

Kings Point

Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

24 Years Of Voluntary Emergency Communications Service To Our Community

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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.



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

From The President

As the year draws to an end, it is a good time to reflect on the past year, but more importantly, to anticipate the up coming year with it's new opportunities.

Year 2008 has been a good year for KPARC. We have grown our membership, added computers to each operating station, beefed up our emergency preparedness with a 2.5 KW generator, taught several license classes, and brought the 147.090

repeater back to KPARC.

Support, grants and donations from the Computer Club, KP COA, and many of our members have helped make this year a success. Our new club room is now a year old and is serving our club needs in ways we could only dream about in years past. We regularly have 12-15 members drop in on Saturday morning during our open house. Weekday use of the club room is growing as evidenced by full log-in sheets.

We are gaining on our objective of making our club and club room a resource for information, communication, knowledge, radio operation and skills. We now provide many modes of communication for our members to experience which were not available in years past. Through teaching, workshops, practices and club meeting programs we strive to bring new life to our radio club. By volunteering to serve on a committee, helping with a class, or

demonstrating a piece of gear; we all benefit and learn. This is the basis of growth in our club. Many thanks to our members that have contributed their time and knowledge to benefit all of us this year.

On a somber note, we have lost several club members this year. We should accept that passing as part of life and remember our friends as we celebrate the coming of another year. SK

Next year brings with it new opportunities to advance our radio hobby. A few things I'm looking forward to are:

- Single subject work shops to expose a few members at a time to new operating modes
- Expanding our repeater features and capability (linking, voice recorder, etc.)
- Adding IRLP (Internet Radio Linked Project) to compliment our Echolink system
- Experimenting with miniature amateur TV Transmissions

Send your comments to help fine tune the list.

A guiding principle that helps make decisions for KPARC is that they should lead to more members using radio communication, i.e., checking into a net, trying out Echolink, making a PSK-31 contact, sending a SSTV photo, or just having a QSO with a ham that you may never meet. Help me make decisions for our 2009 year by following similar guide lines, and we will have another very good year.

Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.

73's

Dick - W4NWD

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**THE ANNUAL KINGS POINT & SUN CITY
CENTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE CELEBRATED**

ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2008

IN THE KINGS POINT BANQUET ROOM

5:30 p.m. SOCIAL HOUR

6:15 p.m. CATERED DINNER

BYOB

TICKETS: \$15.00 per person

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT YOUR CLUB MEETING

ENTERTAINMENT

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

(BRING A GAG GIFT TO EXCHANGE)



EILEEN BISHOP, AB9T CHAIRPERSON

Ladies Net News



The YL Net continues to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. This net provides all lady amateur radio operators to join in a very informal net. Ladies Net Manager Anita Akridge said the format is mostly casual chat rather than the strict net protocol found in the other

weekly nets.

All our ham ladies are encouraged to check in say hi and join in the conversations.

Workshops Scheduled

Beginning in December the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club will offer workshops on such topics as D-Star, Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS), Echolink and PSK-31. The workshops will meet once a month and will be hands on into the operation so that students completing the course will feel comfortable operation the equipment.

Anyone that has a particular subject interest should contact the training manager president to make their needs known.

November Program Brings Out A Crowd

AMATEUR RADIO SATELLITE (AMSAT)



December Program

Wow! What a way to end our 2008 program year. Program Chairman and Vice President is bringing back our old friend an one of the most interesting presenters, Meteorologist John Frizzola returns to KPARC with a great program entitled

Columbus Knew Weather

Christopher Columbus understood and took advantage of the weather to propel his fleet to its destination and back. His weather and oceanographic observations can be found in the ship's log and his correspondence. Although his mindset was anchored firmly in the middle ages, he should be considered a contributor to the foundation of modern weather science. Join meteorologist John Frizzola, as he explores this little-known aspect of Columbus' voyage of discovery. There also will be an exhibit of books and artifacts about the "Admiral of the Ocean Sea."

Mr. Frizzola has been a meteorologist for over 50 years and has been especially interested in the ability of Christopher Columbus to take advantage of the prevailing weather in his historical discovery. He has experience in numerous fields of meteorology and has Master's Degrees in both Meteorology and Environmental Engineering. He permanently moved to Florida from Port Jefferson, Long Island.

What ever you do, don't miss this program. Bring your spouse, friends and neighbors to this most interesting and energetic speaker. It will be a program you will not soon forget.

Next Meeting
December 1, 2008
at 2:00 p.m.
Main Clubhouse
Craft Room