

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 Clubhouse Craft Room.



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

From The President

Greetings KPARC members.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to all. As we close out 2009, each of us should take stock of what we have accomplished this year, and begin to think about next year's goals. I'm an optimist so it is easy for me to expect great things in 2010. Join me in my optimism and let's make next year a great and memorable year for KPARC.

Here are a few things that are on the agenda for next month:

1. December's club meeting on Dec. 7 is our annual meeting. We will elect officers, and vote on acceptance of our revised bylaws. There will also be a short program. Please plan to attend.
2. December 5th and 6th will be the Annual Tampa Ham Fest at the Manatee Civic Center in Palmetto, FL.
3. The Christmas & Holiday party will be on December 9. Get your tickets early from me or Mike Friolet .
4. We will be holding Fox Hunts (hidden transmitters) during the month of Dec. and all next year, so watch for e-mails announcing the details.
5. Remember to check in to the Tuesday night net (147.225) and Wednesday night CERT net on 147.090. The PL is 146.2 on both repeaters.
6. And finally, remember our Saturday morning breakfasts at 7-7:30 at the Sun City café, and club room open house every Saturday morning from 9-12.

Good News.

Our KPARC has received a sizable grant from the Kings Point Condo Owners Association to help up-grade some radio and computer equipment in our club room. We need your input in the selection of a solid state HF linear Amplifier, and other equipment for emergency applications. Preliminary plans will be discussed at the December meeting.

Fox Hunting News.

Tom Cooney (KE9LN) will be heading up these events. He is taking orders for the simple signal tracking antennas to be used with an HT or Scanner. We already have orders for 12 units. See Tom or me(W4NWD) if you want to build one of these kits. We will schedule a day to assemble the circuits as a club project.

picnic on November 7th; the prize was a Mini VOM. Great job of tracking Bob.

Well, let me end with a **Thank You** for your participation in KPARC events this year. Let's remember our friends and loved ones during the holidays, and be safe in any travels you plan during this busy season.

73,

Dick

KPARC President

RADIO LAW: PHILADELPHIA CELL BAN COULD IMPACT MOBILE HAMS



Operating a two-way radio mobile in Philadelphia may cost you \$75 a pop beginning December 1st. This, thanks to a new cell phone law about to fully take effect in that city.

While the purpose of the law is to discourage the use of cell phones while driving there is a clause which prohibits the use of a wireless communication device for voice communication while operating a motor vehicle on any Philadelphia street. Hands free operation is permitted.

An article in the Philadelphia Inquirer quotes a 9th District Police Officer saying there are some exceptions to the new law. These are to

call the 911 emergency line or while using a two-way radio to conduct official business for the city, state, or federal government. Otherwise

the law says to pull over and put the car in park or neutral before making a call. Local hams have been in touch with ARRL Volunteer Counsel to get their opinion of the bill. More information can be found in the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club November newsletter at [www dot harcnet dor org](http://www.dot-harcnet.dor.org). Updates on the how this new law will affect on ham radio will be posted there as well.

National Weather Service/ARRL SKYWARN Recognition Day: December 5



The 11th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) will take place this year on Saturday, December 5. Radio amateurs will operate from many National Weather Service (NWS) offices around the United

States. The purpose of the event is to recognize Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform during times of severe weather and to strengthen the bond between radio amateurs and their local National Weather Service office. The event is co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service. Traditionally, hams have assisted the National Weather Service during times of severe weather by providing real-time reports of severe events and storm evolution. The assistance that radio amateurs provide to the NWS throughout the year is invaluable.

SKYWARN Recognition Day this year will be held from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC on Saturday, December 5, 2009. (That means the event officially begins on Friday evening in the United States). To learn more, check the [NOAA Web site](#).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
DECEMBER 7, 2009
KPARC MEETING
&
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Notice To All KPARC Members
YOUR 2010 DUES CAN BE PAID
DURING OUR DECEMBER 7
MEETING.
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00**

SCCARC/KPARC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS, HUNUKKAH, NEW YEARS

&

THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF SCCARC

DECEMBER 9, 2009

5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

6:00 PM DINNER

FLORDIA ROOM

\$16 per person

SITDOWN DINNER MENU

APPETIZER -TURKEY DINNER - DESSERT

BYOB

WE ARE SUPPORTING THE SHERIFF'S

TOYS for TOTS

PLEASE BRING A CHILDS GIFT

No used toys - No gift wrap toys -No stuffed animals

Purchase Tickets From:

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BY DEC 6, 2009

