17-0700Z Sep 18 and 1600Z-2400Z Sep 18. Frequencies: 160-6 meters. For more information: [www.wwdxc.org](http://www.wwdxc.org).

**South Carolina QSO Party**--Phone/CW/Digital, sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Club (CARC), 1300Z Sep 17-

**The W4BS Elmer Shack**

Please feel free to contact any of our ELMERS to help you enhance your amateur skills. Anyone wishing to be added to the Elmer list please contact Ned at [ka4bll@arrl.net](mailto:ka4bll@arrl.net) or 363-9607.

Codes:

1. Antennas
2. APRS
3. Contesting
4. CW Operating
5. Direction Finding (fox hunting)
6. DXing
7. Experimenting/Circuits/etc.
8. HF Phone
9. Packet
10. Repeater Operation
11. QRP
12. Satellite
13. RTTY
14. VHF
15. PSK31
16. Computer logging

K4TTA (Extra) Tom Richardson 386-6268 [k4tta@arrl.net](mailto:k4tta@arrl.net) (1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15)

KA4BLL (Extra) Ned Savage 363-9607 [ka4bll@arrl.net](mailto:ka4bll@arrl.net) (1, 5, 8, 14, MARS, ARES/RACES, net control, traffic handling, emergency service)

KB4LJV (Extra) James Butler 294-2540 [jbutler@bigriver.net](mailto:jbutler@bigriver.net) (2, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14)

KD4NOQ (Adv) David Campbell 388-6166 [kd4noq@bellsouth.net](mailto:kd4noq@bellsouth.net) (1,2,3,5,9,10,12,14, slow scan TV, ATV minor)

KU4AW (Extra) Ben Troughton 372-8031 [bktrough@mem.quik.net](mailto:bktrough@mem.quik.net) (2,4, 8, 15)

N9ACQ (Extra) Bill Kuechler 368-0532 [wkuechl1@midsouth.rr.com](mailto:wkuechl1@midsouth.rr.com) (1, 8, 13)

WA2IQC (Gen) Gary Blinckmann 794-5289 [garyblin@midsouth.rr.com](mailto:garyblin@midsouth.rr.com) (1, 7, 10, 14)

WA4MJM (Extra) Bill Hancock 853-7192 [billwa4mjm@aol.com](mailto:billwa4mjm@aol.com) (1, 2, 8, emergency communications, ARES,MARS)

K4DIT (Extra) Ken Gregg 853-7384 [kgregg@c-a-c.com](mailto:kgregg@c-a-c.com) (4, 6, 8, 11, 15)

W4GMM (Extra) Ham Hilliard 372-2337 [hamh@bellsouth.net](mailto:hamh@bellsouth.net) (All categories)



2100Z Sep 18. Frequencies (MHz): CW--1.805 and 50 kHz from band edge, Phone--1.845, 3.860, 7.260, 14.270, 21.370, 28.370, 50.125, 144.200, 146.58, 223.50, 446.00. No repeater or cross-band QSOs, work stations again from each county. For more information: [www.kf4ghc.net/scqp.shtml](http://www.kf4ghc.net/scqp.shtml).

**Mediterranean Islands Contest**--CW/SSB--sponsored by the Mediterranean DX Club, from 1200Z Sep 17-1200Z Sep 18. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. For more information: [www.mdxc.org/contestmia/rules.htm](http://www.mdxc.org/contestmia/rules.htm).

**QCWA Fall QSO Party**--Phone/CW/Digital--sponsored by the Quarter Century Wireless Association from 1800Z Sep 17-1800Z Sep 18. Frequencies (MHz): CW--1.810, 3.540, 7.035, 14.040, 21.050, 28.050; Phone--1.910, 3.890, 7.244, 14.262, 21.365, 28.325 plus all VHF/UHF bands, no crossband or repeater QSOs. For more information: <http://qcwa.org/2005-qso-party-rules.htm>.

