



The Hilltopper

HAZARD, KY.

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**Kentucky Mountains
Amateur Radio Club**

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2008 CHRISTMAS DINNER:

The club had its annual Christmas Dinner in December 2008, at K4AVX's house on Hall Mountain at Viper. We had a nice turnout at the dinner, which was pot-luck and turned out very well.

Sid Adams, WI4M, received the KMARC Operator of the Year Award, presented to him by K4AVX and his longtime pal Tim Calhoun, KU4YY, as shown in the photo at the right. Sid has been very active in the club in the past few years, despite having moved to Richmond, KY., where he owns an automobile dealership. He makes most of the meetings, always participates in Field Day and the Swapfest, and is very enthusiastic in his membership.

Sid was started in Amateur Radio by Harry Cornett, K4VHF, years ago, and began as a novice, which will help age him. Like many hams, Sid has had many hobbies and avocations, ranging from radio-controlled model planes, to boats, and piloting his own plane, which he still does. A member of the local Civil Air Patrol, Sid has upgraded his pilot's license to instrument classification.

As to his present taste in amateur radio, Sid has gone from DX and gain antennas to a love affair with Boat Anchors and Glow in the Dark radios. His basement is filled with heavy metal, such as DX-100's, Viking II's, and a surplus military transmitter. He also gives the nod to modern technology with a Ten Tec Jupiter and a Ten Tec Orion.

JANUARY MEETING:

The January meeting of the Kentucky Mountains ARC was held on Saturday, January 10th., at the Civil Air Patrol building between Jackson and Hazard. We had a light turnout, and had scheduled to make some crystal receivers, but not much progress was made in this area.

Several other items were brought for work and discussion and Tim Osborne worked on the Whitesburg repeater which he's planning to put back



on the air.

Other repeater upgrades include a new antenna and feedline on the Harlan 147.105 repeater, as soon as weather conditions cooperate. The club approved the expenditure of money to do antenna work on the KMARC repeater on 146.07, but the winter weather caught up with the plans which are on hold for the weather to cooperate, too.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

The February meeting of the Kentucky Mountains ARC will be held Saturday, Feb. 14th., at 10 AM, at the Civil Air Patrol Building between Hazard and Jackson, on Highway 15.

We will continue repeater plans, discuss the need for exams in the area, and continue with the project day crystal set development. If you have a variable capacitor from an old AM radio of about 365 mmf., it might help in furthering the project.

Dues are payable for the 2009 year, and the single membership is \$12, with the family membership at \$18, and students and associate members \$6.

If you have any concerns or need help with projects, bring them along. Several are waiting on better weather

for starting or finishing antenna projects.

KENTUCKY HAMFEST SCHEDULE:

MARCH 7, 2009 - The 33rd annual Cave City Hamfest, sponsored by Mammoth Cave ARC, Cave City Convention Center. VE testing, forums. Info: e-mail Larry Brumett, KN4IV, lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com sdfa or visit <http://www.geocities.com/ky4x2000/>

APRIL 25, 2009 - The Ashland Tailgate hamfest sponsored by the RCARA will again be held at the National City Bank Parking Lot, 1000 Carter Avenue in Ashland. For more information, visit the RCARA web site.

MAY 2, 2009 - The Louisa Hamfest, sponsored by The Big Sandy ARC, at the Louisa Senior Citizen Center, 101 West Pike Street in Louisa. Info: Fred Jones, WA4SWF, (606) 483-1109, wa4swf@arrl.net, or visit the club web site, www.bsarc.org.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 - Greater Louisville Hamfest, Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, Shepherdsville, Ky. Info: e-mail GLHA08@LouisvilleHamfest.com or visit <http://LouisvilleHamfest.com>.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 - Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society Hamfest, Madison County Fairgrounds, Richmond, Ky. Talk-in: 145.37 (PL 192.8). Info: Mike Rogers, KE4ISW, (859) 624-9156, or ke4isw@arrl.net, or visit <http://www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest/>.

SEE YOU AT THE CLUB MEETING THIS COMING SATURDAY...73, JOHN, K4AVX

ODE TO THE G5RV (IT CAN'T WORK, CAN IT!)

THE G5RV , SO IT SEEMS , 'LEAST TO ME
IS SPAT ON, SPOKE DOWN ON, AND RIPPED ALL BY THEE
BUT I KNOW HIS CALL SIGN, AND FAMOUS HE BE
AND YOU, MYSTERY GRIPER, ARE UNKNOWN TO WE

HE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS, HE COULD HAVE DONE THAT
ALL BACKED UP WITH MODELS, AND MATHEMATICS AND PRATT
BUT HE DID NOT DO THIS, OR EVEN CARED ABOUT THAT
AND MILLIONS, IF NOT MORE, HAVE BEEN USED AS BEGAT

SO SHUT UP AND WONDER, AND BE CURIOUSLY AMAZED
THAT SUCH POOR THINKING HAS SPAWNED SUCH A CRAZE
THAT MORE PEOPLE USE THEM, AND HAVE TALKED TO MORE FOLKS
THEN ANYTHING THAT YOU DID, OR WILL DO , YOU DOPES

THE MIRACLE IS, DONT YOU SEE, MY GOOD FRIEND
THAT WIRE, OR BEDSPRINGS, OR TUBING YOU BEND
WILL WORK WELL ENOUGH, AND GIVE PLEASURE TO ALL
IF YOU STAND BACK AND USE ONE, YOU WILL HAVE A BALL.

DO BETTER ,DO WORSE, TRY SOMETHING NEW IF YOU WILL
MODEL ONE, TRY ROUND TWO, PROVE IT OUT , TAKE A CHILL
BUT REMEMBER THIS: PERFECTION IS SWELL
BUT IF IT DONT FIT, OR IS UGLY, MAMA SAYS "WHAT THE H...?"

OLD G4RV KNEW, WHAT MANY HAVE LEARNED
IF IT WORKS, AND ITS SMALL, NO MATTER WHAT'S YEARNED
THAT SOMETHING, WHY ANYTHING ,IS BETTER THAN NONE
SO LETS MOVE ONTO SOMETHING, AND LET THIS MATTER BE DONE
..... (K1SRR)



It's winter time! Operate!! KR4WI enjoys the ARRL 160 meter contest at K4AVX in January. Multi-op, high power, with an Inverted L, we ended up with 274 contacts during the contest. We had about six DX strations in the total.

Still made it to bed by 1 AM. Several good contests coming up during the winter and spring seasons.

JOIN THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS ARC
Membership dues for the 2008 year are payable as follows:
Full Membership.....\$12.00
Family Membership..all in one household.. \$18
Student (any level).....\$8
Associate Memberships - \$8

Pay at the Club Meetings or mail to John Farler, K4AVX, 1264 Hall Mountain Rd., Vi;er, KY 41774

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