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ASCRA nominations open for 2011 - 2012

Nominations for election to the ASCRA Board of Directors, for the 2011 - 2012 class, are now open. A maximum of six (6) nominations may be submitted per member **to be received no later than Dec. 3, 2010**. Please remind other members you may contact about the nomination deadline.

Please verify that your nominees are willing to serve before you submit their names in nomination. Service as a director may entail travel to Independence, Missouri, or attendance by conference call, for at least one board meeting per year. All nominees should have E-mail capability but this is not a requirement for nomination or serving.

Only one nomination is required to place a willing nominee on the ballot. Each nomination must clearly identify who is making the nominations using a single piece of paper or E-mail message.

The following directors are serving for the 2010-2011 term and are not eligible for nomination at this time.

David Gates, N5LCL, Newcastle, OK
Jim Fish, K7NCG, Woodinville, WA
Larry Ragan, N0AIX, Gladstone, MO

Officers

President: Robin Cross (W0FEN)
Secretary: Doug Shaw (WA0EMX)
Treasurer: Chuck Palmer (N0ONN)
Exec Director: Doug Shaw (WA0EMX)

Michael Fletcher, KL7IXI, Hermiston, OR
Mike Thayer, KM0S, Jefferson City, MO.
Terry Redding, W6LMJ, West Palm Beach, FL

All other licensed ASCRA members are eligible for nomination to the 2011-2012 class, including the following six directors whose terms expire in the Spring of 2011.

Barbara Redding, W5HKY, West Palm Beach, FL

Chuck Palmer, N0ONN, Independence, MO (Treas)

Dave Atkins, W0DZX, Higginsville, MO
Doug Shaw, WA0EMX, Raytown, MO (Sec'y & ExecDir)

Ernie Miles, WB2UJL, Durham, NC

Robin Cross, W0FEN, Kansas City, MO (Pres)

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O.M.E.G.A News!

by Dave Cook KCOMHT

The beginning of 2010 started off fast that involved O.M.E.G.A., the Greenwood Congregation, and the Franktown Group. For those who don't know who or what is O.M.E.G.A. It means Organizational Management for Emergency General Activity. O.M.E.G.A. has been working in partnership with Greenwood since 2008 and in 2009 with the Franktown Group.

O.M.E.G.A. is organized exclusively for the purposes of public safety in order to support emergency response organizations for training and at times of real crisis. The assets, equipment, personnel and resources of O.M.E.G.A. are dedicated to public service and education purposes. O.M.E.G.A. was created in 2006 to help plan the North Central Region (NCR consisting of the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin and Jefferson) with regional CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) emergency exercises. Greenwood has allowed O.M.E.G.A. to meet in one of the class rooms and Franktown Group helps provide the staff to facilitate these exercises.

On January 16th, 40 members within the NCR converge on Greenwood to participate in a table top exercise called "Chills and Thrills". A table top exercise is basically a mind game. The participants were divided into 7 groups. The scenario was a mysterious pandemic (aka The Virus). Each group was given the assignment, starting from Greenwood and virtually goes to another location and explains how they would set up a Red Cross Shelter. They had to describe to their group facilitator how they would get there, what supplies they may need, how they believe they can protect themselves from a mysterious virus, how to communicate with the other groups (they can only use their cell phones once, so their options were limited to the internet,



Veteran's Day - November 11

"A Veteran – whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve – is someone who, at one point in their life, signed a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life." That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it."

-- Author unknown

HAM Radio, and carrier pigeon).

Apparently the exercise was a success, as the participants wanted to know when the next one will be scheduled.

On February 13th, Greenwood was again hot zone of disaster as the congregation hosted another Denver University CERT Class. 18 Students were subjected to a number of trials, but all passed.

On March 27th, O.M.E.G.A. and the Franktown Group offered for the second time, First Aid and CPR course to the Greenwood Congregation and the surrounding community. We had 10 students.

On April 25, we provided the CERT team at the St. Catejan Church a proof of concept on how HAM Radio can enhance their operations during their children's festival (over 500 people celebrating).