**QRP Afield**--CW/Phone/Digital--sponsored by the New England QRP Club, 1500Z Sep 17-0300Z Sep 18, submit a log for the best 6 hr period of the contest. Frequencies: 160-10 meter QRP calling frequencies, work stations once per band and mode. For more information: [www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm).

**ARRL EME Contest**, from 0000Z Sep 24-2400Z Sep 25. Frequencies: 2304 MHz and up, 50-1296 MHz, Oct 22-23 and Nov 12-13. (See Aug *QST*, p 91)

**CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest**--sponsored by *CQ Magazine* from 0000Z Sep 24-2400Z Sep 25. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. For more information: [www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com).

**Scandinavian Activity Contest**--SSB--1200Z Sep 24-1200Z Sep 25 (see Sep 17-18).

**Texas QSO Party**--CW/Phone/Digital--sponsored by Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS), 1400Z Sep 24-0200Z Sep 25 and 1400Z-2000Z Sep 25. Frequencies (MHz): CW--40 to 60 kHz above bottom of band, Phone--25 kHz above edge of General segments and 28.300-28.500, VHF--50.2, 144.2. For more information: [www.txqp.org](http://www.txqp.org).

**Alabama QSO Party**--CW/Phone--sponsored by the Central Alabama HF/VHF Contesting Club, 1800Z-2400Z Sep 25. Frequencies: 160 meters-70 cm, SSB, CW, and FM contacts count separately. For more information, check the on-line Contest Corral at [www.arrl.org/contests/months/sep.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/sep.html) or contact [w4nti@mindspring.com](mailto:w4nti@mindspring.com).

**Classic Exchange**--AM/SSB, from 1300Z Sep 25 to 0700Z Sep 26. (CW is Oct 2-3) Frequencies (Mc): AM--1.890 3.880 7.290 14.286 21.420 29.000 50.300 144.300. SSB--1.855, 3.870, 7.280, 14.270, 21.370, 28.390, 50.125, 144.200. For more information: <http://qsl.asti.com/CX>.

**Tesla Cup**--CW/SSB--sponsored by the Tesla Radio Club from 0000Z - 2400Z Sep 24 (CW) and 0000Z - 2400Z Sep 26 (SSB). Frequencies: 160- 10 meters. For more information: [www.computeradio.us/TeslaCup.htm](http://www.computeradio.us/TeslaCup.htm).

**Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint**--CW/PSK31--sponsored by New Jersey QRP Club, 0000Z-0400Z Sep 26. Frequencies: QRP CW and PSK31 frequencies on 80-10 meters. CW and PSK31 are considered separate bands. For more information: [www.njqrp.org/data/qrphomebrewersprint.html](http://www.njqrp.org/data/qrphomebrewersprint.html)

**PSK Rumble (The Fall Classic)**--sponsored by Troy ARA, 0000Z-2400Z Oct 1. 80-6 meters. For more information: [www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_rumble\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html).

**Oceania DX Contest** -- supported by the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) and New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), Phone 0800Z Oct 1-0800Z Oct 2 (CW is 0800Z Oct 8-0800Z Oct 9). Frequencies: 160-10 meters; work VK/ZL/Oceania stations only. For more information: [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com).

**EU Autumn Sprint**--SSB, sponsored by the EU Sprint Gang, 1500Z-1859Z Oct 1 (CW is 1500Z-1859Z Oct 8). Frequencies: 80-20 meters, stations outside EU work EU stations only. For more information: [www.eusprint.com](http://www.eusprint.com).

**California QSO Party**--CW/SSB, sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club, 1600Z Oct 1-2200Z Oct 2. Frequencies: 160-2 meters. For more information: [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org).

**RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest**--SSB, sponsored by the RSGB, 0700Z - 1900Z Oct 2 (CW is 0700Z -1900Z Oct 16). Frequencies: 15 and 10 meters (see Web site for band plan), work UK stations only. For more information: [www.rsgbhfcc.org](http://www.rsgbhfcc.org).

