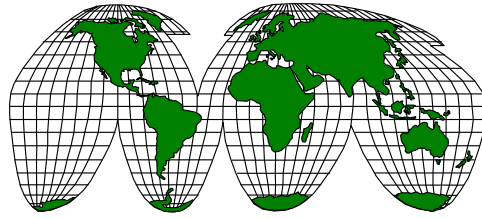


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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 2004

MEETINGS: SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE BIG BROTHERS OUTER LIMITS 7:00PM
REPEATER FREQUENCIES: 146.790(-) K8EEN 444.750(+) KC8YED

SPEED DIAL #S 7770=AAA (Howard St. Garage) 7771=Sheriff 7773=Police 7776= Highway Patrol
7778= MV Fire 7779=Report Repeater Problem # to shut off Auto Patch

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Hams,

WOW! What a great time we all had at field day this year! I want to thank everyone that was able to help out. Those of you that helped setup towers and tents to those that cooked breakfast, I extend great thanks. It seems we may have had a record year for the club as for the number of contacts. I counted around 1,051 contacts made! If you were not able to make it out, you missed a great time – you may want to plan on coming next year. A couple of the more interesting contacts made this year were the U.S.S. Missouri stationed in Pearl Harbor as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. I'm sure Don will have more information on our field day success at our next meeting.

It seems the early season storms are past us and the weather has begun cooperating. Of course, as always, this does not mean we won't get any more storms. I ask that anyone able to help during storm situations please be available and be prepared. The county has given us permission to release county emergency ID cards to those involved with our ARES/RACES program. If you are not on our current RACES list and want to be involved, please let me know. Only those members will be called upon and given initial access to facilities in an emergency. For those already on the list, we need to take photographs so we can get the cards made up. Please come to our next meeting if you can so this can be done. If you cannot make it to the meeting, then please let me know so we can work something out.

As always, I encourage you to come out to our club meeting. It is open to members and non-members, so feel free to invite someone out. Our next meeting will be July 12th, 7 pm at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters building on Columbus Road. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship with other hams. ☺

Until next time.....73's,

Ruben Clark

MVARC President

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Important News

Newsletter being E-Mailed

The newsletter has been sent to everyone via hard copy as well as emailed as a link to the site that we have it posted on. I encourage anyone with an email address to let us know. This helps us with the cost of stamps.

Letter from the Editor.

Hello all,

Field day was a great success with over 1,000 contacts. We had a great time at the picnic I will have more on that at the meeting. We will be discussing several things at the meeting so I encourage you to be there. At the bottom you will see a map of the area's we were able to contact during field day.

Thanks,

Jeff Hall

Knox County PIO for the ARRL/ Vice President or MVARC

Attendance June 14, 2004 Monthly Meeting

Name	Call	E-Mail
1. Phillip Buble	N1GTZ	
2. Stephen Dick	KC8YED	
3. Bob Bruff	N8PCE	
4. Don Russell	WA8YRS	
5. Jeff Butz	N8SMT	
6. Barry Butz	N8PPF	
7. Jerry Walker	KB8JAA	
8. Jeff Hall	KC8WXL	
9. Ruben Clark	KB2SAI	
10. Dan Crowthers	KB8TEX	
11. Vicki Crowthers	KC8DZQ	
12. Harold Rush	AB8BI	AB8BI@arrl.net
13. Bob McBride	N8QPM	
14. Larry J. Helzer DVM	AA8WP	

Minutes June 14, 2004 Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm local time.

Treasury Report: \$356.24 savings, \$316.00 in checking. Repeater fund is \$1031.74

Old News:

Issue 1: MVARC's website redesign is coming along nicely. Estimated time of completion is this month.

Issue 2: The newsletter is going out this week and will double as the

Field Day report for June. Our yearly picnic was discussed and it was decided the club will purchase the Hot Dogs. We'll try to arrange a covered area for the picnic should it rain. Setup starts 6 pm Friday local time.

New News:

Issue 1: Weather Report. The storm May 21st left Apple Valley without power for 3 days. Damage in the Apple Valley area was determined to be due to straight line winds though some members found this hard to believe.

Issue 2: Marwood Hallet representing Homeland Security Citizen Corp (and the older organization VOAD) came by to explain a recent newspaper article to the club. The relationship of HSCC and VOAD to ARES, CERT and Amateur radio in general was discussed. Next Citizen Corp meeting will be July 13, 7:00 pm local time at the EMA building.

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Issue 3: Bob, N8QPM, reported that only 5 members showed at this month's steering committee. The wind damage to the Apple Valley area was discussed again.

Presentation: New Field Day logging software.
50/50 drawing was won by Don WA8YRS

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm local time.



Robert J. McBride, Sr.

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Monthly Report: ARES May & June 2004

Please, remember to check in to the Sunday night ARES Nets at 9:00P.M.

I apologize for not having the check-ins listed. I will try to have the update for next month.

The Sunday night ARES nets schedule is as follows:

First Sunday Net Control: N8QPM Bob McBride, Sr.

Second Sunday Net Control: KC8WXL Jeff Hall

Third Sunday Net Control: KB2SAI Ruben Clark

Fourth Sunday Net Control: N1GTZ Phil

Fifth Sunday Net Control: KB8TEX Dan Crowthers

1. The Skywarn Steering Committee Meeting June 5, 2004 did not have any information to disseminate. I did ask the Weather Services Gary Garnet to make up a little presentation so I could show the difference between the aftermath of straight-line winds and a tornado touch down. The storm on May 21, 2004 caused a large amount of damage in Apple Valley, but it was determined to be straight-line winds. We clocked 185Hours just from our Skywarn net and Sunday night nets alone in May. I would like to thank everyone for their help.
2. Please remember the tornado sirens will be tested the first and third Fridays each month at 12 :00 PM. We need NET Controls who can do check-ins for these nets. If you are available and you do not hear anyone else on the repeater, please take check ins and send me a report on all that checked in .
3. Remember the National Weather Service needs information during severe weather. Please report the following information when you are reporting severe weather.

