

## *cparc e-news* for January 2011

**ARES EC REPORT:** I mentioned at the meeting that EMA will have Watts Bar training sometime soon, the date yet to be determined. This is required for Cumberland County volunteers, full time people and we as amateur radio operators are included in their mitigation plans as well. ICS training can be accessed at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp> These are part of the Incident Command System Training programs. Our EMA director has said if anyone is used for assignments in our county, these training courses are required. Please work on these courses at home and if you have any problems contact me, K4MGE , or Al KA1KIX, for help.

Wayne K4MGE, Cumberland County EC

**ARES AEC REPORT:** This month I wish to focus on the "**READINESS**" of our members. It is essential that all those participating be serious about being called-up and placed where they are needed. That being said, what equipment do you have? Do you have a small travel bag you could put essentials in? Personal hygiene items, examples; shaving gear, tooth protection items, small amount of first aid gear, extra change of clothes underwear being primary, socks, etc. Just ensure that you have enough to subsist yourself for at least three days. Be sure to bring anything that will add to your comfort for an extended stay. Writing material, and above all !, the manual to ALL your equipment that you might bring with you. Anything else you feel will be beneficial to your deployment bring them with you. If you have any question about what might be needed, let's discuss it at the next meeting. Also for those who have not completed the ICS courses, please consider doing them at your leisure on-line. Upon completion ensure I have a copy of all your certificates.

Al Perkins KA1KIX AEC CPARC

**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](mailto:alsan19420@hotmail.com)

**ARES NET:** The CPARC ARES net is held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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 279 check-ins for the 27 nets held in January. 241 of the check-ins were ARES members. If you would like to take a turn as net control operator contact Wayne K4MGE at [irl@frontiernet.net](mailto:irl@frontiernet.net)

Note from K4MGE: I have started working as net manager again because I sit by the radio a lot more than most and not everyone wants to be there 6 days a week at 7:30 p.m. when some of our favorite TV show are on. The job of net manager is one that takes up the slack if someone is off. If anyone is interested in trying their hand at net control just let me know and we will work out a day for you. Why do we need 6 nets a week ? #1. It gets people involved. #2. It gives people training in net control in case something happens and we need to have a net, you will be prepared. (Jim W4RRE is working out a training program to determine how accurately radio traffic is passed on a net.) #3. If you have several different radios, you will be able to check one out a night to see if all are working well. When necessary, remember to go to either the 146.895 repeater or use simplex mode on 146.865 as alternate communication frequencies. I would like to take this time to thank Jim W4MJW for all his hard work as net manager. Thanks also to all the net control operators and all those who have taken their personal time to check into these nets. Monday night on the 3980 Tennessee Ares Net we check-in with our count for the week of people who have checked in to our local nets and Cumberland County is number #1 with the most check-ins.

Wayne K4MGE, CPARC Net Control Manager.

**CPARC WEBSITE:** [www.cparc.net](http://www.cparc.net) Back issues of the cparc e-news and current CPARC activity calendars are located in the news area.

**CPARC USER GROUP:** 32 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 will resume when required. If anyone would like to have a class, contact Jim W4RRE at 931 484 7600 or Dave WV6JPL at 931 788 3363. We need ideas for subjects of future classes. Thursday evening classes have been held since 23 October 2008 except for weather, holiday or other conflicts. Subjects covered include: basic electronic theory, question pool material, ham equipment, ham operating procedures and courses required for ARES participation. These classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. in the conference room at the Crossville airport.

**MONTHLY MEETING:** The January CPARC meeting was delayed a week by weather conditions. It was finally held on Tuesday, 18 January. The meeting was attended by 17 members and 1 guest. Discussions took place regarding the purpose and primary use of the 146.865 repeater. Because of increased usage by members and having 6 nets a week, it was decided that an additional battery was required to operate the solar powered repeater reliably. The membership voted to spend up to \$400.00 to purchase another battery.

**THIRD and FIFTH THURSDAY BREAKFASTS:** The third Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at the Cracker Barrel in Crossville on 20 January. It was attended by only 6 CPARC members due to weather conditions. 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](http://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 49 paid members.

**WB2TTS:** We wish Bob WB2TTS a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

**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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Contact: Pete KT4BW [Kt4bw@arrl.net](mailto:Kt4bw@arrl.net)

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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.



73 ..... Dick kb3yr