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# BARC Newsletter



“When all else fails....Ham Radio”

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## **BARC NETS**

Monday night BARC 2 meter net on 147.270 at 8:00 pm

Monday night BARC Community net on 28.305 at 9:00 pm

Tuesday night Ind. Co. ARES net on 147.270 at 7:00 pm

Thursday night BARC rag chew net on 28.305 at 9:00 PM

## **STATE/REGIONAL NETS**

Arkansas Section Traffic Emergency Net 3.9875 MHZ @ 7:00 pm Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri

ASTEN on CAUHF AR-LINK SYSTEM Tuesday Night 8:00 pm

CAUHF AR-LINK SYSTEM NET Tuesday Night 9:00 pm

Razorback NTS Traffic Net 3.987.5 MHZ M-F 6:30 pm

## **From the Presidents Desk, John Godfrey - KE5NZY**

*From the President's Desk:*

The club has a lot of things going on and I hope to just touch on some of it briefly. First off the new Astron 50 Amp power supply has been received and Noel KD5HPK and Tony KE5SOF have installed it at the 270 repeater site. Walnut Ridge has purchased a new controller and accessories so they can link into the 270 and consequently link into the AR-Link System as well. The link from the 270 into the Ar-Link system has worked well for the most part, but we are noisy part of the time into Little Rock and as the tree's get greater foliage the problem will likely get worse. We will address these issues as well as what we need to do on our end to establish the link with Walnut Ridge.

There is a new Arkansas ARESRACES website to serve your needs as well. The address for it is <http://www.arkansas-aresraces.org/> I am very pleased with the New Independence County ARES net on Tuesday night at 7:00. Rodney KE5ROZ, Mike KE5TKP and Mark KC5EVZ are rotating as NCS and have had some really good training nets going.

Many of our members are also ARES/RACES members and have been working hard to complete the requirements to become certified. Certification is not required for ARES membership, but is required for many positions and most served agencies. I am very pleased with the number of you who have decided to work on your certification requirements.

For those of you who are interested in completing the ARECC1 Emergency communications course which is a certification requirement for Arkansas ARES Certified Members, I have some good news. We can provide material for you to study if you have a computer at no cost to you (Internet not required). We can have a class with a Certified Instructor where you can complete the required exercises and ask any questions you have. We have plenty of Certified Instructors and Certified examiners to complete all of this locally. The only cost will be the \$15.00 TEST FEE, which is identical to the FCC EXAM cost, and covers the expenses of certificates, postage, paperwork and supplies needed to give the Exam.

73, John- KE5NZY

## *Spring Picnic*

The Spring Picnic will be on March 28 at pavilion # 3 by the amphitheater beside the White River in Batesville. To help set up and prepare you can get there @10:30. We will eat around 11:30. Please come and join us.  
Information from Ed Hamilton- KE5JMO, BARC Vice President

*From the President's Desk-continued from page 1*

*Field Examiners forward the exam session paperwork to the ARRL to record it into our database. If you have provided an email address on your exam registration, you will receive an email notifying you of successful course completion. The email will include a link so that you can print a certificate. Or, you can wait to receive a certificate and ID card via regular mail in 4-6 weeks. I have confirmed all of this with the ARRL and these certificates are recognized nationally.*

*We have several things to cover at this months meeting and I look forward to seeing each of you. Please do your part to be at the Business meeting so we can hear from each of you and any thoughts you have.*

*73 KE5NZY*

### **Club News Alice Godfrey- KE5NZZ, BARC Secretary**

*At our last meeting a program was presented was about WarnIM the Skywarn Instant Messenger used by the CAUHF. The WarnIM gives an additional means of communication in times of emergencies (such as during severe weather events). Features include live chat and access to updated radar data directly from the National Weather Service. We thank John Nordlund- AD5FU, Randy Wright- AE5RW and Ron Lynch- K5NP for bringing us the information.*

*Soon the ARRL lanyards will be available to purchase for your Independence Co ID badges at the cost of \$2.50 The BARC calendar will be sent out to anyone who does not have a copy either by email or by the US Post office. If you do would like to receive one please contact Alice KE5NZZ.*

*The date for the BARC Spring Picnic was set for March 28th, 2009.*

### **Net Manager - Rodney McCarty, KE5ROZ, IND. CO. EC**

*We need more net controls to help on these nets, it's a great training, please volunteer to help out.*

*Thank you Rodney KE5ROZ  
BARC Net Manager*

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To volunteer contact Rodney at:*

*ram0589@wildblue.net*

*870-283-1879*



*Contact Rodney and let him know which net you are interested in - 10 meter Monday night, 10 meter Thursday Rag Chew or 2 meter Monday night net.*

### **News from the Arkansas Section Manager - J M Rowe, N5XFW**

*The Section is in the process of building a new website [www.arhams.org](http://www.arhams.org) and the webmaster Carl KB5FJX would like to solicit ideas. By the way, we are saving a substantial amount of money by switching providers. Send him an email with your suggestions. [carl@cwernet.com](mailto:carl@cwernet.com)*

*The front page of arhams contains a list of upcoming hamfests. I am planning on being at each one except Jonesboro. (I have an unavoidable family deal) I think that hamfests are coming back, and are going to become even more popular.*

News from the Arkansas Section Manage- Continued from page 2

Gas prices are down, so travel doesn't cost as much. It's your opportunity to see folks that you talk to on the radio. (Did you ever notice nobody looks like you think they ought to? Except Roy WO5A. He looks exactly like I pictured him.) Maybe you can get there early and find yourself a bargain.

