

## cparc e-news for October 2010 (Special ARES issue)

**ARES NEWS:** Wayne K4MGE has been appointed to the position of Cumberland County Emergency Coordinator (E.C.). Wayne was notified by the TN ARRL / ARES SEC Lowell WD4DJW, that his appointment was approved and effective as of 10/04/10. I would like to thank and express my appreciation to CPARC members Wayne K4MGE and A.E.C. Allen KA1KIX, for taking on these important ARES leadership positions.

**ARES EC INPUT:** Glad to see everyone interested in the ICS classes. I just finished a 16 hour class on ICS-300 hands on class and can see the benefit of knowing how this ICS system will work. I was with EMS, EMA, FIREMAN, TEMA people and to put this all in perspective, from a small to major incident, this will work. TEMA and FEMA are preparing for a possibility of a major earthquake that could hit Tennessee. The results could affect us and everything east of the Mississippi River. It would completely demolish the infrastructure as we know it, including the electrical grid, roads, telephone systems, underground gas lines, gasoline manufacturing plants, etc. An earthquake, as history shows, will occur about every two hundred years and that time is now.  
73, Wayne K4MGE, Cumberland County Emergency Coordinator.

**ARES CLASSES:** Allen KA1KIX, has started holding classes on the FEMA courses required for ARES members. The FEMA Independent Study (IS) courses required are; IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a and IS-800.b. These classes are held on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the airport. Contact Allen KA1KIX at [alsan19420@hotmail.com](mailto:alsan19420@hotmail.com) to find out the date and content of these courses.

**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 159 check-ins for the 15 nets held in October. 138 of the check-ins were ARES members. Contact Jim W4MJW at [bootsie7@charter.net](mailto:bootsie7@charter.net) if you would like to take a turn as net control operator.

**SPECIAL WEATHER CLASS:** There will be a SKYWARN / SEVERE weather class on Wednesday 10 November, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Complex (fair grounds). That is the Wednesday evening after the CPARC meeting. The class will be sponsored by the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency, Crossville Fire Department and CPARC. The class will be taught by a meteorologist from the National Weather Service. Anyone interested in severe weather observation and reporting is encouraged to attend.

**CPARC WEBSITE:** [www.cparc.net](http://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 are located in the news area.

**CPARC USER GROUP:** 22 CPARC members have registered 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, By-Laws and a club roster are posted in the file section.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** A vote will be taken at the November meeting on a motion to raise the CPARC dues. Please try to attend this meeting and express your opinion on this proposal by exercising your right to vote.

**VE TESTING:** The CPARC VE Team will be holding a scheduled exam session on Thursday, 4 November, 7 p.m. at the airport. 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. The VE Team is looking forward to a good turnout of candidates.

**CPARC CLASSES:** Classes were held on 3 Thursdays during October. The total class attendance for the month was 35 CPARC members. This month's classes were on FEMA Course IS-100.b and 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 October CPARC meeting was held at the Crossville airport on 10/12/10 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was attended by 21 members and two visitors.

**CPARC MEMBERS EXPOSED AT SHONEY'S !!!:** The third Thursday CPARC breakfast was held at Shoney's in Crossville on 21 October. It was attended by 10 CPARC members, 3 XYLs and 1 guest. The singing ability of CPARC members was brutally exposed when a sorry attempt was made at singing Happy Birthday to a visiting XYL. It mercifully faded away and was aborted before reaching the end of the second line. Several in attendance expressed hope that CPARC members were better communicators than they were singers. Jay KF4YWW was overheard soliciting thank you's for his silence during the attempt. 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. (Further attempts at singing are not anticipated nor are they solicited.)

**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 47 paid members. The pro-rated dues (\$1.50 per month) for a non-member joining CPARC now would be \$4.50. (\$1.50 for each of the 3 remaining months of 2010). 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 that is what I will use 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 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](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  
President, CPARC