They were sold in 30 minutes!

Net Check-ins

de Ernie, WB2UJL

Conditions have increased the number of check ins on the 20 M and 40 M nets since Mar 15, 2009.
ASCRA stations are upgrading antennas and some are back

20 M Net

N0AIX Larry Reagan
W0DZX David Atkins
WA0EMX Doug Shaw
WA0DJT Vernon Withers
W0FEN Robin Cross
W10F Gary Tickemyer
KA0GFC Charles Brady
KD0HKY Barbara Redding
WA0IBS Andy Ferrar
HI0IDT Dominican Rep Club
N0IYD John Chapman
N0JHX Gary Martin
KD0KDH James Lewis
AC0MK Edward Davis
W0OI Gregory Golden
N0ONN Chuck Palmer
AA0OS Jon Barney
KM0S Mike Thayer
W0RSH Vernon Monson
W0SHQ ASCRA Doug Shaw
KC0VXN James Hammer
N0WZH Steve Hampton
K1ATT Anthony Tulio
5X1DF David Firth
CT1EOD Bruno Figueira
WA2HBA Dennis Marande
WW2HTR Harold Higgins
WB2UJL Ernie Miles
AB3FD John Griffin
VK3LX Warren Molton
VE3SCP Scott Price
KV4BW Anthniel Ottey
W4CYF Jim Bishop
KG4GPJ Larry Ford
WB4NLD John Dortch
WB4NLM Gene Keys
K4RJD Roy Dingus
K4SDX Daniel Sullivan
AJ4SV Leslie Foldesi
KJ4TWB Greg Layton
KI4VMD Charles Gramm
AJ4VW Anthony Strachan
KG4WHC Elvis Denham
KI6FQX Denver Payne
KE6FUZ Robert Queen
N5RL John Lavender

WA4WKL Julian Harris
KD5BFE James Craft
KF5BHG John Thielepape
M5BOP Mark Riley
KD5BSE Cheryl Hudson
KD5CDD David Fisher
KC5CYY Paul Foulet
KF5DDW Gary Yancey
KF5DIR Jaron Berry
KD5ESE Lilly Putney
W5FJ Mike Watson
W5GGO Sidney Gray
K5HLH Harry Hall
AC5HM Calvin Jackson
KE5IHD Rocky Clayton
N5IZ Cecil Bromley
K5JDA James Abernathy
N5LCL Paul Gates
K5MTX Douglas Harwood
W5OMU Jeffrey Burmeister
KB5OUR Kenneth Gehring
KD5PNT Andrew Lee
KE5PTo Dave Harvill
KB5RAD Samuel Gunter
KC5RIN John Smith
KE5RYF Brian Brashear
KE5RWR Mary Saylor
K5SHY Robert Kula
K5SLT Ken Garner
WD5USA Michael Minor
K5USA Fort Sill station
KC5VAE Patrick Hall
K5VU Jeffrey Sykes
KB6AID Carlos Ochoa
K6AOQ Kenneth Whitsett
WA6DXI Donald Dresser
I6DVW Vivaldo Marinis
W06E Donald Porter
W6LMJ Terry Redding
KG6OQK Edward Cronin
KI6RRQ Rich Lippucci
KE6TDT Daniel Brasher
WY6V William Dowis
KL7IXI Mike Fletcher
K9YV Robert Painter
V21LD Leroy Depeza

W7KPL Jerome Page
K7NCG Jim Fish
W7TNS Gerald Winder
W7UIT Daniel Rockrich
W7WPR Gary Carlson
K7YUM Ralph Barley
N8GJK Garold Kauffman
KD8KEB Tab Conwell
K8QA Michael Oiler
WB8YQJ Donald Rasmussen
KC8ZVR Jonathon Gillis
N9APA Daniel Mitchell
KC9DTB Gerold Skoll
W9FYI Justin Mann
K9KOK Gerald Jones
KC9PAU William Boesch
KC9RES Randall Swift
W9OAW Gabriel Zepczyk

