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The President's Corner

At this moment we have about four weeks to Field Day ARE YOU READY, Janet and I are ready! I want to thank Mike for his presentation at the last club meeting (VOLTAGE DIVIDERS). We need other members to give talks too. Janet and I went to the foxhunt today and we came in 2nd. All we used was the mobile radio in the truck. We did it that way because the 9V battery was dead on our foxhunting antenna, so that proves you don't need anything fancy to foxhunt. So come out and have some FUN. June will be busy for us so we hope everyone enjoys the June weather.

See you at a meeting
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Tony W9AL

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Meeting June 16th

Time is 7:00 p.m.

Dues are due. Discussions on various topics.



Meetings are at the Henry F. Schricker Library on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of December.

The library is located on west Culver Road, two blocks west of Highway 35.



From the Vice Presidents Computer

Well Field Day is almost here I hope everyone is getting all their equipment ready. Make sure you have bug spray the mosquitoes are pretty bad when you're outside. I hope the weather holds out and it is not too hot or rainy. And now something we all should have at home, a well stocked First Aid Kit

A well-stocked first-aid kit, kept within easy reach, is a necessity in every home. Having supplies gathered ahead of time will help you handle an emergency at a moment's notice. **You should keep one first-aid kit in your home and one in each car.** Also be sure to bring a first-aid kit on family vacations. You can purchase a first aid kit at drugstores or a local Red Cross office, or make one of your own. If you decide to make one, choose containers for your kits that are roomy, durable, easy to carry, and simple to open. Plastic tackle boxes or containers for storing art supplies are ideal, since they're lightweight, have handles, and offer a lot of space.

What You'll Need

Include the following in each of your first-aid kits:

first-aid manual

sterile gauze pads of different sizes

adhesive tape

adhesive bandages in several sizes

elastic bandage

a splint

antiseptic wipes

soap

antibiotic ointment

antiseptic solution (like hydrogen peroxide)

hydrocortisone cream (1%)

acetaminophen and ibuprofen

extra prescription medications (if the family is going on vacation)

tweezers

sharp scissors

safety pins

disposable instant cold packs

calamine lotion

alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol

thermometer

plastic non-latex gloves (at least 2 pairs)

flashlight and extra batteries

a blanket

mouthpiece for administering CPR (can be obtained from your local Red Cross)

your list of emergency phone numbers

blanket (stored nearby)

The above is copied from Kids Health website it is a very good kit to have at home I do not think a kit of this size would be suitable for your automobile but at least have bandages and maybe sterile gauze you never know what you will come upon. In a previous life I was a trained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and I was also a merit badge councilor for the Boy Scouts. I do have first aid kits at home and in my garage and in my vehicles. Sometimes at garage sales you can pick up kits that may have some stuff missing for real cheap so be on the lookout for them.

Enough for now

Randy

Upcoming Events

Birthdays in June

WC2O Bill Husk 3rd
W9QN Tom Troike 4th
WA9NGO Tom Travis 8th
KC9LCW Roger Rosenbaum 8th
KC9HUB Roy Bradley 9th
KB9OLZ Gary Kletz 15th

EVENTS

SCARC Meeting

Next meeting is June 16th

Next Foxhunt June 5th

May FOXHUNT

1st Chester KA9FAW, Hugh WO0P and Gary KB9OLZ

2nd Janet KC9HUG and Tony W9AL

3rd Lenny KC9QAK and Chuck KC9PRJ

4th Dwight KC9DHD and Jolene

FOXES Mike WB9L and James KC9KTV

FEMA Admin Praises Hams By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

At the Earthquake Communications Preparedness Forum, held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Washington, DC, FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, had some kind words to say about ham radio. He noted that ham radio really is valuable "when all else fails." The Web page describing the conference has a video of all the talks given at the conference. Fugate's remarks begin at the 18:45 mark. His remarks about amateur radio start at about 29:20.

