

cparc e-news for April 2011

ARES DEC INPUT: No District Emergency Coordinator report is available this month.

ARES EC INPUT: I would like to start off with a job well done by Al KA1KIX, net control for our weather spotter net. He stayed on the air even though he lost a fence in the bad weather. I would also want to thank Vic KE4QJK for setting up a cross band from 70 cm to 2 meters so I could monitor MTEARS through the night. Our regular MTEARS link is not working and Vic and Al seem to be the only ones to receive it. That cross band gave me an ear to the west as things progressed. Everyone who checked-in to the weather net reporting what was happening in their neck of the woods was another job well done.

We had a chance to see what we need to do in the future to make our county more efficient in bad weather conditions. I spent most of my time at the EOC and saw what was happening there. I must remind all that when a weather net is in session and there is a NET CONTROL everything needs to go through him or his designated relief. That means not getting on the radio to help him out when things are busy unless he asks.

A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL.

Wayne K4MGE EC Cumberland County

ARES AEC INPUT: From the AEC. I would like to thank all that checked in to the Weathernet during the latest severe storm. I have made notes and will endeavor to streamline our operation as best I can. We dodged a big bullet this time but there was still some damage in our area, albeit not too severe. This type of situation is why we have so many nets during the week. It helps to give more confidence to the individual in operating during an emergency and gives us an idea how we need to handle traffic and information so as to benefit those needing crucial information. Always remember, BREVITY is the key to smooth communication and passing important information. Keep checking to the net and keep developing your skills on the radio.

Al Perkins KA1KIX AEC CPARC

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 450 check-ins for the nets held in April. 419 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

FEMA INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES: 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 taking these courses, contact Allen KA1KIX at alsan19420@gmail.com

TRAINING: No formal training classes were held during April. CW classes are being planned at this time. If there is any interest in having classes on the OpenOffice word processor and spreadsheet programs, let me know. Before taking an OpenOffice course, you should have the OpenOffice program installed on your computer. This can be downloaded at www.openoffice.com.

CPARC YARD SALE: The yard sale is was held on Saturday morning, 30 April, in the parking lot in front of the Big Lots store. Thanks to all who participated in this important CPARC fund raiser and helped make it a highly successful event.

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

VE TESTING: A scheduled CPARC test session was held on 7 April 2011. This test session produced two new Technicians, two new Generals and two new Extras. The next scheduled test will be held on 4 August 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 time being. They will be re-structured and will resume when required. If anyone would like to have a class scheduled, 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 had been held since 23 October 2008 except for weather, holiday or other conflicts. Subjects covered included: basic electronic theory, question pool material, ham equipment, ham operating procedures and courses required for ARES participation. When resumed, these classes will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. in the conference room at the Crossville airport.

MONTHLY MEETING: The monthly CPARC general meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the airport, with the exception of December. A Christmas dinner at a local restaurant is held instead of a business meeting. The April CPARC meeting was attended by 21 members.

THIRD THURSDAY BREAKFAST: The third Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at Shoney's in Crossville on 21 April. It was attended by 10 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: An additional battery has been purchased and is now installed in our solar powered repeater system. CPARC thanks the EAST PENN Company for their consideration in the purchase of this battery. The low voltage switch has been installed. The wiring still needs a final check-out. This will be done soon. 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 now stands at 42 paid members for 2011.

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

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:

Heathkit Handheld Frequency Counter. Model IM-2400. New condition \$50.00.

Bob Kinsella WB2TTS. 931-277-5092. wb2tts@frontiernet.net

For sale:

A nice AL-811 Ameritron amplifier.

It's missing one tube (damaged in transport) but is guaranteed to work!

\$450 local pickup

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



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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.