40 M net

N0AIX Larry Reagan
W0DZX Dave Atkins
W0FEN Robin Cross
WA0IBS Andy Ferrar
N0JHX Gary Martin
N0MBK Michael Stewart
KJ4AUO Richard Cummings
KG4GPJ Larry Ford
KG4LMN George Mitchell
WD4LNL Ruth Wesley
AJ4OX Jeffry Amsbaugh
KB4TZK John Williams
W4VFW Robert Hughes
AJ4VW Anthony Strachan
N5BEY James Adams
KA5BPH Millard Charles
W5JRT Jim Tatum
W5QI Thomas Wilson
K5TLL Terence Lowery
KD8NBX Anthony Skettle
KC8RBZ David Stautberg
N9DMB Freeman Ramey

ASCRA HQ Station: WØSHQ

(HF/VHF/UHF) on www.qrz.com

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Weekly Sunday Fellowship Nets: 14287 kHz @ 1530 CT, 7233 kHz @ 1630 CT

W0SHQ - 146.13/.73 Repeaters:

Independence, MO (no PL), EchoLink node W0SHQ-R #127303

2010 ASCRA World Conference Meeting

By Doug Shaw, WA0EMX

More than thirty ASCRA members gathered at the East Alton Community of Christ church in Independence at 0900 CT on the opening Saturday, April 10th, of the 2010 World Conference. Our thanks once again for providing our meeting place goes to Michael Hahn, KG0XU. Attendees came from as far away as Florida, Oregon, Texas, Alabama. Each one attending on site had opportunity to stand, introduce themselves, and share current ham radio and other interests and activities. It was good to put faces with the voices we hear when we fellowship together in our weekly ASCRA nets and other on-the-air contacts with one another.

Executive Director and Secretary Doug Shaw WA0EMX introduced our guest speaker, Mark Widner, KC0UMZ, Independence and Eastern Jackson County (Missouri) Emergency Preparedness Manager, who spoke on Missouri's Faith Community Emergency Preparedness Initiative. Over thirty door prizes were drawn for those in attendance. Among these were five \$25 ARRL gift certificates and a number of nice items from Associated Radio, including Yaesu wall clocks and ICOM DX prefix and Amateur Radio band plan wall charts. After lunch at Ryan's Family Steak House, members toured the Emergency Operations Center at Independence Fire Station #1. All were encouraged to visit or operate W0SHQ in the Auditorium during the Conference and afterwards.

Members present include: Michael Hahn KG0XU, Doug Shaw WA0EMX, Mark Widner KC0UMZ, John Chapman N0IYD, Charles Holmes N0VUE, Jim Craft KD5BFE, Bobbie Ann Robinson N8JQK, Dean Robinson WD8EEA, Jim Bishop W4CYF, Tom

Alexander K5RY, Chuck Brady KA0GFC, Mike Thayer KM0S, Steve Hampton N0WZH, Holly Hampton KE5EOM, Michael Fletcher KL7IXI, Sharon Fletcher KA0UTA, Harold Dillon N0TTQ and XYL Donna, Gary Martin N0JHX, John Sneed KD6QEO, David Gates N5LCL, Dave Atkins W0DZX, Chuck Palmer N0ONN, Larry Ragan N0AIX, David Bland KB0GR, Gene Chadwick K0BKZ. If you don't see your call sign or name here please send a note to wa0emx@arrl.net, to let us know you were in fact at the meeting. A second login sheet was lost in the post meeting shuffle and never made it back to the officers.

For the first time, both our general membership and board meetings were continuously video and audio streamed via www.USTREAM.tv over the Internet.

We did not get an accurate count of members who viewed the proceeding but we do know the board meeting was watched by more than were able to view the general meeting. Next time we hope many more members can join in the festivities in this way. We successfully trialed the streaming facility used during a couple of ASCRA nets previously. Regardless of whether you watched either session, please let us know if you liked having this option. We may investigate possible recording of future streamed activities for archival on the www.ascra.org website for viewing by members at their leisure. Let us know if this interests you also.

