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More Than 25 Years of Voluntary Emergency Communications Service to Our Community

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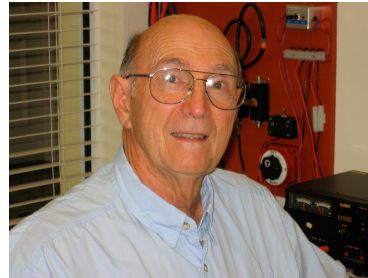
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Meetings

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

www.kparc.org



From The President

I'll start by saying that most of our members get QST every month so there is no need for me to tell you things that you already know. But, then if everyone reads like I do, I never finish one issue before the next one arrives. I have been re-reading the March issue since I missed Dennis

Blanchard K1YPP's program at our club. Dennis used a small portable dual band HF CW rig for his Appalachian trip. Several of us are interested in building such a rig. So stay tuned (pun) for more information about this as a club project. (cost will be very low).

Also in the March issue was an answer to my Feb. question about how MARS got the lead to provide Haiti's emergency communication following the earthquake. Well pp. 72-73 explains that MARS has a new name (Military Affiliated Radio System) and a new mission , to support both US government and Department of Defense components, providing EMCOMM for all civil operations; plus MARS will continue to provide Health and Welfare messaging to Military deployed. I missed this on the first read.

It is interesting that all MARS units must be able to operate in what is termed "all radio mode", without the use of the Internet or phone services . This explains the interest in Winmor HF operating modes. Our June KPARC meeting will have a presentation on MARS and how amateur radio fits into their mission.

Now that I'm paraphrasing QST, here is one more thing that caught my eye. In the June issue pp. 77-78 there is an article on how every ham can participate in an emergency without all the training, practices and memberships to ARES/ RACES/ CERT and etc.. About 50 % of our members have an active interest in Emergency Operations. That leaves the other half without a role in times of emergency. The Neighborhood Watch for Hams QST pp.77-78, project is worth considering for SCC/ KP. We have had colored sticks hanging from our mail boxes for years, but the purpose is all but forgotten. Let's talk about organizing the other half or our membership and then everyone has a role in the event of an emergency, and our community will be better served to boot.

Watch for upcoming events,

73's,

Dick - W4NWD

TRIP TO TAMPA BAY WATER DESALINATION PLANT

The Tampa Bay Water Desalination Plant the largest desalination plant in North America. The plant has a nominal design capacity of 25 MGD (million gallons per day) and a maximum capacity of 28.75 MGD. The 8.5 acre site has provisions for future plant expansions of 35 MGD. We will tour the plant which will not be running but the reverse osmosis will be working. It should be an interesting 45 minute tour.

Date: June 18, 2010 Friday

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CALL DOTTY LOVE at 634-2749 BEFORE JUNE 6, 2010

Time: Tour begins at 9:30 AM

Meet at the Sun City Bealls parking lot at 8:45 AM (SHARP) to car pool to 13041 Wyandotte Rd., Gibsonton, Fl. 33534.

After the tour, we can catch a late breakfast or early lunch or just a "coffee break" at Mimi's Cafe, 804 Providence Rd. Brandon, Fl. (684 -1184)

Additional Information: When touring this facility, we have been asked to wear long pants, a shirt with sleeves (no tank tops), comfortable, closed toe shoes or boots (no sandals). You MUST bring a photo identification. The facility prohibits the use of recording equipment, firearms, binoculars, and alcoholic beverages.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY CALLING Dotty Love at 634-2749 before June 6, 2010.



Reminder

**The KPARC
Meeting
June 7, 2010**

at 2:00 p.m.

**Main Clubhouse
Craft Room**

In Memoriam

Ray Black, W2PKM

Ray was a charter member of the Kings Point Amateur Radio Club and was active until his health began to decline.

Ray passed away on May 23, 2010. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time

New Florida Hurricane Net Convenes on D-STAR

The new [Florida Hurricane Net](#) is an affiliation of D-STAR repeater owners who want to provide the resources of their repeaters to hurricane preparedness, planning and response. The net is operated and sponsored by ARES® members and groups statewide.

The Florida Hurricane Net meets on Monday evenings at 9 PM. Interested operators who have D-STAR capability, either through Dongle or Repeater, are highly encouraged to check into this net on a regular basis. The net will serve as a platform for statewide training and as an advisory point for severe weather updates to and for all emcomm groups, primarily during hurricanes but for other severe weather events and disasters as well. It is anticipated that Digital Data (D-RATS) use and training will also be incorporated into this net as it develops.

Plans call for net control responsibilities to be rotated among the three Florida ARRL Sections. This net is primarily for training and support of and for Florida ARES® organizations. [editor's note: I checked into this net on Monday night, and for a new net entity, it is off to an excellent start, with numerous check-ins from all over the state. Just in time for hurricane season! -- K1CE]

FCC News: FCC Seeks Comments on Newly Proposed Rules for Amateur Radio Operators Using Spread Spectrum Communications

In March, the [FCC released](#) a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([NPRM](#)) that proposed to amend Part 97 to facilitate the use of spread spectrum communications technologies by eliminating the requirement that amateur stations use automatic power control (APC) to reduce transmitter power when the station transmits a spread spectrum (SS) emission, and reducing the maximum transmitter power output when transmitting a SS emission (WT Docket No 10-62). On May 14, a summary of the NPRM and the Order was published in the Federal Register; the FCC is seeking comments on the NPRM. Comments must be filed on or before June 14, 2010 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before June 28, 2010 (45 days after publication in the Federal Register). Instructions on how to file comments are listed [beginning on page 5 of the NPRM](#).

The Commission also attached an [Order](#) to the NPRM that makes certain non-substantive revisions to Part 97. According to the FCC, the rules are necessary to amend the Amateur Service rules or conform them to prior Commission decisions, enhancing the usefulness of the Amateur Service rules by making them conform with other Commission rules, thereby eliminating licensee confusion when applying the rules to Amateur Service operations. According to the *Federal Register*, the new rules take effect July 13, 2010.
