

NET ACTIVITY:  
KEN: MONDAY 3.972.5 2330Z  
KDN: TUESDAY 3.587 0030Z  
KYN CW: DAILY 3.537 0100Z  
STATEWIDE DMR: "KY  
STATEWIDE 0000Z - Thursday  
Evening "

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SM: w4nho@arrl.net  
SEC: Cecil@dlsafety.com  
STM: kc4bqk@arrl.net  
ACC: n4ver.ky@gmail.com  
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**KENTUCKY NEWS**  
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**HAPPENING OF THE MONTH**  
**August 2017**



**A**s we say good by to a busy month for Ham Radio, we cannot welcome September without pausing and reflecting on what occurred on 9-11-2001. We must never forget what occurred and our thoughts of those that gave of themselves so others may continue to be proud of what this country offers. Amateur Radio provided several days of continuous communications for the Red Cross and other agencies in NYC. I was there on the ground for almost 2 months assisting ARC.



For those that sacrificed their lives in rescuing others, we hold this time of remembrance. To our soldiers and military that served afterwards, we are honor you as well. May we never forget!



**AUGUST 21, 2017 WHERE WERE YOU FOR THE ECLIPSE?**

Thousands of people ascended on Western KY that for many, was a once in a life time event. Many through out KY could not get close enough so they could tell their grandchildren. When many people gather in such close proximity, there has to be a problem, right? Fortunately, for all those that gave their time and effort to prepare for such an event, mother nature did her event, took a bow and

exited stage right. Region 1, District 1, 2 and 3 plus a supporting task across the state of Kentucky were prepared for the worse. However, even though we had communications trailers from Caldwell Co,

Hopkins Co and Fairdale KY, there was actually no communications event. What did we learn from such a great opportunity?

Questions to ponder?

1. How well did we assimilate the mission at hand to all responders?
2. Did we truly test our communications ability by sending any "simulated" traffic from a served agency?
3. How well did our tier redundancy work? How many modes were used?
4. What type of response did our customers provide?



These are questions to ponder for a future exercise. I know that ARES was there through out Region 1 and had excellent support personel throughout the state if an actual emergency had occurred. That is what we have to hang our hat on for the future. We must look at the big picture and not get lost in opinions. We as Kentucky ARES came together and provided a communications grid that was effective in relaying traffic to Frankfort. It will only get better, with your help and assistance.

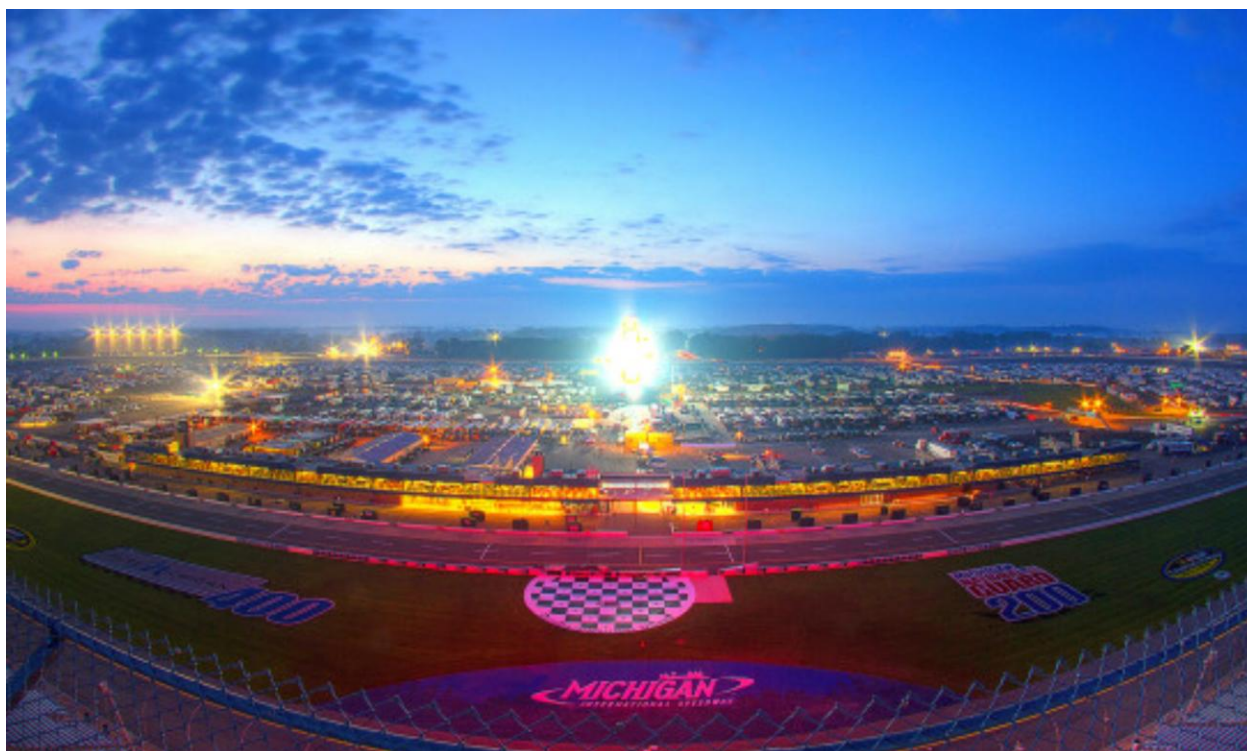
What stood out to me was all the groups that participated, came together as one voice. We had communications with Regional EOC, used digital communications, UHF and VHF communications with HF support to the SEOC in FKT. Even though propagation was not perfect, we were there, ready and able to provide communications along Western KY if needed. Thanks to all that provided AAR reports. It is hopeful that your information will carry weight for future events.



