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FROM THE ASCRA PRESIDENT

At the recent Board Meeting I was elected President. I had found that I was over-extended as Executive Director but I am willing to serve ASCRA as President.

The sunspot low has had a serious detrimental effect on the ASCRA nets. On 2009-05-10, I checked into both the 20- and 40-Meter Nets. The numbers are way down. I am hearing that there have been a few sunspots noted as of late. I hope the trend continues.

In the last year, WØSHQ was upgraded on several fronts. A new rig was purchased with money derived from donations. The rebuilt beam antenna was returned to the tower. The WØSHQ shack now has internet connectivity as well as a telephone line for phone patches.

The addition of the telephone line will greatly enhance the ability to run phone patches in emergencies. The internet in WØSHQ can be employed several ways. It could be used to allow EchoLink on the WØSHQ/R 13/73 repeater. This would allow any ASCRA Member to talk locally in Independence. Another possibility is to interconnect the HF radio with the internet also using EchoLink. It may even be possible to connect both. This would bring WØSHQ into the 21st century.

The ASCRA Leadership is looking for ways to serve you, the Member. If you have ideas for ASCRA, we would be glad to hear them. I want to hear ideas that are outside-the-box. Just because we have always done something does not mean that it must be that way. Also, if ASCRA has not done something, that you feel we should, then say so.

Robin Cross, WØFEN

TIME FOR A NEW EDITOR

This is my sixth year as editor of this newsletter, and it is time to find my successor. I have enjoyed my tenure and am proud of the fruit of my efforts but I need to move on for personal reasons. I am grateful for the cooperation I have received, especially from all those who have written articles, notices, and other items for publication in the newsletter.

Could you be the next editor, or can you suggest someone? If so, please contact Executive Director Doug Shaw by either e-mail at doug_nancy@comcast.net or by postal mail at:

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The principal duties of the editor are to assemble, print, and distribute this newsletter four times a year. I use MS Word for this purpose and will be glad to help you get started. The expenses of doing so are reimbursed by the ASCRA treasurer.

Fred Troeh NØELM, editor

SILENT KEY

Albert William "Bud" Green

Bud Green, KBØLLI, died of pancreatic cancer December 9, 2008, at his home in Independence, Missouri. Bud received his amateur radio license on August 17, 1993 and was a member of ASCRA. He could not set up his radio equipment in the condominium where he and his wife, Mary Regina (Gina Smith) Green lived in recent years, but he could and did use his 2-m hand-held radio. He used that radio to contact other hams along the way as they traveled. His son, Kevin Green of Kennesaw, Georgia, now has Bud's radio equipment and plans to request his father's call sign after he gets his license.

Bud was 79 years old, having been born December 5, 1929, in St. Louis, MO. He attended Lee's Summit High School and Finley Engineering College. He served in the U.S. navy aboard the USS Mountrail during the Korean Conflict and received the Korean War Service medal. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 20 years, serving as a Scoutmaster of Troop 382, Explorer Advisor, and District Chairman in Independence, Missouri and San Jose, California, during that time. He was an elder in the Community of Christ.

Bud was a skilled woodworker and produced many items for use around family homes, so he always had a project underway. He and Gina were also passionate about bowling and participated in many teams and tournaments. Bud is survived by his wife of 52 years, their sons Kevin and his wife Kay and Kenneth and his wife Angela, a daughter Dawna and her husband John Snowden, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our mailing list is getting shorter because some of our readers have opted to receive this newsletter electronically. I can send it to you as an attachment to an e-mail message or you can download it from the ASCRA website. This saves both printing and mailing costs and helps us balance the budget. Any additional readers who are willing to change to an electronic version, please send me an e-mail message at ftroeh@onmbb.com.

Fred Troeh NØELM

20-M and 40-M NET CHECK-INS

May 17, 2009

These are the check ins on the 20 M and 40 M nets since Feb 1, 2009. Poor propagation continued during the last few months. Again, several have assisted in gathering check ins to try and make the nets work. We assume many have tried to check in without success. The following is what we could hear. Please keep trying.

