



KC9OAS NEWS

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INFORMATION FOR THE EVANSTON AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY

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NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM AT MARCH MEETING

During our Simulated Emergency Test last October, messages were sent and received on HF using the National Traffic System method of transmitting the messages.

Although most hams have seen the message forms in their exam study materials, only a few members of the Evanston Amateur Radio Community have tried using them. The March 22 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Department Training Room, 909 Lake Street, will discuss these and give those attending some practice filling out and reading the forms, as well as listening to an NTS net.

The business of the meeting, conducted this time at the **end** of the meeting, will include opportunities for questions from those taking the required FEMA courses (see article on next page) as well as announcement of coming activities and events.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

April 18–World Amateur Radio Day

April 26–EARC meets–radio direction finding

Saturday early May--Foxhunt

May 14-16, Dayton Hamvention

May 29 Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day event

June 12 ARES public service Madison to Chicago 200

June 26-27 Field Day

TBA Local Simulated Emergency Test

KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE A HAM?

A new Tech license class is being organized to start in mid-April and continue for eight weeks. Registration will be online at the Club website, www.evanstonhams.org

We want to have at least eight people registered for the class before we begin, so if you know of anyone who wants to become a licensed ham, please tell them about the course and ask them to register. Discounts will be available for the required textbook, *The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual*.

Registration should be completed by the end of March if possible. The time and place for the course will be announced in the next newsletter.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Some people paid their club dues prior to membership applications being available. These people are asked to download a membership application and give it to Chuck Bartling, W4TVW. If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please do so soon. If you wish to mail applications to W4TVW, send them to 2923 Lincoln St., Evanston 60201

NET CONTROL STATIONS

Stations who have volunteered as Net Control for the Monday night EARC net are:

first Monday: KC9OPV

second Monday: KC9PHW

third Monday: N9EWJ

fourth Monday: meeting

fifth Monday: W9LUO

It is important that hams wishing to participate in emergency communications have some experience in net protocol. EARC needs substitute net control stations as well as regular ones. If you want to volunteer, contact W9LUO@arrl.net. And be sure to check in to the net to observe the net protocol and procedures.

A copy of the script used by the net control stations is available on the Club website – click on “downloads” then “of interest to Evanston hams” to see the PDF copy of the [script](#).

WEATHER SPOTTER

BASIC TRAINING

On April 14, the National Weather Service will present its basic two hour course on weather spotting in Evanston, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Parasol Room, 4th Floor, 2100 Ridge Ave. Contact the NWS for details at 312-603-8180.

Remember, a refresher course should be taken at least every two years, so even if you’ve had the course, a review is appropriate.

FEMA COURSES REQUIRED
The City of Evanston Office of Emergency Preparedness has asked all hams wishing to help in emergencies to take the free online Federal Emergency Management Agency courses [IS100: Introduction to the Incident Command System](#) and [IS700a: NIMS an Introduction](#) and obtain the free certification.

Participation in some of the future activities of the EARC will require this certification.

With the background of these courses and perhaps some additional training from the City, hams who wish to help in an emergency will be able to understand and use the appropriate chain of command and the standard terminology of Incident Management. Each course takes about three hours to complete. If you are reading this newsletter online, you can click on the blue underlined title of the course to be taken directly to the website for registration.

Otherwise you can find the link in the training section of the EARC website at evanstonhams.org

Those who have taken these courses are asked to send a copy of their PDF certificate to w9luo@arrl.net. These will be tabulated and given to the Evanston OEP.

Be prepared for emergencies. Even though you are licensed, you may not be able to help in an emergency if you don't know the protocol, you may not be of use.

<p>EARC Officers President W9LUO Tech Director W8UFO Secretary/Treasurer W4TVW Program Director KC9OPV</p>

JOIN THE EVANSTON WEATHER SPOTTERS
Weather spotter trained hams and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) personnel met with Evanston's Emergency Management personnel to discuss methods of communication (both ham and GMRS will be used) and deployment of teams to secure locations in case of projected severe weather in Evanston. Communication will be through the Evanston Emergency Operations Center, which has both VHF/UHF ham capability and GMRS capability. CERT volunteers will be contacted by telephone unless they are hams.

The City of Evanston is a Storm Ready community and is expanding its capabilities with the use of volunteers, including hams who are trained weather spotters.

AES SUPERFEST

April 9 from 2 to 6 p.m. and April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., all inside at AES – 5710 W. Good Hope Rd, Milwaukee, WI.

- Free parking and admission
- Manufacturer Reps
- Clubs & Organizations
- Forums
- V.E. Testing
- Gordon West
- QSL Card Checking
- Fox Hunt

Details at aesham.com/superfest.shtml

PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION NETS
Enhance your skills in net communications with the public service organization nets: The monthly Cook County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) net is at 9:00 p.m. on the SARA repeater, 146.880, -600 kHz., PL 107.2 Hz. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The weekly SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) Chicago VHF net is at 8:00 p.m. on the CFMC repeater, at 146.760, -600 kHz, PL 107.2 Hz. each Tuesday evening. For a list of SATERN HF nets, see www.saturn.org Click on the key near "SATERN Nets."

The Disaster Communicator's Forum meets every Sunday following the American Red Cross Net that starts at 8:00 p.m. on EchoLink *DCF-ARC* Conference Node #336037. All interested amateurs are welcome to check in.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

If you're interested in operating other than "rag-chewing" and local nets, check out the activity listings at www.arrl.org under the Operating Activities tab. You will find special events and contests of all types. Another contest listing, this one by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, can be found at www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER
GET ON THE AIR
RADIO OR ECHOLINK