

## RACES General Meeting

July 19, 2011

- **Field Day – June 25 & 26<sup>TH</sup>**
  - Site – Camp Naish – The facilities were fantastic. Everyone would like to return there next year.
  - Ran 4 stations
    - HF voice
    - HF digital
    - HF CW
    - HF Get On The Air
  - Approximately 700 contacts were made
    - On 6 meters – 59 voice contacts
    - Some 6 meter contacts were made on GOTA station
  - 4 people qualified for 20 point bonus on GOTA station.
  - Brooke – a girl “Scout” worked the GOTA station and made several contacts.
    - Several boy & girl scouts stopped by on Sunday morning.
      - The scouts that stopped by seemed very interested in amateur radio.
      - RACES &/or next Field Day might want to consider a ham radio class for scouts.
    - Made one Hawaii contact
    - Made one Costa Rica contact
    - Made numerous Canada contacts.
  
- **Night Out Against Crime – Tuesday night – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Will be held at Indian Springs Shopping Center again this year.
  - From 4:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.
  - RACES/Comm trailer will be on display in the Southeast Corner of Indian Springs.
    - We will try to set up antennas and have radios operating inside the Comm Trailer.
    - We will ask Doug & Susan Brown to bring their SUV with Storm Spotting equipment.
    - We will ask Ralph Golubski to bring his van with ham radio equipment setup.

- **Larry Eker asked for suggestions for Technical Presentations at RACES meetings**
  - Bob Evans – presentation on GPS & drop measurement
  - Kansas QSO party participation
  - Computer remote control of radio
  - Questions regarding Storm Spotting at each meeting.
  - Direction Finding – Fox Hunt
  - Digital radio – JT 65
  - ATV
  - Safety & Station Grounding
  - HF – DX Beacons
  - NVIS
  - Have a Saturday – Get On The Air 101 seminar
  - APRS
  - Satellites
  - AMSAT
  
- **Larry Eker talked about Reorganization of EOC and Relocating RACES equipment**
  - Moving RACES equipment out of the back room and into EOC would solve problems of:
    - small room being too hot
    - small room being too crowded
    - lack of understanding &/or communication with what is happening in the larger room.
    - lack of television, monitors or visual aids.
  - Relocating RACES equipment into EOC would create better situational awareness for everyone.
  - Being in the EOC would allow RACES members to bring more attention to RACES, and a better understanding of our capabilities, to public officials and other agencies.