Ernie Miles WB2UJL

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20 M net

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| NØAIX Larry Reagan     | KBØDOD John Barnet  |
| WØDZX Dave Atkins      | NØELM Fred Troeh    |
| WAØEMX Dog Shaw        | WØFEN Robin Cross   |
| kAØGFC Carles Brady    | KDØ0HNE Ron Bondy   |
| WAØ0IBS Andy Ferrar    | KMØS Mike Thayer    |
| WØSHQ ASCRA Assn.      | KCØSNN Leroy Crane  |
| KØTCB Chester Hallberg | KCØTQD James French |

K1ATT Anthony Tullio

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| WB2TFM Frank Hallman | WB2UJL Ernie Miles |
| W2WTF Brad Yoder     |                    |

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| N3FQ Lawrence Fleming | VE3GTB Leroy Braun |
| VA3RZ Ray Else        |                    |

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| W4GMH Cullen Zethmayr | W4JLK Joseph Kreyling     |
| KC4NUN Kenneth Fox    | KA4RUR Frederick Carslick |

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| WB5BRD Raymond Hooper  | KB5EAG Terry Redding Jr. |
| N5FQU Kenneth Campbell | W5GGO Sidney Gary        |
| KD5JFE Elias Basse     | K5KVN Kevin Thornton     |
| KE5LNN David Ward      | K5RQ David Brandenburg   |
| KE5SBP XXX             | W5STE Michael Stewart    |
| KE5YJS Morris Vessier  |                          |

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| WA6ARC Steven Grasha | KJ6CM Thomas Oberlin |
| K6EEE Jim Riedel     | KI6GHI Jim Enos      |

W6LMJ Terry Redding

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| KA7ECY Harry Howell | KL7IXI Michael Fletcher |
| K7NCG Jim Fish      | KE7ZQO Michael Higgins  |

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| W8RQE Marvin Dworkin | K8QA Mike Oiler |
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| W9LOB Al Mazure | KC9MBG Paul Giannoni |
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40 M net

DØBFB Al DeGooyer	KØDCL David Libby
WØFEN Robin Cross	WAØIBS Andy Ferrar
NØJHX Gary Martin	AAØJV Charles Roche
KMØS Mike Thayer	KAØVTB Holly Cross

1ATT Anthony Tullio	KA1FFY Ronald Adriano
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KC2IAR Harold Seils	KB2IAR Theresa Conigliaro
N2TEH David Hoogstra	WB2UJL Ernie Miles
KW3A Steve Forst	WW3K Dominick Tuzzo

W4BXI John Drum	W4DOK William Knight
KV4EC Teddy Lehman	KJ4GBX Dwayne Szczech

KI4IVG Jack Pulling	KC4NUN Kenneth Fox
KI4PPI Richard Bowles	KF4UUN Jerry Day
AE4VA Charles Armstrong	

WB5BRD Raymond Hooper	KB5DHM Wallace
Klingaman	KB5EAG Terry Redding Jr.
W5GGO Sidney Gray	KE5IJI Elmer Pannell
K5KVN Kevin Thornton	KE5LNN David Ward
KE5PYF David Gillette	KB5YZZ Richard Tiller

W6LMJ Terry Redding

K7NCG Jim Fish	KE7ZQO Michael Higgins
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KD8CJD Bob Mahlman	KD8HFY Jim Sturgeon
KB8MMJ Bill Richmond	W8NIC Antonio Logarta
W8RQE Marvin Dworkin	WØ8USA Chris Colliver

WX9DX Jimmy Cary	N9EUT Robert Hill
KC9MWW John Little	KC9NPQ Jerry Bussen
KC9OAP Edmund Templeton	WA9ZPM Michael Kiley

SILENT KEY

Bud Resch WØFTD

Clarence A. "Bud" Resch, Jr., WØFTD, a good friend and long time member of the Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs has joined the ranks of SILENT KEYS.

Clarence A. "Bud" Resch, Jr., 84, Independence, MO passed away Feb. 28, 2009. Bud was born Sept. 14, 1924 in Independence, MO and was a lifelong resident. He worked at TWA for thirty-one years and retired in 1986. After retirement, he worked at Schmitt Music in Independence. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of WW II and an Air Force veteran of the Korean Era.

