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**16-17 APRIL 2011 ~ ASCRA 38th Anniversary Ragchew Party**

**Celebrating founding anniversaries:  
the 38th of ASCRA, and  
the 181st of Community of Christ**

**Special Event period: 00:01 UTC April 16 -- 23:59 UTC April 17**  
**19:01 CDT Friday April 15 – 18:59 CDT, Sunday, April 17**  
**WØSHQ Special Event Station, Independence, MO**

The Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs celebrates its 38th anniversary with a Ragchew QSO Party to encourage conversational contacts among ASCRA members and with our fellow radio aficionados. **Call CQ ASCRA to contact other ASCRA stations.** ASCRA Club Station WØSHQ will be on the air as much as possible during the event period, possibly operating from various remote sites as well as from its primary location at Community of Christ International HQ Campus in Independence, Missouri. Members interested in filling a time slot operating on site at WØSHQ or using the call sign from a remote location should request a time slot assignment(s) from ASCRA Executive Director, Doug Shaw, [wa0emx@arrl.net](mailto:wa0emx@arrl.net), 816-358-6856. I will fill time slots outside of 10:00-20:00 CDT first, maximum: one station using WØSHQ per band at same time.

**Suggested Frequencies (+/- 20 kHz)**

**SSB 3.833 7.233 14.287 21.387 28.387**

**CW 3.587 7.087 14.087 21.087 28.187**

**WØSHQ/R 146.73(-) [no PL] Independence, Missouri**

*EchoLink WØSHQ-R #127303*

**WØSHQ/R 146.73(-) [PL 114.8] Lamoni, Iowa**

*EchoLink WØYO-R #127318*

**A Special Event Certificate will be available to all participants who submit a log extract and/or QSL card(s) with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.**

**Contacts with any ASCRA station(s) will qualify participants for a certificate. A QSL card from WØSHQ will be included for those who contact the club station directly.**

**A tax-deductible donation of a dollar or two to help defray costs will be appreciated but is not required.**

Send QSL/certificate requests to Doug Shaw WAØEMX  
ASCRA Executive Director  
PO Box 73, Independence, MO 64051.

## From the President:

Last year, before the ASCRA Board meeting I asked that a 'GO KIT' be assembled in case of another disaster that affects The Church and disrupts communications. I still believe that a digital mode such as PSK-31 (self correcting, effective at low power -ed.) would be the ideal communications mode. I still urge this to be done.

I have asked that an agenda item for the Board be the adoption of formal guidelines for distribution, repair, and disposal of donated equipment. I strongly recommend that this be equitable for ALL Members of ASCRA. This should include a list of all equipment and its working status and that list be made known to ALL Members. This should NOT be codified in the By-Laws.

Additional work needs to be done at W0SHQ to enable bands below 20 Meters. ASCRA has enough equipment to fully equip 2 stations possibly at full legal power. I urge that this be accomplished.

I have acquired a radio suitable for establishing an ASCRA node on the W0SHQ/R repeater in Independence. My busy schedule limits how much time I can devote to this but it is progressing.

In the time since ASCRA was established things have changed. I talked to an Appointee at Church the other day. I asked how good communications were in the far-flung Countries that he visits. He said he was astounded that cell-phone coverage was available in towns that did not have running water or electricity.

The question is how do we make ASCRA relevant in the modern age of progressing technologies?? To me it appears that we must strive to be there 'when all else fails...Ham Radio.' This means we must stretch beyond our comfort zones and be extraordinary.

This brings up the point I raised in the first paragraph. If there are other methods of being there with communications for the Church then I urge you to make suggestions. Contact any ASCRA officer or other member of the Board of Directors and let your voice be heard.

Robin Cross WØFEN  
ASCRA President

## SKYWAVES *by Doug Shaw WAØEMX*

### Feedback From the Field Desired

Many items from last year's wish list are yet to come to fruition. Reasons vary from insufficient funds to lack of time from officers and other volunteers to simply lack of volunteers. In spite of the obstacles many accomplishments have been made and will be reported herein after the Board of Directors meeting in May.

**We plan to video stream the May 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Look for details in an ASCRA Email bulletin and on our website when finalized.**

Robin's "call to arms" puts a few of our desires for continued relevance in context. Some members on our rolls we have not heard from for a long time, years in some cases. Some who are still active in our avocation have not taken time to update us on their current activities. We would like to share your stories on these pages, especially (but not exclusively) those relating to ham radio, youth and community outreach, and Emergency Communications Preparedness.

