

Mohave Amateur Radio Club

October 2011 Newsletter



K7MPR

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Club Repeater Net

The club holds a weekly traffic and information net every Monday at 7:00 P.M. The frequency is 448.550 PL tone of 123.0 or 147.240 PL tone of 123.0.

Support Your Club And Check In!

Club Meetings

The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month atto be announced.

All amateurs and visitors are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Bill Smith - KD7MIA at 928-554-3877 or by email at bill1021@gmail.com

Newsletter Articles Wanted

Working on a new kit or homebrew project? Have you recently received a rare or interesting QSL card? Send them in and I'll post them in the newsletter!



News From Around The World

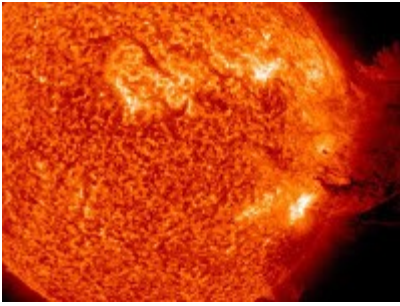
Ham Scoutmaster Murdered on Hike

A 76-year-old Scoutmaster and ham radio operator was killed in August while leading a nature hike outside of Kokomo, Indiana. Police say Arthur Anderson (W9WPH) was leading two scouts on a hike when he was attacked from behind without provocation and stabbed to death. Twenty-two year-old Shane Golitko has been charged in the murder. According to the *ARRL Letter*, Anderson was Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 506 in Kokomo and had been a scouting volunteer for 50 years.

Peter W. Dahl, KOBIT, SK

Joining the ranks of Silent Keys in August was Peter W. Dahl, KOBIT, of El Paso, Texas. For more than 40 years, Dahl owned and operated the Peter W. Dahl Company, which manufactured transformers and related components for the amateur radio and commercial broadcasting markets. The *ARRL Letter* says Dahl was 71 when he died of Parkinson's disease on August 15.

A Pair of Solar Discoveries



NASA /SDO Photo

Two groups of solar researchers have made new discoveries, one about sunspots and the other about solar flares (which erupt from sunspots). The first, by a group of scientists at Stanford University, is a new way to detect sunspots before they emerge onto the sun's surface. It uses acoustic waves to literally listen to what's going on inside the sun and to predict the eruption of sunspots before they rise to the surface.

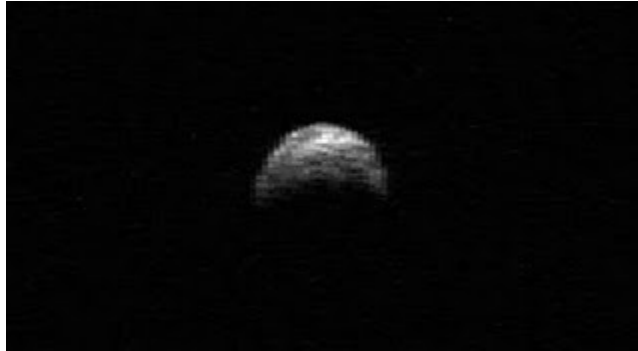
The second discovery is that some solar flares may be much more energetic and powerful than previously thought. NASA Science News reports that researchers at the University of Colorado have determined that approximately one in seven solar flares experience an "aftershock," or subsequent flaring, that may be as much as four times as powerful as the original flare. That additional energy interacting with the Earth's ionosphere can have both positive and negative impacts on propagation.

Heathkit: Response to Kit Announcement "Scary"



Heathkit's director of sales and marketing says the response to the company's announcement that it was returning to the kit business has been "overwhelming, exciting and scary." Ernie Wake told the *ARRL Letter* that "(t)he scary part is that the brand name has so much loyalty that we don't want to disappoint the people who have such fond memories." He also said the company originally had "no intention of entering the amateur radio kit market" when it first made the announcement, but that response from hams has forced it to reconsider. Wake also spoke with *CQ* Kit-Building Editor Joe Eisenberg, KONEB, who reports on the company's ham-related plans in his column in the November issue.

Asteroid-Bounce?