The Delta Division has formed an Awards Committee to study the concept of Division specific awards. These awards would be meaningful, not just given out every year. Send your ideas to Bob WB5VUH, [wb5vuh@arrl.net](mailto:wb5vuh@arrl.net).

Some legislative stuff: We saw a bill this year dealing with cell phones that had a specific exemption for CB's. Sometimes I wonder. Anyway, the ARRL judges that the definition of cell phone in the bill is specific enough so as to cause no problems for us. For hams that operate mobile in Arkansas, it is a moot point. This all happened before the ARRL was ready to publish the policy now in place.

Arkansas Section Manager  
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**Delta Division Minute**  
**K5UZ Delta Vice Director**

Regardless of whether one passed a 5, 13, 20 or NO WPM test it is how well one performs as an operator on the air that determines if he/she is a lid or an A-1 Op. The KNOW Code/NO Code debate was settled years ago; it is ancient history so it is now up to us HAMS to be good Elmers and pass on our knowledge to the "novices" of today. When the world hands you lemons, make lemonade! Yes, it is much easier to get a ticket today and much more convenient than goodness. (Remember having to wait for the FCC exams in Memphis or LR/NLR? It was a pain for us here in BFE!) It's time to move on and make this hobby what it should be; what we hams want it to be.

We can debate the dumb down issue with multiple guess question tests etc., but the fact remains the same, the new ham needs a good Elmer. This has always been an absolute in ham radio since HPM fired up "Old Betsy" his spark gap 100 years ago: the new ham/novice that got a good Elmer excelled in the hobby; the one that didn't dropped out. It has ALWAYS been that way, and now with more folks coming in to the ranks it is even more urgent that we listen to what Tom is saying here and make the effort to be more patient, to be more diligent, to be good listeners, to be willing to share our knowledge, to lend our experience and be good teachers or Elmers to the new members of our fraternity.

We can do this by being friendly on the air to the "new guy or gal" and not jump down their throats when they make an honest mistake, but rather call them up in private or on the twisted pair and offer advice. Invite them to the local club meeting as this is the best place for them to gain knowledge and meet other hams. The local club can be a powerful teaching tool! Also the ARRL has several helpful publications for the new amateur that are very instructive. Encourage the new ham to join the League as this will expose him to many good influences and a wealth of information from both QST and the website.

Finally let's set a good example on the air. Peer pressure is powerful and good conduct on the air by the group encourages participation and spawns good conduct in return so let's watch how we act on the air. I'd wager that a good number of the lids you hear tuning on the net freq or on top of the DX are "experienced" operators! Hence, let's not be so quick to judge the "new guys" and let's quit our B- itching and start teaching these guys and gals. Like Riley said "Be kind to your fellow amateur." Remember, we were all newbies or novices once. So what do you say OT's, are you up to the challenge? 3, 2, 1 let's Elmer!

DE K5UZ, a 55WPM, Contesting, DXing KNOW-Code Ham!  
Long live ham radio!

**Event Calendar  
February**

**Ind. Co. ARES Meeting**

**Mar. 26th @ 6:30 pm**  
First Community Bank  
St Louis & Harrison St  
Batesville AR

**BARC monthly meeting**

**Mar. 26th @ 7:pm**  
First Community Bank  
St Louis & Harrison St  
Batesville AR

**BARC Spring Picnic**  
**March 28th 2009**

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**Upcoming Events in April**

April 23rd, 7:00pm BARC  
monthly meeting, First  
Community Bank-  
community room

April 25, BCRO 2009  
Superfest Arkansas State  
ARRL Convention, Ben-  
tonville Ar

*This newsletter is a publica-  
tion for the Batesville Area  
Radio Club. Any comments  
or suggestions that you  
may have are welcome.  
Please contact PIO Michael  
Winston about content. If  
you have trouble with deliv-  
ery through email or USPS  
please contact Alice God-  
frey Club Secretary.*

*We're on the web*  
[batesvillearearadioclub.webs.com](http://batesvillearearadioclub.webs.com)

**Listen to our local nets for any changes of  
date, time or place for club events.**

***BARC Membership***

*What does your paid membership do? It gives you the oppor-  
tunity to help make decisions, helps with the upkeep on the  
repeaters and other club equipment, helps to insure the clubs  
equipment, helps to purchase items for fundraising, helps with  
expenses for the events that the club participates in and helps  
pays for the expenses for the newsletter/postage. Your mem-  
bership dues are hard at work for you and the club. For those  
of you that have not had the opportunity to pay your 2009  
membership dues they can be mailed to David K5UZ ( address  
in Officer Info) Send check or money order by mail with a note  
saying "membership dues". . The dues are as follows:*

*For an individual -----\$24.00 a year*

*For each additional family member in a members household  
add----\$1.00 a year*

*Membership is available for those on a limited income and are  
not able to pay your dues at this time. Please speak with the  
secretary or treasurer.*