

# Podunk Hollow News

The official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Incorporated  
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## 146.76 REPEATER READY TO MOVE

The 146.760 MHz repeater is to be moved from the A.G.Edwards building to a new home 470 feet above ground. The old KWK-TV tower located on the old Globe Democrat Tower Building at 1215 Cold Street will be the new home of the ERC .76 repeater. The facility is now owned by Sinclair Communications, the operators of KDNL-TV; analog channel 30 and digital channel 31.



R.L.Voellinger photo

Jack Leverich, KC9KY, a member of the ERC, is an employee of KDNL-TV and has coordinated the move of our repeater. This location is a repeater owner's dream. Jack will have daily access to the repeater to do necessary tasks and see that the complete installation is kept in tip-top shape.

The Egyptian Radio Club is extremely grateful to Bob Graff, K9FHV, for climbing the tower and making the antenna installation. This is a dual band antenna

and will serve the W9AIU VHF repeater and the KC9KY UHF repeater.

Bob Graff, K9FHV



W.L.Wise Photo

If the club had engaged the services of a commercial tower company; this bill would have been in the thousands of dollars. For his service to the Egyptian Radio Club the board of directors has given Bob a free two year membership in the club.



W.L.Wise Photo

Ed Way, K9WAY; Bill Bell, W9BEL; Marty Schultz, N9PPJ and Jack Leverich, KC9KY helped with the ground preparations.

This is Jack going up the tower.



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In the photo below, if you look very hard you will see a very small Bob Graff at the top of the tower. This is the view from three blocks west.



W.L.Wise photo

The actual move of the physical repeater will be when the Missouri Repeater Council gives the go-ahead.

This is the ground crew checking wind direction and calculating where Bob should throw the hoisting line.



R.L.Voellinger photo

Here are Jack, KC9KY, and Bill, W9BEL; tying the hoisting line to the antenna. Bob then hauled the antenna up 470 feet to its final installation.



R.L.Voellinger photo

Last and certainly least (but not in weight) is a very tired WA9BRQ. Climbing the steps about killed me. The elevator did not go to the roof.



R.L.Voellinger photo

## **MARSHA WILSON APPOINTED CLUB PUBLICIST**

Bill Dusenbery, N9OQK, club president has made the appointment of Marsha Wilson, KC9KTS, as club publicist. Marsha is a new ham who has a great deal of enthusiasm for the hobby. She will be in charge of publicizing news of upcoming W9AIU events, such as the planned Christmas Party, the Egyptian-fest; Field Day; Kids Day and other club activities that should be noted in area newspapers, radio and TV.

Marsha will be working closely with the board to get the necessary information to the public. She will be, also working with WA9BRQ to see that news of club activities are written in the Po-dunk Hollow News.

## **ERC PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Egyptian Radio Club board passed a resolution at the 4 October 2007 meeting that we will have a Christmas Party this year. Since we are not allowed to have the party at the SouthWestern Illinois College due to their contract with ARAMARK; Marsha Wilson is contacting area restaurants to determine what facilities are available to the club. Each person will pay for their food and drink. If a deposit to hold the room is required, the club will make that payment.

Please come and enjoy the company of one of the best amateur radio clubs in the nation. Bring your spouse and family.

## **GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL AT FLY-IN**

The Egyptian Radio Club sponsored an activity at the 29 September 2007 "Fly-In" at the St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto, Illinois. The club set up our W9AIU Communications Trailer at the Airport and an information table alongside to distribute literature about ham radio, the ARRL and to hand out ice cold bottles of water to the folks who came out to see the antique military air-planes and automobiles.



Martin Schultz Photo



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The Egyptian Radio Club and Frank Shears, K7RMJ, made many contacts using CW on 20 meters and 40 meters. Frank, also, had the opportunity to work some stations on SSB using his personal Kenwood TS-2000. He had 10 CW contacts with 10 states.



Martin Schultz Photo

## **ANNUAL ERC ELECTION**

Election time is rolling around again and Bill Dusenbery, our club president, wishes to advise everyone of the procedure prescribed in the By-Laws of the Egyptian Radio Club.

Nominations are made at the meeting in November. That will be on November 8, 2007. The person you are nominating must be at the meeting to accept nomination or you must have a letter from the person stating that he/she will accept the nomination.

The balloting and election will take place at the 6 December meeting, which will be the date of our Christmas Party. The person elected will take office at the January meeting on 3 January 2008.

One director is serving a two year term; all other offices are up for election.

As a clarification on the Secretary-Treasurer position; it was decided in 2006 that having one person in that position gave better control of the situation than two people could. There were times when the person holding an office was unavailable for weeks at a time.

## **RED NECK ANTENNA**

**Out of the fertile minds of Nolan Zobrist, KA9VKC, and Frank Shears, K7RMJ, has materialized an idea for a Red Neck Antenna. The idea is for con-testants to build a two meter antenna out of junk, things found in a junk pile. One person has suggested using the springs from a baby bed as the reflector on the antenna. The judging will take place in April or May of 2008 at a club cookout at the college.**

## **ANOTHER TOWER OPENING**

Jack Leverich, KC9KY, has advised the Egyptian Radio Club that an opening at the 600 foot level of the KDNL 1300 foot transmitting tower will be open in the next two months. The exact date is unknown at this time. The board jumped at the opportunity to have an antenna at that location; but is undecided as to what we want to put there.

There are no openings in the 10 meter repeater allocations or in the 2 meter allocations. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact the board of directors and advise them of your idea.

## **10 X 10 NET NEEDS CHECK-INS**



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This fella, who is known as Jim Cleland, K9RKU is on 28.420 every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM local time and is the net control station of the W9AIU Chapter of 10x10 International. You do not need to be a member of 10x10 to check in, all stations are welcome. In fact, If you check in and work 10 stations that are members, you will be eligible for membership yourself.

Check in and join the fun.

# Survey results

For those interested in such trivia, here are the results of the recent survey of ERC members. The results are current as of 11 October 2007.

- 1) We have more Extra Class members in this club than any other class.
- 2) The majority of members consider themselves as active hams.
- 3) The majority of members are on VHF and UHF, with 50% on HF.
- 4) Those on VHF do check in to the VHF net.
- 5) The Ten-Ten Net is falling short on activity. Either the time is inconvenient or the members have other duties that take them away from the radio.
- 6) Most members say they would participate in a Fox Hunt. Now, it is up to the board to get a Fox Hunt scheduled.
- 7) The CW net participation is about 50%.
- 8) Monthly presentations and demonstrations are wanted by everyone.
- 9) The Hat, T-shirt, sweatshirt and jacket issue is about 60%.
- 10) Monthly meeting attendance is about 40%. We need to have more members come to the monthly meetings. The board is concerned and looking into ideas.
- 11) The majority of members want to keep the director and membership meetings as they are. Same night.
- 12) About 30% of the members would chair a committee, if asked.
- 13) The comments number more than we can go into in this newsletter.

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