

cparc e-news for November 2010

ARES NEWS: Weather spotter class went well although there were still about 2/3's of the membership missing. We have been invited to participate in the NWS 24 hour contact event in Dec. from the NWS in Nashville.

ARES EC INPUT: Thanks to those who participated in the SKYWARN CLASS. We had a great turn out of hams, some we haven't seen in quite awhile. We met some new hams that are moving into the area and want to belong to the club, we also had people who were not hams that just wanted to know more about the weather. The weather instructor Tom Johnstone did an outstanding job in training us on what we are to look for and what to report. Remember, November has had more bad weather in the past so beware, time cycles can change. Thanks to all those who helped with training on the ICS classes. Al, Jim and Dave have worked hard to bring this training to everyone interested. Remember, if you are needed to help out by being deployed by EMA in the county, this training is required. 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 191 check-ins for the 16 nets held in November. 174 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

REPEATER ANTENNA REPLACED: On Wednesday, 10 November, the antenna on the 146.865 repeater which had become defective, was replaced with the help of a ladder truck from the Crossville Fire and Rescue Squad. We thank chief Mike Turner and his crew for their assistance in this project. Go to the CPARC website for pictures.

CPARC WEBSITE: www.cparc.net Check out the many new features that have been added to the website. Buttons for VE Testing information and the Solar Repeater project have been added to the home page. Back issues of the cparc e-news and current CPARC activity calendars are located in the news area.

CPARC USER GROUP: 27 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: The VE exam session held on Thursday, 4 November was well attended. We licensed two new hams and upgraded three candidates to Extra Class. The exam papers were mailed to the LARC VEC on the morning of 5 November and the results were on the FCC database on the afternoon of 9 November. 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 were held on perhaps twoThursdays during November. The total class attendance for the month was 18 to 20 CPARC members. This month's classes were on FEMA Course IS-200.b. 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 most 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 November CPARC meeting was held at the Crossville airport on 11/09/10 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was attended by 21 members and one visitor. The members voted to increase the dues to \$24.00 per year effective 1 January 2011. They also approved the proposed policy for prorating the dues for new members.

THIRD THURSDAY BREAKFAST: The third Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at the Cracker Barrel in Crossville on 18 November. 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 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: The CPARC Christmas dinner in lieu of a December meeting will be held this year at La Costa restaurant on 14 December at 6:00 pm. Spouses and significant others are welcome. See you there.

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. The pro-rated dues for a non-member joining CPARC now would be \$1.50. (\$1.50 for the 1 remaining month of 2010). In lieu of pro-rating the dues for the rest of 2010, a member may choose to pay the full year's dues for 2011 (\$18.00 if paid in 2010) and start his CPARC membership upon payment. In this way the member would pay \$18.00 instead of \$24.00 for 2011 dues. The e-news editor is hoping that CPARC membership will hit the 50 mark by the end of the year.

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 6'146'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.



73 Dick kb3yr
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