

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 every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Club-house Craft Room.

From The President

Greetings to our members,

My short news letter articles usually come from what is going on in my head at the time. It often takes me several days after Sam's notice to start writing, so I have some time to reflect on the subject: **What's Important**. Here is my answer.

What's important is having fun!! Enjoying our hobby and its many aspects has side benefits that cannot be measured except to answer the questions like are you: (a) somewhat satisfied, (b) satisfied, or (c) very satisfied. A sense of satisfaction, a smile, a memorable event, or a desire to repeat the experience is better indicators of the fun we get from our hobby. So I invite you to think back over the fun times you can remember, share them with a friend, and let's repeat the events.



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

Recently, I invited Eileen, AB9T, to go on one of amateur radio's traditional event, a Fox hunt; it was great fun. It felt a little like a scavenger hunt. The unknown, the equipment malfunctions, and the mental games you play trying to figure out a way to improve our methods, and the discussions after the event all contributed to an enjoyable and memorable event. Fox hunting is just one example of many ways of having fun with our hobby. If we toss in a little more competition, we could call it a sporting event. Find a partner or team and give it a try.

Our Saturday breakfasts are fun, and I look forward to every Saturday. The opportunity to meet friends and discuss any subject, and not just radio, is a high point of my week. The common subject or radio has brought together a rich mixture of life experiences to share. Whether we meet at Rachael's or Sun City Center Cafe the results and satisfactions are the same. Food, friend, and conversation equal fun, and we want to repeat it.

The rewards of accomplishment, the satisfaction of a job completed and/or well done, serve to boost our inner pride and make us feel proud. This is why we have so many volunteers in Sun City Center, and why we are living longer and happier. Volunteering and helping out is fun because it feels so good.

We also learn a lot from our ham friends, whether it be, where to get the best price, how something works, how to avoid a trouble spot in a project, or just pick up a new piece of trivia; we are richer for the experience and pleasure comes from learning and being knowledgeable. We all have little tid-bits to contribute to the conversation so share your knowledge. This is a two for one boost in satisfaction. When it comes to conversation AC is much better than DC.

So to sum it up, fun, pleasure, smiles, memories, and growth are all big side benefits of our radio hobby. If we work at it or are just open to it; we can enhance our lives through the side benefits of our hobby, and believe me, it will spread to others. Join in and have fun!

See you at our meeting on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

Dick,W4NWD

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**BECAUSE THE FIRST MONDAY IS LABOR DAY
THE SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M.**

September Meeting Features

Ed Allen WA4ISB

Ed Allen will explain the NI4CE repeater system. Ed is the trustee for the NI4CE system, and one of the men responsible for setting up and maintaining the entire system. He is employed as a field engineer for Cox Broadcasting, and it is part of his job to maintain Cox's antennas.

Using his personal connection, he has been able to place NI4CE's repeaters hundreds of feet above sea level on Cox Broadcasting towers. He also did the D Star installation.

Kings Point Radio Club Repeater News

Things around the KPARC radio room are a buzz with anticipation about the 2 meter and the 70 centimeter repeaters that will join the amateur radio airwave between the end of September and mid October. Meanwhile, our 2 meter frequency, located at 147.090 and the 70cm frequency, located at 442.250, are operating simplex with the two meters getting most of the use.

To bring everyone up to date, the 2 meter repeater is being built and should be ready for delivery by the first of September. The duplexers, controller, controller cables, etc. have been ordered and shipped to the repeater builder to install in the repeater. An order was placed for the antenna, coax and associated fittings was placed and will be delivered to KPARC before September 1st.

On the 70cm side Bill Shepherd and Lew Merrill are hard at work bringing the old 440 repeater back to life. The repeater is transmitting and receiving okay but there is a little noise in the tone tail that Bill and Lew are working long hours to correct.

This is an exciting time for KPARC members and are looking forward to hearing the announcement,

“THIS IS THE KPARC REPEATER”

KPARC INSTRUCTORS TEACH AT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



Nick Petro, WX3H, Senior Forecaster at the Ruskin National Weather Service station called Dick Bishop and asked if he could setup a technicians class for the seven NWS personnel who did not have an amateur radio license.

Dick immediately met with Park's Training Coordinator, Anita Akridge who with clipboard and calendar met with Nick Petro to develop a schedule. Although, it would appear this would be a simple task. Order the manuals, define the class location and date. Not so; the forecasters worked different schedules which meant a challenging work around. With phone calls, emails and arranging instructor schedules the class went off without a hitch and we have seven new hams added to the amateur radio community.

Congratulations to: **Todd Barron - KJ4FUF, Nicole Carlisle - KJ4FUG, Tom Dougherty - KJ4FUI, Ernie Jillson - KJ4FUJ, Charlie Paxton - KJ4FUM, Colleen Rhea - KJ4FUN, Tony Reyes - KJ4FUO,**