

Kings Point

Amateur Radio Club News

Bringing together all levels of ham operators, both newcomers and veterans, to share in the enjoyment of shortwave radio and emergency communications

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The Kings Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of the month from October through May at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Club House Craft Room



From The President

Greetings from Turkey, well, it is as hot in Turkey as in Florida. It was 93 here on the boat yesterday. Today the wind shifted to the south and it is 10 degrees cooler.

I have the name and address of the local repeater trustee. I tried to find his shop yesterday and will try again when in town. He manages the 2.5 watt; 145.700- repeater with Echolink. So far I have talked to Sam and heard Virgil on the repeater. I hope to help him boost the power.

I am looking forward to being back in KP and working on a few projects that don't move from under me. The major project will be the repair of our long wire and the repair and refurbishment of the beam. We return on Aug 17. I am excited about the working of our weather and Echolink stations. I can check KP weather every morning direct from KPARC!

This news letter is a great addition to our club and hopefully aid in boosting attendance and membership. My hat is off to Sam and the team making it happen.

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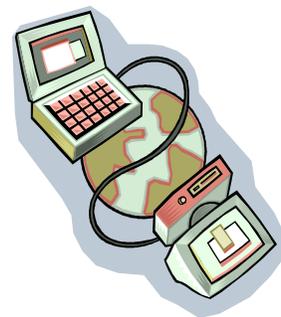
Saturday Morning At The Shack

The Kings Point Amateur Radio Shack is open each Saturday morning from 1000 to 1200 for a variety of Ham radio activities. Among these activities, Joe Sturniolo has spent several Saturdays repairing a Kenwood transceiver. Tom Parsons' packet project has produced favorable results. Most important however, is the knowledge and experience gained by those who are assisting in these projects. See you there.

W3SOB Echolink News

Recent problems with Echolink and our broadband have been corrected. All systems are operating 24 hours a day. However, the area of coverage still needs to be address. The present 5 watt configuration will only allow minimum coverage, increasing the power causes splatter on other frequencies.

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Turkey is great and I hope to see you in Aug. and tell you all about our short visit here.

73's
Dick

PREPERATION BEFORE THE STORM



We have a number of 2 meter HT's that are designated for emergencies. Unfortunately, we become interested in their operational capabilities when an emergency, such as a major storm is at hand. Matt Steers, W3DGT has taken on the project of getting these HT's in good working order. Matt said (2) 2 meter units showed different programming on each unit. The channel line-up did not match and several positions reflected repeaters not in use. Also the tone encoder in each unit was not set to operate and therefore neither unit could open any of the existing repeaters. Sun City Center repeater, with its lack of tone, operated just fine. All other repeaters were not operational.

Matt will take on the task of reprogramming all the units so they reflect the existing repeaters and the channel line-up is the same in every unit to make operation easy.

Moreover, he is requesting from the members some suggested frequencies. Matt has made a list of repeaters and frequencies which, he thinks, would make the units very functional. The list includes local repeaters with associated tones and simplex frequencies to be used by the sub-groups, Red Team, Blue Team, etc. in Rick Sochon, N10V's calling tree. A copy of the list of repeaters and frequencies will be available for everyone to take a look at and make the necessary changes, deletions/additions

.One major problem was efficiently solved: The manuals for the Radio Shack units could not be found, so Matt went on Google and discovered a manual on-line (very lucky find). To test the manuals data he reprogrammed one of the units with some of existing the repeaters along with the encoding tones, then tested the operation on several repeaters and found the channels to work quite nicely, being able to key up the repeaters within range.

The KPARC Newsletter will be published monthly and emailed to the members and friends of KPARC at least one week prior to the meeting day. Articles for publication should be in the hands of the editor (n2of@tampabay.rr.com) 10 days before the email date.



REMINDER

THE KPARC MEETING TIME AND LOCATION HAS CHANGED

MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: MAIN CLUBHOUSE CRAFT ROOM

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED**

Amateur Radio Operators Attention!

**Sun City Center Emergency Squad Is In
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