Bud was a member of the Community of Christ Church College Park Congregation, where he was a Priest and then an Elder. Utilizing his expertise in technology, he took it upon himself to record each week's sermon, transpose the recordings to cassette tapes and distribute them to people who were shut-ins so they could hear the message. He was also a member of the Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs and the Independence FM Amateur Radio Club, and was involved with the Boy Scouts of America in years past.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife Mary Elaine Resch in 1995 and sister Alberta Davis in 1980. He is survived by his son Jim Resch and wife Vicki, Blue Springs, MO; daughters Jan Jones and husband Dale, Summerville, SC; Pat Cook, Lee's Summit, MO; grandchildren Debbie Grainger and husband Jimmy, Independence, MO; Paxton Taylor and wife Angela, Lee's Summit, MO; Chris Resch, Lake Lotawana, MO; Jennie Jones and husband James, Portland, OR; Jeremy Cook, Warrensburg, MO; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, March 6, 2009 at Speaks Suburban Chapel; interment at Mound Grove Cemetery. The family requests contributions to Outreach International. <http://www.outreach-international.org/>. Arrangements: Speaks Suburban Chapel. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.speakschapel.com.

Doug Shaw WAØEMX

ExecDir's SKYWAVES: Be Prepared

Recent natural disasters in Australia and elsewhere, and the annual preparations of US hams supporting the National Weather Service and other governmental emergency responders, reminds us to consider our individual roles and that of ASCRA as well. Lessons learned from the 2005 Gulf Shore hurricane season caused FEMA and state and local emergency planners to seriously add Amateur Radio to disaster plans if it was not included previously. We are unaware at this time of World Church disaster planning or if it recognizes the emergency communications support capabilities of the Amateur Radio Service or ASCRA. I propose to resolve this lack of communication while calling now for our members positive support as the Church's needs are identified.

According to the local Emergency Preparedness Manager, Mark Widner KCØUMZ, who provided our annual board meeting site, relationships between government and partnered volunteer organizations and their members are vital to the continued viability and growth of Amateur Radio Service groups such as RACES, ARES, SKYWARN, ASCRA and the Church. It is thus incumbent that all officers, directors, AND members of ASCRA actively strengthen old relationships and build new ones internally AND externally with congregational and mission center leaders and church members if ASCRA is to fulfill its potential value to the Church and the communities in which we seek to provide support and ministry. We must also help bridge those relationships to local government and other public domain agencies to insure our efforts efficiently and effectively blend with public emergency planning.

Mark Widner truly believes what he says about community relationships with volunteer groups such as ASCRA and local churches. His EM partnerships and volunteer organization are nationally known models. His EOC is managed and manned ENTIRELY by volunteers from the local Radio Amateur community. He has offered ASCRA the scheduled use of the Eastern JaCoMo Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station #1 for own on air operations, including use of HF, VHF, and UHF radios and an extensive antenna farm that incorporates a 40-6 meter stepper yagi antenna. Our own WØSHQ 2 meter repeater is housed there and our antenna is mounted at the very top of the EOC tower, while the antenna for primary Independence RACES 145.31 MHz repeater, for which WØSHQ is a backup, resides at a lower level than our own. He is also prepared to apply for grant funding to upgrade the WØSHQ repeater and even the station at the Auditorium. He would like to explore the possibility of establishing an alternate EOC in the Auditorium which I plan to facilitate. Mark also seeks to establish the Safe Sanctuary (Safe Church) Model as an extension of the EOC and provide for training of local church staff in Shelter Management and Debris Management as well as Community Emergency Response Team training, which is ongoing in Independence and Eastern Jackson County.

Interest in emergency response as part of the Community of Christ's public ministry is not confined to the Central Mission Center, as demonstrated by recent dialog with VP Dave Cook KC0MHT of the "Organizational Management for Emergency General Activity" (OMEGA) public service ministries group of the Rocky Mountain Mission Center, which includes an Amateur Radio component. For more details about these efforts, see <http://www.omegaresponders.org>. ASCRA Bylaws have been shared with OMEGA in hopes that an ASCRA chapter may become part of their program. Should affiliation of OMEGA's broader objectives with the World Church occur, it could impel ASCRA to organize additional supporting chapters in other mission centers. For now, ASCRA, from its position as the largest Church affiliated organization in our denomination, will undertake to facilitate bringing OMEGA's concept to appropriate World Church offices as we attempt to build productive relationships with them for future ministry.

