



ARES Meeting Agenda - 09/18/24

- Welcome to Our Guests
- ARRL IT Issues & Update
- Emergency Expo
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- ARRL Simulated Emergency Test
- IEMA-ARES Net – Date Change
- Net Control Operators Wanted
- Superfest Thoughts
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Welcome to our Guests

- Thanks for joining us tonight
- ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- For those new to ARES, we do 3 major things:
 - Severe Weather – Storm Spotting
 - Communications Support for Community Events
 - Emergency Communications for Served Agencies
- Major Tools that we utilize:
 - Ham Radios, typically VHF and/or HF gear, including Go-Kits
 - Winlink Express software for over-the-radio email messages
 - Internet Email and text messaging for inter-team communications
- Training – more to ARES than holding a microphone and talking



ARRL IT Issues

- On or around May 12, 2024, ARRL was the victim of a sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group. ARRL immediately involved the FBI and engaged with third party experts to investigate.
- This serious incident was extensive and categorized by the FBI as “unique,” compromising network devices, servers, cloud-based systems, and PCs.
- ARRL management quickly established an incident response team. This has led to an extensive effort to contain and remediate the networks, restore servers, and staff are beginning the testing of applications and interfaces to ensure proper operation.
- Thank you for your patience and understanding as our staff continue to work through this with an outstanding team of experts to restore full functionality to our systems and services.
- We will continue to update members as advised and to the extent we are able.
- This story will be updated with new developments.



ARRL IT Issues Update

- Thom is getting blocked on Facebook. For updates, see www.arrl-il.org
- Currently in a holding pattern, according to Thom. Nothing new to report.



Emergency Expo

- Was held Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 7 PM
- Thanks to everyone who came out!



Training Opportunities

- #1 ADVANCED WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING - This one is being provided by the NWS folks in Birmingham, Alabama. Tuesday October 29th, at 6:30 pm Central time. Go to this webpage <https://www.weather.gov/bmx/skywarn> and scroll down to the last entry for the Advanced Weather Spotting session, and hit the link on the right to get registered.
- #2 NET CONTROL OPERATOR - This one conflicts with tonight's ARES monthly meeting. However I suspect that it will be repeated in the near future.



ARRL Simulated Emergency Test

- This nationwide SET is scheduled for October 5th and 6th
- Test your personal emergency-operating skills and the readiness of your equipment
- More details are to be announced – I will email them to everyone as soon as possible
- I will be traveling out-of-state during this event
- Suggest you have the new plan we are gonna to review, printed and ready to implement



IEMA-ARES Net – Date Change

- From our Illinois SEC – Steve Warner
- To avoid the conflict with the Midwest Superfest, the September IEMA net is being changed to the 4th Saturday, 09/28, 10:30 AM
- The station call is NC9IL and the frequency will be 7.227 MHz, taking check-ins from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
- New radios are now in place and have been tested. A new Net Preamble is in place, calling stations by North, **Central**, South



Sunday ARES Net – Freq Changes

- Illinois State ARES is switching from 80 meters to 40 meters for the summer ARES HF Nets
- **Beginning on Sunday, June 16, the ARES HF nets will switch to 40 meters on 7227 kHz**
- Also, the propagation nets will be slightly different. We will start on 3905 kHz in place of 7227 during the 4:10 PM slot
- The 4:20 PM slot will remain on 60 meters, channel 5
- Expect an announcement when switching back to 80 meters



Net Control Operators Wanted

- Want to get more folks involved doing Net Control for our Peoria County VHF ARES Nets (one net per month)
- Rich KD9ANU will do the first Net of the month, a volunteer does the second Net of the month
- Our net is quite easy, the script is on our website & emailed
- A form to record check-ins is now available
- Just do one set of check-ins using 075 repeater
- Let's get some folks volunteering
- 3 more volunteers needed for 2024
- Also, I may be traveling the first week, need a fill-in then too



Net Control Operators Wanted

- Mar 13 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- Apr 10 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- May 1 – Brett, KD9PXZ
- Jun 12 – Ryan, KB9OGS
- Jul 10 – Scott, K9XJT
- Aug 14 – Steve, KB9SF
- Sept 11 – Rich, KD9ANU
- Oct 2 and 9 –
- Nov 13 –
- Dec 11 –



Superfest Thoughts

- Even if not signed up for a specific job at a certain time, you can likely just show up and there may be things you can do, particularly on Thursday and Friday during setup times
- Be sure to drop by the ARRL table, and meet the folks from the IL Section level
 - Thom Beebe, Section Manger
 - Steve Warner, Section Emergency Coordinator
 - Hopefully several others from around the state



Review New Statewide ARES Plan

- Title: *“Illinois ARES/AUXCOMM Incident Operating Practices”*
- Tonight - review this plan in detail
- For the document, go to Links on our web site or <https://tinyurl.com/ykw4pbvj>
- Or use this QR Code -->





ARES Net Reminders - Summer

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
 - 1st and 3rd Sundays of month at 4:30 PM CST
 - 7.227 MHz LSB (alternate 3.905 MHz LSB) & Echolink 824404
 - Informal 60M & 80M check in - (3905 KHz) at 4:10 PM
 - 60M check at 4:20 pm (5403.5 kHz Channel 5, if busy then 1, 2, 3, 4)
- IEMA-ARES Net, Sat 9/28, NC9IL on 7.227 MHz, from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM
- Illinois Digital Net every Wednesday 8:00 PM on Illinois Link
 - WIRES X 21565
 - Brandmeister DMR 31171
 - TGIF DMR 31171, DMR+ Reflector 4636
 - NXDN 3117
 - P25 31171
 - YSF Reflector Illinois Link 83132
 - D-Star XLX 334G, DCS 334G, XRF 334G, and XLX 312G
 - Allstar Link 42810



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