

cparc e-news for December 2010

ARES EC INPUT: We are having an uneventful winter so far and the EMA hasn't needed us. This is a good thing because no one was displaced and nobody got hurt.

Those of you who have finished your ICS training, thank you. I know it wasn't fun or easy but once you see this training go into action you will realize how beneficial it is to know. Al KA1KIX, Dave WV6JPL and Jim W4MJW worked hard this year bring the training to everyone interested in being prepared for an emergency. The EMA manager Keith Garrison is wanting everyone who will be used in places around the area to have this training.

The hospital and ECO are on our list for possible places to be deployed. We will be checking ARES paper work and ensuring everyone has an ARES ID card who want to help in case something does happen.

The nets have been going great thanks to Jim W4MJW and all the net control operators and thanks to everyone for taking the time to check-in. The repeater has been working thanks to Dave WV6JPL for keeping it going for us. Dave WV6JPL, Vic KE4QJK and Pete KT4BW are working on upgrades to keep our batteries safe and not over loaded. The repeater will be very valuable to have in case power is lost in the county.

We are building a strong emergency crew from weather spotters, emergency communicators for whatever need arises in the county. Thanks again for those who have helped and are trained and prepared. Wayne K4MGE

ARES CLASSES: The Thursday evening FEMA course classes have been suspended for the time being. Special thanks to the many members who have finished the courses and others who are currently taking the courses online. The FEMA Independent Study (IS) courses required for some ARES support functions are; IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a and IS-800.b. For information on these classes, contact Allen KA1KIX at alsan19420@hotmail.com

ARES NET: The CPARC ARES net is held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, (except the second Tuesday of the month) at 7:30 pm., on the 146.865 MHz repeater. This repeater requires a 118.8 tone. There were a total of 208 check-ins for the 17 nets held in November. 180 of the check-ins were ARES members. If you would like to take a turn as net control operator contact Jim W4MJW at bootsie7@charter.net

CPARC WEBSITE: www.cparc.net Back issues of the cparc e-news and current CPARC activity calendars are located in the news area.

CPARC USER GROUP: 28 CPARC members have registered so far with the "CPARCNET" user group. Club members are encouraged to use the user group to communicate with other members and are also encouraged to post files. The CPARC Constitution and By-Laws are posted in the file section.

VE TESTING: Our next scheduled test session will be held on 7 April 2011. If you are ready for a Technician level test or an upgrade, contact Dick KB3YR by e-mail or by phone at 931 456 0408. The CPARC VE team is associated with the Laurel VEC. CPARC VE exam sessions are provided at no cost to the applicant.

CPARC CLASSES: Classes have been halted for the holidays. They will be re-structured and are planned to start again in January. Thursday evening classes have been held since 23 October 2008 except for weather, holiday or other conflicts. Subjects covered are: Courses required for ARES membership, basic electronic theory, question pool material, ham equipment and ham operating procedures. These classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. in the conference room at the Crossville airport. Contact Jim W4RRE at 931 484 7600, Dave WV6JPL at 931 788 3363, or Allen KA1KIX at 931 456 9141, for information on these classes.

MONTHLY MEETING: The annual Christmas dinner in lieu of the December meeting was held this year at La Costa restaurant in Crossville. There were 25 attendees consisting of CPARC members, spouses and guests.

THIRD and FIFTH THURSDAY BREAKFASTS: The third Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at the Cracker Barrel in Crossville on 16 December. It was attended by only 5 CPARC members due to weather conditions. The fifth Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at the Cracker Barrel in Crossville on 30 December. It was attended by 9 CPARC members. These get-togethers start at 8:30 am. every third and fifth (if there is one) Thursday of the month. Significant others and guests are always welcome.

SOLAR PROJECT: Information on the Solar Project can be found on line at the ARRL web site www.arrl.org/qst-in-depth. Be sure to check this out. There are still unfinished aspects to this project . Dave and Pete invite any club members who would wish to participate in these activities to contact them.

REMINDER: The specific location of our repeater and other local repeaters should not be divulged on the air. This, hopefully, should reduce the potential for vandalism at our repeater sites. If asked the location, just answer "Crossville".

