

# Chipola Amateur Radio Club



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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

Apr 28-29, Blitz Weekend

Apr 29th, Test Session

TBD, Fish Fry

June 23-24th, Field Day

## Other Events

13-14th July, Milton Hamfest

10 Nov, Montgomery Hamfest

## Club Officers

Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT—Pres

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## The President's Corner

Hurricane season is quickly approaching. Now is the time to be checking out your emergency equipment. Make sure that your generators have fresh gas and oil, make sure that you are stocking up on batteries. Most of us wait until the first 12 days of the season to take advantage of the tax breaks, but there is nothing stopping mother nature from starting the season a little early. Aside from equipment preparations, start setting aside some non-perishable food stocks, and other sundry items. Let us not be caught with our dipole sagging HI. For those that haven't had the opportunity, now wouldn't be a bad time to knock out some of the free

courses on the FEMA website. Also, if you are interested in participating in the local ARES program please get up with me (KG4ZJT) your friendly ARES Emergency Coordinator for Jackson County (for those of you in Jackson County) or Mark (WA4MN) ARES Emergency Coordinator for Washington County. If you are from outside the area and do not know who to contact, please see one of us or Ricky (KD4AST) our District EC for the East Panhandle District. We should be able to point you in the right direction. For those of you interested in par-

ticipating in a jump team



Hurricane Ivan setting it sites on Pensacola/Mobile

(fast deployable small units) please catch one of the ARES representatives as we really do not have an active program for jump teams, but would really like to have one. Look forward to hearing you all on the airwaves. We are on 28.320 Mhz almost every evening. Stop by and chat a while.

## Getting The Word Out

We need your help in getting the word out about some of the programs our club has to offer and also the benefits of becoming a licensed amateur radio operator. Starting April 28, we will be offering "Blitz weekend" courses

for Technician class candidates. If you know some body that is interested in getting their ticked have them get up with us at w4bkd@chipolaarc.org and we will start putting together the next class.

Once we have a couple of folks signed up we will set a date and publish that information until we get a feel for the level of interest in this program. We are also looking for folks that would like to – continued on next page

# Getting The Word Out –cont

Assist in the classes, please get with Bill (KG4ZJT) and he will get you the information that you need.

We also are interested in doing more with some of the local government folks and other agencies (ie Fire Departments, Police Departments, etc...) so if you know someone in these areas and you can put a plug in for ham radio, now you can tell them that we have a way to help them get their license other than just offering a test.

The Chipola ARC VE Team is growing but there is always room for more VEs. If you are at least a General class and have a desire to

help propagate the hobby let one of the VEs know and we can direct you to the paperwork and get you on your way. We can definitely use the help especially with these "Blitz" classes.

## SKYWARN

Hey, guess what? The National Weather Service knows we are here and would love to hear from us. We are active in the SKYWARN program again. Not that we weren't, but they are actually calling on us over here in the East Panhandle District and specifically the Wire Grass area. If you have either taken a SKYWARN course on line through the National Weather Ser-

vice, or participated in a classroom setting, please get up with Bill. We are trying to get a list of names, callsigns and locations of all area SKYWARN Spotters. For those who haven't been listening lately during the last two potentially serious weather systems, we are activating whenever the NWS puts us into a Tornado Watch/Severe Weather Warning/Tornado Warn-

ing. Look at the latest Hazardous Weather Outlook for the area at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) or by going directly to the Tallahassee NWS site <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/>. Spotter instructions are including at the bottom of the Hazardous Weather Outlook. We will be starting a SKYWARN net in the near future once details are worked out.

## Field Day

CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, this is W4BKD....

That's right, it is that time of year again, and we are preparing for Field Day 2007. This year, we are looking about putting the Field in Field Day again. We are planning on going back to the roots of Field

Day and operating in the Field. What a novel idea you say. Glad you are as excited as we are. This is an awesome opportunity for us to get back out there where the public can see us doing what we love so much to do and that is operate ham radio. We haven't fixed on a location yet, but will be working those

details out in our planning meeting. We are hoping for maximum participation from the club, and we are going to need folks to plan on being there for set up and tear down. More info to come in the next issue.