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442.250 PL 143.6

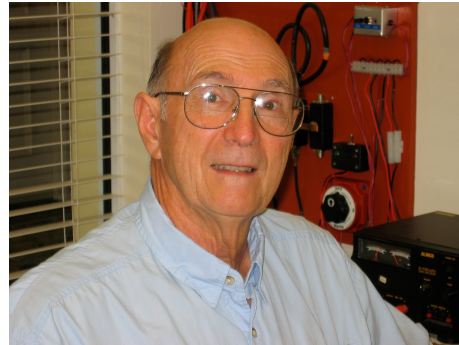
Echo Link Node

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Meetings

First Monday of every
month in the main
clubhouse craft room at
2:00 p.m.

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From The President

Greetings from Turkey, Although I have been out of circulation, I have not been away from radio. Ham radio is still alive here in Turkey. I brought three radios to my friend Sami , TA4BBS, to be used in his Emergency response group. Their group is like CERT plus Ski Patrol. Sami maintains a 2 meter repeater with

Echolink here in Marmaris. The ICOM 706 will be used in his Pactor MBO station for packet messages. The two HTs made available by Bill Barron, will be used by emergency deployed volunteers. Sami's entire HF antenna system was wiped out in a storm last year. He hopes to rebuild, but money and materials are hard too come by in Turkey. Radio gear is taxed at 100%+. Most of the ham radio in the boating community is centered around pactor, weather and e-mail while at sea. Most marine hams also post a position report when traveling. These are found on Shiptrac and Find-u.com. A Friend on s/v *Tapestry* loaned me a 2 meter mobile to use while I'm in Turkey. It has a few problems, so either Sami or I will repair it for him. Burt, WB2MFW, another cruising friend on s/v *Twist of Faith*, loaned me a SWR meter to check out my antennas on s/v *Triumph*. I left very little of my own gear on the boat . While here, I got Henry's Pactor system working with his new Windows 7, 64 bit PC . It is his life line while cruising.I also encouraged a Canadian Ham to get involved in Pactor, and he subsequently ordered a 706 Mk II G. He got his call to be used in Canadian CERT but had never used the call.

I tried Echolink a few times and made contacts with Jim Malinowski, and Tom Cooney, plus a QSO with a German ham on Sami's Echolink station. I also talked to Eileen , AB9T, on D-Star at home ,but I never figured out a return audio problem.

So you can see there is radio activity. There were two seminars on HF antennas here in the Yat Marine marina, but I did not have time to attend.

I'm looking forward to being home in May and catching up on all the radio activity in SCC,

73's Dick W4NWD



Congratulations to the 5 CERT members who took the recent amateur radio classes at Kings' Point and passed the Technician license exam on April 3: Jan Kjollesdal, Steve Uhlman, Phyllis Brown, Doug Gatchell, and Lynne Kjollesdal.



Reminder

**The KPARC
Meeting
May 3, 2010
at 2:00 p.m.
Main Clubhouse
Craft Room**

In Memoriam

Lawrence W. Brown, W3LWD

Larry Brown, who divided his time between Sun City Center and Pennsylvania, died at his home in Enola, Pennsylvania on March 26, 2010 after battling cancer for several months. Larry was a very active member of KPARC and served as the clubs IT Manager and was responsible for several major improvements in our amateur radio software.

Larry will be missed by all of us.



Memorial Day May 31,

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

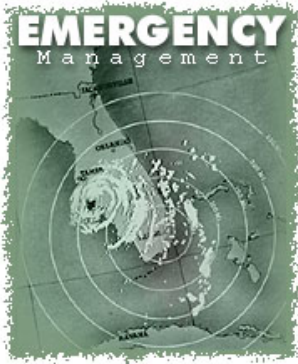
In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day.



EOC FIELD TRIP Report

On March 31st
twenty-five Kings
Point Amateur

Radio Club car pooled to the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center in Tampa. Bill Barron, W1WAB opened the tour with a description of the procedures used when an emergency condition is announced and the EOC is put into operation. Bill said that people from the Hillsborough Sheriffs Office, Tampa Police Department, Fire Department, CERT, Red Cross, Citizen Corps, County Commissioners, and other agencies are there to be informed of the disaster and send information to their respective departments and those involved in the emergency operation.

A tour of the facility was conducted by an EOC staff member which included the 911 operation room. A 911 operator demonstrated how a call is received and what procedures are used to assist the caller in getting help.

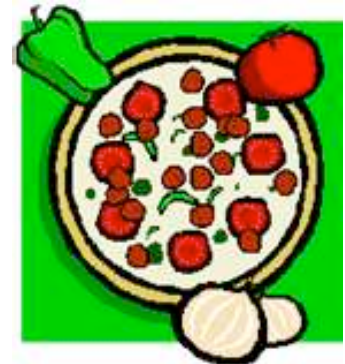
Bill Williams, EOC staffer, directed the tour to the radio room and described the equipment used during emergency situations. It was very interesting to see the complete operation and how the various amateur radio repeater stations interface in the overall operation.

At end of the tour the group adjourned for lunch at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant in Brandon. Our thanks to Dotty Love, W2DOT for setting up the tour and to Bill Barron and Bill Williams for their input.

Spaghetti Dinner Fun Time

On Wednesday, April 21st KPARC members gathered at the Ruskin Elks Club to enjoy a spaghetti dinner put on by the members of the Elks. KPARC member Lillian Stone, K1LIL, a member of the Elks sponsored the group.

In addition to the excellent meal, members were able to dance to live music. KPARC gives a special thanks to Lillian Stone and Dotty Love for making the arrangements.



Welcome Home

After a month away from KPARC our president, Dick Bishop, has returned from Turkey to the good old U.S.A. Although the club was in the very capable hands of our Vice President, Joe White, it is nice when the family is all together.

We know there are important things to do as we prepare for the 2010 hurricane season. Moreover, with our snowbird members absent, the preparation work must be done by those of us who are here during the summer. So, when Dick asks you to lend a hand, please be ready to serve.