Drop us a note by Email or snail mail. Let us hear about your families' accomplishments both in and out of Amateur Radio so we can celebrate with you. Such stories may be a source of encouragement to others, adding substance to our maturing call to service, to both our immediate and broader communities of Christ.

### Newsletter Editor/Publisher Needed

I am wearing a new hat as acting editor as well as publisher of *IN SERVICE* since Mike Fletcher KL7IXI resigned last February. If anyone out there is interested in taking on these vital roles, please contact me so we can discuss the tasks and skills involved. Meanwhile, many thanks to Mike for his valuable contributions during his tenure as editor.

### Some Celebrations to Share

See Celebrations boxes on outer cover (page 10).

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## ASCRA 2013 Directors' Class Election Results

Pursuant to the ASCRA Bylaws, at the direction of the Secretary, a Ballot Tabulation Committee met Saturday March 19, 2011, to count the ballots for the ASCRA Board of Directors election to terms commencing at the next board meeting.

There were 7 nominees for 6 positions in this year's election. Five incumbent directors are re-elected, joined by one new member (\*) of the Board, all receiving from 12 to 19 votes. 20 ballots were received for ~12% membership participation by the extended deadline of 19 March 2011. Of these, 10 ballots were submitted by E-mail, 10 by postal mail, and none by FAX. One E-mail ballot was disqualified because the submitted DOC file was empty and no corrected ballot was received. No write-in votes were cast. Ten of the 11 incumbent directors voted (91%).

### *The following are elected to the 2013 directors' class:*

Chuck Palmer, NØNN, Independence, MO (Treasurer)  
Dave Atkins, WØDZX, Higginsville, MO  
Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, Raytown, MO (Executive Director & Secretary)  
Ernie Miles, WB2UJL, Durham, NC  
\*James Craft, KD5BFE, Independence, MO  
Robin Cross, WØFEN, Kansas City, MO (President)

### *Continuing on the board is the 2012 directors' class:*

David Gates, N5LCL, Newcastle, OK  
Jim Fish, K7NCG, Woodinville, WA  
Larry Ragan, NØAIX, Gladstone, MO  
Michael Fletcher, KL7IXI, Omaha, NE (resigned 04 February 2011)  
Mike Thayer, KMØS, Jefferson City, MO  
Terry Redding, W6LMJ, West Palm Beach, FL

We extend grateful appreciation to Barbara Redding W5HKY of West Palm Beach, Florida, for her many faithful years of service to ASCRA on the Board of Directors. Thanks go as well to Michael Fletcher KL7IXI for his service on the Board this past year. We also gratefully thank those who included generous donations with their ballots totaling \$150.

Respectfully submitted,

2011 ASCRA Directors' Election Ballot Tabulation Committee

John Chapman, NØIYD, Independence, MO

Bill Shaw, KBØCDD, Independence, MO

Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, Raytown, MO, ASCRA Secretary

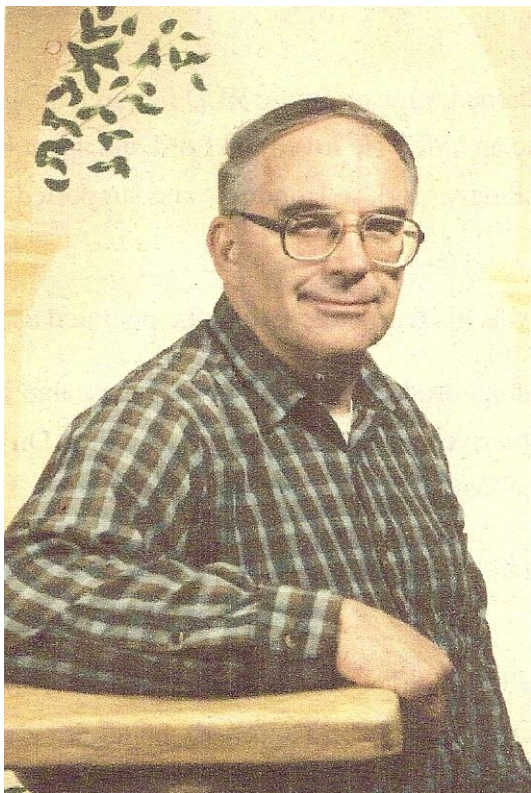
## Franktown Communicates Mission at Games

