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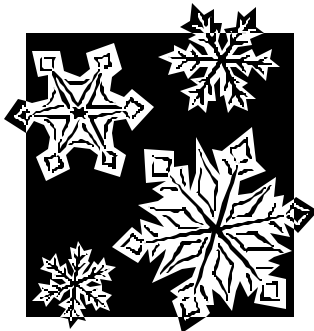
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This months featured member is Jerry Havel, W2RRX

Jerry is a retired electronic engineer from the Army Signal Corps Labs at Fort Monmouth, NJ. He was first licensed April, 1938 with the call W9ICU in Minnesota, and he now holds an Extra license.

"In 1941 I moved to New Jersey and worked at the Sig Corps Laboratories. It was all vacuum tubes in those days and I worked on quartz crystal oscillators, test equipment, etc for about 20 years, then I got into avionics systems for the rest of my career. By the time the transistor was invented I was involved in system engineering work at the management level and specialized in the interfacing of different equipment into overall systems. So most of my circuit analysis and synthesis was applied to system work. I retired from the labs in 1979."

The only ham in his family, his initial interest was in designing and building radio sets using the basic components. His favorite past ham activity was the successful designing, building, and experimenting of his first transmitter. His most interesting home brew project was applying a high power amplifier to his home brew transmitter and getting the fascinating signal reports back.

"I finally got my first radio to work after I learned how to make a regenerative circuit. It was a one tube battery operated regenerative detector. I mounted the parts onto a one inch thick pine board and screwed the parts to it. I lived quite far from the nearest broadcast station so without regeneration I couldn't hear anything but static. I wound the coils onto a cardboard tube."

"I didn't have an Elmer until a few years after I had a station on the air. Then a friend from a town 100 miles away convinced me to join the Minnesota CW Net. This was a message handling net."

Most of Jerry's current operations are on cw and ssb in the hf bands. His current interest is with the National Traffic System and emergency communications. Jerry is a member of the Greene County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) .

His favorite past SMARC activity was operating cw at field day. His most interesting contact was working a VU2 in India on cw with only low power on a vertical antenna when the 20 meter band was almost dead.

Jerry uses www.qrz.com to clarify addresses of ham operators in connection with the NTS. He has also found the ARRL Handbook and QST magazine to be useful for both technical and general information.

Thanks Jerry!

Ham Classes in 2002...

The club will be sponsoring Technician licensing classes again this year. Lee Shafer has once again volunteered to do the classes, we really appreciate it Lee! The classes will begin on March 1st and will run 6 weeks.

Classes will run from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm every Friday evening. They will be held at the Greene County library Center here in Springfield. Lee will be showing 3 of the current videos along with his lectures. Fees for the class are \$20.00 per person and includes a "Now You're Talking" workbook.

Please contact Lee Shafer at 823-8766, or send your fees to the club's PO box. Spread the word to help our hobby and club prosper!

Thanks Lee!

SKYWARN

CU's Auditorium has been made available for the 2002 NWS Severe Weather Spotter Training seminar. This program will be held March 18th, starting at 6 PM. Enter the CU Training Center Auditorium at the rear of 301 East Central.

The Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club is the organization sponsoring the event in cooperation with City Utilities. CU is waiving the usual security and maintenance fees. Attendees are asked to leave the facility as they found it. Ern De Camp at CU is the contact. 831-8611.

LEBANON HAMFEST

The Buffalo club needs people to help them with the testing at the Lebanon Hamfest. There will be 2 sessions, 1 at 9am and one at like noon. Bob Sharp would like to have enough volunteers to cover each session so that no one has to work both. His contact information is:

Phone: 471-345-8299

Email: bflbob@positech.net.

Those who are interested need to get in touch with him as soon as possible. Thanks!

Planning a Successful Hamfest

The February meeting's program has been organized by Mike Blake, kc5mnp. Bill Wheeler is the events coordinator for the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon. His theme is the planning of a successful hamfest.

Bill would like to see their Lebanon hamfest become the Dayton of the West. Their hamfest will be held on the 5th of May. Sounds like a good hamfest to attend!

Thank you for making the arrangements Mike!

