



Amateurs Respond To Appalachian Flooding

Appalachian amateurs this week responded to assist after heavy rains caused flooding in several states in the region. Flooding closed numerous roads, damaged or destroyed many structures, forced residents from their homes and was blamed for at least seven deaths. In Kentucky, ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Ron Dodson, KA4MAP, says the Red Cross asked amateurs to assist with damage assessment in Knox County. According to press reports, hundreds of homes and businesses were flooded out as heavy rain spread throughout the eastern part of the state after earlier affecting the Harlan area. The Salvation Army also has responded to assist.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for Carroll and Owen counties where the Kentucky River had overflowed following up to four inches of rain March 19. Flooding also forced Morehead State University to close March 20 after more than four inches of rain fell there. Emergency declarations were issued in at least eight counties and five cities in Kentucky. No Amateur Radio Emergency Service

(ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) activations were reported.

In extreme Southwest Virginia, heavy rain over the March 16-17 weekend swelled streams and rivers beyond flood stage, reportedly covering highways and sweeping away some bridges and forcing more than 1000 residents to flee their homes. ARES and RACES teams were called up March 17 to staff the Scott County Emergency Operations Center.

"Many major highways were under water for a period of time, and quite a few secondary roads are still impassable," Scott County EC Jimmy Flanary, K4GV, reported. Although shelters were set up, most people refused evacuation, he said, opting instead to stay with friends or relatives. ARRL District 14 Emergency Coordinator Phil Mohon, KU4RK, said hams in Tazewell County volunteered to help out in any way they could, but there was no formal ARES activation. Amateurs also were reported to have activated informally in Lee, Wise, Washington and Russell counties.

Additional flooding occurred in West Virginia. West Virginia ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Mac McMillan, W8XF, reported that several counties and the state EOC were put on standby, but no ARES/RACES activations were necessary. Up to three inches of rain fell March 20 in West Virginia, forcing 100 residents in at least three counties to leave their homes. Flooding also occurred this week in eastern Tennessee.
(tnx ARRL Letter V21, no12)

De Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meetings of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, April 3rd, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and are an excellent opportunity for eyeball QSO's. Directions can be found on the K8LTG Repeater (145.370)
See you there!

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Editorial

Well, here we are, again. It seems difficult to imagine that two months have gone by since I last sat down with Microsoft Publisher. Big kudos go out this month, to Larry Ashburn, KE8VE. Larry has volunteered to produce the Zero Beat every other month, while I take a sorta-semi-vacation this year.

As I write this, a couple of nights after the Stark County Skywarn training session, I'm still amazed at the quality of the program. I hadn't been to a training session for a couple of years. Things have certainly changed for the better. With excellent use of presentation software, and LCD projectors, I got more out of this training session than any others that I'd attended.

Next on the Wednesday night agenda is the big Super Meeting which is being hosted by our friends at the Canton ARC. If you are reading this via snail-mail, the super meeting will be ancient history. If, however, you are reading this via the web, I hope to see you there. It promises to be a great evening. The speaker will be our Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

Attendance is expected to be between 100 & 125, With representatives from nine Stark County area clubs slated to attend. This promises to be a great event. I believe the organizers deserve a big pat on the back.

Well, that's it for now. See you in two months. Ok, Larry; Tag, you're it.

73, de John, KD8MQ

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on 145.37 ®. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

If you'd like to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:

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Our club home page is:

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You can submit material to the Zero Beat either electronically, to kd8mq@qsl.net . I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

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March Minutes

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on March 6, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 21 members present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

New members, Alan Savage KC8SFS, Matt Kraner KC8RYG, and Joe Young KC8TAC, were introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The report was approved upon motion by Don K8OMO, seconded by Jerry K8CAT.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Jerry K8CAT, seconded by Jerry KG8RN.

Old business:

- An acknowledgment was received from the Salvation Army for our donation to SATURN.
- There will not be a "coffee hour" on Saturday until a place can be found.
- Joe Young received his new license, KC8TAC, the day after the last meeting.
- The Super Meeting of area clubs will be March 27 at Stark State.
- There was no additional information regarding RFIDs.
- Don K8OMO described the UHF repeater that was donated to us by the Washington Township Trustees. It is a High Band, 460-512 MHz. Machine made in 1979. He estimated some of the items that would have to be converted for amateur use. A thank you note will be sent to the Trustees.

New business:

- The Thursday night 2 meter net on simplex went well.
- SKYWARN will be at Stark State March 20. There will be a tornado alert test at 9:50 AM that day. Don K8OMO will be NCS for a net at that time.
- The QSL Webmaster, Alan Waller, will receive the Technical Excellence Award.

Field Day: Begin thinking. At Marlinton? It was suggested to invite area officials: trustees, councilmen.