**Classic Exchange**--CW, from 1300Z Oct 2-0700Z Oct 3. Frequencies (Mc): 1.815, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.135, 28.050, 50.100, 144.100 (see Sep *QST*, p 99 or <http://qsl.asti.com/CX>).

**YLRL Anniversary Party**--CW, sponsored by the YLRL, 1400Z Oct 5-0200Z Oct 7 (phone Oct 14-Oct 16). Frequencies: 160-10 meters. For more information: [www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html](http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html).

**10-10 Day Sprint**--Phone/CW/  
Digital, 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10. One  
QSO per station, regardless of mode.  
Logs due Oct 25 (see Aug *QST*, p 85  
or [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)).

**Oceania DX Contest**--CW, 0800Z  
Oct 9-0800Z Oct 10 (see Oct 1-2).

**EU Autumn Sprint**--CW, 1500Z-  
1859Z Oct 8 (see Oct 1-2).

**Pennsylvania QSO Party**--CW/  
Phone, sponsored by the Nittany  
ARC, 1600Z Oct 8-0500Z Oct 9 and  
1300Z-2200Z Oct 9. Frequencies  
(MHz): CW--1.810 and 40 kHz  
above band edge; Phone--1.850,  
3.980, 7.280, 14.280, 21.380, 28.480;  
Novice/Tech--10 kHz above edge of  
segment; mobiles 5 kHz below the  
listed frequencies. Work mobiles and  
rovers in each county. For more in-  
formation: [www.nittany-arc.net/  
paqso.html](http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html).

**FISTS Fall Sprint**--CW, sponsored  
by FISTS CW Club from 1700Z-  
2100Z Oct 8. Frequencies: 80-10  
meters. For more information: [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org).

**North American RTTY Sprint**--  
sponsored by the *National Contest  
Journal*, 0000Z-0400Z Oct 9. Fre-  
quencies 80-20 meters. North Ameri-  
can stations work everyone; others  
work NA stations only. For more  
information: [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com).

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Sep 8-Sep 13, 1800Z-1800Z, Boise,  
ID. Voice Of Idaho Amateur Radio  
Club, W7VOI. Commemorating and  
operating where Lewis & Clark en-  
tered Idaho. 21.205 14.205 7.205  
3.905. QSL. Voice Of Idaho ARC,  
PO Box, Boise, ID 83701. [www.  
voiceofidaho.org/lewis-clark/  
default.html](http://www.voiceofidaho.org/lewis-clark/default.html).

Sep 10, 0300Z-1100Z, Richmond,  
TX. Fort Bend County EMROG,  
W9E. To honor those who lost their

lives during Sep 11. 14.260 7.26.  
Certificate. KD5HAL EMROG,  
1055 Three Forks, Katy, TX 77450.

Sep 10, 1300Z-1600Z, Stroudsburg,  
PA. Pocono Amateur Radio Klub  
and Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur  
Radio Association, N3IS. Homeland  
Security Station at the Pocono Area  
Hamfest +Plus+. SSB first half hour:  
28.325 21.325 14.325 7.250 CW sec-  
ond half hour 0.035 Hz up from bot-  
tom of 10, 15, 20 40 m. Certificate.  
Bill Connelly, W3MJ, RR3 Box  
3165, E Stroudsburg, PA 18301.  
[home.ptd.net/~w3mj](http://home.ptd.net/~w3mj).

Sep 10, 1300Z-2100Z, North Judson,  
IN. Starke County Amateur Radio  
Club, W9JOZ. Hoosier Valley Rail-  
road Museum Open House. 14.240  
7.240. QSL. Starke County ARC,  
405 W Jackson St, Knox, IN 46534.  
[www.w9joz.org](http://www.w9joz.org).