MEMBERSHIP: CPARC's membership continues to grow. It now stands at 48 paid members.

CPARC DUES INCREASED: At the November general meeting, the CPARC membership voted to increase the dues to \$24.00 per year, starting 1 January 2011. (Does anyone remember how long the dues had remained at \$18.00 a year ?)

WB9AZQ: We wish Larry WB9AZQ a speedy recovery from his broken arm suffered in a fall on 16 December.

e-news INPUTS: Please send me items of interest that you would like to place in this monthly newsletter. Help make this newsletter less boring.

COMMENTS FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT: I would like to thank the entire CPARC membership for making possible, what I consider, a highly successful year. I cannot single anyone out for special thanks as there would be far too many to mention.

Our membership has grown, from 29 in 2009 to 48 members currently on the roster. We have had very good attendance at our meetings, Field Day activities, Apple Festival, classes, antenna parties, VE test sessions, breakfasts etc.

CPARC was able to donate a complete set of ARRL publications to our local library and an article written by CPARC members was published in QST magazine. This article also won the Plaque Award for being the number one article of the month as voted by QST readers. Since 5 August 2010, CPARC has brought VE testing services to all area hams at no cost to the candidates. CPARC members are active in taking ARES courses, both on-line and classroom. Many are involved in contesting, DX-ing and other Ham radio related activities.

Soapbox on I believe the CPARC leadership has proven that a member-driven, member-centric club with all it's business being transparent to the membership, can be successful ! Soapbox off.

The best is yet to come! We have elected a great slate of officers for 2011 and I look forward to further growth and more and better club projects and activities.

Again, thanks to all of the CPARC members for their many contributions. I hope that over the last 2 years I have not bruised too many egos (as I unfortunately tend to do).

I wish everyone a happy, healthy 2011. 73 kb3yr

CPARC BUY and SELL:

Items advertised in this newsletter should be Amateur Radio related items only.

Please inform me when you wish to remove items from the list.

When you send me your Wanted and/or For Sale items, please list your phone number and/or e-mail address, as this is what is used for your contact information.

WANTED TO BUY:

I would like to buy any old or unused ham equipment & related items anyone may want to part with.

Larry WB9AZQ 931 707-5294 Lkellough@aol.com

I'm looking for a 12volt gel-cell battery and charger. They would be used to fit in an ammo box for an HT VHF emergency kit. There was an article about this project in QST a couple of months back.

Thanks, Tom N1NDM 931 277-3837

I'd be interested in a used, working 2M hand held transceiver.
Bill Ford KT4CC 931 788-5697 bfordfl@gmail.com

Looking for an 830KW in good condition. Also looking for 6146's and they must be matched pairs along with 12BY7's
Allen KA1KIX 931 456-9141

ITEMS FOR SALE:

For sale:

Kenwood TS-440 + 2 mics in excellent shape with box and manual for \$400
MFJ deluxe versa tuner II MFJ-949E for \$100
(5BTV) vertical antenna, as new for \$100

Thanks, Rik KJ4WUT info@richtertechnology.com

I have the following items for sale:

Icom 756 Pro 3 \$1750
Ten Tec Omni 7 \$1650
Vectronics KW Tuner \$375
MFJ SWR Analyzer \$225
MFJ Tunable DSP filter Model 784B \$225
MFJ Code Reader (462B) \$70
Alpha Delta 4 position coax switch \$70
3 position coax switch \$20

73, Don w8iit@comcast.net

For sale:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BRAND</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>NOW</u>
VHF/UHF RADIO	KENWOOD TM-733	730	200
TRAVEL TUNER	MFJ-902	100	50
MULTIMODE DATA FILTER	MFJ-781	150	75
ANTENNA 40-80-160	Alpha/Delta DX-A	100	50

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CPARC STATEMENT

CPARC is an Amateur Radio (Ham) organization, dedicated to the enjoyment and educational enrichment of our members through the open sharing of ideas. All officers and directors are elected yearly by a direct vote of the membership. We are a member-driven, member-centric organization that welcomes everyone with an interest in amateur radio communications at any level.



Happy New Year from the editor and entire staff of the CPARC e-NEWS !

73 Dick kb3yr