Adding to the body of trained Ham operators must be part of this effort as well as becoming trained in emergency procedures. I hope to make effective Technician and General Class license training materials that are currently used very successfully in the Central Mission Center area) available to any ASCRA members desiring to help grow our service fellowship in their localities. By joining with or taking advantage of other local Amateur Radio groups for FCC license testing, we can build a vital younger cadre of ASCRA Radio Amateurs needed to fully implement the needed emergency infrastructure required to justify the existence of ASCRA and of the Amateur Radio Service.

I call on all our members to approach their local congregations, jurisdictions, and youth groups to interest them in licensing classes and CERT training. Begin personal emergency preparedness planning for your families, including emergency Amateur Radio operation. Join local RACES, ARES and other emergency responder groups. Become CERT trained. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Doug Shaw WAØEMX

Doug Shaw operating WØSHQ

ASCRA BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2009

Secretary Doug Shaw convened the ASCRA Board of Directors in annual meeting at 09:37 CDT Saturday, May 9, 2009, at the Eastern Jackson County (JaCoMo) and Independence Emergency Operations Center courtesy of Emergency Preparedness Manager Mark Widner KCØUMZ. Directors attending on site were: Robin Cross, Doug Shaw, Chuck Palmer, and Larry Ragan. Those attending via conference bridge were: Bob Farnham, David Gates, Jim Fish, Barbara Redding, Terry Redding, Tom Thatcher, and Fred Troeh. Ernie Miles was unable to attend because of a work schedule conflict.

Following an invocation by Terry Redding, the 2009-2011 Ballot Tabulation Committee Election Certification of 19 January 2009 (see February 2009 *In Service*) and the April 26, 2008, board minutes were reviewed and approved.

The **Secretary's Report** made note of two articles submitted by the secretary and published in the *Community of Christ HERALD* magazine (March 2009 issue page 39, April 2009 issue pages 34-35). The **Treasurer's Report** from Chuck Palmer accounted for Total Income of \$2081 and Expenses of \$788.43. Complete Cash Flow and Fund Balances reports are available on request. **Executive Director's Report** listed a large number of tasks accomplished: (1) Rebuilt yagi returned to tower for WØSHQ, (2) Purchased Ten-Tec Jupiter transceiver for WØSHQ, using funds received from trade-in and sale of donated equipment requiring no cash outlay, (3) Analog Phone Line installed at WØSHQ, (4) WØC Special Event Operation [still tallying total contacts], (5) Associated Radio 1/2 page ads now help defray *IN SERVICE* newsletter cost (\$25/issue), (6) Various ASCRA files are now uploaded to ASCRA Board Yahoo Group website. (All reports approved unanimously.)

Election of Officers was moved by Larry Ragan and seconded by Terry Redding and passed by acclamation, electing Robin Cross WØFEN as President, Doug Shaw WAØEMX as Secretary, Chuck Palmer NØONN as Treasurer. At this point, Robin Cross assumed the chair. **President Cross then appointed Doug Shaw as Executive Director**, sustained unanimously. **Executive Director Appointments:** Robin Cross: WØSHQ FCC Trustee; Larry Ragan: Awards Manager. Ernie Miles: Webmaster. Fred Troeh continues temporarily as ASCRA Directory manager, newsletter editor and publisher, but after many years' service, he desires to relinquish some or all of these three responsibilities, which need not be held by the same person.

Unfinished Business: Terry Redding reported the **current ASCRA website**, www.ascra.org was successfully moved from Graceland University to an OLT Apache server on an Apple PC running BSD Linux. Website design and enhancement discussion was deferred.

New Business: Capital Equipment Request submitted by outgoing Executive Director Robin Cross identified several items needing attention: (1) Replace Rotator at WØSHQ with donated HAM-IV (the one we have is not computer controlled), (2) Troubleshoot alarm interference at the Auditorium presumably caused by new Jupiter transceiver at

WØSHQ, (3) Install phone patch at WØSHQ using new analog phone line, (4) Install donated 1GHz Win98 PC and router at WØSHQ using new Internet connection that is outside the Church firewall with a fixed IP address, (5) Install EchoLink for or at WØSHQ. None of the foregoing items require capital expenditure at this time. New ExDir assumes this could change if remote base operation is implemented at a later date.