Asteroid 2005 YU55 as imaged by radar from Arecibo Observatory
(NASA/Cornell/Arecibo photo)

A close encounter with a near-Earth asteroid this month should present hams who have dish antennas with the opportunity to listen for radar signals being bounced off its surface. The AMSAT News Service reports that on November 8 and 9, researchers at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and the Goldstone Deep Space Network facility in California will be transmitting continuous radar signals at asteroid 2005 YU55 on 2380 and 8560 MHz, respectively. Hams with small dish antennas (less than one square meter) should be able to monitor the reflections, which should sound like slowly drifting narrowband signals (approx. 1 Hz bandwidth), within a few kilohertz of the frequencies above. More information is available online at

<http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/2005YU55/2005YU55_planning.html>.

FCC Trying to Rewrite English Language



Normally, we do not report on FCC enforcement actions until they are resolved. But an egregious attack on the English language in one ongoing case cannot be ignored. The FCC is currently reviewing whether to renew the license of Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, a controversial ham who has been a thorn in the Commission's side for many years. The case is currently at the stage of "First Interrogatories," in which FCC lawyers ask Baxter to provide them information on a variety of questions regarding their accusations against him.

Included in these "First Interrogatories" are several definitions, including the following:

- f. The term "and" also means "or" and the term "or" also means "and."
- g. The term "each" also means "every" and the term "every" also means "each."
- h. The term "all" also means "any" and the term "any" also means "all."

From the editors: Sorry, folks, but they do not. "And" is not the same as "or;" "each" is not the same as "every" and "all" is not the same as "any." Just look in any dictionary. The federal government has the power to do many things, but redefining basic terms of the English language is not among them



Welcome Wagon

Cody James Moore - KF7RLH

Brand new technician!!!

Welcome to the club Cody!



FallFest 2011

Kingman HamFest At Centennial Park
Fourth Annual Hamfest Sponsored By The

Mohave



**Amateur Radio
Club**

Saturday November 5TH 2011

Swap meet Will begin At 6 A.M.
There Will Be VE testing at 1:00 P.M.

There Will Be Food Available At The Hamfest

Directions

The HamFest Will be Held At The Centennial Park Parking lot
on Burbank St. From I-40 East Exit On Stockton Hill road Make
left,

Go To Beverly make right (Look For AM/PM Store). Go To Burbank
st. make left

Hamfest will be on the right hand side.

Talk In Frequencies

2M - 147.240 PL Tone 123.0 + Offset

440 - 448.550 PL tone 123.0 - Offset

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Ham of the Month

The Ham of the month for October is none other than

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James



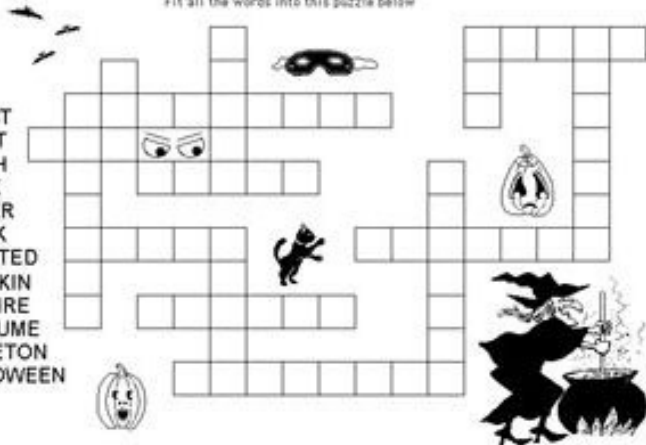
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Halloween Crossword

