

# Kings Point

## Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

25 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

CQ CQ CQ...All KPARC members

As October approaches without a major storm, we begin to feel a little secure. However, the official end of hurricane season is the end of November, so we need to keep our guard up a little longer.

September was a busy month around the club. We programmed scanners, built an NVIS antenna for HF, Anita Akridge taught a Tech class and Russell Akridge finished the last two "extra class" classes on logic circuits and hardware. The Near Vertical "propagation" antenna will be tested during the annual EOC HF demonstration of HF connectivity with Tallahassee, thanks to the help of Don Nathan. Other activities around the club: Joe White is working on our equipment inventory, Bill Love reprogrammed our security camera, and Sam and I did a little necessary housekeeping.

Our next meeting will be October 5. The planned program will be a presentation by TECO engineers on power line noise detection and prevention. Also, October is the start of our fall programs and activities. We will begin soliciting for volunteers for various club projects, nominations for elected officers will be at the November meeting, and elections will happen in December. So now is the time to get your ideas in for programs and projects for the fall and winter months. Some upcoming events will be the fall picnic, holiday party, and the Palmetto Ham Fest.

The CERT net on Wednesday night is beginning to grow. This is a great time to get acquainted with fellow CERT members and local hams, pick up a few tips on upcoming activities, and pass along messages to friends. Check-in begins at 7:30 on Wednesday night on the KPARC, 147.090 repeater.

KPARC and KPSCC CERT have begun discussion with KP security to provide assistance on the SILVER ALERT program. Occasionally a resident cannot be found by friends or relatives. CERT volunteers may be able to help locate the person quickly. You can see how a combination of coordinated, radio communication and watchful observers can help cover a lot of streets and local golf course ponds efficiently. You will hear more about this voluntary program in the upcoming months. KP Management is rethinking KP gate security and some changes may be forthcoming. Since our members have access to our club room 24/7, we may provide a current membership list to our gate security. Let's work with security and make their jobs easier. Our access to our club room after hours is very important so helping them will in effect, helps us. I'll keep you posted if there are any changes that affect the access to our club room.

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## ARRL Simulated Emergency Test



The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. ARES, National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 3-4, local and section-wide exercises may be held throughout the fall season.

To participate in this year's emergency test, contact your local ARRL emergency coordinator or net manager to find out the details. ARRL Sections, ARES teams and nets may conduct their exercises anytime during September through December. If you don't know who to call, please touch base with your ARRL Section Manager for assistance. See page 16 of QST for contact information or check the ARRL Web page. The URL to start with is <http://www.arrl.org/sections/>. From there, you'll find links to ARRL section home pages with names and contact information for your Section Leaders including the Section Emergency Coordinator and Section Traffic Manager. Whether you're a new licensee or an experienced radio amateur, the SET is a golden opportunity to learn or practice useful skills in traffic handling, net operation and emergency communications protocols and management.

The purpose of SET is to find out the strengths and weaknesses of ARES, NTS, RACES and other groups in providing emergency communications, and to provide a public demonstration--to served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the emergency management agency and through the news media--of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need. Finally, SET will help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.

One of the first steps on the way to a successful SET is to try to get as many people involved as possible, and especially new hams. In a real emergency, we find amateurs with all sorts of varied interests coming out of the woodwork. Let's get them involved in SET so they will know more about how emergency communications should be handled. Promote SET on nets and repeaters, and sign up new, enthusiastic radio amateurs. Many of those offering to help will be inexperienced in public-service activities. It's up to you to explain what's going on to them, and provide them with useful roles. They may like it so much that they become a permanent fixture in your ARES or NTS group. For a review of last year's nationwide Simulated Emergency Test, read the article in July, 2009, QST.

**CERT NET**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**KPARC REPEATER**  
**147.090**

**SCCARC NET**  
**TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**SCCARC REPEATER**  
**147.225**

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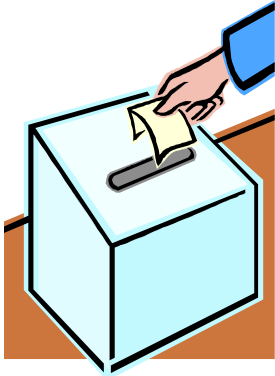
I've noticed how hard it is for me to keep up with the many nets that can be heard from our area, so I'll try to get them into a list so we all can have a handy reminder. Checking into nets is a great way to become and stay proficient in radio procedures.

Name	Frequency	Time	Day
South Cars	7251 kHz	8:00am	Daily
AmSat FL	NI4CE	7:30pm	Thurs
QCWA	NI4CE	9:00am	Sat
YL Net	NI4CE	7:30pm	Sat
WCF Eagle Net	NI4CE	8:30pm	daily
WCF Tech Net	NI4CE	9:00pm	Thurs
WCF Skywarn	NI4CE	9:00pm	Tues
WCF Info	NI4CE	7:30pm	Sunday
SCC Net	147.225 MHz	7:30pm	Tues
KPSCC CERT	147.09 MHz	7:30pm	Wed

Help me add a few more!

Thanks, 73's  
Dick -- W4NWD

## Kings Point Amateur Radio Club Nominations and Elections



Past President Joe Sturniolo, W2WLF was appointed by the president to head up the Nominations Committee for the 2009 KPARC Elections to be held in November. This committee shall recommend a slate of at least one candidate for each office.

Send your nominations to Joe Sturniolo via email ([joradio@aol.com](mailto:joradio@aol.com)) prior to our November meeting. Any member in good standing may run for an office. Nominations should include:

- Member name and call sign
- Office member will be running for
- Qualifications both professional and personal

The Secretary shall record nominations for each office. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the regular meeting prior to the election. Each nomination shall be seconded, and each person being nominated shall verify their willingness to serve in said position if elected thereto. No one may be nominated to more than one position.

### Saturdays are for EAT & MEET

**Join the gang at Sun City Cafe or Rachel's for breakfast  
Then meet at the KPARC Shack for friendly socializing**