2-Meter / 6-Meter Packet Node

Patrick Boyle, k0jpb, will present a proposal to the club regarding the establishment of a 2-meter / 6-meter packet node station in Springfield.

ODDS AND ENDS

VE Testing To Resume

Woodie, wÆody, has accepted the position of VE coordinator for SMARC. He is seeking Volunteers to help with testing. SMARC will once again offer testing sessions on a regular basis. If you would like to help out please contact Woodie (wÆody@arrl.net).

New Members

As of 2-4, Larry Schwartz, aa0wx & Cynthia Thomas, k4trj, are our first new members of 2002. Please extend them both a warm welcome. Welcome aboard Larry & Cynthia!

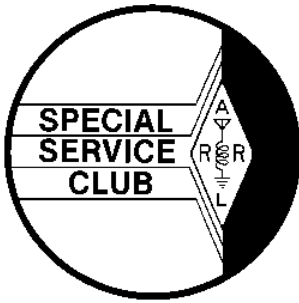
Newsletter – Snail Mail or E-Mail

As our membership continues to decline we are seeking areas in which to cut costs. One of our major costs is the club newsletter, specifically, in its hardcopy form.

Should continue to mail hardcopies of the club newsletter each month, or simply make it available at the SMARC meeting? Is the combination of the e-mail newsletter and announcements on the club repeater the week preceding each meeting sufficient advance notice of the meeting?

A point to be considered: the newsletter is one our few forms of advertising. When you are losing money (members), it is generally *not* a good time to stop advertising. But how effective is this form of advertising for our club? This too must be considered.

Think this over and let your thoughts be known. All ideas to increase interests, participation, and membership in our club are welcome!



Year 2002
SMARC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 (Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club)
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Name _____ Call _____ Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ (Other Phone _____)
 License Class _____ or _____ Associate member (no license)
 Email address _____
 Sponsor _____

Only for new membership
 joining after July 1st:
 _____ \$12.50 Single
 _____ \$17.50 Family

Check membership level below:

_____ Single membership is \$25.00 per year

_____ Family membership is \$35.00 per year
 (family members in the same home)

Family members who are licensed amateurs

Name:	Call
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Would you prefer the club newsletters sent by:

_____ US Mail or/and _____ Email PDF _____ I have text only Email

I am _____ I am NOT _____ an ARRL Member currently.

I would like to have my name shared with the various Emergency Preparedness groups in this area. _____ Yes _____ No

Please bring (or mail) this application form to a monthly meeting and give to the club secretary. Applications must be accompanied by payment of annual dues.

New memberships are granted upon the majority vote of members at a monthly club meeting.

6. Lee Shafer is conducting a 6-part class series studying the Tech. Class license. Classes begin March 1st and will be held at the Library Center located south of highway 60 on Campbell / highway 160. Cost is \$20 and includes the study book "Now You're Talking". Videos will also be shown. Each class is 2 hours long and begins at 6:30 PM (Fridays). Class size is limited. Interested parties should contact Lee (w0t1s@smarc.org).

7. The status of the repairs to the power supply for the 91 repeater was questioned. It is believed Mike Blake, our Repeater Trustee, has possession of the new power supply and that it has not yet been installed. The insurance claim has been filed. Lora Smith will obtain more detailed information and present her findings to the membership.

8. A new 440 antenna has been purchased. Mike Blake, n0nqw, has possession of this antenna. It is to be installed on the Hammons Building. This antenna had to meet certain qualifications of the party who holds the lease on the roof of the building to insure it does not interfere with existing antennas.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Weaver, NØEW, SMARC Secretary

Greene County ARES is meeting every 4th Wednesday of the month at the Brentwood Library, located just east of Glenstone at Seminole and 2214 South Brentwood, in the community room, starting at 7:00 PM. Questions should be directed to Ken Baremore (w0krb@arrl.net).

