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

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KPARC Repeaters

2 Meter

147.090 PL 146.2

70 CM

442.450 PL 146.2

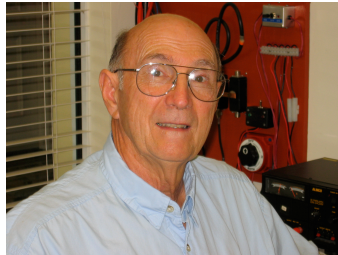
Echo Link Node

311633

Meetings

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

www.kparc.org



Dick Bishop, W4NWD

From The President

Keeping the fun in Ham radio! Our hobby is not all about emergency preparedness, although some times we get so involved with that facet of radio that we forget about the fun stuff. In looking over what is available to us in our hobby, you realize that there are hundreds of interests, activities, experiences, and topics to explore, any one of which could fill our available time. Our club tries to provide a large variety of equipment and learning experiences to interest many hams, but as individuals, I suggest you find the one facet of radio that offers the most reward to you. Formula: Find a band or activity; Make a plan; Gather equipment; Antenna; Logging equipment (pc or pencil and paper); Do a little research; Set a goal; Dedicate some time to operate. You are on your way to having a lot of radio fun.

One example:

So here is one part of our hobby that I just discovered last month. The ten-meter, Ten-Ten club (www.Ten-Ten.org) has been around since the 50s (when we thought we may lose 10 meters entirely). This group has international coverage, nets, beacons, and a wealth of activities. I mention 10 meters now because 28 MHz is beginning to open up, and will continue to improve the next few years. The sun spot count was 16.8 to 35.1 the last six months but was almost 50 last week. Ten meters can be operated by Tech as well as General and above, uses low power and small antennas and surprisingly there is a lot of activity on 10 all the time.

Here are few facts about 10 meters; the first skip distance is about 500 miles. The ground wave distance is about 50 miles. The 10-meter Beacon list is at: <http://www.qslnet/WJ50/bcn.htm>

There are many nets on 10 meters using ground wave, such as:

1. Orlando chapter of Cypress Net: Tuesday at 2300 to 2359 Z on 28465khz.
2. Manatee County ARES: Monday at 1900 Z, on 28.450khz.
3. Pinellas County ARES: Tuesday at 1900 Z, on 28.450khz.

4. Charlotte County Net: Thursday at 2000 Z, on 28490-28495khz.
5. Ten-meter DX net Daily 1430Z, on 28330khz.
6. Ten-Ten SSB net Daily at 1800 Z, on 28.8-28.38khz.
7. QRP calling (Novice-Tech) 28.110khz.
8. QRP, calling (General-Extra) 28.060khz.
9. QRP International Calling, 28.385 kHz.
10. Ten-Ten group calling 28.400-28.250 kHz.

This is just a thought starter, but you get the idea that having a primary focus is a good way to stay active, have fun, and build up those bragging rights!

73's Dick W4NWD

KPARC TOUR OF LIPIZZANER TRAINING SCHOOL SET

By Dotty Love W2DOT

The trip to the Lipizzaner Stallions of Austria will be on Feb 25, 2011. We will meet at Beall's parking lot on Route 674 at 1:15 PM. Car pooling will be the mode of transportation leaving promptly at 1:30pm to drive to 32755 Singleterry Road in Myakka City, Florida. (Directions will be provided) The tour will include the horses in the stables and an outdoor performance by the Lipizzaner Stallions. There are bleachers for seating or you can bring a lawn chair. The performance begins at 3:00pm and will be about 1 hour and 20 minutes. At the conclusion of the outing we will adjourn to a near-by restaurant for dinner.



The pride of the Austrian Empire's Spanish Riding School, these rare horses perform their classical equestrian moves every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Winter training sessions for these horses are open to the public the last weekend of December through the last weekend of April. Donations are accepted for the care of the animals. Founded in the 16th century for the exclusive use of the Hapsburg Royal family of Austria, the Royal Lipizzans are unquestionably the rarest, most aristocratic breed of horses in the world. The pride of the Hapsburg Empire, the Lipizzan breed was first established by Archduke Charles at Lipizza

(now part of Yugoslavia).

Only a few hundred have ever existed at any one time. Indeed, it is a contemporary miracle of sorts that this precious bloodline is not extinct, having barely been saved by General George Patton from the Russian advance during World War II. The Lipizzans' celebrated escape was recounted in the Walt Disney movie, "Miracle of the White Stallions".

Assisting Patton in the clandestine mission to rescue the regal Lipizzans, Colonel Herrmann and his father, Colonel Ottomar Herrmann, Sr., smuggled the horses out from far behind enemy lines, riding at

night and hiding by day. "We moved out into the night with nothing," recalled Herrmann, "only a handful of horses". The Lipizzans' they saved under the protection granted by Patton, were "more precious than jewels", he declared.

Colonel Herrmann, joined by two subsequent generations of Herrmanns, created an American renaissance of classical equitation's. His family maintains a 200 acre ranch in Florida to ensure the propagation of this extraordinary breed.