*By Dave Cook KCØMHT, Castle Rock, Colorado*

Dave's article by the same name (p.34) in the March 2011 issue of the HERALD magazine describes support the Franktown church plant recently gave to the Maccabi Games, Olympic style sports competition. The event is reminiscent of SPECTACULAR held annually at Graceland University. More than 1500 Jewish athletes ages 12-16 participated at multiple locations. Dave's OMEGA (Community Emergency Response Team) and its Amateur Radio EMCOMM division provided multi-site communications to support strict credentialing rules to ensure the safety of athletes, chaperones and spectators. (Be sure to check out the great photo of Dave and his wife, Jeannie KDØEKV. -ed.)

## SILENT KEY -- Muirl Robinson W8QK

(Contributed by LaVada Hefner ex-KB5CNO and Doug Shaw WAØEMX)



**Muirl Frederick Robinson, Jr.**  
**November 5, 1938 – December 20, 2010**

Muirl was a loving father, teacher and friend to all. In 1961, he graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni, IA with a Bachelor's degree in religious studies and in 1971 he received his Master's degree in elementary science from Western Michigan University. He went on to teach in Michigan and Texas and after he "retired", was a teacher's aide and campground caretaker in Missouri and Arkansas.

He became an ordained minister in the RLDS church at age 16 and eventually became an elder. He loved the Lord and spent his life serving Him. He did missionary work in Honduras and supported Outreach International.

His real passion was his ham radio, which he operated as W8QK. Muirl served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs for many years. His many generous donations to ASCRA, especially in his declining years, made possible the current primary transceiver (Ten-Tec Jupiter) at HQ station WØSHQ.

In 2007, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, both aggressive and both rapidly progressing. On December 20, 2010, at age 72, he lost his battle and joined his Savior.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Muir!, Sr. and Elsie and several beloved pets.

He is survived by his siblings, Donna, Don, Susi and Tommy, 5 children, Kailene, Carlos, Daniel, Kelly and Kimberly and three grandchildren, Alexandra, Konnor and Marissa. He was greatly loved and respected and will be missed by all.

Rest in peace, dear friend. -CL- -SK-

## MFJ Provides Model MFJ-259 Manual and Repair Parts

An MFJ HF/VHF SWR Analyzer Model MFJ-259 was donated to ASCRA some time ago by Muirl Robinson. Unfortunately, the two battery holders for 4 AA batteries each were broken. Also, no manual was included with the device. The MFJ website listed a model 259-B but the manual available online did not match the device in question. In particular, the 259B uses 10 AA batteries instead of only 8.

Janet of the MFJ Customer Service department was very accommodating and supplied us with the appropriate manual and two battery holders to replace the broken ones. All have been received and will be put to use analyzing the antenna systems at HQ Station WØSHQ. A big ASCRA THANK YOU to MFJ!

(Doug WAØEMX)

# 70cm (420-440 MHz) Band At Risk!

## *How to easily send letters opposing HR-607 to Congress*

In February a bill was introduced in the US House of Representatives that addresses certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. House Bill (HR-607) known as "The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011" -- if passed, also calls to auction off parts of the 70 cm band, namely 420-440 and 450-470 MHz. ARRL has asked its members to write their Representative, asking them to not support HR 607 in its current form.

ARRL, AMSAT and many other Amateur Radio organizations do not oppose the concept of dedicated spectrum for the development of a Public Safety infrastructure and wireless network. Objection to the bill is because of the inclusion of 420-440 MHz as part of the spectrum to be swapped and auctioned to commercial users.

Even if House Bill HR-607 is voted on in committee, it is not too late to send your objections to HR-607 to your representatives ASAP! For more information on how to do so easily and with maximum effect read on...

It's easy to create your personalized letter with a WEB UTILITY WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY GENERATE A LETTER to your US Representative. Go to <http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter.htm>. Insert your call sign where indicated and follow the simple instructions. The name and address of your US Representative will automatically be put into the letter, as will your name and address. It will generate a PDF file that will be ready for you to print, sign and mail."

**IMPORTANT: After you have printed the letter, be sure to SIGN it.**

*Letters without a handwritten signature are not effective.*

**Signed letters should then be sent by fax or postal mail.**

They can also be scanned into PDF format and e-mailed as a file attachment to ARRL's Washington representative who will hand deliver all letters received to the appropriate representative's office.