Where are you located? Town (closest street intersection) or if in the country location closest state route and intersecting street. If you are on a give the county road name and closest intersecting street. Please, remember the net control cannot see you.

Your report is important and needs a location for the weather service to track the storm.

Wind speed is one of the important items needed. Weather the wind speed is measured or estimated. If trees or limbs are down, how big are they? Was the tree healthy? Is there damage to houses, barns or other structures?

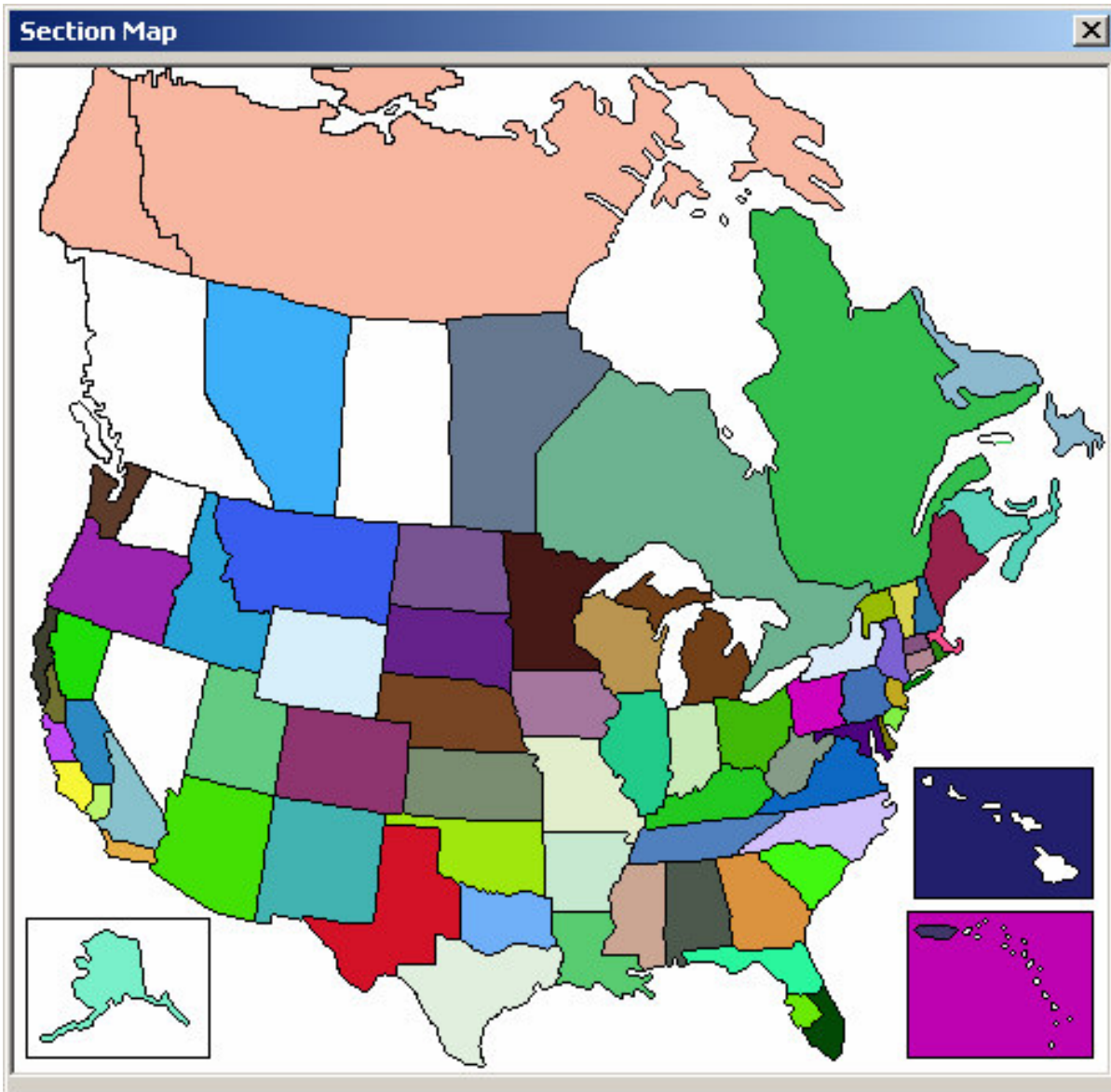
Rainfall amounts measured or estimated amounts? When did the rain start and when did it end? Is there flooding and how much? Is this a common flooded area?

Hail size how large in diameter? Pea size, dime size, nickel size, quarter size, or measured.

Cloud Type: Rotating, Wall cloud, Funnel cloud, Tornado and direction of travel.

4. I hope every one has gotten their rain gauge. If you do not have one, go out and buy a rain gauge. Rain gauges can be purchased for \$1.69 at Wal-Mart up to hundreds of dollars for a digital rain gauge you can hook up to your computer. Try to get a rain gauge graduated on tenths. Remember to put your rain gauge in an area where it will not be blocked by buildings or trees.

73's from N8QPM and have a good month!



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Interested in joining the MVARC?

CLUB DUES SCHEDULE

\$20 for First member in household

\$10 for each additional household member

\$15 for those living outside Knox County

EDITORS NOTE

This newsletter contains club events and articles. Without **your** input the next newsletter may contain more blank spaces. Please submit your articles to Jeff Hall KC8WXL, before the 23rd of the month or before. Please send via email to kc8wxl@mvarc.net. The sooner there here the faster I can get the newsletter done and sent to you. THANKS ...

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