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KENTUCKY HAMS IN ACTION  
NORTHERN KENTUCKY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB \* K4CO \*

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CLUB MEETING: First Tuesday of the month at 8 pm. Covington Red Cross Bldg., 421 Garrard St., Cov., Ky. Check into the club net for location during June thru Sept.

CLUB NET: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm on 146.58 mhz fm.

CLUB TRAILER: Located on Kenton Lands Road in Erlanger, Ky. (opposite K-Mart on Dixie Hwy) under the Kenton County Water Tower.

## COMING EVENTS

Jan. 4-5 VHF SS Contest  
 7 NKARC MEETING  
 25-26 Simulated Emergency Test

Feb. 4 NKARC MEETING

May 25 Kentucky HAM-O-RAMA

## NET ACTIVITY

The NKARC was put on standby Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 4). Neil Mays, WB4WSG - the club communications manager, received a call that the help of area hams with portable hand-held radios may be needed in the search for a lost hunter.

The hunter had been missing for two days in a remote area near the Boone-Gallatin County line. A pack of wild boars roams the area, and it was feared they may have killed the hunter.

Club members kept in contact on 146.58 mhz fm during the evening hours, ready to put the recently reorganized club call-up procedure to action. The officials conducting the search evidently had enough volunteers, as no further word was heard. The hunter was still missing Friday (Dec. 6).

## AWARDS

Two area amateurs have received a Public Service Award for their participation in the April Tornado disaster. Neil Mays, WB4WSG, and Gary Johnston, WB4FAT, received the awards for handling traffic on the low band nets.

You're getting two issues combined - a late Dec. and an early Jan. issue.

## 1975 NEW OFFICERS 1975

President:	K4DMA	Bob Pentz
Vicepres:	WA4KQB	Bill Mell
Treasurer:	WB4HDW	Roger Schmitt
Record. S'y:	WA8OGS	Joe Burke
Corres. S'y:	WA4KUB	Dick Johnston
Commun. Mngr:	WB4WSG	Neil Mays

The above were elected to office at the December club meeting. Congratulations to all and a job well done for the outgoing officers.

## PATENT APPLICANT

For the past six years, Joe Rice, W4RHZ, has been pursuing a patent for a system of stereo on the standard BC band. He has done all the work himself - from the design to acting as his own attorney.

New comers to amateur radio may not know of W4RHZ - one of the real pioneers of radio in this area. Joe's main interest at present is in measuring frequencies, on which he recently gave a talk at the local GCARA meeting. And you probably won't find anyone that can copy morse code faster than he can.

Joe has built most of his own equipment which, to pick only one incident, he used in 1968 in the Falmouth tornado. He was first on the scene and was the only communication link out of the Kentucky town, operating on 6 mtr am.

W4RHZ has worked as engineer for just about every radio station in the area at one time or other. And all this without any formal electronics schooling.

We'll have the first hand story by W4RHZ on his patent endeavor in next months newsletter.

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K4DMA discussed briefly the accomplishments of the club in 1974. Among those noted were the club Ham-O-Rama event and the club trailer acquisition.

Neil Mays, WB4W5G, the nominating committee chairman, gave the nominees for the coming year:

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Roger Schmitt, WB4HDW, gave the treasurers report: \$64.56 checking acct., \$1198.81 in the savings account.

It was voted by the membership to give \$25 to the caretaker in appreciation for opening the Red Cross building for the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Coffee and donuts were served and a movie was shown immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Lampe, W8KIY  
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WORKING CREW NEEDED

...to fill in the ditch at the club trailer. The electric installation was passed by the state inspector, but the ditch for the underground entrance cable has to be covered before the local power company inspects it.

AMATEUR SPIRIT

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you QRS for a brand-new novice  
you help a fellow ham troubleshoot his transmitter  
you let your supper get cold so you can run a patch for a serviceman to his wife here in the states  
you reminisce with an old-timer about 'the good old days' when no one else seems to be listening to him  
you travel 35 miles out of your way to visit that friendly fellow you've been chewing the rag with all winter on 75 meters  
you mail parts for a new rig to your DX buddy in Africa  
you handle traffic to or from a disaster area when you really don't have the time  
you ATTEND YOUR CLUB MEETINGS even though that movie you didn't want to miss on t.v.

Yes, OM, its when you do any of these things, or any number of others that give you that warm feeling like you're settling back in your chair with your pipe and coffee, and ready to fire up on the 'south end' of 20 with a CQ. And you can be proud ('cuz this clubs' got it!!)

by Dave Heil  
WB4KTR/8

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And for those that don't have the best equipment at their home station, we'll be having some meetings at the club trailer - where you'll be able to use a Drake 80-10 meter station.

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