

W7TCK News

Capital City Amateur Radio Club

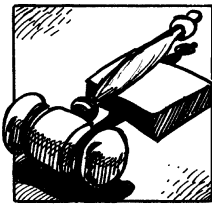
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December 2004

From The Pres...

As yet another year winds down and we start to get ready for 2005, I naturally begin to plan our coming year. Of course, we have our normal Governor's Cup and Field Day activities during the summer – but what we do the rest of the time is still up in the air.



Over the past year, there have been several things we've tried to do as a club which succeeded and seem worthy of repeating – helping with the Double Divide Ride for example. And a few which have fell through for various reasons – such as the preholiday potluck.

During the next couple of months I'll be asking for input on different options and things which the club wants to do – such as how many weekend activities, what types of activities the club wants to do, and so on. We're already working on a combined outing and field day, and also a Lewis and Clark special event station. Other ideas are welcome.

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DECEMBER MEETING

Monday

December 6

Salvation Army Church

1905 Henderson

7:00 pm.



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Election Of Officers

Come to the December meeting to vote for next year's officers. Let your voice count!

(Cont from P.1 PRES)

I would like to take a minute and thank all of those who have helped make things happen this year. If I tried to thank everyone individually, I'd inevitably miss someone or mangle their name or call sign, since I'm horrible with names. Just be aware that we couldn't have had the excellent year we've had this year without you. This goes for everyone who helped in any way – from coordinating the spring picnic, to helping with the MCU, to working on the Governor's Cup, to just helping set up for field day. I'm doubly thankful for those who took on the load of coordinating each of the events, since there is a fair bit more work which goes on than most people understand.

The coming club meeting is one of the most important of the year. Everyone should attempt to attend. This is traditionally the meeting which we have club elections and also present the Ham of the Year award. We will also be reviewing the activities of the past year and discussing changes which need to be made for the following year.

In addition to all of the other items which will be taken care of at this meeting, we will also be collecting donations for the salvation army. If you would like to contribute, please bring an appropriate donation with you to the meeting. Last year, we collected a not insignificant amount of money for the cause, and hope to do even better this year.

I think that's all for now.
73's
Forrest
AC7DE.

**ARES NOTES**

In any discussion of preparing an emergency go-bag, there is the inevitable suggestion of including a battery powered AM/FM radio for receiving local and regional news broadcasts. In looking into the availability of such a radio, there



are innumerable possibilities. The recent AES and HRO catalogs have a number of Sangean, Sony and Grundig radios that would fit the bill. They range in price from about \$25 up to a couple of hundred dollars, depending on the bells and whistles that are on board.

There was a discussion of such radios recently on eHham.net. A favorite of many respondents was the Grundig Mini World 100 PE. It is an AM/FM stereo radio with 6 short-wave bands. It will receive FM stereo, and comes with a set of earphones. The antenna for AM is built in. For FM and SW, there is telescoping antenna. The radio operates on 2 AA batteries and is only 4½" H x 2 5/8" W x 13/16" D. The best part about it is the price: \$29.95.

I checked with Radio Shack here in Helena to see if they had something that was close to this radio in size and cost. Lo and behold, they had it in stock, so I bought one. I have used it several times and can recommend it as handy pocket radio and a definite "got to have" for a go-bag.

de Bob K7HLN

**From The Editor**

The last time the computer that I am writing this on was powered up was as I was typing the November edition of W7TCK news. Boxes were piled around me as my family was preparing to move to our new home in Jefferson City. As I powered the computer up today, Windows gave me a notice that my clock has been changed because of Daylight Savings Time. Wow, has it really been that long since I was on this computer? Yes, indeed it has. We have been busy the last month unpacking the boxes we packed the month month except this time, we had



to decide where each item would go. What a chore! Therefore, I was “forced” to miss the November CCARC meeting. :^(

If you are a regular reader of the W7TCK news, you will know that this new QTH also has space for a nice Ham Shack and shop. I will need to put some walls up and remodel some living space before I can call the space a Ham Shack. But, I have claimed the space as mine by putting all of my Ham Shack boxes there. HI.

December's CCARC meeting is always an important one as we will have an election of officers. Please, make every attempt to come to this meeting.

As we did last year, we will again take up a completely voluntary collection for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army provides as with our nice meeting room and space for our extra activities. We always appreciate their willingness to accommodate us.

It has been a great year for me to serve you as your Newsletter Editor. Serving you this way has been a great blessing for me, and I hope to continue with these duties in the foreseeable future. God bless you all this Christmas, and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season! Merry Christmas and 73,

John – K7JM Editor

Dues

It is once again that time of year to be gently reminded about DUES. Dues are \$20 a year for membership to CCARC. You are encouraged to get them in early. Our trusted treasurer Dan - KC7KKH would be more than happy to accept them at the December meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, send your dues to our P.O. Box



K7JM's future Ham Shack

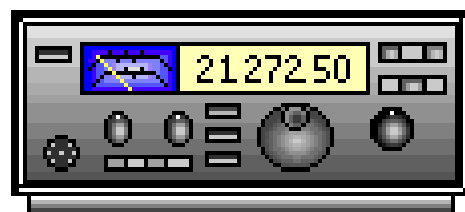
address listed at the top of the last page of this newsletter. Be sure to include your call sign, if you have one, on your check. Dues are the main source of the monetary resource for the club, and without them, the many activities that CARC is involved in would not be possible.

KC7CIS Receives MT Section Appointment

Bill Kornec KC7CIS, from Lincoln, has been appointed as an Assistant Section Manager by Doug Dunn K7YD, Section Manager for the Montana Section of ARRL. Bill will be the RACES coordinator for the Section and will be assisting Doug with other sectional responsibilities. Bill is also an ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) for the Lincoln area.

Bill, an Amateur Extra, is quite active in the hobby and has been the State RACES Coordinator for several years. He is a regular on the Montana Traffic net and the Sunday morning Section Net. Experienced and trained as an EMT and firefighter, Bill has a firefighting business that keeps him busy during the wildland fire season. He also owns and operates a refrigeration and auto body business in Lincoln. His son, Billy KC7NBU, is also a ham radio operator.

de Bob K7HLN



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CCARC Regular meetings are at 7:00 pm on the first
non-holiday Monday of each month at the Salvation
Army Church 1905 Henderson.

The CCARC Volunteer Exam Team conducts sessions
at 6:30 pm in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov, and at
special times as announced.

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**Net every Tuesday at 7:30 pm local time on the
147.82 (-offset) repeater.**

Salvation Army Donation

We Love You!



We will be accepting donations for the
Salvation Army during the
December Meeting. Please think
about what amount (if any) you can
contribute to the Salvation Army to
help show your support for their
organization and to thank them for
their willingness to provide a home
for our monthly meetings and other
activities.

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Biscuits and Gravy

**Come to Hardee's on Saturday. Every Saturday
morning between 9:30 and 11:00, as many as
twenty hams show up for "EYEBALL" QSOs.**

COME JOIN THE FUN!

First Class Mail