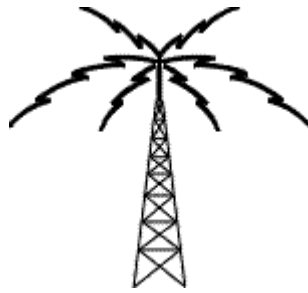


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## MISSOURI VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



**Next Meeting APRIL 6, 2009**

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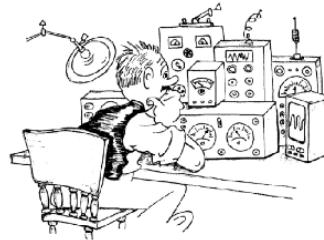
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WØNH            146.250/146.850

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#### **Club Web Page**

Maintain by Brad Cawly KØBCW

<http://www.w0nh.com>

#### **Club Newsletter**

Maintain by Al Clark KFØH

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month.



ARES weekly net is on each Thursday Nights, on the Club Repeater 146.185 MHz at 8:00 P.M. Monthly meeting are on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Red Cross Conference Room.

**Club Contact VE's are Al Clark KFØH & Dave Mollus WØYZZ**



Meeting was open by President Al Clark at 7:30 P.M.

**Agenda:**

**April Meeting Topics:**

- 1) Update on Hamfest.
- 2) Update on repeater
- 3) Open Discussions.

**ARES:**

The NWMO ARES Group has been nominated for "Organization of the Year" by the members of the Plattsburg Chamber of Commerce. On April 4th there will be a dinner at the Plattsburg High School for all the Organizations,

People, and Business that were nominated. The price of the meal is \$10 and at the end of the night the winners will be picked and receive their award. Mark your calendars' for a great evening!!

You can check out the website: [www.plattsburgmo.com](http://www.plattsburgmo.com) on Monday to see the announcement.

Trevor Black  
KCOQLU  
NWMO ARES Group  
DEC Region H  
<http://nwmoares.org>

**Repeater update:**

Ernie Miller - WA0HBX regarding his offer to allow us on his tower.

(1) We do NOT need any city permits - the tower is permitted for all attachments.

(2) He will give us the GPS tower coordinates as per FAA regulations.

(3) He is having a cell phone company get off the tower.

(a) He is charging them an amount for his labor to remove their equipment that will cover

the cost of installing our equipment for us.

(b) He will be donating 300 ft. of 1-1/2 inch hard line to the club that is already on the tower.

(c) If the 300 ft. height does not work for us, he will install a 30 ft. jumper and move us to the top of his tower.

(d) He will donate a rack unit for our equipment.

(4) All we will be out fund-wise is the \$ 10.00 per month electrical bill.

The installation costs will be borne by the cell phone company.

(5) He said we should better results due to no shadowing and no RF noise.

John - N0YXG

### **Global Simulated Emergency Test Scheduled for April**

IARU Region 1 has invited the HQ stations of IARU Member-Societies, as well as the EOCs of Emergency Communications Groups (ECGs), to participate in the 2009 Global Simulated Emergency Test (Global SET), on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1100-1500 UTC. The Global SET will take place on and near the emergency Center of Activity (CoA) frequencies on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters, +/- QRM. In the US, ARES groups that will be representing EOCs need to register through their IARU International Emergency Communications Coordinator. Registrations should be e-mailed to ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, and must include the call sign (this will be used as the name of the ECG) and the EOC that the ECG is representing, as well as a list of the names and call signs of all operators involved.

The intent of the 2009 Global SET is for established IARU Headquarters stations and EOCs to test their capabilities. Dura said that W1AW will be the official ARRL and ARES representative for this event. Other ARES groups that participate from EOCs (as per their established response plan) are also invited to participate. "While we appreciate individual interest in participating, the purpose of the Global SET is to allow IARU Member-Societies and other EOCs they support to test their infrastructures

and procedures at the highest levels," Dura said. "Other events, such as ARRL Field Day and the annual ARRL SET are available for individuals to test their preparedness."

According to IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator Greg Mossop, G0DUB, the Global SET is not a contest, but an emergency communications exercise to develop skills needed to provide an international emergency network.

Mossop said that the Global SET has four objectives:

- To increase the common interest in emergency communications.

- To test how usable the CoA frequencies are across ITU regions.

- To create practices for international emergency communications.

- To practice the relaying of messages using all modes: Voice (SSB), Data or CW.

"The exercise will build on earlier Global SET exercises and will focus on generating and relaying messages in a common format across country borders, rather than the information gathering capabilities that we've done in the past," Mossop said. "We will pass messages in a format that we may have to use for the agencies we may serve. The message exchange will take longer than in previous exercises, and stations will have to be patient to transmit their messages across country and language boundaries."

Each participating station is to send messages to their Regional HQ station

using the IARU International Emergency Operating Procedure, using IARU message forms. Stations should relay the messages they receive to their Regional HQ station; the Region 2 station is TG0AA in Guatemala. To comply with license regulations, all messages should be addressed to Greg Mossop, G0DUB, and should come from a licensed radio amateur. Messages should contain fewer than 25 words and should not include anything that would be considered as a "real emergency" message by a listener. Mossop suggests constructing messages that include weather conditions, the number of operators at the station or even an interesting fact about the station. "There is no limit on the number of messages to be sent," he said, "but each one must have a unique message number." Regional HQ stations will not be sending messages, only receiving them.

Mossop recommends that in order to create "a more realistic situation, please limit your transmitting power during the exercise to 100 W. We are especially interested in stations operating mobile/portable and/or on emergency power."

Usually held in May, the 2009 Global SET was moved to April to tie into World Amateur Radio Day. The theme of the 2009 World Amateur Radio Day is Amateur Radio: Your Resource in Disaster and Emergency Communication. "This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the work of emergency communications groups around the world," Mossop said.

For more information on the 2009 Global SET, including a list of CoA frequencies for Regions 1, 2 and 3, please see the Global SET announcement.

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**Burghardt to No Longer Sell Amateur Radio Equipment (Mar 17, 2009) -- On March 16, Jim Smith, W0MJY, owner of Burghardt Amateur Center in Watertown, South Dakota, announced that the company will no longer sell Amateur Radio transceivers and accessories. The company, now called Burghardt Radio Repair, has canceled all backorders. In an e-mail, Smith blamed the current economic conditions for the change that forced the company "to re-evaluate our goals and direction. We will continue to provide radio repair service as it has become a very busy business. Our technicians are very experienced and parts inventories are good. Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to continuing our relationships through our servicing facility." Jim Smith's son, Mike Smith, KC0FTM, told the ARRL that even though the company has had to lay off employees in the past couple of months, "Burghardt will concentrate on service, just like we have been doing since 1973." Burghardt was founded in 1937 by Stan Burghardt, W0IT (SK), as Burghardt Radio Supply. He sold the company to Smith in 1982, remaining active in the company until January 2002. Burghardt passed away in 2004 at the age of 93**