Sep 10, 1500Z-2000Z, Governors  
Island, NY. Metropolitan 222 Amate-  
ur Radio Society, K2MET. Sep-  
tember 11 Memorial Station on NA-  
026. 21.340 14.250 7.250. QSL.  
Metropolitan 222 ARS, 7004 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228. [http://  
maded.home.mindspring.com/  
metro222-frame.htm](http://maded.home.mindspring.com/metro222-frame.htm)

Sep 10, 1700Z-2300Z, Keytesville,  
MO. Chariton Amateur Radio Soci-  
ety, WB0ENV. General Sterling  
Price Day. 7.250. QSL. Charles Coy,  
402A Senior Terr, Keytesville, MO  
65261. [charlie61@centurytel.net](mailto:charlie61@centurytel.net).

Sep 10-Sep 12, 1500Z-0000Z, Lolo  
Pass, ID. Hellgate Amateur Radio  
Club, W7PX. Lewis and Clark Expe-  
dition Bicentennial. 28.355 21.355  
14.255 7.255. Certificate. HARC,  
POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-  
3811. [www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/](http://www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/).

Sep 10-Sep 18, 0001Z-2400Z, San  
Bernardino, CA. Citrus Belt Amateur  
Radio Club, W6A thru W6Q. Route  
66 On-the-Air. 28.466 14.266 14.166  
7.266. Certificate. Citrus Belt Am-

ateur Radio club, PO Box 3788, San  
Bernardino, CA 92413. [www.qsl.  
net/w6jbt/](http://www.qsl.net/w6jbt/).

Sep 10-Sep 24, 0000Z-2400Z, Du-  
luth, MN, W0T. Duluth Aerial  
Bridge 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 3.945  
3.850 7.020 146.460. Certificate.  
Shari Larson, AB0UV, 1626 Minne-  
sota Ave, Duluth, MN 55802.

Sep 11-Sep 12, 1300Z-0100Z, Ar-  
lington, VA. Pentagon Amateur Ra-  
dio Club, K4AF. Commemorating  
the attacks on the Pentagon, World  
Trade Center and over Pennsylvania.  
28.535 21.435 14.335 7.045. QSL.  
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club  
(PARC), K4AF, PO Box 2322, Ar-  
lington, VA 22202. [www.K4AF.org](http://www.K4AF.org).

Sep 11-Sep 14, 1300Z-0300Z, San  
Antonio, TX. Radio Operators of  
South Texas, W2IK/WTC911. Co-  
mmemorating the World Trade Center  
Disaster. 21.365 14.265 7.265. Cer-  
tificate. Robert J. Hejl, W2IK, PO  
Box 6731, San Antonio, TX 78029.  
[http://hometown.aol.com/  
alonestaryank/w2ikwtc911.html](http://hometown.aol.com/alonestaryank/w2ikwtc911.html).

Sep 11-Sep 18, 0000Z-2400Z, Santa  
Ana, CA. Anaheim Police ARC,  
K6P. POW-MIA Recognition Week.  
28.450 21.350 18.150 14.253. QSL.  
Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box  
27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. [http://  
home.pacbell.net/km6hb/.NET.doc](http://home.pacbell.net/km6hb/.NET.doc)

Sep 12-Sep 14, 1600Z-0400Z, Colt  
Killed Creek (Powell Ranger Sta-  
tion), ID. Palouse Hills Amateur Ra-  
dio Club, W7L. 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the Discovery Corps encampment on  
the route over the Bitterroot Moun-  
tains. Gen portion 20-40 m bands  
146.520. Certificate. TARC, 858  
Harold Ave, Moscow, ID 83843-  
3539.

Sep 14-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z, Big  
Rock, IL. The Old Farmers Amateur  
Radio Club, W9P. 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Big  
Rock Plowing Match. 28.390 14.275  
7.245 3.990. Certificate. Bob Yurs,

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W9ICU, PO Box 341, Sycamore, IL 60178. [www.w9icu.com](http://www.w9icu.com).

