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AC Net

Our club, along with the Jackson County ARES, sponsor a net every Monday evening at 1900 CST on the 146.670 repeater

Club Events

- Aug. 21st, Club Meeting 7PM**
- Sept. 18th, Club Meeting 7PM**
- Oct. ?, Club Meeting/Test Session 9AM**

Other Events

- OCT 19-21, JOTA**
- OCT 20, WARC Tailgate**

Club Officers

- Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT—Pres
- David Tomaszek, WD4CBZ—V. Pres
- Jimmy Adams, K4KHV—Sec/Treasurer

Club Officials

- Repeater Coordinator
Jeff Hagan, WO4J
- 146.670 Repeater Trustee
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- 147.045 Repeater Trustee
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- 444.950 Repeater Trustee
Danny Tipton, KN4UC
- Yahoo Moderator
Wayne Espey, KB4AAC
- Echolink Moderator
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- Newsletter Editor
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- Web Master
Gary Brown, WWW4JDO
- Web Hosting
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT

The President's Corner

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary WW4JDO for the fantastic job he did redesigning the club website. If you haven't seen it lately, head over to <http://chipolaarc.org>. If you have anything that you would like to post to the website please get with Gary.

It is almost that time of year again. Jamboree On The Air JOTA is coming up in October. There are several things currently scheduled for that Saturday in October (20th). That is supposed to be our next Saturday club meeting and test session as well as the Headland AL Tailgate. I would like for us to try to move the meeting to another week-

end so that it doesn't prevent anyone from going to Headland.

If you all have been wondering where I have been lately, my family and I stay pretty much on the go constantly. I haven't had much spare time to get on the air. But everyone is healthy and happy and I try to get in there every now and then on the radio.

FYI if no one shows up as Net Control on the Monday Night net, anyone can assume the duty. There is an updated Net Roster at the club's homepage. Please do not hesitate to pick up the ball if no one else will. There is

no reason for there not to



Jimmy K4KHV Teaching a Webelos Scout CW

be a net because myself or one of the other NC operators don't show up. I will always try to be there, but can't promise that I will be there.

Take care,

Bill Everitt

President—Chipola ARC

Getting The Word Out

We have had a couple of folks express interest in another Blitz Weekend. We haven't gotten one scheduled yet, but hope to do one in the next month or two. If anyone knows someone that my be interested in getting their

"Ticket", give them the following email address: training@jacksoncountyares.org.

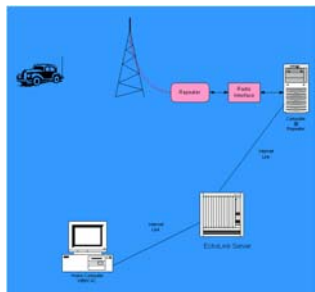
Club elections are around the corner, and it soon will be time to elect new

club officers. I won't be running for any positions next year as I no longer have the time to put forth a good effort. I know it is early, but I wanted to make sure that the club had plenty of time to consider someone else.

ECHOLINK UP AND OPERATIONAL

Echolink is running pretty good and has not had any major problems. I monitor it as much as I can from work and from the house.

A reminder to anyone who hasn't been on in awhile. The node name is now W4BKD-L vice KG4ZJT-L. If you see my callsign in ECHOLINK, that is my home machine or laptop and if I am online, give me a shout. In the event of severe weather, or other disaster that effects us, I will link to the appropriate conferences or repeaters as



Simple Echolink Diagram

required.

I have not had time to put together a cheat sheet so I hope everyone is able to get a hold of the help files and operators manual from ECHOLINK.ORG. If someone has put together a cheat sheet and would like to share, send a copy to me or Gary and we will get it up on the homepage.

We are still running off my little HTX 404 HT and my Rascal. I haven't had a chance to sit down and play with the Motorola radio and the

Nomic. I am hoping to swap out the radios and the digital interface soon though so that I can get back into operating digital modes from the house.

If anyone notices ECHOLINK misbehaving please give me a call on the 146.670 repeater, or if it is Mon-Thur between 6:00 AM and 4:30 PM give me a shout at 272-1187.

Thanks,

Repeater Controller Status

We are still operating with the built in controller on the 670 repeater. The clubs repeater controller was damaged and the cost to commercially repair it exceeds the cost of the equipment. If someone would be interested in trying to get it to work, let us know. Otherwise, we will have to wait until the club has enough money to replace it.

As for repairing the old controller or replacing it, there is really no sense in doing so until the grounding issues are addresses at the repeater site. Otherwise we risk destroying more equipment the next lightning strike.

On another note, we need to consider a repeater controller for the repeater at the EOC. At least some-

thing that would allow remote control of the repeater in the event of a problem. Any ideas and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Bill Everitt

ARES NEWS

As I write this article, Category 5 Hurricane Dean is pummeling the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. We have been extremely lucky so far, but the season is not over yet. There is still the possibility that we might see some form of tropical storm here in the panhandle. Personally I would love to see a week

tropical storm or tropical depression come and give us a good wetting, but that is another point all together. Please make sure that you are checking your emergency equipment (ie generators, batteries, solar power) to insure that it is operational and make sure that you are rotating your emergency supplies as

needed.

Our annual SET is coming up next month and we are looking forward to maximum participation. Drill cards will be issued to all players when the time comes.