

November Meeting Minutes

From Club President – KO4XJ

- Had a GREAT turnout last night. We had 26 people in attendance which included Gary W9GAR and his XYL Deronda from Benton, Il area. Gary wanted to come down and visit with the club since he checks in to our repeater and meet us Kentucky folk!!!
- Also in attendance which now is our newest club member Amelia Chenier who passed her Tech test....and she's only 10 years old!!! Fantastic job Amelia.. not only is she the youngest I believe ever in our club but she has the neatest penmanship on the sign in sheet too J She's also a straight A student at Ballard County elementary school. Not to be left out Brett, Amelia's dad passed his General exam too... CONGRATS to both
- Several things where discussed but the biggest news of the night was the club is ordering a IC-7200 HF rig for the club to replace the FT-1000 we sold. The Ft-1000 is a great rig BUT it's skimpily too difficult for most of the hams to use during the one day we use it. A Radio Committee was formed and their recommendation was IC-7200. The cost is exactly what we got out of the FT-1000 (\$950) and the only item we still need is a external tuner and that is being taken care of.
- Skywarn Recognition Day is Dec 5th and Mike KI4NXF is taking care of that so Mike will be the contact person to help. The guys from So. Illinois will be helping too. Remember this is not a actual CLUB event but since the Paducah NWS is in our backyard we always take the lead but Paducah NWS serves the 4 state area and all hams in the area are invited to help out. There has been hams from Illinois, Missouri, all over western Kentucky in recent years to come and operate. This starts at 6:00pm on Friday night and runs 24 hours.
- The Kentucky QSO party is this weekend. This will be a fun time to get on the HF bands and put out Kentucky for those who might need Kentucky for WAS or even a "rare" county. You would be surprised who still some of the counties in western Kentucky. I believe Steve AI4ZL plans on going portable (at his mothers house) and run Carlisle County. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPERATE THE KENTUCKY QSO PARTY AND DO NOT HAVE HF**

PRIVELEDGES OR DO NOT HAVE A HF STATION PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE WHO DOES AND ASK IF YOU CAN COME AND OPERATE A LITTLE. I'm sure you can find someone that would be willing to help

In the next few months Kentucky ARES may be conducting some statewide ARES nets via Echolink and as McCracken Emergency Coordinator I asked the clubs permission if we could use the club repeater with ECHOLINK and was given permission to do so. If this comes about it should be several weeks to months from now so I will let you know

Again a great turnout for the meeting, 1 upgrade and 1 NEW HAM, a new rig was purchased and as we end our year of meetings we have a pretty good year. I really do not know how much our club has grown in membership but our club has grown in other ways over this year and over the last few years and I thank all of you for that.

Now we have many folks that are “seasoned” to run nets, our younger hams are now experienced more than ever. We have grown in membership also over the years, while not were we where 20 years ago but we are getting stronger in membership so our future is bright to continue to grow. Back “in the day” we use to be known as a REPEATER CLUB but now are a club that goes many directions. We have a lot of talents in our club and I challenge each and every one of you to use your “ham talent” to push this club to a new level. You do not have to be a DXer or contester or HF operator to make this club better, what is needed is YOU to be there and participate and be a good ham operator no matter what your mode or band you operate on!!

Remember over the next two months be thinking who you want to be club officers so we can vote in January

Here are the list for the net controls

Since we are not meeting in December (Christmas Pizza Party) We are having to schedule two months of NCS

- o **Nov 22nd Elaine N4VUQ**
- o **Nov 29th Dave WB5YYA**
- o **Dec 6th Gene N4FZ**
- o **Dec 13th Mike KI4NXF**
- o **Dec 20th Dave WB5YYA**
- o **Dec 27th Logan KG4VKB**
- o **Jan 3rd Gene N4FZ**
- o **Jan 10th Beth KI4ZAK**
- o **Jan 11th Ken WA9WJL**

Christmas Party Dec 8th at THE PARLOR 6:30pm

BYOP (Buy Your Own Pizza)

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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