Figure 1 Joey McCaslin, KW4WL - Caldwell Co EMA Director

AAR REPORTS: KI4GWN, NV9V, KC4FRA, KJ4YIG, KO4OL, K8MYN, KJ4TKL, KK4BKD, W8QAS

Note: Our thoughts go out to all providers and responders for Hurricane Harvey and Irma. We are there in Spirit supporting your efforts both mentally and finacially. Now is the time to wave the flag for amateur radio. We are at our best giving back to our communities.



**GREAT LAKES DIVISION: HAMCON  
OCTOBER 7-8:  
MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY**

Activity	Sponsor	Leader	Day	Start
One Day Tech Class	KB6NU	KB6NU	Sat	9:00 AM
OPENING / ARRL Forum	ARRL	Division staff, HamCon team	Sat	9:00 AM
YL Forum	YLRL	Marsha Fleming N8FE	Sat	10:00 AM
DX Forum	SEMDXA	Al Bailey K8SIX/Stan Arnett AC8W	Sat	10:00 AM
Clubs	Ohio Section	Tom Sly WB8LCD	Sat	11:00 AM
Contesting	Mad River RC	Dave Pruett K8CC	Sat	11:00 AM
Propagation	K9LA	Carl Leutzelschwab K9LA	Sat	12:00 PM
Kit Building Techniques for Success	KONEB	Joe Eisenberg KONEB	Sat	1:00 PM
Fox Hunting	K8TB	Tom Bosscher K8TB	Sat	1:00 PM
Fox Hunt	K8TB	Tom Bosscher K8TB	Sat	2:00 PM
QRP Operating Forum	MI QRP Club	Pete Meier WK8S	Sat	2:00 PM
Youth Forum	RCA	Carole Perry WB2MGP	Sat	2:00 PM
MI QRP Club Meeting	MI QRP Club	Pete Meier WK8S	Sat	3:00 PM
FCC License Testing	Ford ARL	Ford ARL	Sat	4:00 PM
Mad River Radio Club Meeting	Mad River RC	Dave Pruett K8CC	Sat	4:00 PM
Fusion Forum	Yaesu	Yaesu	Sat	4:00 PM
Banquet/Plenary/Awards	GL Division	Tom/Dale/Rick/Scott/Larry/Steve	Sat	7:00 PM
Wouff Hong	Ohio Section	K8KHZ	Sat	8:30 PM
ARES	Div SECs	Div SECs	Sun	9:00 AM
CW Operating	KB6NU	Dan Romanchik KB6NU	Sun	9:00 AM
Museum Ships	Toledo Mobile RA	Glenn Ingersoll W8MUK	Sun	10:00 AM
NTS	Div STMs	Div STMs	Sun	10:00 AM

<http://glhamcon.org/>



## AUXCOM COMMUNICATIONS: WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?



If the term is unfamiliar to you please step back and take a deep breath. Actually, it has been around for a few years but not readily known in Kentucky to all amateurs. There has been a few classes given in Kentucky, just recently in Jefferson Co and a previous one in Hopkinsville and Northern KY. How does it affect you the Ham Radio Operator?