Sep 16-Sep 17, 2000Z-2200Z, Tecumseh, OK. Tecumseh Amateur Radio Club, K5T. Tecumseh Frontier Days. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Brent Haught, NY5J, 37876 Maudie La, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Sep 16-Sep 17 (1500Z-2200Z Sep 16; 1400Z-2100Z Sep 17), Rantoul, IL. Willy Victor Radio Club, WV2AEW. Bi-annual Navy/Air Force Willy Victor Reunion from Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum. SSB 14.265 7.244 CW 14.030 7.030. Certificate or QSL. Sam Leach, K3KLC, PO Box 741, Lexington Park, MD 2065. [www.willyvictor.com](http://www.willyvictor.com).

Sep 16-Sep 18, 1300Z-1600Z, Bedford, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Christmas Tree Island US Islands on the Air. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175.

Sep 16-Sep 18, 1300Z-0100Z daily, New London, CT. U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Amateur Radio Club, W1CGA. Boats Books and Brushes with Taste Maritime Festival aboard the USCG Barque *Eagle*. SSB 14.315 PSK 21.070 PSK 24.920 FM 146.535. QSL. Cadet Josh Brandt, KB1LWT, US Coast Guard Academy, 8769 Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320. <http://members.aol.com/n1clv/>

Sep 16-Sep 19, 1200Z-0100Z, Freedom Township, OH. Portage Amateur Radio Club, KB8UUZ. National POW/MIA Recognition Day. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Tom Parkinson, 9992 State Route 700, Mantua, OH 44255.

Sep 17, 1000Z-1900Z, Slidell, LA. Ozone Amateur Radio Club, W5SLA. Celebrating the club's 41<sup>st</sup> birthday. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Michael White, 404 Holmes Dr, Slidell,

LA 70460. [www.w5sla.net](http://www.w5sla.net).

Sep 17, 1300Z-2300Z, Arlington, TX. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, K5SLD. Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 14.250 7.250 147.140. QSL. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1702, Arlington, TX 76004-1702. [www.k5sld.org](http://www.k5sld.org).

Sep 17, 1400Z-2100Z, Badin, NC. Badin Amateur Radio Society--Joe A. Ross Memorial, W4EIT. Best of Badin Festival, Celebration of French Heritage. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Badin Amateur Radio Society, 2500 Badin Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001. [www.badin.org](http://www.badin.org).

Sep 17-Sep 18, 1400Z-2000Z, Cambridge City, IN. White Water Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc, K9D. McMaze Indiana 2005. 14.270 7.225. QSL. White Water Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 991, Richmond, IN 47375-0991. QSLs will be sent out based on our logs.

Sep 17-Sep 18, 1500Z-2200Z, Hill City, SD. Crazy Horse Amateur Radio Club, N0DUX. Black Hill Central Railroad "Railroad Days" Celebration. 14.260 (aboard train) 7.260 146.520 146.940 (Hill City depot). QSL. Butch Kruse, N0DUX, PO Box 371, Hill City, SD 57745.

Sep 17-Sep 18, 1600Z-2000Z, Bardstown, KY. Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4B. Kentucky Bourbon Festival. 14.285 7.230. QSL. David Greer, 159 Skyview Dr, Frankfort, KY 40601. [www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars](http://www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars).

Sep 17-Sep 18, 1600Z-2300Z, Big Bear Lake, CA. Big Bear Amateur Radio Club, K6BB. Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's founding. 21.340 14.250 28.400 7.250. Certificate and QSL. Big Bear ARC, PO Box 790, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. [www.bbarc.org](http://www.bbarc.org).

