

ARKANSAS DIAMOND



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ARKANSAS DIAMOND RADIO CLUB NEWS LETTER VOLUME NO. 37 DATE October 13, 2022



Thursday **Thursday** *Thursday Thursday*

THE CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT

DOWNTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST
100 WEST CHURCH ST.
MORRILTON

Food by Pizza from somewhere

Remember the club meeting at 6pm on

Thursday the 13 th.

Jim will have the magic box (testing supplies) in case someone wants to test. He hopes to see a big turnout. Have a great day.

If you are coming and want to test you might want email Jim AF5EI@Yahoo.com



Program For Thusday Night

Dennis Cavanaugh is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Little Rock. He is interested in the communication of high impact weather events and actively work with NWS partners and colleagues to improve this communication.

He is also in-charge of the warning program at the office (i.e. warning information that is sent to the public, verification of warnings, formatting warning information for “Storm Data” publication). This includes working with emergency managers in 47 counties across Arkansas to help create a plan of action when warnings are issued. The WCM is also the public relations leader (communicates with county officials, schools, the media, etc), and arranges outreach activities such as weather briefings and Storm Spotters courses.

Testing

The Testing date is when you're ready and we can get VEs(Testers) together
Email
AF5EI@Yahoo.com

Local Nets

Morrilton Monday Night
444.10 14.8 tone 7:00

Morrilton Repeaters
146.685 pl 141.3
443.800 pl 79.9
146.625 114.8 8:00





ARKANSAS DIAMOND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB THIRD ANNUAL FUN AND FELLOWSHIP DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR 5 NOVEMBER 2022.

MORRILTON CITY PARK.

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, WATER AND COLD DRINKS WILL
BE PROVIDED.

TAILGATEING ONLY, OR BRING YOUR OWN TABLE.

VEs WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTING.
(Talk to AF5IE before you come for testing)

Come join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Meet new folks and maybe put a face to those hams you have met on the air. We will throw some wire up in the trees and set up a couple of HF rigs, or bring your own rig. If you have something sell or trade, bring it.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED
MORE INFO CONTACT JIM AT AF5EI@YAHOO.COM



The Andy Griffin Memorial Radio Club HamFest was held on PJ Mountain this last Saturday at the Lutheran Camp. Ham radio operators normally just talk to other Hams over the air and don't see them face to face. HamFests are an opportunity to meet people and hear their story and know them more than just by their call sign. To encourage people to show up, they have swap areas and drawings with at least a couple of nice prizes. This is a good time to shop for what other people don't want.

Normally Jim AF5EI is the one who wins of something significant. This time the Old-mayor KD5LBE beat him out and won a TYT TH-9800D radio that is kind of a knock off of a Yeasu FT-8900R. It is kind of like but not alike.

When you step off the path of the tried and true, it is wise to read the directions and

posted comments before you open the box. My first try was YouTube but I found 3 short videos and am not sure they were talking about the same radio.

I was happy to go to the HamFest and happy to make a donation in prize tickets, win or loose. It was in Conway County and I enjoy meeting other Hams that I talk to on a regular basis.

We need to support the Ham community. K5BOC Andy Griffen has been a SK for I think ten years. He had an incredible long antenna that he is remember by and not matched in this area. Thanks to the club for choosing Conway County for your event. To AF5IE, I'll let you have the big prize next time.

If you come to the PJ State Park just to visit any other time there are some really nice places to get a sandwich on the road, State 154, leading into the park. I like the A frame house snack shop at the park edge and there is a great Car Museum to visit.



JRTDI a Mental Health Issue sweeping Amateur Radio

JRTDI is a mental issue that is sweeping male amateur radio operators across the country and is getting worse. It is not just confined to HAM operators, but it appears to be more prevalent in HAMs. It is estimated that 50% of HAMs world wide will come down with it at some time. While it is not confined to HAMs, men working in a complex world seem to show the symptoms more. Mental health organizations are sounding the alarm and are calling for something to be done. While it is not an outward health danger like COVID, it causes a high level of stress and men to be estranged from their families. Men who exhibit JRTDI will throw things and curse uncontrollably. Men who would never curse before start. They will show signs of total disbelief about their ability to do things, even very simple things. They will at times show a willingness to give up Ham Radio operating completely, even long time operators. The longer they have been in HAM radio the more likely they are to show signs of JRTDI.

You may receive fund raising efforts for JRTDI.org in the mail, or get SPAM phone calls to raise money to treat the mental health problem. Ignore them, there is a self help program that I will explain later.

A recent study of the condition by some leading universities and private organizations have shown that not only does it affect the mental health of males but that it is incredibly expensive. Younger members in the HAM organization are less

likely show the mental problem. Men will throw away perfectly good radios and other equipment when the condition hits. It also causes HAMs to not use HAM equipment to its fullest potential.

I am not talking about the condition because I read about it, I lived it. All of the things I mentioned I have experienced. I first realized I had the problem watching a YouTube video. What is the condition JRTDI?