Postal Mail: John Chwat, Chwat & Co.

Suite 103

625 Slaters Lane

Alexandria, VA 22314.

E-mail: [john.chwat@chwatco.com](mailto:john.chwat@chwatco.com)

Fax number: (703) 684-7594.

**"WHY should the letter be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to John Chwat? There are two reasons.**

**First**, all postal mail to members of the US House (and other government bodies) is delayed for weeks while being searched for hazardous materials that may be included in them.

**Second**, Mr. Chwat will increase the value of your individual letter by combining it with others and delivering the stack of letters directly to your Representative's office. This manner of delivery makes a particular impact on our Members of Congress. If you think it's necessary to mail your letter directly to your Representative, do it. However, please also send a signed copy of it to Mr. Chwat for the reasons outlined above.

**In addition to mailing or faxing a letter to your representative's Washington, DC, office, I also suggest sending another to a local office in your state.** You may also record your objection to HR-607 by calling local and/or Washington offices. All the feedback received may have impact on your representative's vote on the current bill.

Do not send this letter or any letter about HR-607 to your US Senators at this time. The bill is only in the US House of Representatives. Letters sent on HR-607 to US Senators will merely waste their time. We will let you know later if we need to contact US Senators. **Thanks in advance for your support of our vital 70cm band.**

<Doug Shaw WAØEMX>

## Father & Son Journey to 100<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree

*By James Craft KD5BFE*

In the summer of 1993, I was one of 34,000 Boy Scouts from around the country who was fortunate enough to participate in the National Scout Jamboree. I had just finished all of the requirements for the Eagle rank and my Court of Honor was to be held after my return from Fort A.P. Hill, VA. From the perspective of a fourteen-year-old boy, the Jamboree was the biggest thing I'd ever seen. A seemingly endless expanse of people came together in a sea of tan and olive to celebrate the ideals of Scouting in a national celebration. The arena shows were a spectacular display of fireworks and lights rarely seen outside a Super Bowl halftime show. The sheer number of activities available was guaranteed impossible to finish by any one Scout. However, the possibilities for advancement, fellowship, and memories seemed infinite. There was only one thing missing: my Dad!

In 2009, I moved back to the Kansas City area where my parents had relocated several years before. I decided that it was time to take a good vacation with my Dad (Jim Craft, KD0MLW) again and I suggested that we attend the Centennial Scout Jamboree in 2010. Over the next year, I became involved with the local Scout council as a Unit Commissioner. Dad is also an Assistant District Commissioner for his district. As we prepared for our trip, I figured that it would be a good time for Dad to finally get his radio license. I have been a licensed ham since 1997 and I remembered that the K2BSA station would be set up for this Jamboree as it had back in '93. Some readers may be familiar with K2BSA if you've ever participated in the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) in October. Although communications technology with cell phones has dramatically expanded since '93, I figured that with 30,000 iPhones and Androids on site, the local cellular network might be a little crowded at the Jamboree. Thus began the last-minute studying for the Technician exam in early June.

As it turned out, Dad studied and prepared for the Tech exam in June,

unfortunately he was not able to find time to take the exam until July. The question pool for the exam was revised on July 1, so he had to study for a different question pool with only two weeks until the exam! Dad passed the exam on the first attempt and was granted KD0MLW a week later. We also purchased a new Yaesu FT-270 HT for his birthday that week. Just in time to head out to Virginia!

Our plan was to drive from Olathe, KS to Ashland, VA in three days and spend two days at Fort A.P. Hill. The first night we stayed in Shelbyville, KY and the second in historic Lexington, VA. We visited the Craft family cemetery in Low Moor, VA, where my grandfather grew up in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Shortly before arriving in Ashland, we visited Fort Eustus, home of the Army Transportation Museum. Several pieces of equipment from the Revolution all the way through Vietnam, where my Dad served in the transportation corps, to Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan were on display.

The next day we ventured up to Fort A.P. Hill. I was once again amazed by the sheer beauty of the Virginia countryside as we traveled the 20 or so miles to the Jamboree. Upon arrival at the base, we were cheerfully greeted by several Army MPs and Scout staff. We then made contact with K2BSA via the 2 meter repeater that had been set up on site, as well as several Scouts working on their Radio and Communications merit badges.



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## Scout Jamboree - continued from page 6

Coverage for the repeater was quite excellent throughout the site, even with rolling terrain and several valleys. A separate 440 repeater was to have been set up, but was not functioning while we were there. I was also going to use the Echolink system to attempt a contact back to Kansas City, but was not able to get a good connection to the link.

