

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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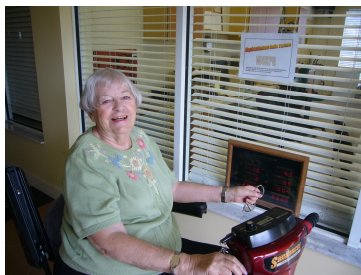
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The Kings Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of the month from October through May at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Club-house Craft Room

Jean Hall, WA8OXL, January Member of the Month



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At the January KPARC meeting Dick Bishop introduced a new meeting feature called the member of the month. The inaugural member is Jean Hall, WA8OXL.

Jean received her Novice license on January 31, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan. After struggling with the code she upgraded to General and shortly thereafter went on to Advance Class.

During her Michigan years she was president of the Catalpa Amateur Radio Club and a member of Hazel Park Amateur Club and a long time member of the ARRL. As an active HF operator Jean has worked 50 states and 95 countries.

Community service was also a large part of Jeans amateur radio activities. She was very active in assisting in communications for local marathons, parades and areas where communications were needed. She also served as chairperson of Michigan Week and worked many thousands of Hams throughout the U.S. and Canada via special call sign M8ICH. The amateur radio community salutes you Jean.

From The President



Dick Bishop

It is a challenge to keep up with all that is happening with and around the club. We caucus on a regular basis, and honestly, ideas surface faster than we can react. This is a good sign because the club is growing in many ways as a result. Things are getting done. In this issue of the newsletter you will find a list of open club projects. We are always looking for volunteers to take on a project and follow it to completion. So, step up and volunteer, we will see that you get all the

help you need to complete the project.

This evening, as I write this message, we are under a tornado watch and I cannot help but think about our preparedness should a major storm hit our area. We have participated in County wide drills with good results. However, we need to prioritize our project list and prepare for any emergency. Our club's emergency power and lighting installation work requires immediate attention. Moreover, now is the time to review and update our emergency plan, and call list.

Our club is becoming more closely aligned with the newly formed Kings Point CERT team, and we need to support their preparedness for Kings Point emergencies. There are plans in the works for a full blown emergency simulation to take place in Kings Point this spring. This will give us a real sense of how we can cover an emergency when it is on top of us. As you can imagine the practice will be quite different than just checking into a net when the disaster is miles away. Our thinking should be to be prepared, when rather than if, an emer-

gency happens in Kings Point and Sun City Center. Maybe we should have a couple of special dinner meetings with the program specifically covering emergency preparedness.

We are working on club logos and club shirts, and are getting close to having a proposal for the club. So be sure to attend the next meeting to input your ideas and color choices.

Russell has set up a special speaker for the next meeting. Spenser Faircloth from Sun Trust Bank's Trust Department will present the program. Although not radio related, Estate Planning and its pit falls will affect all of us eventually so feel free to invite your spouse and friends for this special talk.

See you on the first Monday,

Dick, W4NWD

CLUB ROOM PROJECTS

January '08

1. Download and install Kenwood Program to control radio by PC
2. Install Internwarn on Weather Station PC to utilize the satellite dish data
3. PC Power backup – Check Plug sequence and operation on all three PC's
4. Install Windows Live One Care on Dell and Gateway Computers
5. Rotate Beam 180 degrees to match controller
6. Install lock on cabinet over printer to store more expensive club equipment
7. Complete 12 volt power distribution on weather station
8. Design and install 110 volt power distribution from emergency generator to club room
9. Install emergency lighting for Radio Room
10. Investigate 440 Repeaters to use our club frequency
11. Security Camera on KPARC Web Page
12. Update KPARC Web Page Calendar
13. Update email distribution list
14. Develop KPARC logo and Radio Room window sign
15. Select and approve KPARC shirt and logo patch designs
16. Develop new KPARC photo ID card
17. Evaluate Purchase of D-Star dual band radio and report recommendations to board
18. Build cabinet doors to hide the antenna switch panels for UHF/VHF and HF stations
19. Install the Peet Brothers Weather Picture Frame in the Hallway next to Cyber Space
20. Paint and install KPARC sign in the hallway window
21. Update Members SK plaque
22. Dispose of extra antennas, 2 HF verticals, Cubical Quad, Three Element Beam
23. Install Serial card in Dell PC
24. Organize tools for repair bench
25. Repair Oscilloscope
25. Organize filing system for club files and records.

Spencer Faircloth To Be Guest Speaker At KPARC February 4th Meeting

Sun City Center's well know banker from the Sun Trust Bank will address the members of the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club at its February meeting. Spenser Faircloth brings a vast array of experiences from serving in the White House, Wall Street and several financial intuitions. Many residents have attended Spenser's informative program on financial planning.

This program, although not in the normal realm of programs for the radio club, it will give our members very valuable information regarding what is going on in the financial world today. We hope everyone will attend and bring along your neighbors and friends.

Vice President Russell has several interesting programs scheduled for the next few months. So, stay tuned to the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club Newsletter for program information.

All classes meet in the Maintenance Bldg Except for the 1/31 class which will meet at KPARC

	Date	Pages	Number of Questions	Chapter Title	Instructor
1	Monday 1/21	xxxxx	0	Introduction All the math you will need Bring calculator	Anita Akridge AI4YV
2	Thursday 1/24	23-24 25-33 34-40	6 29 18	Your Passing CSCE Your new General Bands FCC Rules	Bob Wehrle KI4ILT
3	Monday 1/28	41-44 45-51 52-56 -----	8 24 16 0	Be a VE Voice Operation (SSB) CW Lever CW demo and practice	David Shierenback N8PF
4	Thursday 1/31	100-105	17	Your HF Receiver Equipment demo in KPARC Radio Room	Dick Bishop W4NWD
5	Monday	70-85	47	Sky wave Excitement	Bob Weeks
6	Thursday 2/7	86-99	46	Your HF Transmitter	Mike Iacovazzi W1RQF
7	Monday 2/11	57-64 65-69	26 12	Digital Operations In an Emergency	Bill Barron W1WAB
8	Thursday 2/14	106-115	29	Oscillators & Components	Rick Sochon N1OV
9	Monday	116-127	38	Electrical Principals	Oscar Kramer
10	Thursday 2/21	128-139 140-144	41 13	Circuits Good Ground	Anita Akridge AI4YV
11	Monday 2/25	145-164	64	HF Antennas I	Russell Akridge AD4ZR
12	Thursday 2/28	145-164 165-171	64 18	HF Antennas II Coax Cable	Russell Akridge AD4ZR
13	Friday 2/29	172-181	32	RF & Electrical Safety	Mike Burks KG4GTP
14	<p>9:00 a.m. to Noon Ham References & Source Anita & Russell Akridge REVIEW 2:00 p.m. FCC GENERAL CLASS EXAM</p>				

**ALL-DIGITAL TELEVISION IS COMING
(AND SOONER THAN YOU THINK!)**

Coupon Program Basics

The coupon program totals \$990 million with a continuation fund of \$510 million (if necessary) for OTA users only. Here are the basics of the program:

Coupons valued at \$40 each

Only two coupons can be requested per household;

Only one coupon can be used per converter box purchase;

Coupons are tracked electronically;

Coupons expire within 90 days;

Basically, if you have two analog televisions in your home that you want to purchase a converter box for, both coupons can be useful; however they cannot be combined to receive an \$80 discount on a single converter box.

When Does The Program Begin?

The coupons will be available from January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. All households that own a TV using over-the-air analog reception are eligible.