

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

Sep. 16th, Club Meeting & Test
Oct. 17th, Club Meeting
Nov. 21st, Thanksgiving Dinner

Other Events

Oct. 21st, JOTA
Oct. 28th, Sunland Fall Festival

Club Officers

Gary Brown, WW4JDO—Pres
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The Vice-President's Corner

Gary and Sandy are out of town this weekend, so Gary asked me to handle the meeting and the newsletter. So far, we have been rather lucky as far as the Hurricane Season is concerned. Don't let that make you complacent though as the season is not over and Helene is still a good ways out and liable to hit anywhere if it holds together. Ricky (KD4AST) and I attended the monthly ERTF meeting at the EOC Wednesday and had the opportunity to hear a retired NYPD officer describe the horrible events of 9/11 at the World Trade Center. It definitely takes on a whole new meaning when you hear it directly from someone who was there. I can't even begin to

imagine the nightmarish scenes that unfolded that day. Most of us only know what we saw from CNN and the other news agencies that were reporting. But to hear it like we did. Well let's just say it was like opening an old wound. The key point though that came out is that you can never be too prepared. As we witnessed that day, the scenario can change on the fly and not even all the training in the world can prepare you for that type of "Mass Conflagration". The ICS courses are great, the ARECC courses are even better, but unless you get out there

and practice for all fore-



United Airlines Flight 175 preparing to hit Tower 2

seeable situations and then throw in a healthy dose of "What Ifs", you won't be prepared when the rules fly out the window as they did on September 11th, 2001. - Always Remember -

Thanks,
Bill KG4ZJT

Getting The Word Out

We have the opportunity to "Get The Word Out" about HAM Radio at local events. Currently we are in the process of planning this years club support of the ARRL Annual Jamboree On The Air JOTA on October 21st. There is

also the booth that we are planning on setting up at this years Sunland Fall Festival. There are plenty other opportunities out there, we just need to take advantage of them. If you know of or are involved with any

public or private events that we might be able to help with or participate in, bring it up at the club meeting. This could be anything from a bike-athon, to local parades.

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Any chance to “Get The Word Out” is a chance to show the community what HAM Radio is all about. It is also an opportunity for us to dispel some of the stereotypes and misconceptions that the public has about us and what we do. It is great if you have the opportunity to use HAM Radio at work, or the “Good” press we get from our involvement in things like ARES and SATERN, but the public doesn’t necessarily get to see us during these types of situations, and if we can get out there where they can see us using HAM



Bill KG4ZJT Sneads Park

Radio, then maybe, just maybe we can inspire a few of them to at least ask questions which may open the door to getting them involved in our wonderful hobby and way of life. If we work together as a club, it makes it even better. The public then gets to see that we do have a club and that there is social interaction aside from just talking on the radio. The ARRL has put together an entire website devoted to helping folks get involved with HAM Radio. There are pamphlets at the EOC by the door and also I have some in the Radio Room. The pam-

phlet is also available for download and printing from ARRL. There is a link to the Hello Radio website from the club’s homepage. Just direct those that may be interested to our webpage at <http://www.chipolaarc.org> or <http://www.jacksoncountyares.org>. If you want to discuss club involvement in events offline, you can call me at 569-2885 or email me at kg4zjt@jacksoncountyares.org. Thanks

More on Morse Code

I have been asked a number of times about when the FCC is going to do away with the Morse Code requirements for HF privileges. Well it can be best summed up by Riley Hollingsworth’s statements at this year’s Dayton Hamvention which simply put was that if you want to get on HF, then study CW and pass the test. That right now is the quickest way to get on HF. This

of course is not an exact quote, but it gets the point across. Even if the FCC were to announce that they were removing the requirement for CW for HF privileges, it would still be several months to a year before it actually went into effect. So my suggestion at least right now, is to get with someone who also wants to upgrade and work together to get the 5 WPM down and get it done.