

## **RACES General Meeting**

**June 15, 2010**

- **Status of RACES Repeater**
  - It was determined that the damage to the repeater was not caused by a lightning strike.
  - There is a backlog at Commenco – we hope to have the repeater back by Mid-July.
  - A Memorandum of Understanding has been written and sent to the new location for approval.
  - A purchase order is being issued for new equipment and installation of a replacement repeater at the new location.
  - There is no longer an option of delaying moving the repeater. Everyone has been ordered off of the old water tower.
  
- **Storm Spotting will continue to be done using the CERT repeater.**
  - All Storm Spotting at this time will be conducted on the CERT repeater – 147.165 MHz
    - The CERT repeater automatically gives MERS weather reports. The Storm Spotters find this helpful.
  - Regular RACES net and general communication traffic will use the backup repeater located at City Hall.
  
- **Field Day June 26 & 27, 2010**
  - Field Day 2010 will be held at Fire House # 6, 9548 State Avenue.
    - Not a lot of places for antenna installations.
      - No access to Fire Dept training tower.
      - Small group of trees to North West and smaller group of trees (not as tall) to West
  - The Comm Trailer, CERT trailer and Mobile Command Vehicle will all be at Field Day this year.
  - Professionalism is paramount.
  - Everyone will need to bring chairs for outside.
  - Setup starts at 10 a.m.
  - Field Day starts at 1:00 p.m.
  - Breakdown will start at 10 a.m. Sunday
  - It will be necessary for everyone to Sign-In and Sign-Out each time you come and go.

- Players handbooks will be available for everyone to have a copy.
  - This should be the most comfortable Field Day ever – with indoor bathroom facilities and an air conditioned place for everyone to eat dinner together.
  - Some people may have to park in Schlitterbahn parking lot due to lack of space around fire station.
  - Still working on logging programs – hope to have a network set up so that all stations will be able to see what contacts other stations have made.
  - Jayhawk group will be supplying meat for dinner again this year.
  - RACES group will be supplying radios and other equipment.
  - Joe Krout has offered to bring a 35ft mast for the CERT trailer.
  - All generators must be far enough away from Fire House as to not disturb the firemen trying to sleep.
- **Boy Scout Jamboree – September 23 – 28**
    - We would like to start getting a possible volunteer availability roster/sign-up sheet ready. Probably start signing up as early as July meeting.
      - To be held at Camp Naish
      - Expecting up to 20,000 scouts & parents
        - The Comm trailer will be at Camp Naish for the entire event.
          - The Comm trailer will need to be staffed 24 hrs each day of event.
          - The trailer will be used as an Internet HotSpot
          - The Comm trailer will not be a Special Event station.
          - The trailer will be running off of Shore Power. The generator will not need to be powered up.
          - We expect to have HF radios set up and everyone is encouraged to have fun while out there.
          - The exact location for placing the trailer is still being worked on.
- **Fall RACE weekend – Oct 1, 2 & 3, 2010**
    - The fall race at the Speedway will be the weekend immediately following the Boy Scout Jamboree.
      - We would like to start getting a possible volunteer availability roster/sign-up sheet ready.
        - The Speedway will be staffed by a large portion of our RACES team ... particularly those not participating in the MECC SET/CERT drill on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **MECC annual SET drill – Saturday, October 2nd**
  - The drill this year is expected to be following the same scenario as last year. Storms have passed through Kansas City area causing damage and injuries in multiple locations.
  - Communications for this drill will need to come primarily from CERT members that are hams and Leavenworth County ARES – due to RACES members having to cover the Speedway (fall race weekend).
  - We will want to strongly remind everyone to use “This is an exercise ...” due to the races at the speedway and outsiders possibly monitoring ham radio transmissions.
  - We will be considering training and use of 900 Mhz radios within small CERT teams.
  
- **Show and Tell**
  - Ed Rust showed a very small portable generator – 800 watt
    - Costs about \$100 at Harbor Freight
    - Can run a single transceiver and a couple of lights for several hours.
    - 110 volt only.
  
- **Continued training**
  - The meeting ended with a small net being run to give members practice in changing frequencies and using their handi talkies.