Sep 18, 1700Z-2100Z, Big Valley/

Stettler, Alberta, Canada. Three Hills Amateur Radio Club, VE6FUN. Mobile station on steam train travelling between Big Valley and Stettler. 14.200. Certificate. Jim Verhesen, Box 818, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada T4T 1A6. (Note: US Postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

Sep 18-Sep 24, 1400Z-2100Z, Hampton, VA. VASC Amateur Radio Group, Inc, KE4ZXW. Radio Communications Exhibit celebrates ten years at the Virginia Air & Space Center. 28.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Ed Brummer, W4RTZ, 109 Oyster Cove Rd, Yorktown, VA 23692. [www.seva.net/vascarg](http://www.seva.net/vascarg).

Sep 24, 1400Z-2000Z, Hillsboro, IL. Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, Inc, W9BXR. Commemorating the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 14.270 21.340 18.150 7.270 14.820. Certificate. Judy Reynolds, 620 Chase St, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Sep 24, 1500Z-2100Z, Fairmount, IN. Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. James Dean Special Event and picnic. 146.79 14.243 7.243. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. [www.grantarc.com](http://www.grantarc.com).

Sep 24, 1500Z-2300Z, Laurel, MS. Laurel Amateur Radio Club, W5LAR. Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 28.440 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Laurel ARC, POB 6252, Laurel, MS 39441.

Sep 24, 1600Z-2100Z, Eldon, MO. Lake of the Ozarks Amateur Radio Club, W0W. Osage River Antique Power Association Show. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Scott Poest, 37 Shadow Oaks Rd, Camdenton, MO 65020. [www.loarc.com](http://www.loarc.com).

Sep 24, 1700Z-2200Z, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. Amateur Ra-

dio Christian Fellowship Day. 14.270 7.250 Echolink IRLP. Certificate. Emery McClendon, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net).

Sep 24, 1400Z-2300Z, Cory, IN. Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, W9A. Cory Apple Festival. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. WVARA, PO Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081. [www.w9uuu.org/main.html](http://www.w9uuu.org/main.html).

Sep 24-Sep 25, 1400Z-2000Z daily, Milton, ON. Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. Halton County Radial Railway Museum Special Event. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6. [www.marc.on.ca](http://www.marc.on.ca). (2 green stamps or 2 IRCs --US postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

Sep 24-Sep 25, 1400Z-1400Z, Berlin, PA. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, K3SMT. Berlin Whiskey Rebellion Celebration. 14.250 7.250 3.875. Certificate. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1241, Somerset, PA 15501. [www.k3smt.org/whiskey](http://www.k3smt.org/whiskey).

Sep 26-Oct 2, 0100Z-2300Z, Alexandria, MN. Runestone ARC, W0W. Discovery of Kensington Runestone in 1898. 14.225 14.030 21.070 3.920. Certificate. Bill Klundt, 509 Pine, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

Sep 28-Sep 30, 1200Z-2359Z, Biloxi, MS. Coast Guard CW Operators Association, NR4DL. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion from the Biloxi Beach Resort. 14.052. QSL. KL7IBT, Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705. [www.comm-one.org](http://www.comm-one.org). *Certificate for this and Oct 1 event.*

Sep 29-Oct 2, 1400Z-0200Z, Kingwood, WV. Preston Country Amateur Radio Operators, W8B. 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckwheat Festival. Phone and

CW 40, 20, 10 m, 25 kHz up from bottom of Gen phone and Nov CW bands 147.000 PSK 20 and 10 m. Certificate. KA8UEU, PO Box 512, Kingwood, WV 26537.

Sep 30-Oct 1, 1600Z-2400Z, Macon, GA. Macon-Bibb EMA (WX4EMA) and Exchange Club of Macon, W4G. 150<sup>th</sup> year of the Georgia State Fair. 14.257 7.225. Certificate. Jeff Amer-son, Exchange Club of Macon, PO Box 4105, Macon, GA 31208. [www.georgiastatefair.org](http://www.georgiastatefair.org).

Oct 1, 1300Z-1700Z, Anamosa, IA. Jones County Amateur Radio Club, N0CWP. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkinfest and Weight-Off. 14.260 ± QRM. Certificate. Jim McClintock, 301 Vine St, Morley, IA 52312.