All Airs Above the Ground, originally outlined by Xenophon the Greek, derive from defensive horsemanship created for war and predated the birth of Christ by some 400 years. These spectacular leaps and plunges were originally meant for use by mounted riders to inspire terror in the hearts of foot soldiers.

That this nearly lost art remains alive, is due in very large part, to the commitment of Colonel Herrmann, scion of the Herrmann family, and historically among the world's greatest trainers of this rare breed. In a lively and informative narrative throughout the presentation of his remarkable stallions, the history, evolution and contemporary application of this most sophisticated horse and rider training is recounted. It is repeatedly noted that extreme patience and, most particularly, love are the requisites to such highly schooled animals. Herrmann epitomized the master of classical European equitation.

PLEASE call Dotty Love if you plan to go at 634-2749

2011 DUES

THE KPARC TREASURER
IS WAITING FOR YOUR
2011 DUES.

IF YOU MISS THE
MEETING
MAIL YOUR CHECK TO

BILL LOVE
2007 GRANTHAM GREENS DR
SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33573

KPARC ACTIVITIES

QRP Outings- Meets every Wednesday at 0800 in a designated spot and operates on low power. Usually break up at 10:30 or 11:00. You do not need to have any equipment, just come out for the fun or use others equipment. It is a good way to pick up some good/neat tricks of the trade. Contact Mike Burks or Tom Cooney for info.

Fox Hunts- Will be starting up this month. The hunts will be on the second Thursday of every month somewhere around 4:00 p.m. on 146.5Mhz.

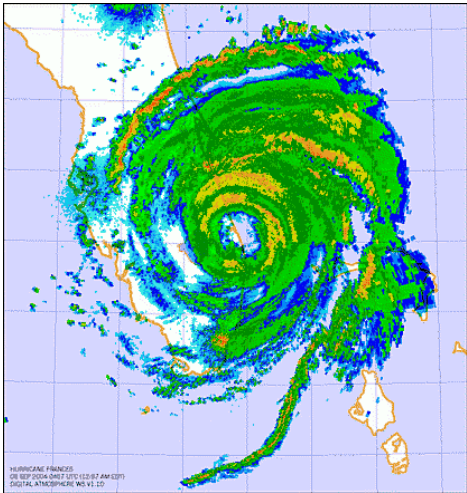
Contact Bill Love or Tom Cooney for info.

Mini CW Xcvr kit build off- a class will be given for building the directional finder and the "Altoid tin container" in the future. Contact Tom Cooney if you are interested in attending a class.

Annual SCCARC/KPARC Spring Picnic- Scheduled for March 12, 2011 at the Sun City Center picnic pavilion behind the horseshoe pit. More details will be forth coming as time gets closer.

CERT Program Gears up for 2011 Season

By Bill Barron W1WAB



If a disaster strikes will you know what to do? How to protect yourself, your family? How to help your friends, neighbors?

CERT Members rally in Wauchula after Hurricane Charley 2004; Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and Homeland Security sponsor this type of free training through their Community Emergency Response Team – or CERT – Program. Hillsborough County sponsors 11 such community disaster teams including one in Sun City Center that has 150 members.

Bill Barron (W1WAB) is the leader of the local group assisted by many KPARC members. Thirty-seven amateur radio operators are part of the team; which boasts an administrative HQ at 980 North Course Lane (the old Maintenance building on the north SCC campus) and two supply storerooms; one of which is located in the Kings' Point North Clubhouse.

The CERT team conducts a weekly VHF radio training net on the W4KPR (147.090MHz; pl 146.2) repeater each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. All amateurs are invited. The net provides CERT amateurs with the opportunity to become familiar with their radios and net operations, communications being a critical aspect in disaster situations. In the event of a real emergency, CERT and KPARC have agreed to permit CERT members to conduct their field communications using the W4KPR 2-meter repeater and to support the group with CB channel #1 communications.

CERT members are required to complete 32 hours of classroom and hands-on training. But these programs have been compressed locally into 2 four-hour morning sessions, which will be conducted at the KP South Clubhouse on March 5, and 12 from 9am to about noon. Interested members (or any County resident) can contact Bill Barron (w1wab@arrl.net) for reservations/details. The class material includes activities involving search and rescue, basic fire fighting, basic triage and first aid. Graduates receive a backpack with medical gear, diploma, and County ID badge. There is no charge for the class.

SCC CERT meets January-October on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. There are no dues or mandatory attendance requirements. Meetings generally involve hands on refresher training in everything from generators to chain saws. Local, County, and State drills are also a fun aspect of the group.

More details about the CERT group can be found at their website at <http://www.w1wab.com/certsite.htm>. Disaster Preparation information for Sun City Center can be found at <http://www.w1wab.com/Disastersummary.htm>

For a full list of volunteer organizations supported by Hillsborough County visit the Citizen Corps website at <http://volunteerhillsborough.org/>

Check into the CERT Radio Net on W4KPR at 7:30pm each Wednesday

CERT Basic Class at Kings Point: 2 day-class 3/5; 3/12 --- 9-noon