You can have the condition when you turn on that radio for the first time or have used the same radio for many years. When you notice that knob on that radio can do five things you never knew it could do before, you have the condition. JRTDI is Just Read The Damn Instructions. I junked a perfectly good computer and I have had serious problems with a KX3 and an IC-7300. No one button on a modern HAM radio has a single function. You have to read the instructions before you can really use the radio and maybe read them twice. Read them then try to see if it works. Don't depend on YouTube but use it to try and figure out how to use it. Using JRTDI, I learned that my IC-7300 will work JT8 without another sound card and the radio will tie directly to my computer and has a place for a SDcard of its own.

I have made a promise to myself to go back and first read the instructions of all of the radios that are working and then all of the ones that were retired to see if there is something that I missed. Unless you JRTDI you will frustrate yourself, cost you money, and rob you of a lot of fun you could be having. 73

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444.10 14.8 tone 7:00

Arkansas Nets of our Area

Morrilton Repeaters
146.685 pl 141.3
443.800 pl 79.9
146.625 114.8 8:00
State 2 wide net 145.330
8:00 Tuesday

Tues Perry County
447.150 100 8:00

Faulkner County
Thur
146.97 114.8 7:30

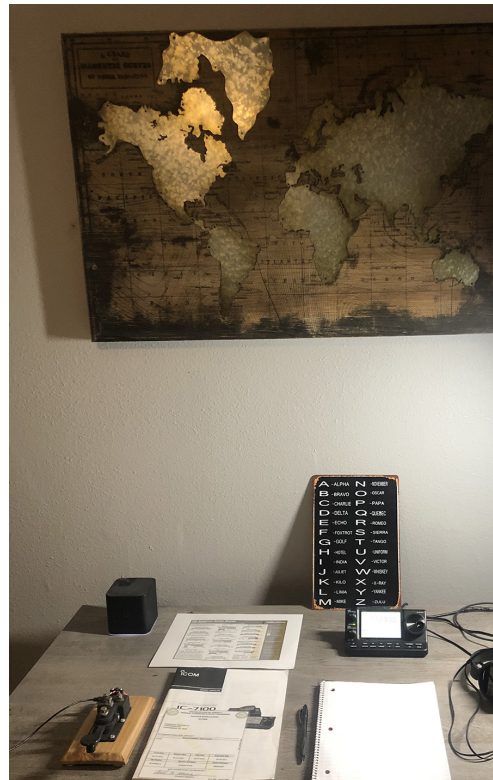
THE A D A R C 2m
Thursday 8pm 146.510
simplex net
RELAYS ARE WELCOME

Arkansas Razorback Net, 3987.5,
21:30 GMT daily,

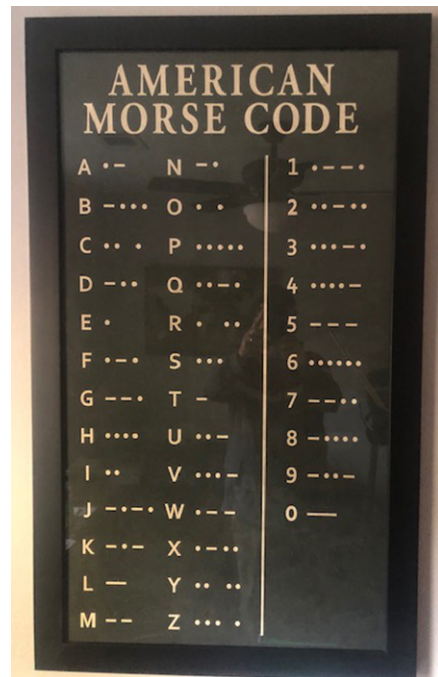
Arkansas Phone Net,
3987.5, 6:00 AM, Mon thru Sat

Net Arkansas Mockingbird Net, 3927,
4:30 PM, Mon thru Fri

Arkansas Razorback Emergency Training
Net, 3987.5
Sunday 7:00



Michael Moorman, KC5MM, has a really nice clean neat set up, but he is having trouble using code even with his cheat sheet in front of him. What's his problem?



**Arkansas Diamond Club Members
maybe**

**WE ARE WORKING ON THE
MEMBERSHIP LIST**

**Roger Alabach KF5SDE
Walter Barfield W5WRB
Kelly Boswell KA5MGL
Will Cody KG5MMH
Billy Collins III K8BBC (6/22)
George Cossey K5GOC
Charles Drinkwater KG5AUV (6/22)
Dave Huett WB5RUH
Jeffery Johnson WB5QWN
Timothy King K5BXM
Matthew King KG5QNY
Jeremy Landon N5JKL
Robert Lanning K5ZZB
John Lawrence KI5DBS (2023)
D'Ann Lindstrom KI5APK
Greg Lindstrom K5GSL
Lynda Milligan KG5UFT
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Michael Moorman KC5MM
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Eichenberger KF5IJA
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Karolczak KF5UDD
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Terry Martin K5TGZ
Mc Dearmon KC5EIK
Bobby Moses AC5RM
George Peters KI5HOV
James Ridling WB5RZR
Jeffery Ridling KE5UAN
Sean Rikard W5RKD
Kirk Rose KF5ITM
Eric Stricklin AG5EI
Lenny Stroud KF5DIB
Anita Tienken AA3AT
ShellyTienken KF5SBG
Charles Tudor N5EH
Wayne Van De Pol N2WV
Jimmy Wiedower KD5YZD
Mike Karolczak KF5UDD**

If you are missing OR CAN'T READ
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