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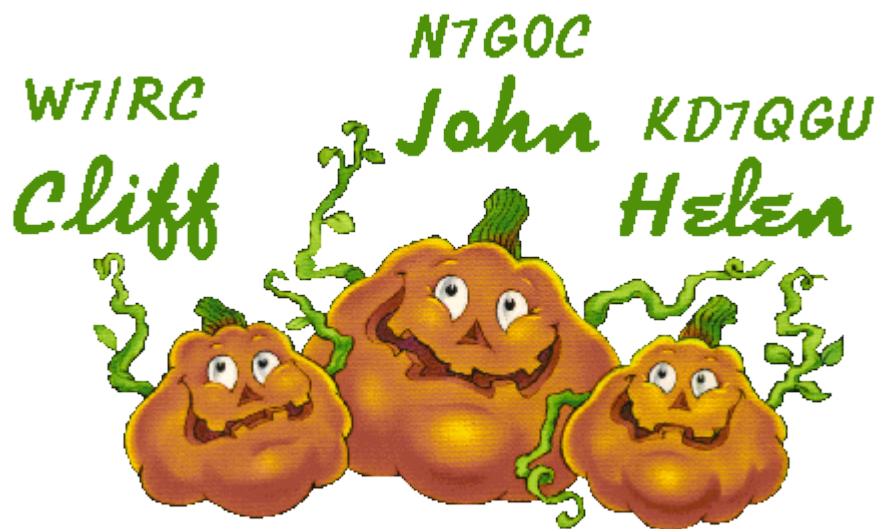
Fit all the words into this puzzle below

BOO
CAT
BAT
GHOST
TREAT
WITCH
TRICK
SPIDER
BLACK
HAUNTED
PUMPKIN
VAMPIRE
COSTUME
SKELETON
HALLOWEEN



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New Meeting Place

We are looking for a new place to hold our monthly club meetings.
Do you have an idea? Please email Bill at bill1021@gmail.com.



Who's in their Halloween costume?



Club Dues

At the last meeting, we raised the amount for our club dues. We have a lot of things coming out of the treasury and not enough members to keep us afloat with the amount that we charge for the club dues. The club dues are now \$25.00/year and \$40.00 for a family.

Also at the last meeting we accepted and passed the Bylaws that have been posted in the newsletter and on the website for the last several months. If you would like to read through them again, please just go take a look at one of the past newsletters.

The Ultimate Halloween Word Search



batwings	lizardfeet
blackcat	moans
bones	monster
broom	moon
caldron	mummy
coffin	night
costumes	owl
creepy	potions
crypt	pumpkin
dracula	scary
frighten	screech
frogeyes	skeleton
ghosts	spider
ghoul	spirits
goblins	spooky
grave	tombstone
groans	trick or treat
halloween	vampire
haunted	webs
hoot	werewolf
howl	witch
jackolantern	zombie

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y f t i s p i d e r c r y p t m
i k r g h o u l h b t h g i n u
n s p o o k y s s t i r i p s m
h n g b g n i k p m u p n o o m
c a g l w e r e w o l f o t x y
r o n i z z y l t i j g r i b v
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e o t s e m u t s o c j l n r m
p n h n b r o o m k k k a s a p
y i g a w m p n o t o w c h c i
r f i o l i o r s a l x a a u r
a f r r q l t n s e a u j e l e
c o f g z r o c s g n i w t a b
s c r e e c h w h t t o o h r u
l i z a r d f e e t e i b m o z
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Do you have a cool photo (ham radio related) or some soap box comments to share with other club members?

Why not consider submitting an article for the Newsletter. We're always looking for material for the Newsletter and feedback from club members goes a long way towards keeping the Newsletter interesting as well as stamping the club "personality" on our monthly publication. Email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net

Homebrew project submitted by James KF7POH
Thanks James!

Feed-point Connector for Inverted V Dipole Antenna

Parts List:

1 ea. 1-1/4" (40 mm) PVC Cap
1 ea. 1-1/4" (40 mm) PVC Plug
3 ea. 3/16" x 1-1/2" (4 mm x 38 mm) Eye Bolt
6 ea. #10 Nuts
3 ea. #10 Split-lock Washers
6 ea. #10 Flat Washers

1 ea. SO-239 Chassis Mount UHF Connector
1 ea. #6 Ring Connector
2 ea. #6 x 3/4" (20 mm)
2 ea. #6 Split-lock Washers
2 ea. #6 Nuts
2 ea. 14 gauge Wire, Length 10" (25.4 cm)

Step by Step video instructions @ <http://www.amateurradio.bz/feedpoint.html>



Items for Sale or Trade

If you have an item for sale or trade that you would like to list here
please email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net

Be sure to include description, picture, price and contact info!

Do you know of a club member that needs some get well wishes?

How about someone with a birthday coming up and
you'd like to announce it in the newsletter?

How about a special announcement?

