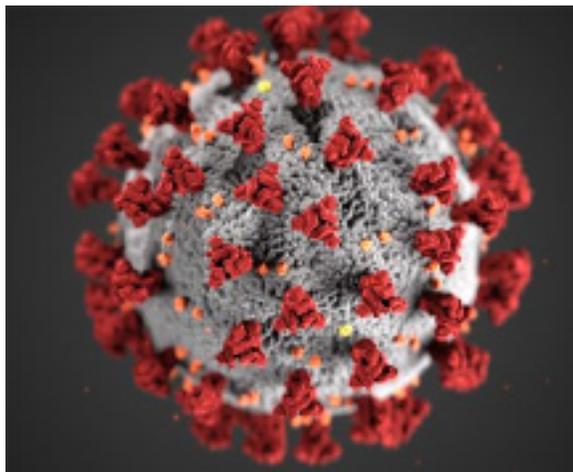




President Roger Alabach ... KF5SDE

ARKANSAS DIAMOND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER VOLUME NO.34 DATE: July 14 2020

If you haven't figured  
it out already  
there will not be a  
meeting in  
July



Party Pooper

Dinner will be  
on your own.

*There is  
Testing Almost  
every Saturday  
morning at  
Morrilton  
Drive-Inn if you  
schedule with  
Jim  
so we can  
arrange three  
VEs*

AF5EI@af5ei.net

*Local Nets*

**Morrilton Monday Night**

**444.10 14.8 tone 7:00**

**146.625 114.8 8:00**

**Tues Perry County**

**447.150 100 8:00**

**Faulkner County Thur**

**146.97 114.8 7:30**

**Thursday 8pm 146.510**

**THE A D A R C 2m**

**SIMPLEX NET.**

**RELAYS ARE WELCOME**

## What do I do with all this time on my hands?

### From KD5LBE

It looks like we got booted again by Covid 19 from having our meeting in July. We are going to try again for October 2020 even if we have to do a social distancing meeting outside. As long as there is a chance of exposing our 911 people to any risk, we are going to have to stay out of the 911 Center. One of the casualties of the virus was our usual National Field Day event at the North Fire Station or on the Mountain. The ARRL changed the rules this year so you could have it in your home and count contacts from other HAMs who had it in their homes which you normally can't do. The problem became many HAMs have 1500 watt liners in their homes and us Bear Foot boys with just 100 watts loose out in pile-ups. Never the less, we still had fun home alone. Three of us turned in our reports as a combined amount according to ARRL rules as a club, but it still wasn't what we have done as a group in years past. Dave was the winner with the Jim and Myself far behind.

**The Arkansas Diamond Radio Club  
(KE5FSY) of Morrilton News Letter**

**This bulletin is published 4 times a year for the promotion of HAM radio. Ham radio is for enjoyment and is the emergency back bone of communication for the communities. When all else fails we will be there, we have in the past and will be in the future.**

**Editors are KD5LBE Stewart Nelson  
KF5SDE Facebook Roger Alabach  
AG5IE Webpage Eric Stricklin  
All HAM related stories are welcome.**

Dave did his digital. Digital is usually a more even playing field since everyone is running around 15 watts.

If you plan to do Field Day next year, the event starts at 1PM Arkansas time but don't even think of making a contact until 3 PM if you are just running 100 watts SSB from then on you have a better chance of making a contact. If you hear two QRZ's from one station that is your best chance at a contact they are looking for a contact and will take even a weak one. If you want to really make a bunch of contacts, follow Dave and go digital FT8 or FT4. You don't make personal interaction but you do run up contacts.

Even though we didn't do a whole lot on Field Day, I would encourage everyone to participate in nets on any of the bands, from Jim's simplex net to other nets on the HF bands. Practice your radio etiquette till you are comfortable. For you old HAMs with 30 years under your belt get back on the air. In spite of not being together we each had fun.

**KD5LBE 73**

**Our +favorite  
HAM radio Internet Web Sites**

Three good ones are  
[www.ARRL.org](http://www.ARRL.org)  
[www.ARR.org/QST](http://www.ARR.org/QST)  
[www.eHam.com](http://www.eHam.com)  
[www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com)  
[www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

## **ARKANSAS NETS OF INTEREST for Generals**

Arkansas Razorback Net, 3987.5, 6:30 PM daily, Net Manager, Ed Alspaugh, N3QL

Arkansas Phone Net, 3987.5, 6:00 AM, Monday thru Saturday, Net Manager, Doug Robbins, W5DUG

Arkansas Mockingbird Net, 3927, 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday, Net Manager, Jerry Palmer, W5JEP

Arkansas Razorback Emergency Training Net, 3987.5, Sunday, 7:00 AM, Net Manager, Dale Temple, W5RXU

Arkansas ARRL Section Net, 3987.5, First Monday, monthly, 7:00 PM, Net Manager, Dale Temple, W5RXU

### **First, If you are not an ARRL Member think About joining**

This month it was time for me to renew my HAM license and I completely forgot about it. I got a notice from the ARRL that I needed to renew and I gave them some simple answers to be sure I am still alive and they will do it for me. There is also some extra information not available to the non members that uses the web site.

