

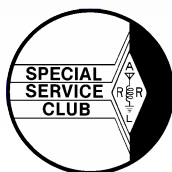


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EC NOTES

Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB
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I can't believe summer is almost over already. It sure seemed to go quickly, at least for me. A special thanks to Kal (KA8RLC) for filling in for me as EC and Net Manager, and to the help from the rest of the Leadership Team while I was away this summer.

It was nice to get away again this summer for a while, but it was great to come back to this group. While in Florida, I joined the weekly nets, and attended the in person meetings of the Pinellas County ACS/ARES/Skywarn group there. There are many similarities, but also some differences in the way both groups operate. I did get a chance to spend some time sharing ideas with the EC there after the meeting (1.5 hours), and came away with a great sense of pride for COARES.

Our active event season is winding down, but we do still have several events coming up, including one of our major events, The Columbus Marathon. Additional info can be found on page 4 in this bulletin about this important event. Please consider volunteering to work this event if available.

You have probably noticed that our group's bulletin has not been published for a couple of months. According to our bulletin editor, Reuben Yau, this is due to a lack of article submissions. In order to publish a nice bulletin, we need articles and photos from Event Coordinators, the Leadership Team, and any others that can send in an article that you think may be of interest to the group. In past issues, we have seen great articles submitted by COARES members covering many different topics. If you do coordinate

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COARES Mission

To provide emergency communications to central Ohio, public safety, emergency, health, government and relief agencies in times of disaster.

To keep our skills sharp, we provide communication support for many public service events.

Next Meeting

Wednesday Sept 16th at 7:30pm

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security

**5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd
Columbus, OH 43230**

Andy Elliott will give a presentation "Hospital Emergency Backup Antennas" describing the results of the recent project.

Don't forget! Renew your membership in Kroger Community Rewards!

Just visit

www.krogercommunityrewards.com and click on "Columbus" and "Enroll".

The code for COARES is "84947".
You must re-enroll each year during the month of April.

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Weekly Nets & Meetings

The COARES net meets Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm local time on the 147.06+ repeater, except for the third Wednesday of each month which is reserved for our General Meeting, held at the office of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

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Primary: K8DDG/R
 147.060 +.600
 444.800 +5.00
 94.8 Hz CTCSS

Secondary: AA8EY/R
 147.090 +.600
 94.8 Hz CTCSS

UHF: WB8INY/R
 444.275 +5.00
 94.8 Hz CTCSS

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A Reminder

Always check the COARES primary repeater (147.060 MHz) whenever a situation arises that might result in an emergency activation of COARES. This includes, but is not limited to, tornado, flood, blizzard, hazardous materials spill, terrorist attack, fire, search and rescue (missing person), aircraft/mass casualty, setting up emergency shelters, or a declared state of emergency.

Nets

Net	Day	Time (local)	Frequency
Central Ohio ARES	Wednesday	8:00 pm	147.060 (+) (94.8 PL)
Central Ohio Severe Weather Net	Tuesday (Mar ~ Oct)	7:30 pm	146.760 (-) (123.0 PL)
Central Ohio Traffic Net	Daily	7:15 pm	146.970(-) (94.8 PL)
Southwest Columbus Ham Radio Club Net	Friday	8:30 pm	145.23 (-)
Amateur Radio Club at Ohio State University	Sunday	8:00 pm	442.6(+)(114.8PL)
CRES ARC Sunday Night Net	Sunday	9—10 pm	146.67(-) (131.8 PL)
Delaware County Net	Monday	8:00 pm	145.170 (-)
Hocking Valley ARC Net	Wednesday	9:00 pm	147.345 (+)
Lancaster / Fairfield County ARC Net	Monday	9:00 pm	147.030 (+)
Madison County "Get Together" Net	Tuesday	8:00 pm	147.285 (+)
Newark ARA Net	Tuesday	9:00 pm	146.880 (-)

Nets

an event, please send in an after action report after the event. Also remember to send me a tally of who worked the event, along with the hours worked. Leadership Team members can contribute articles about our repeater systems, financial reports, membership and database stats, upcoming training, COTS testing, Ohio EMA status, etc.

Hope to hear from many of you during the marathon,

Kevin (KD8IIB)



This year we have a new points system that recognizes members for time and activities put towards the COARES club.

2015 Ham Of The Year Leaderboard

Rank	Points	Call	Name
1	80	KD8PHG	Richard Wynkoop
2	59	KD8RTP	John Buck
3=	57	KD8IIB	Kevin O'Harra
3=	57	KD8ION	Patrick Gibson
5	56	KD8WQY	Denny Waltermire
6	53	KA8RLC	Kal Dworkin
7	47	KA8CEJ	Wayne Walls
8=	44	KB8YVI	Phillip Moore
8=	44	KD8SYT	Lynne Moore
9=	43	K6HRU	Bruce Lent
9=	43	KC8VWQ	Marci Wasserstrom
9=	43	KD8OAE	Chris Huyette
9=	43	W8RWR	Bob Rector

COARES One Call Now

Please remember to notify our One Call Now Administrator (KD8IIB - Kevin O'Harra) for any changes to your phone numbers or email addresses that would affect how you are notified in the event of an emergency callout. Also, any new members that would like to be included in an emergency callout, please contact Kevin with your info.

Please see the article in the April 2015 bulletin that explains this system in greater depth.

2015 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon

Submitted by Jim Birk, KD8HVX

Sunday October 18 COARES will again provide emergency communications support for the Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Marathon. We will need as many operators as possible to cover the 1/2 marathon and the full marathon. Participation requires registration through the Marathon's online registration system. The URL below will take you to the COARES registration page where you can use your username and password from last year or create a new one. To help us with planning, please register as soon as possible.

