

Kings Point

Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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

New Radio Room Update

We are still making progress. It is moving as fast as a very slow snail, but there is progress. The latest item recently completed is the installation of the carpet. I can say without a doubt it has transformed the room into a radio room to be proud of and no doubt when the workstations are installed we will all appreciate the hard work that went into it.

To recap, thus far we have placed the antenna A-frame on the roof directly over the new radio room. We are waiting for the roofers to bolt the frame to the steel roof decking. Additionally, the roofers will penetrate the roof and install a six inch conduit which will allow us to install the antenna coax. The next item is the sixty-five foot tower with its Hy-gain Thunder Bird Beam. Although the tower and beam installation was completed at the beginning of April, we found that the beam was not secure and began to turn on the mast. Thankfully, Lew Merrill was able to climb the tower and make the necessary repairs.

Okay, where does that leave us: we wait for the workstations. The contractor is fabricating the workstation tops. The pedestal cabinets delivery is expected in the next few weeks. Hopefully we will see the radio room cabinetry finished by mid June. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

KPARC Members Achieve Extra Class

Joe Sturniolo, W2WLF, George Gray, W4GAG and Mike Friolet, W4MJF became the newest Extra Class License holders after attending weeks of intense class room study and then passing the rugged exam. All of us at KPARC congratulate them and the new Extras Anita Akridge, KG4ZTB; Bob Weekes, N8WBH; Bob Casey, KE4CFJ of the SCCARC.

Joint Club Field Day

SCC ARC / K P A R C will be holding a joint Field Day celebration on June 23rd at the SCCARC Radio Shack and adjacent grounds.

A new webpage has been established at the www.sccarc.info website -- which has pictures and all the latest news and plans. More information will be posted on the following website as the June 23rd date gets closer:

www.sccarc.info/fieldday.html

Where Is Our President?

The last contact we had with Dick and Eileen was from their location in Turkey. Dick had a great setup where both Echolink and Skype worked real well and we could have extended conversations. However, they left the location and traveled south to another Turkish port. The last report they were heading for Cyprus and then plans call for Lebanon. According to a recent email Lebanon is under review due to the current problems in the area. You can follow Dick and Eileen's voyage by checking <http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=W4nwd>

CORRECTION

The May issue of this newsletter incorrectly stated the next regular meeting will be in September. It should have stated October 1, 2007

Reminder

We meet at the Shack every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00