Oct 1, 1300Z-1900Z, Coalwood, WV. Pocahontas Coalfield ARC, W8C. October Sky Festival--Rocket Boys. 21.340 14.250 7.245 3.870. QSL. David R. Sexton, AB8D, PO Box 65, Maybeury, WV 24861.

Oct 1, 1300Z-1900Z, Temecula, CA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 11SR 16-07, KN6PR. USCG Auxiliary 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 14.350 7.250. QSL. Joseph R. Terrazas, KN6PR, PO Box 2289, Temecula, CA 92593.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2100Z, Harlem, GA. Columbia County Amateur Radio Club, W4O. Annual Oliver Hardy Festival. 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Dean Maples, 1053 Blackfoot Dr, Evans, GA 3 0809. <http://ccarc.hamradioman.com>.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2200Z, Flowery Branch, GA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary D7Div2, W4A. Canadian and United States USCG Auxiliary Anniversary. 21.360 14.285 7.275 3.875. QSL. Albert Miles, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Pass Christian, MS. US Coast Guard Auxiliary/

Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association, W5P. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary special event. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. Glover Hayden, PO Box 415, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Wilmington, NC. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N5S. 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary USCG Auxiliary. 28.305 21.360 14.265. QSL. Dan Caywood, 9001 River Rd, Wilmington, NC 28412.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Ashland, VA. USCG Auxiliary Division 3, 5<sup>th</sup> District SR, N4I. USCG Aux Event celebrating ISAR 2005 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. 28.410 21.400 14.260 7.250. QSL. Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. [www.ccg-a-gcac.org/isar2005/english/home/index.asp](http://www.ccg-a-gcac.org/isar2005/english/home/index.asp).

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Coram, NY. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K2K. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.630 21.345 14.320 7.280. QSL. Larry R. Cohen, K2KGB, 15 Canterbury Dr, Coram, NY 11727.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Hyattsville, MD. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A/K3UAL. 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USCGA. 28.350 21.340 14.280. QSL. Joe Saunders, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2400Z, Cincinnati, OH. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Div 5-8ER, W8E. 66<sup>th</sup> USCG and 25<sup>th</sup> Canadian CG Auxiliary anniversaries. 28.400 21.400 14.247 7.267. QSL. David F. Stroup, 6095 Drum Hill Ln, Milford, OH 45150-2275.

Oct 1, 1400Z-2100Z, Media, PA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.

**TENNESSEE NETS**

<b>Net Name</b>	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Day</b>
Tennessee CW Net	3635	0100	T-Su
Tennessee Slow CW Net	3682	0130	T-Su
Tennessee Early Morn Phone Net	3980	1145	M-F
Tennessee Morning Phone Net	3980	1245	M-F
Tennessee Morning Phone Net	3980	1400	Sa-Su
Tennessee Evening Phone Net	3980	0030	T-Su

**AREA HAMFESTS OF INTEREST**

**Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest**  
 Queen Wilhelmina State Park  
 Mena, AR  
 September 9 - 10, 2005

**Arkansas State Convention (All-Arkansas Hamfest)**  
 Jacksonville Community Center  
 Jacksonville, AR  
 September 17, 2005

**Calhoun County Emergency Radio Club**  
 Friendship Community Center  
 Oxford, AL  
 September 17, 2005

**Mississippi ARRL Day in the Park**  
 Tupelo Antique Auto Museum  
 Tupelo, MS  
 September 24, 2005

**Delta Amateur Radio Club**

**August 2005 Treasurers Report**

**Balance 08/01/2005** **\$6,528.28**

**Expense**

Marsh-Seabury and Smith	666.00
Bellsouth	118.74
U of M	22.94

**Income**

Antenna Sale	400.00
Dixiefest	150.00

**Balance 9/01/2005** **\$6,271.15**

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