



# KC9OAS NEWS

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INFORMATION FOR THE EVANSTON AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY

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## AUGUST PROGRAM:

MEDICAL GO KITS  
AND YOUR GO KITS

Dr. Art Mandelin, N9THH, will use his training and experience as a physician as well as his knowledge as a ham radio operator and participant in public service events to describe the key features of a "go kit" that is focused toward the specific purpose of providing first-aid in a disaster situation. A sample kit will be demonstrated.

In addition, we ask that **you** update your go-kits and bring them, or parts of them which you feel to be unusual or different, to the August meeting for show and tell. If you don't have a complete go-kit yet, come anyway and learn how more about preparing one for yourself and your family. We need everyone's ideas to help us to be prepared for emergency situations.

Dr. Mandelin is board-certified in Internal Medicine and in Rheumatology and has made similar presentations of "medical go-kits" in the past. The evening should be informative to hams as well as to folks on the Community Emergency Response Team.

The meeting will be August 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 909 Lake Street in Evanston. Join us and bring friends for this worthwhile presentation.

## SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

The 2010 SET event will take place on the ARRL's recommended date of the first weekend of October. Specifically, Saturday, October 2, for the ARRL section-wide Simulated Emergency Test. The scenario will be a massive ice storm which coats all of Illinois with approximately six inches of ice over the course of a 24-hour period beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 1. This event will follow the timeline of the actual events of January, 2009, across the state of Kentucky. Kentucky's EMA Director, Brig. Gen. John Heltzel, refers to the event as the 'Ice Quake.' We'll use that same moniker for this one. No above-ground infrastructure will be operational--no AC mains, no landlines, no Internet, no satellite connections, no passable roads, etc.

As in last year's SET, we will need net control stations, field stations with mobile or handheld radios, and at least one station with HF capability and the ability to communicate with the net control station by VHF radio. We hope to use some APRS in the field.

## NEW TECH CLASS

THIS FALL

The EARC will be offering a tech class at the Fire Department training room Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. September 29 through November 17, with a review class 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. November 20 and VE Exam 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. November 21. Deadline for registration is September 12. Reading will be required from 2010 The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, available at a discount. Unless you already have the textbook, you need to send a check for \$25 to our club treasurer, made out to "Evanston Amateur Radio Community." If you have the book, you can send a check for \$6 to him and mention that you already have the book. The \$6 is for supplies for making an antenna in one of the class sessions and other supplies for class. Put "2010 Tech Class" in the memo part of the check in either case.

Our treasurer is Chuck Bartling, W4TVW; 2923 Lincoln St; Evanston, IL 60201 Send the check so it is received by September 12. We will order books on September 13. Let me know your phone number if you want me to call you when the books arrive so you can pick up one before class starts. Otherwise you can get it at the first class. Contact [w9luo@arrl.net](mailto:w9luo@arrl.net) for further info.

## WEEKLY CLUB NET

Participation in our weekly Club net at 8:00 p.m. on Mondays except for Mondays when Club meetings are scheduled has been generally very poor. We have lost net control operators because it is discouraging to try to run a net when no one checks in.

You can check into the net at 147.405 simplex **or** on echolink without a radio using W8UFO's echolink station at node 44686. You may also use a radio to get that node, if you are close enough to transmit the node number to it.

We had hoped that this weekly net could be a source of information and callout for members, but it cannot be that if people don't use it.

More net control stations are also needed. It would be good for all our members to have experience with the net protocol so that they would be ready to operate as such if requested by the City of Evanston.

## LOOKING AHEAD

At the September Club meeting, a nominating committee will be appointed and people will be nominated as Club officers for the coming year. Please give some thought to who you would like to be your Club officers and whether you would be willing to serve in some capacity. We need **you** to help up keep the Club active and ready to help the City of Evanston in emergency and public service situations.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

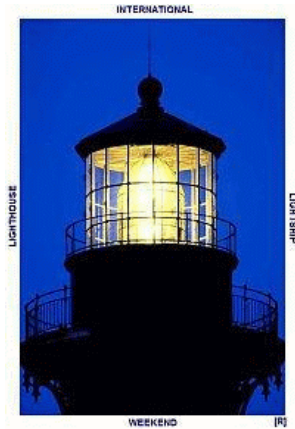
Since an emergency can occur at any time, it's important to be prepared at any time. FEMA recommends three steps for being ready for an emergency:

- Have a kit
- Make a plan
- Be informed

If there is enough interest from Club members, we would like to promote our Club and emergency preparedness by offering the public tips on preparation at a venue to be determined. We will be discussing participation and what we would do at the August meeting, so join us then if you are interested in helping residents of Evanston be ready for emergencies.

Our presentation would probably include a power point presentation on a laptop and handouts, plus just talking with people about preparation for the various things which would happen in our area (including extreme heat, snowstorms, tornadoes, etc.), as well as minor things such as power outages, gas leaks, water shutoff, etc.

If you want to see more online about this, you can go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov) and ready about kits and plans and information that you would need.



## LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

AUGUST 21

From Metro Amateur-Radio Club president Steve Little, KC9MWW: Just a reminder that August 21 is the day for the Lighthouse Event at the Grosse Point Lighthouse, 2601 Sheridan Road in Evanston. Looks like the weather will cooperate and arrangements have been made for all the equipment.

Setup is at 8:00 a.m. and, hopefully, we'll have power and on the air by 9:30 a.m. We will operate until about 3:00 p.m. and then tear down 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. The setup crew is Steve, Scott, Henry, Larry, Bill and Bob. Arnie and Greg may be there for setup too.

MAC is looking forward to a good day and many lighthouse contacts made by members of MAC and the Evanston Amateur Radio Community. We'll also have a logging laptop so we can make a good log this year. If you can, bring a can of pop for yourself and one to share... Thanks.

*73, Steve, KC9MWW*

For more information on this event, see <http://illw.net/>