Next, they have added a second publication that addresses the needs of new HAMs. QST is fine but it goes over the head of most new HAMs.

Finally, if you join you can get the publications "On Line" as well. Before long the whole world will be "On Line". Of course there is always the problem if your Internet provider goes to sleep like one of mine has for about the last month.

## **There is always time to learn something new**

If you have been studying for your Extra, I have some bad news for you the questions have change, not a lot but they have changed. You need to get a copy of the new question pool from the ARRL and fill in HAM radio knowledge gaps with the new questions. Jim, AF5EI, our club test administrator, can test every Saturday morning at around 8 at the Morrilton Drive Inn on HWY 95 near Loves IF IF you contact him ahead of time so he can bring his magic box with the test questions in it. The cost is \$15. A study guide and a question book with some abbreviated helps are available from the ARRL.

As a thought, even if you don't plan on getting your Extra, the study book gives you a chance to brush up on your knowledge of HAM radio. I have my Extra but I am back studying the General book as a refresher.

Just because you get your license doesn't mean your learning ends, I think of it as just the start.

### **Have a HAM Radio Question or Problem???**

Use the Internet to search out the answer at "Our Favorite Websites" listed on page two. If one site doesn't have it go to another. Also it is good to down load the instruction manual on the radio or radios you have to any mobile device you may have incase you have a problem because you not always have an Internet connection. If all else fails ask another HAM, it is part of our calling to help fellow HAMs.

**Be an ELMER.**

**OK FOLKS, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS BLAST  
FROM THE PAST  
SENT TO US BY THOMAS MAUPIN, W5APA.**

----- Original Message -----

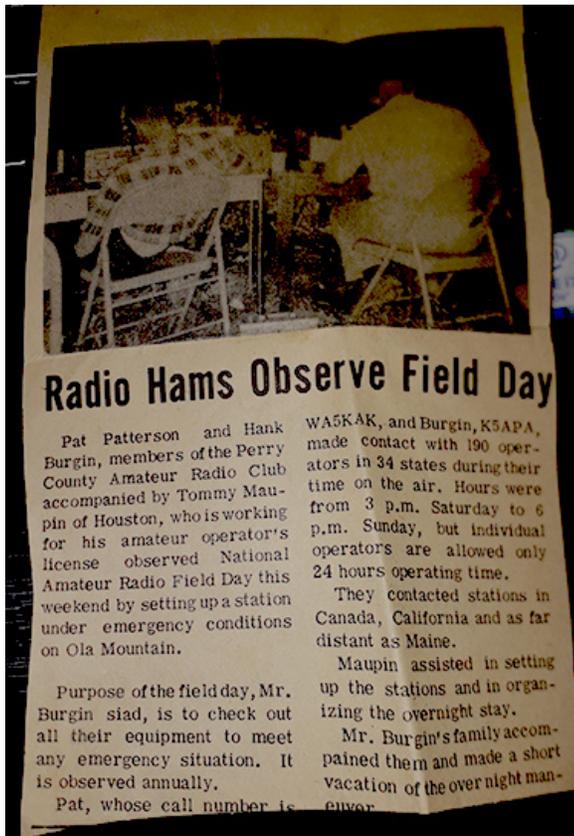
Subject: Summer Field Day

From: Thomas Maupin <tjmaupin@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, May 24, 2020 4:12 pm

To: Jim Taylor <af5ei@af5ei.com>

Here's a blast from a past field day. Found this clipping from the **late 50's or early 60's** of a field day here in Perry County at a radio club my dad was part of back then.



**Now for the serious stuff from our Treasurer  
and Field Day Leader**

Greetings to all whom shall come to view this report.

A D A R C opened a checking account at Petit Jean State Bank (PJSB) on 03/12/2020 with a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,037.44 plus cash and checks from club members for dues in the amount of \$262.00 for a total of \$1,269.44.

Last statement from PJSB dated 06/07/2020 showed a balance of \$1,254.74, which included a deposit of \$25.00 for membership dues.

Since the last statement a deposit of \$57.50

has been made also for membership dues and to cover a check to ARRL-VEC for payment of testing for which cash was received.

Two checks have been written since the last statement. Both to ARRL-VEC, both for \$15.00 each to cover testing for which cash was received and I am still holding in hand.

The financial books of the ArDRC are open to any club officer or member at any time for viewing and/or audit.