Proposed Grant Funding: Mark Widner, Eastern JaCoMo and Independence Emergency Preparedness Manager proposed to seek grant funds to upgrade WØSHQ repeater. ExDir will handle as most appropriate. Mark discussed the Safe Sanctuary (Safe Church) Model extension of the EOC; Shelter Management, Debris Management and Community Emergency Response Team training. Note: Dave Bland's former EARS repeaters (145.310, 145.350, 145.370) are now owned, funded and operated by the EP office.

Budget for 2009-2010 was approved. Postage cost is more than half the total cost of publishing the newsletter. Number of each issue mailed has been reduced from ~230 to ~200 by delivering some copies via Email. Issues are also available on the ASCRA website.

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Newsletter Motion: Larry Ragan, Jim Fish and Terry Redding, will assist ExDir implement plan to reduce the number of newsletters mailed to those no longer present or interested in receiving *IN SERVICE* and identify members willing to receive newsletters electronically.

Executive Council Reports & Motions: OMEGA Report from Seventy Dave Cook KCØMHT on Rocky Mountain Mission Center emergency ministries was unavailable due to conflicting ARES emergency exercise. How ASCRA might support this ministry can be considered after receiving more details.

Suspended Central Stakes Chapter may reorganize as Central Mission Center (USA) Chapter as suggested by Ex Dir and former chapter president John Chapman NØIYD. Local ASCRA members must decide on name when they apply to reorganize. Former chapter funds remain held in stewardship by the ASCRA Board and will be returned to the chapter should it reorganize.

Certificates of Appreciation Verbiage was briefly discussed but is not prescribed in the Bylaws. Preprinted certificates available. Details left to discretion of ExDir who is empowered to issue same. **Recognitions** Certificates of Appreciation were affirmed for Michael Hahn, Bob Farnham, Doug Shaw, and Ernie Miles for long and consistent service to ASCRA.

Closing Prayer was offered by Jim Fish followed by **Motion to Adjourn** from Barbara Redding, approved without objection.

Doug Shaw, Secretary

OPERATING PORTABLE from Beverly Beach, Florida

Active families are often trying to do more than one thing. Recently, I found myself honoring my daughter's desire to spend a few days on the beach, while balancing a desire to be at church and on the ASCRA net

We originally planned to go to the Florida Keys and stay at Bahia Honda State Park. It is known for its history, natural beauty and darks skies. The plan was to go down after my daughter finished her last class at FAU and started her break before resuming school this summer. However, a number of home projects and work kept getting in the way. I had to be in Tallahassee Monday night, nearly a ten hour drive to the north, and starting from the Keys would have added another three hours to the drive time. We finally settled on heading north towards Tallahassee and staying on the beach.

Last weekend it looked like our small congregation of 10 to 15 Saints would be reduced to just three or four with a number attending a church conference and others simply being away from town. When they discussed canceling church, no Communion or potluck, I expressed my displeasure, but of course I wasn't going to be there so maybe my vote shouldn't count. By that time my departure for the Keys was being delayed and then redirected to the north, the conference had been canceled and all the families but mine were again scheduled to be in West Palm Beach for the service. Plus, one young lady in the area was expecting her family from Canada to be joining her for the weekend and for the service.

This morning I dialed into the congregation conference bridge and we here at Beverly Beach were able to attend the

service via the conference bridge, we being four, Barbara, our daughter Sarah Lynn, our 14 year old grand son, and myself. On the bridge with us was another family in Maine that normally winters with us in West Palm Beach. The end result was a larger than usual group in attendance in person and via the phone bridge. Now as I type this report I am off 20 meters and on 40 meters listening to Ernie, WB2UJL start the 40 meter net. I have attached two photos. The first is of the trailer with the 26 foot vertical bent over in the breeze. The second is of the operating position in the shade of the trailer. You can see our two Quaker Parrots in their cage on the picnic table. Making an effort to attend church, or check into the net can be very rewarding. It may be a challenge, but with the effort comes the reward of success or just knowing you have made an effort. Ernie seemed really pleased to have worked K7NCG/M, Jim, from his a mobile. Possibly a first for Ernie. My signal on 20 meters was marginal through a weekend filled with a QSO party from New England. But here now on 40 meters, Ernie is 59 and has provided me with a similar report, so from my point of view the band is good.

Wishing all of you the very best from Beverly Beach, Florida.

Terry W6LMJ and Barbara W5HKY

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