



ARES Meeting Agenda - 01/19/22

- COVID Comments
- Roster Update
- Who is in for 2022? - Email Sent
- LPOTA – Local Parks on the Air
- 2022 IL State ARES Plans
- Winter Training
- Upcoming Zoom Sessions from RATPAC
- Winlink News
- Help Wanted?
- Volunteer Opportunities
- ARES Net Reminders



Welcome to any Guests

- Thanks for joining us tonight



COVID Comments

- Remember the 3 “W”s
 - Wash your Hands
 - Wear your Mask
 - Watch your Distance
- Please Take Care
 - Stay Well
- Consider vaccines and boosters – they are free!
 - Consult your physician for advice if desired
- Monthly Meetings will continue to be via Zoom



ARES Roster Update

- New ARES Members
 - Brett Buchanan, KD9PXZ
 - Justin Wilson, NP2WJ
- We are currently at 28 on our team
- A new Roster document will be emailed soon
- Please update your cell phones with new data



ARES - Who is in for 2022?

- Email was sent out on January 2nd
- *Peoria County ARES – I Want to Participate – Please Reply “Yes” or “No”*
- I create a new ARES Roster each January, while recognizing that peoples lives change
- Update your email address & your best phone number (capable of getting text messages)
- There are 2 of you who still need to respond



LPOTA – Local Parks On The Air

- A VHF Simplex event/contest for us
- Some weekend day once the weather breaks in '22
- You pick a local park to operate from (not at home)
- Operate alone or team-up with one other
- Use off-grid power, go-box, portable antenna, etc
- Off-grid = battery, solar, generator (could be a car)
- See how many ARES members you can reach
- Thoughts, Interest, Ideas?



2022 IL State ARES Plans

- From EC/DEC Meeting on 01/05/2022
 - 4 AUXCOMM Classes planned (not yet scheduled)
 - NVIS HF Antennas – Research, Build, Test
 - Populate more RMS Gateways (Rasp Pi on HF)
 - NEW HF in Southern ILL – WA9APQ (now on-the-air)
 - Spring SET being planned – Tentative date April 30



Winter Training

- Winter is a great time to get courses completed and Task Books going
- IS-100, 200, 700, 800 – Online FEMA Courses (these 4 are prerequisites to nearly all training)
- ARRL EC-001 Intro to Emergency Communications
- SKYWARN Spotter Basic Training
- I fixed links on the Training page of our website
- I would love to see your Training Task Books!



RATPAC Zoom Sessions

- Radio Amateur Training Planing Activities Committee
- RATPAC is a grassroots group of ARES leaders who are working together on common goals
- RATPAC uses a groups.io page to share information (called SEC-ARES) <https://sec-ares.groups.io/g/main>
- Providing twice a week Zoom presentations related to Ham Radio and ARES (Recorded for later review)
- List of past & future presentations - tiny.cc/ratpac-list





Upcoming RATPAC Sessions

Date	Topic	Category
Jan 26, 2022	Past, Present & Future (What do US Hams Look Like Today?)	Public Relations
Jan 27, 2022	Shares (SHARed RESources High Frequency Radio Program – from Homeland Security)	Emergency
Feb 2, 2022	Past, Present & Future (How to Recruit New People In Amateur Radio)	Public Relations
Feb 3, 2022	Black Swan	Emergency
Feb 9, 2022	Past, Present & Future (an update of "Towards A 21st Century Understanding of Earth's Upper Atmosphere")	Technical
Feb 10, 2022	Grassroots County Emergency Comm	Emergency
Feb 16, 2022	Past, Present & Future ("Themes That Can Build Amateur Radio's Future")	

Typically 8:00 PM CDT <https://sec-ares.groups.io/g/main>

Presentations: Published Format- <http://tiny.cc/ratpac-list>



Winlink News

- Weekly Winlink Exercise – 2021 Statistics
 - 36 participants (some are outside our ARES group)
 - 641 messages were sent in by participants
 - Average of 12.3 participants/week
 - 3 participants checked in every week of 2021
 - Including our own Steve Grob, KD9AER!



Do You Need Help?

- Lots of sharp folks in ARES can provide advice, guidance, critique, or maybe even hands-on help
- Let's work together on what you need help with
 - Programming HT's or DMR Codeplug Modifications
 - Mobile Installations or Go-Kits
 - Antennas and Checking SWR
 - Computers and/or software (i.e. installing Winlink)
 - Advice regarding radios and/or accessories
 - Many other things possible - what do you need?
- May form subject matter in a future ARES Meeting





Volunteer Opportunities

- Net Control Operators for ARES Wednesday Nets and for Severe Weather Nets
- Ideas for ARES Show and Tell





ARES Net Reminders

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
 - 1st and 3rd Sundays of month at 4:30 PM CST
 - 3.905 MHz LSB (alternate 7.230 MHz LSB) & Echolink 824404
 - **NEW! – informal 60M & 40M check in - (7230 KHz) at 4:10 PM**
 - **60M check at 4:20 pm (5403.5 kHz Channel 5, if busy then 1, 2, 3, 4)**
- 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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 - www.arrl.org/ares