I think it's great that the head of FEMA thinks so highly of hams. Before you get all excited about this, though, listen to all of Fugate's comments. He has some interesting comments about all of the different ways that responders gather information and provide information to the public in an emergency. I think listening to all of the remarks will help give those of you who are involved with emergency communications more of an overall perspective, and may even help you evolve our role into something that's more useful in the future. At one point, for example, Fugate held up a cell phone and told the audience to think of this device as both a data point and a sensor. Folks with cell phones can help emergency responders by sending video and audio of the situation, preparing the responders for what to expect when they do arrive.

I don't know how many ARES/RACES groups have incorporated video into their emcomm plans, but it sounds like it should be. Also important, says Fugate, is a solid knowledge of communities, local geography, and place names. I'm not sure if that's normally a part of emcomm training, but it sounds like it should be. I'll be the first to admit that I'm not an emergency communications geek, so perhaps I'm talking through my hat. It seems to me, however, that it's important to listen to what guys like Fugate are saying and work with them to make amateur radio even more relevant and useful in emergency situations.

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When he's not pondering the state of ham radio, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum (www.wa2hom.org), or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at www.kb6nu.com, or you can e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Don't Forget FIELD DAY IS COMING!

Field day is in the Knox Park shelter number 2 on June 25 and 26th.

Field day breakfast is set at the Kountry Kettle restaurant on Rt. 35. (South of Five Star on the east side of the street) on Saturday 25th just ask for the back room area.

BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.

Here are some links for the 2011 National Level Exercise -- Tony, W9AL

IndyStar coverage of District 2

<http://photos.indystar.com/galleries/12963-indiana-national-guard-emergency-response-task-force-training>

2011 National Level Exercise-Muscatatuck

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150587984575247.678561.221837910246>

2011 National Level Exercise-Indianapolis

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150587957565247.678547.221837910246>

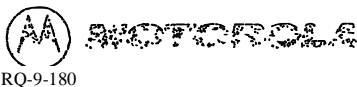
Motorola Rechargeable Battery

These battery tips will help assure you the highest performance and longest cycle life from your Motorola rechargeable battery. *Editor Note: This is for any battery where an HT has a charger.*

1. Charge your new battery overnight (14-16 Hours) **before** using it. This is referred to as "initializing" and will enable you to obtain maximum battery capacity.
2. New batteries can be stored up to two years without significant cycle loss.
3. Store new/unused batteries, at room temperature, in cool dry area.
4. Batteries which have been in storage should be charged overnight.
5. When using a Motorola rapid charger, leave battery in charger for an additional 1-2 hours **after** the green light appears.
6. **Do not** leave your radio & battery in the charger when not charging. Continuous charging will shorten battery life. (Don't use your charger as a radio stand.)
7. Only charge batteries when they need it. If it isn't fully discharged, don't recharge it. (We recommend you purchase a second battery for multiple, longer duty cycle applications.)
8. Do not return fully charged batteries to the charger for an "extra boost". This action will significantly reduce cycle life.
9. Stabilize battery to room temperature (72°F) before charging. Charging below 40°F & above 104 F will decrease cycle life.
10. For optimum battery life and operation use only Motorola brand chargers. They were designed to operate as an integrated energy system. *Editor Note: Use the charger that is for your battery/radio.*

These simple instructions protect your recharge-able batteries from extreme temperatures and enhance their performance and life.

Specify Motorola brand rechargeable batteries. They were designed & precisely manufactured by Motorola engineers to ensure optimum portable radio performance. It just makes good sense.



Submitted by Levi, WB9CAO

Dayton Hamvention was huge!

Here are a couple of pictures that were worth taking.

How to sell antenna parts, wire and Morse code keys at Dayton.



Needless to say they were busy all the time. And no I didn't buy anything, just told her I needed her picture for the newsletter and she smiled.



The Sea of Flea market spaces at Dayton. Close to 8000 spots and all were filled on Friday and Saturday. So many I had a heat stroke before getting to half of them.

Until next month,

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John, W3ML