- Dave W8UKQ visited Harry W8PXX today. He appeared to be the same as usual. Jack W8WEN said to be careful printing e-QSLs. They require a lot of ink.

Hamfests: Garfield Heights, Toledo, were announced.

- NASA broadcasts are rebroadcast by WA3NAN on 3860, 7185, 14295, 21395, 28360.
- Don AB8KV brought in a Swedish key for Show and Tell.
- The 50-50 drawing was won by Larry AA8NV.
- Thank you to Gladys KB8GIA and Jim N8MAA for the cookies and donuts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

Zero Beat AARC Picture Pages



Here, our Instructor from the NWS does an admirable head of filling our heads with



Rumored to be the first picture ever of Paul, KB8VAS smiling. Bids, anyone?



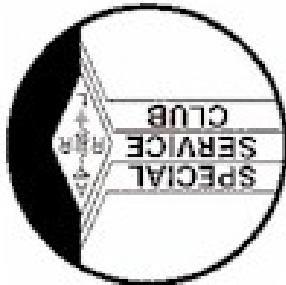
Lets get this show on the road!

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April Fool

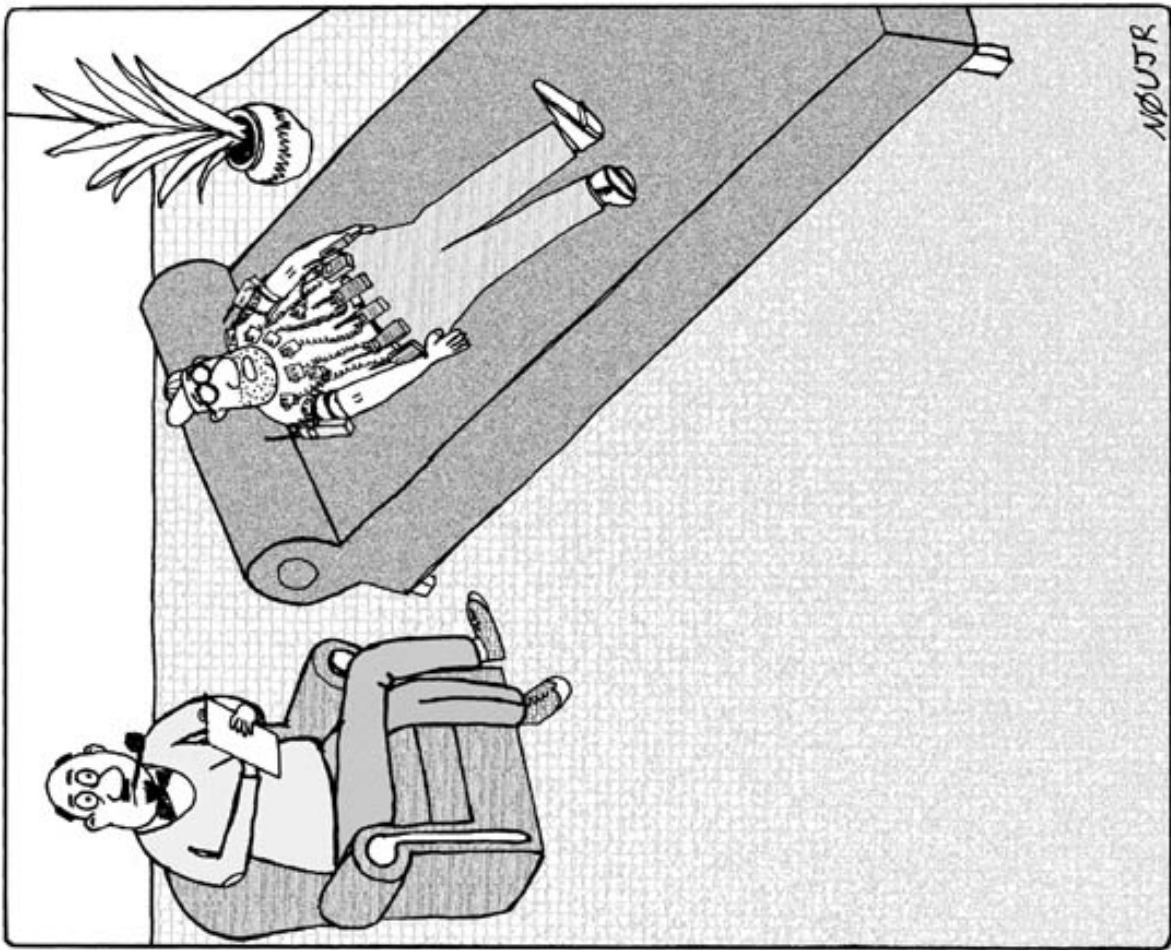
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But in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes...Ben Franklin



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"Well it all started when I was a child...I felt that I had difficulty communicating with people..."

Another cartoon from Greg Took <http://incolor.inebraska.com/n0ujr>