It all depends on whether you want to participate with served agencies. It depends on whether you have completed the much talked about NIMS courses, 100, 200, 700, 800 and a licensed amateur radio operator. Let's face it, when the big one hits in Western KY in the New Madrid fault area and you want to try out that new HT and you want to help your county or district, forget it unless you have documented training, unless you operate from house.

What is Auxcomm? **AUXCOMM** is an umbrella term and acronym for "auxiliary communications." ...**AUXCOMM**, although not an official national ICS position as of yet, is most often identified as a Technical Specialist (THSP) in the Communications Unit of the NIMS ICS structure.

All the states surrounding KY are on board and we too must jump on board. Yes, it will be a learning experience, using new terms, forms etc. However, this is how the game is played in a large scale event. We must move forward. There will opportunities coming in several different regions around the state. Do you want to participate? The minimum class size is 15. Contact your ASEC now if you want on board.

There is a wealth of information for all regardless of the level you see yourself. KYHAM [KY Encomm Training](#) provides an excellent source of information for ARES in several courses, plus ARRL provides courses in emergency communications along with the online NIMS courses: [FEMA NIMS TRAINING COURSES](#) Many folks in Kentucky are already on this bandwagon. What about you? You are very much needed.

## CALLING ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS

Kentucky has approximately 36 affiliated clubs at this time affiliated with ARRL. You are the life blood in Kentucky and make up what the League is all about. Therefore, now is your chance to share with fellow clubs and amateurs in Kentucky what your club is all about. What do you specialize in?



Where and when do you meet. Where do you recruit your new members from? Where is your favorite watering hole? How often do you conduct amateur exams etc? Do you teach classes for new amateurs, or those wanting to upgrade? In the near future, you will get a chance to give your best shot on what your local club is all

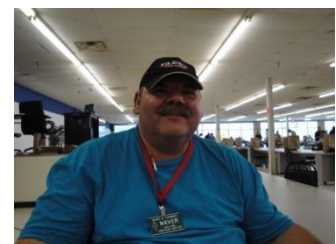


Figure 2 Mark Currens, N4VER ACC

about in 250 words or less, not counting a photograph if you so choose in upcoming monthly columns. If you're not a member of an affiliated club, but you are a member of the League, bring it up at your next club meeting and see if your club can qualify. It is pretty simple, you need 51 percent of your paid/voting membership as members of the League. Contact Mark for more information.



Figure 4 Louisa Club Members



Figure 3 KY CW Net Members with Section Net Certificates

**From our STM: Jim Rayburn:** email: [kc4bqk@arrl.net](mailto:kc4bqk@arrl.net)



Now what am I suppose to do with this radiogram? Taking the step for final delivery, ok its not pizza but about as good!

Delivering traffic takes skill and practice. After you receive your traffic from one of the nets you need to deliver your traffic to the recipient. The first thing to do when making the call is to introduce yourself as a ham radio operator. By doing this, first off you will let them know you are not trying to sell them something. You need to talk to the addressee, you may ask when a good time to call back is. If you get an answering machine, leave your name and phone number and that you will try calling back. When you deliver your message only read the text and signature. Be sure to read the text for an ARL numbered radiogram. If you tried to deliver your message three times with no luck, just send a service message to the originator. All in all it is not hard to deliver traffic, but sometimes the first one is a little daunting. Give it a try

## Grasping for Straws: One last opportunity on Amateur License Plates

If anyone has viewed some of the state headlines in the last week you may have noticed that the state is considering reissuing state motor vehicle license plates. According to the article, 2005 was the last year vehicle license plates were issued new. That being said, does anyone want a different background for a ham plate? Here is one consideration from Alabama. Question is, what would license fees be for an amateur license plate if they had a different background? Some states give an amateur license plate free of charge. Others have a wide variety of charges. Do we want to even investigate the idea? The issue was shot down at an earlier hamfest. One last thought and opportunity! Time to act is running out.



### PHSR REPORTS:

STATION	SESSION	MESSAGE	APPTS	PUB SVC	EME RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
KC4BQK	12	18	30	45		40	145
KO4OL	40	40	30				110
W4NHO	28	38	30				96

### SAR REPORTS:

STATION	TOTALS
WB4ZDU	73
KO4OL	111

### COMING EVENTS:

Richmond KY Hamfest September 16  
 Paintsville KY Hamfest September 30  
 Simulated Emergency Test "SET": Nationwide; KY - Do your thing! \*Sept QST  
 Morehead KY Hamfest October 7  
 Bowling Green KY Hamfest October 7  
 Hazard KY Hamfest October 28  
 Auxcomm Classes: TBD  
 ARES Conference: TBD