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://www.columbusmarathonvolunteer.com/radio>

On the right hand side of the "**COARES Ham Radio**" page, press the "**Volunteer**" button, this will take you to the "**Become A Volunteer**" page where you may login using last year's username and password or create a new registration profile.

Date	Shift Time	Availability
10/18/2015	6:00am - 4:00pm	56 / 60

If you cannot remember your password, press "Forgot your Password?" where you can enter an email address where an email will be sent to you that will permit you to change your password.

If you cannot remember your username or this is your first registration, create a new profile using the "**REGISTER NOW**" button on the left hand side of the "**Become A Volunteer**" page and follow the prompts filling in the boxes with appropriate information. The recommended **USERNAME** is your EMAIL address, but that is not a requirement.

"T" shirts

We no longer submit a list of names and shirt sizes or pick up the shirts. Instead the information is taken directly from your registration profile and the shirts are sent via courier, those will be the only shirts available for distribution. With this procedure I will not be able to get extras or make exchanges, so be sure to enter the correct size when setting up your profile, edit your existing profile if necessary.

For questions regarding **registration** please contact Jim Birk BIRKJ@COLUMBUS.RR.COM

For questions or requests regarding **assignments** please contact Kal Dworkin KA8RLC@COLUMBUS.RR.COM

ARESMAT Opportunities in Ohio

Submitted by Stan Broadway, N8BHL

Throughout the year, we have been pushing the recruiting for ARESMAT In Ohio. This program is critically important to a wide-area ARES response, not only for Ohio but in many cases for our surrounding states. So far, we hear crickets. I know we have a very talented membership, and it's time to step up! Please consider volunteering else Matt runs a danger of head injury from beating his noggin on the desk. Step up, people!

We need repeater technicians. If you manage or work on a repeater, we need your expertise! There may be a case where we have to quickly set up a portable, or restore a damaged unit to service. VERY important!

If you have experience with antennas and towers, we need you! Same scenario as above- we need to be able to hang antennas after those in place have been destroyed. If your residence shows more than one antenna on the roof- please consider us!

We need IT / computer talent. If you duck into the registry, understand the IP world, have more than a few PC's sitting around, WE NEED YOU! One of our primary services will be digital messaging.

We need skilled operators. Nevermind the technical side, there will be a need for 'the cavalry' with operators who can step in and quickly assume positions in an emergency net. If you are a contester, or have safety forces or military experience- THIS IS FOR YOU!

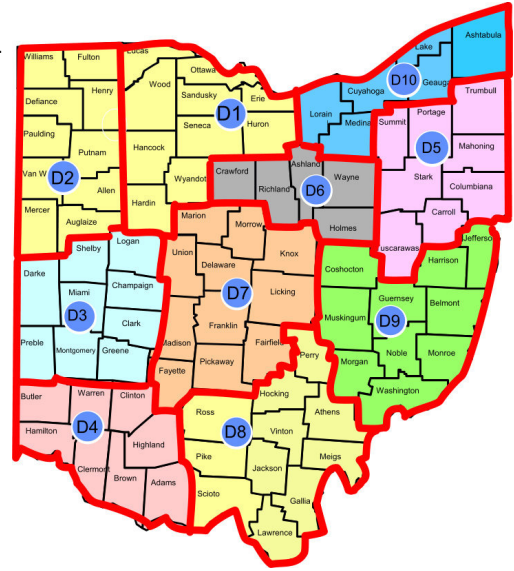
This will NOT involve hours of training. You already know the skillsets. This is NOT geographically limited. If you're in Cincinnati, or Cleveland, or somewhere in between, we will integrate as a whole team! We will get together for an orientation, and a lot of our communication will be email or using web meetings. I promise you'll not be asked to sacrifice a lot of time. I can see one annual major training event where we put all the skills together for an exercise.

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN BE PROUD OF- but we need YOU to step up and volunteer! Please consider this now.

<http://arrrl-ohio.org/SEC/aresmat-001.html>

Thanks so much!

Stan Broadway, N8BHL
Section Emergency Coordinator – Ohio



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COARES ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

Sept	Event	Time	Location	Coordinator/Net Control
2nd	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Richard Wynkoop, KD8PHG
9th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Bruce Lent, K6HRU
16th	In-person Meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB
23rd	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
30th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Patrick Gibson, KD8ION
Oct	Event	Time	Location	Coordinator/Net Control
7th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	?
11th	Crop Walk	12:00 pm—3:00 pm	Scioto Audubon Metro Park Maier Place Pavilion 400 W Whittier St. Columbus, OH 43215	Frank Huffman, KD8OVP
14th	In-person Meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB
18th	Columbus Marathon	6:00 am—2:00 pm	TBD	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC Jim Birk, KD8HVX
21st	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
22nd	FCEM&HS Full Scale Exercise	TBA	Columbus Area	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
28th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
30th	Bolton Field Exercise	TBA	Bolton Field	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
Nov	Event	Time	Location	Coordinator/Net Control
4th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
11th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
18th	In-person Meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB
25th	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Open
26th	Turkey Trot	9:00 am	Groveport OH	TBA

While this schedule is correct at the time of publishing, please visit the COARES website (www.coares.org) and click on the Events link for the most up to date information.

Newsletter Contributions

This bulletin cannot happen without members contributing photos, stories, tips or articles. If you have something you'd like to contribute, or for corrections, please send them to the bulletin editor: Reuben Yau, W1YAU pittbug@gmail.com