Treasurer's reports for February 2002

A detailed copy of the transactions will be available at the club meeting

Account Balance	as of 1/31/02
ASSETS Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	327.46
Savings	5,073.51
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	5,400.97
TOTAL ASSETS	5,400.97
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	5,400.97
PORTION OF ASSETS SET ASIDE:	
Communications Trailer	2,375.00
TOTAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:	3,025.97

SMARC CASH FLOW	FROM 1/1/02 to 1/31/02
INCOME	
Donation Rcvd	
Repeater Fund	20.00
TOTAL Donation Rcvd	20.00
Other Inc	10.66
SMARC Dues	490.00
TOTAL INCOME	520.66
TOTAL EXPENSES	<568.82>
OVERALL TOTAL	-48.16

Jan. 2002**SMARC MINUTES****A. Attending Members:**

Ken Baremore w0krb

Sue Baremore w0sue

Patrick Boyle k0jpb

Louise Buck kb0vkv

Bob Dubinick w0zf

William Harmon wb0onm

Jerry Havel w2rrx

Woodie Moore w0ody

Lee Shafer w0tIs

Lora Smith kc0epd

Tim Smith n0ehw

Erik Weaver n0ew

Sally Moore k0sem

B. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION: Lawrence Schwartz, aa0wx, Willow Springs, MO.**C. PROGRAM/LECTURE:**

The meeting was held at the Global University building, 1211 S. Glenstone, which in the past had been a club meeting hall. A tour was provided showing off the recent renovations made to the facility. There was also a brief video documenting the services the university provides.

Woodie Moore showed a brief video of his trip to the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. This historical ship has been made into a hotel and tourist attraction. Hams that supply a copy of their license may have the opportunity to work out of the extensive ham station provided on board. Bands from 160 meters through 2 Ghz are available. It is a beautiful station and Woodie highly recommends anyone visit should they be in the area.

D. TOPICS DISCUSSED:

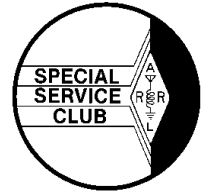
1. Carole Ayers, kc0cmq, wrote the club a thank you email for the Christmas gift the club membership presented to her this past Christmas.
2. Help has been asked of the membership to form a Volunteer Examiner (VE) group so the club may begin to offer license exams on a regular basis. Interested members are to contact Lora Smith (kc0epd@smarc.org).
3. The SKYWARN program will be held March 18th, 2002 at the City Utilities auditorium. Expected attendance is over 100.
4. Erik Weaver is doing the newsletter this year. The Treasurer's Report contained in the newsletter will be an abbreviated report. The full report will be available for examination at the monthly meeting. At least once each year the full report will be contained in the newsletter.
5. The Bylaws Committee submitted to the membership its recommended changes to the Bylaws. A voice vote was taken which passed unanimously.

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From the President . . .

This month's meeting will be Monday, February 18th at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross building located at Glenstone and Chestnut. Hope to see you there!

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Hello again,

Well, I am starting to long for Spring, so its time to have a transmitter hunt. I have scheduled one for Saturday February 23rd at 3pm. We can meet at the Plaza Shopping Center at Glenstone and Sunshine. I will take check ins at 3pm. I plan for us all to meet at Ci Ci's Pizza on Battlefield and Jefferson afterward for some good eats and fellowship. I hope you can all make it, I promise this will be an easy one:) I will have it rain or snow, unless we get a blizzard.he he!

Also some of the board members met last Saturday and cleaned out our storage space. We will be bringing some misc. items for those who want them to this month's meeting. What is left will be donated to libraries, Goodwill, and, etc.

Our meeting this month will be led by Bill Wheeler of the Lebanon club, who is also the events coordinator of the Civic Center in Lebanon. He will be sharing ideas on Hamfest details. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks to Woodie and Sally Moore and all the folks at the Global University for letting us tour their facilities last month. It was very interesting. They have quite the set up there, check it out if you didn't make it last month.

Once again I will remind everyone that it is time to renew your membership for the year. Please fill out a member sheet and give it to Erik weaver, ~~WAE~~EW, or Lee Shafer, ~~WAE~~TLS, with your payment.

See you at the meeting :D

Lora Smith
KCØEPD
SMARC President

Have you renewed your membership? Please use the enclosed form to do so and bring it to this month's meeting or mail it to the club PO box. Thank you all for your support last year and in the coming year!