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Lawrence County Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Next LCARC Meeting night will be February 7th 2005 7pm, at the Lawrence County Courthouse, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

March LCARC Meeting will be a National Weather Service Spotter Training Class at 6:30 PM Lawrence County Courthouse in the Courtroom.



Lawrence County A.R.C. Information and Weather Nets: 147.045 + Repeater, Time: 8 PM
January 11th and 25th 2005
February 8th and 22nd 2005
March 8th and 22nd 2005

Guest Speaker Set for February

David Norris (K5UZ) will be our guest speaker for our February 7th 2005 meeting. David will put on a program about the W5ZN/NG5M Championship 2A Field Day of 2004. David is also running for the position of ARRL Arkansas Section Manager, the Election for this position takes place in the next few months. If you have any questions about his agenda if elected, this would be a good opportunity to ask them. We ask everyone to please turnout for this meeting and give David a warm welcome to our Club gathering.



David Norris Guest Speaker for Feb. 2005

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147.045 Repeater Courtesy Tones

You may have noticed a change from time to time with the sound of the Courtesy tones on our club repeater. We have been playing with an idea over the past few months to use different Morse code Courtesy tones to help indicate different events in Lawrence County. What we have come up with is a way to allow our members to know when we are in a heightened state of alert, when we are in an active net mode or when the repeater is in normal operation.

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Here is what we have setup so far.

- 1 - Morse code K - Standard Repeater Mode
- 2 - Morse code W - Skywarn Weather Mode
- 3 - Morse code R - Undefined
- 4 - Morse code A - Undefined
- 5 - Morse code N - Standard Net mode
- 6 - Morse code E - Emergency Net Mode

We hope that this will help our area hams be more aware of events and our state of readiness.

National Weather Service Skywarn Spotter Class Scheduled

The Lawrence County Amateur club is sponsoring a Skywarn Storm Spotter Class at the Lawrence County Courthouse on March 7th 2005 starting at 6:30 PM. everyone is invited. *What is SKYWARN?* SKYWARN is a program consisting of the National Weather Service's network of trained volunteer severe weather spotters. SKYWARN members consist of private citizens, amateur radio operators, firefighters, law enforcement officials, and other government officials. SKYWARN volunteers support their local community and government by providing the National Weather Service with timely and accurate severe weather reports. These reports, when integrated with modern National Weather Service technology, are used to issue timely and accurate warnings of impending dangerous and life threatening weather conditions. In addition, SKYWARN spotters working with emergency management officials can help provide their communities with advance warning of impending hazardous weather.



Arkansas club announces Field Day 2A plaque, 2004 winners



(Jan 7, 2005) -- The Batesville Amateur Radio Club in Arkansas has announced the 2004 winners of its W5VAE Memorial Trophy. The new award recognizes the highest class 2A ARRL Field Day score. The award honors the memory of Dr Myrlas Matthews, W5VAE, who died shortly after operating with the club during ARRL Field Day 2003. "Myrlas was an Elmer to many hams in Arkansas and a pioneer in many aspects of the hobby," said BARC President David Norris, K5UZ. "Myrlas loved Field Day, and we could not think of a better tribute and memorial to a great Elmer." The club presented the 2004 trophy to Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and Matthews' son Douglas, WB5OAQ. ARRL Contest Branch Manager commended the club for coming up with an outstanding way to honor a deserving member of the amateur fraternity. "I am sure Myrlas' love for the hobby will live on in part because of the club's efforts," he said. "Congratulations to all involved."

New Repeater Status

We have raised our goal of \$450.00 to purchase the Motorola Radius Radios to build our new club repeater, to replace the ageing system currently in place. We would like to thank everyone that supported this project by donating what they could. If you would still like to make a donation to help with any future expenses that may arise you may do so at club meetings. With your help and support, we hope this will lead to other great projects over the New Year to help increase club activity and membership. Talk to more of your non ham family, friends and neighborhood youngsters about ham radio and help rejuvenate our ham radio community. Bringing new hams into our hobby assures the future of ham radio.



Lawrence County ARC 2005 Calendar

Some dates subject to change

February

7th -- LCARC Meeting **Special Guest Speaker David Norris (K5UZ)**
8th -- LCARC Net
22nd -- LCARC Net

August

1st -- LCARC Meeting
9th -- LCARC Net
20th, 21st -- Huntsville Hamfest
23rd -- LCARC Net

March

5th -- Russellville Hamfest
7th -- LCARC Meeting **National Weather Service Spotter Training Class 6:30 PM Lawrence County Courthouse**
8th -- LCARC Net
22nd -- LCARC Net

September

Regular Meeting night falls on Labor Day, so we will hold our meeting the following Monday the 12th
12th -- LCARC Meeting
13th -- LCARC Net
27th -- LCARC Net

April

4th -- LCARC Meeting
12th -- LCARC Net
26th -- LCARC Net

October

3rd -- LCARC Meeting
11th -- LCARC Net
25th -- LCARC Net

May

2nd -- LCARC Meeting
10th -- LCARC Net
20th, 21st, 22nd Dayton Hamvention
24th -- LCARC Net

November

7th -- LCARC Meeting
8th -- LCARC Net
22nd -- LCARC Net

June

6th -- LCARC Meeting **Election Meeting**
14th -- LCARC Net
28th LCARC Net

December

5th -- LCARC **Christmas Party**
13th -- LCARC Net
27th -- LCARC Net

July

Regular Meeting night falls on the 4th this year, so we will hold our meeting the following Monday the 11th
11th -- LCARC Meeting
12th -- LCARC Net
26th -- LCARC Net