Signed: **James Taylor AF5EI**  
Treasurer

Now, let's talk about Summer Field Day. I had a ball. I threw a end-fed Chameleon up in the trees near my house, run it kinda sorta from the Southwest to the Northeast. Elevation is a little over 700 feet. Set up my FT-897, connected to my 2 kw generator and was off and running by 2100 hours UTC. Worked until 2400 hours UTC Saturday. On Sunday I worked from 1030 hours UTC until 1730 hours UTC. If memory serves me correctly I had 23 confirmed contacts. I worked 20 and 40 meter bands. I got confirmations from Vermont, Michigan, and South Dakota, as well as closer in states of Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Florida, West Virginia, and others. My designation was 1B AR (one operator on a generator, not commercial power, in Arkansas). This was the first time I had worked Field Day alone. Would have preferred working with others. I had one visitor. A Preacher stopped by. I guess he thought he had found a lost soul to save. He moved on pretty quickly. I have no idea what he was doing out in the middle of nowhere. God bless him for trying. There are no extra points for Preachers. Oh well....

Ya'all have a great day and stay safe.



**Info Summary of 2020 Field Day  
for AF5EI, KD5LBE, WB5RUH**

10 DIG Total Contacts = 14

7. ARRL / RAC Section: AR

8. Total CW QSOs: 0 X 2 = Total CW QSO  
points: 0

9. Total Digital QSOs: 78 X 2 = Total Digital  
QSO points: 156

10. Total Phone QSOs: 23 X 1 = Total Phone  
QSO points: 23

11. Total QSO points: 179

12. Power Multiplier (select only one)

5 Watts or less and Battery powered = 5  
X 150 Watts or less = 2  
Over 150 Watts = 1

----- Original Message -----

**Subject: PCARO Nets Tonight**

**From: Bill Mooney <mooney6@me.com>**

The Perry County Amateur Radio Operators net will be held on the first Monday at 2000 hours local, 447.150, -, tone 100. Tune in. Charles, KG5AUV, will be Net Control.

The Perry County Amateur Radio Operators Simplex net will be held tonight at 2030 hours local on our emergency backup frequency of 147.585. Thomas, W5APA will be Net Control. Relays welcome.

Please make note of this important item. In an emergency situation and the repeater is not operating, we will use the simplex frequency 147.585 as our emergency backup frequency.

If you are not on this email list and would like to be added, please send me an email and I will take care of it. Also, let me know if you would like to

**Net Reminder  
for Monday Night**

7 pm 444.100 TONE 114.8 THE WOLVERTON MOUNTAIN U H F NET. THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED AT 8pm BY THE GREEN DIAMOND 2m NET ON 146.652 TONE 114.8. JOIN US FOR BOTH NETS

## Arkansas Diamond Club Members

From KF5SDE Roger Alabach  
our President:

Well the Covid thing has kept apart for too long. However, there is not anything we can do about that and still be safe. I am tempted to sit here and complain about all the Hamfests Jim and I have missed or won't be driving to. Not to mention our club meetings. So in light of that I am encouraging everyone to stay connected. We still have regular nets where you can check in and make comments. I know I have been slack about that. We also have a Facebook page where you can share anything about what you are doing in the shack. You can access it by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/347429705398969> . And so please let me and the rest of the club know what you are up to. Now I might also suggest checking out the QRZ page to see what is going on in the world of ham radio. You can get there at [www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com). They have links to just about everything concerning our hobby.

That is all from me. Stay safe my friends.

Other than that it looks great as always.

Roger Alabach KF5SDE  
Clyde Armstrong KE5YPZ  
Walt Barfield W5WRB  
Rachel Beavers KF5MAD  
Steve Beavers KF5DIF  
Richard Cate KI5GUJ  
Sharon Clarkson KG5DAD  
Will Cody KG5MMH  
Billy Collins II K8BCC  
George Cossey K5GOC  
Bruce Curtis W5ATC  
Don Dacus K5SEC  
Hugh Donnell KF5EST  
Charles Drinkwater KG5AUV  
Joe Dube KF5ESP  
Earl Eichenberger KF5IJA  
Clifford Evans KI5ITD  
Dave Huett WB5RUH  
Jeffery Johnson WB5QWN  
Mike Karoleczak KF5UDD  
Thonothy King KC5GNJ  
Jeremy Landon N5JKL  
Robert Lanning K5ZZB  
John Lawrence KI5DBS  
D'Ann Lindstrom KI5APK  
Greg Lindstrom K5GSL  
Michael Martin KC5YWN  
Ed Mc Dearmon KC5EIK  
Bill Mooney Jr. W5WMM  
Bobby Moses Jr. AC5RM  
Richard Neal KF5IHY  
Stewart Nelson KD5LBE  
George Peters KI5HOV  
James Ridling WB5RZR  
Jef Ridling KE5UAN  
Kirk Rose KF5ITM  
James Scott K5NWS  
Eric Stricklin AG5EI  
Lenny Stroud KF5DIB  
Adam Sullivan W2SUL  
Jim Taylor AF5EI  
Joe Taylor KF5DIH  
Anita Tienken AA3AT  
Louis Tienken AA9BT  
Shelly Tienken KF5SBG  
Charles Tudor N5EH  
Wayne Van De Pol N2WV  
Jim Wiedower Sr. AC5RT  
Jim Wiedower Jr. KD5YZD