On the second day we were at the site, K2BSA set up a link with the International Space Station using a sophisticated tracking system. Several Scouts were able to make contact with Doug Wheelock aboard the International Space Station.



The K2BSA station was an impressive collection of towers, radio equipment, and brilliant staff eager to teach classes and bring more, younger hams into the community. Several vendors contributed thousands of dollars worth of equipment for the event.



Our trip to the Jamboree ended with the arena show, *A Shining Light Across America*. President Obama sent in a videotaped message for the gathering, Mike Rowe from

*Dirty Jobs* gave a presentation on how his tenure as a Scout shaped his life, and the band *Switchfoot* gave an amazing and memorable performance for all in attendance. The show was also broadcast around the country to every Scout council via satellite and BYU TV.

This was the last Jamboree for Fort A.P. Hill. The 2013 Jamboree will be held at a new Scout reservation, *The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reservation* in West Virginia. This new permanent, privately-owned location will ensure that the BSA is able to provide the best possible Jamboree experience for Scouts on their own land. It will be exciting to see the development of this reservation in the years to come.

(I'm sure Amateur Radio will be an important component of future National Jamborees. -ed.)

## SKYWAVES - continued from page 2

### Online Ham Radio Magazines

Each monthly edition of WorldRadio Online magazine is live and posted free at <http://www.worldradiomagazine.com>. It is full of great features & regular columns. Also visit CQ Amateur Radio's magazine's Internet home as well: <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>.

### Member Contact Info Needed

In addition to members listed in last issue, we need working Email addresses for Mike Wright KC0QID and Peter Janzen W9ELL. All members should insure we have up to date contact info in our data base. New Email distribution services are being considered.

### Members on Facebook ?

Please let us know if you are already on Facebook. An Email to the Secretary will suffice. Interesting plans may be afoot. Thanks. ([wa0emx@arrrl.net](mailto:wa0emx@arrrl.net))

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**ASCRA Nets Check-In Report (since 16 DEC 2010)***by Ernie Miles WB2UJL*

These check-ins on the 20 M (14.287MHz) and 40 M (7.233 MHz) nets are just since Dec 16, 2010. Many call signs were recorded wrong. Yours may be missing. I'll try to do better. Conditions are getting better and more stations can be heard. If you want help to get an inexpensive but effective antenna up, let us help.

20 Meter Net – 14.287 MHz  
Sunday 1530 CDT 2030 UTC

N0AIX Larry Ragan  
W0DZX David Atkins  
W10F Gary Tickemyer  
W0FEN Robin Cross  
KA0GFC Charles Brady  
KB0GR Dave Bland  
WA0IBS Andy Ferrara  
KD0KHV Mike Grace  
KG0KU Michael Hahn  
KD0NEI Robert Ryder  
KC0OXO Roger Wiltz  
W0RWC Richard Cansler  
KM0S Mike Thayer  
KC0UED Ralph Diers  
KC0VEP Chris Lathrop  
  
N1CTF John Chartkoff  
K1MAR Nicholas Georgis  
K1PEC Ronald Beauregard  
KB1OKC Michael Bagley  
  
VP2ETE Teddy Edwards  
W2FEZ William Hood  
K2SOY Paul Cross  
W2UGZ Walter Bieber  
WB2UJL Ernie Miles  
  
KB3HEM Robert Potts  
KE3MX Robert Furbeck  
VA3RZ Ray Else  
VE3SCP Scott Price  
  
WA4ALA Michael Upton  
KD4GUA Warren Brown  
NC4PC Pitt County Club  
W4RCH Russel Heisinger  
KA4RUR Frederick Carslick  
KJ4TOF Billy Stone

KF5BD Jack Page  
KF5BXG William Risinger  
KC5CIH Ralph Prescott  
KE5DGP Melvin Toye  
W5FBS William Clark  
KF5IBA Christopher Gillett  
K5JOA Michael Fansler  
W5JRT Jim Tatum  
KD5KWE Jack Tills  
KA5LYO Maurice  
  
De Jonckheere  
KJ5LX Ian La Vigne  
KE5MK Joe King  
W5QAP David Beeson  
K5SCM Shannon McArthur  
W5SDL Stephen London  
N5TLH William Turk  
WD5USA Michael Minor  
  