As is our practice, we last met as a group three years ago, in conjunction with the previous World Conference. If you would like have annual membership meetings at the same time the annual board of directors meetings are held, please let us hear from you. If there is sufficient interest in trying this, the Executive Council and the Board of Directors will give it further consideration.

Thanks to all those who could attend in person, as well as to those who joined us in spirit or via Ustream. It was great to share time with you all again.

The K7RA Solar Update

10 meters opens cross-Atlantic

10/15/2010

Solar activity dropped again this week, although it is now gradually strengthening. The average daily sunspot numbers declined nearly 16 points to 11.7, and average daily solar flux dropped more than 5 points to 75.8. Over the next two weeks, the solar flux is expected to gradually increase from 80 on October 15-16, 82 on October 17, 84 on October 18-22, 80 on October 23-25 and 85 on October 26-29.

Sunspot numbers for October 7-13 were 0, 11, 12, 13, 11, 11 and 24, with a mean of 11.7. The 10.7 cm flux was 75.1, 74.9, 76.4, 75.9, 75.3, 75.2 and 78.1, with a mean of 75.8. The estimated planetary A indices were 4, 4, 4, 2, 20, 10 and 4, with a mean of 6.9. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 2, 3, 3, 1, 10, 7 and 3, with a mean of 4.1.

The ideal QRP antenna. Who needs a kilowatt with this?





Guest Op at W0SHQ

OH6KZP, Kim Östman, from Finland, operating W0SHQ during the 2010 CQ-WWVPPX-CW contest. Kim was in Independence for a short time and operated the station for about two hours during the contest. (Photo/Robin Cross, W0FEN)

Never too old!

Harold Dillon, N0TTQ, Independence, MO, celebrated his 84th birthday in September. Shortly after, he passed his General Class license and made his first HF contacts by checking into the ASCRA Net.

Harold was licensed as a Technician in 1992, after being introduced to ham radio by his daughter, Sharon KA0UTA. A master electrician, he was unable to pass a morse code test due to blast and machine damage to his hearing from service in WWII, delaying his upgrade.

Listen for him on 40 or 20 meters with his Icon 718 transceiver with dipole or G5RV antenna.

From the editor ...

I have moved from urban Omaha, Neb., to the desert of N.E. Oregon. The U.S. Army tends to move me around to interesting assignments every two to three years. Anywhere for per diem.

Now it's back to Oregon -- the dry side of the state instead of the wet, western side where I grew up..

This edition of In Service was prepared in a hotel room on a 13" inch computer screen so pardon any margin alignments, etc.

I now have a wire up and my station back on the air. I hope to have rag chews with members, either on SSB or CW.

73,
Mike KL7IXI

W0SHQ QRT indefinitely

W0SHQ at the Auditorium currently has rotor and SWR problems that will require some careful repairs from the roof of the auditorium and the tower. Doug, WA0EMX, will keep us up to date on work days and progress. Any circus high-wire folks available?

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2010 Raytown, MO, Field Day

by Doug Shaw WA0EMX

ASCRA officers Robin Cross WØFEN and Doug Shaw WAØEMX report that their local 2010 Raytown Amateur Radio Club Field Day exercise, June 26-27, was full of surprises. More newly licensed hams participated than experienced ones. Robin helped the set up team and Doug pulled an all night shift on the VHF/UHF station. There was a litany of Murphy's problems one might recite but the team pulled together and resolved unexpected problems in time to begin on time and operate the entire 24-hour period.

The club's station, KØGQ, Class 2A,

operated at low power (2x points multiplier) on 100% emergency power using generators, batteries, and solar panels.

The GOTA (Get On The Air) demonstration station, KCØMO, made over 500 contacts by 22 youth and visitors with 15 licensed coaches using CW (Morse Code), Phone, and PSK31 digital modes.

Several Boy Scouts passed their Tech license after they camped with us all weekend last year. Some of them have already upgraded to General Class.

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