W6FY Benjamin Moses  
NS6H Hal Hunt  
NU6L Joseph Contogenis  
W6LMJ Terry Redding  
KE6YNH Tom Gleeman  
  
N7BKE James Pratt  
W7BO John Burke  
KJ7CY William Walton  
AE7KJ Duaine Lytle  
KE7MK Ric Epperle  
K7NCG Jim Fish  
KB7OUU Elliott Byrd  
WB7VNC Donald Baird  
  
KA8LAR Leroy Keck  
KC8VHA Richard Parker  
KA8WNJ Reese Turton  
  
W9CJO Christopher Orr

40 Meter Net – 7233 kHz  
Sunday 1630 CDT-2130 UTC

KA0EGZ Arthur Leu  
W0FEN Robin Cross  
WA0IBS Andy Ferrara  
WW0JD Kevin Vermeer  
KM0S Mike Thayer  
N0TMU Charles Howell  
  
N1CTF John Chartkoff  
  
WB2UJL Ernie Miles  
  
W3HEN John Seither  
VE3SCP Scott Price  
  
KD4IAL Harold Fisher  
W4JRV Jeff Vortisch  
K4PFC Jack Despina  
KJ4TEX Joseph Cafrelli  
W4VZE Robert Bohannon  
  
W5ESW Herman Ware  
KE5HWI Steven Brown  
KK5NZ Daniel Sorgman  
KE5PTO Dave Harvill  
K5SCM Shannon McArthur  
AE5TF Farrell Bauer  
  
WD6DBW Clifford Horton  
  
KL7NI Gene McLaren  
K7TWT Theo Thomson  
  
KC8VHA Richard Parker  
  
W9CNN Randall Stanford  
W9GVW Eric Juhre  
KC9OUC Bill Crawford  
KC9SZY Blake Stevenson



### Quick Call Sign Look-up

Anytime you hear a callsign and want to know to whom it is issued without going to [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com), which can load rather slowly some times, try <http://reboot.fcc.gov/license-view/index.html>. It seems to load fairly quickly. While it does not give as much info about the license holder as QRZ.com, it will give you the name of the ham you may be listening to along with some additional information about the license. Too bad it does not include location, but it is a quick look up for the name of the licensee.

### Free Online Licensing Classes

*Classes for entry level Technician, as well for upgrading to BOTH General and Extra Class licenses are being offered beginning in March, May, and August. All Southcars license courses will be on Sunday and Tuesdays a 7 PM EDT (2300 Z).*

The General class will be the first in the series and starting March the 15th and ending on April the 12th. The second course will be the Technician class starting on May 15th, and ending July 3rd. The Extra Class course will be last in the group and will start on August the 7th, and complete on Sept 13th.

Method of presentation is by VoIP through the SCARS server, with the exception of the Technician course where unlicensed students will be connecting to a predetermined Skype conference which will be hosted by a licensed ham acting as the control operator and cross patching the Skype conference to our SCARS server. Connections other than Skype will be to the \*SCARS\* server EchoLink node 96140 or IRLP node 9614 at the appointed hours and days mentioned above.

TO REGISTER FOR THE NO COST CLASSES:  
Contact Mike Asselta [KD0CDQ@arrl.net](mailto:KD0CDQ@arrl.net) via Email.  
See also <http://www.voip.southcars.com>.

*-AR- Doug Shaw WAØEMX*

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## Celebrations

Marilyn Shank NØCII of Independence, MO, asks our prayers of encouragement for her brother, Ralph Behnke, who is home again, recovering from a stroke. We suggest a QSL or Get Well card shower to let him know we are supporting him so he can get on the air again soon...AND to celebrate his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. His address is:

Ralph Behnke N5XA  
4317 Rowan Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

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Big whoops for Carolyn Wells who has upgraded from General to Amateur Extra Class and is now sporting a new call sign: NØCJ...!

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## More Celebrations

Congratulations to Terry Redding, Jr, KB5EAG, on his marriage to Kelly Bender in Las Vegas with family in attendance.

**Ooo-rah** for Barbara Redding W5HKY on graduating with High Honors from Florida Atlantic University, with more hoots and hollers for her daughter Sara Lynn KC5YYT, graduating with mom as well. Proud dad, Terry W6LMJ, is growing his own faculty in house!

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Let's all get puffed up for Harold Dillon NØTTQ who upgraded to a General Class license. Way to go, Harold!

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