



# ARES Meeting Agenda - 02/16/22

- COVID Comments
- Test Session Canceled 02/19/2022
- Roster Update
- Voice Net – Time Change
- LPOTA – Local Parks on the Air
- Emergency Power
- 2022 IL State ARES Plans
- Storm Spotter Training
- Upcoming Zoom Sessions from RATPAC
- Winlink News
- 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 to Stay Well
- Consider vaccines and boosters – they are free!
  - Consult your physician for advice if desired
- Monthly Meetings will continue to be via Zoom



# License Test Session Canceled

- Was planned for Morton Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, February 19
- Sponsored by Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club
- Has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict
- No further information



# ARES Roster Update

- We are currently at 28 on our team
- A new Roster document was emailed Jan. 24th
- Please update your cell phones with all data



# Voice Net - Time Change

- Proposing changing from 8 PM to 7 PM
- Still on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month
- Why change?
  - Conflicts with Illinois ARES EC Zoom Conference
  - Same time as our Monthly Zoom - less confusion
- Thoughts? **No strong objections were raised**
- **The Voice Net will move to 7 PM starting in March 2022**



# LPOTA – Local Parks On The Air

- A VHF Simplex event/contest for us
- Date Options – see next slide
- 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)
- X-chg call signs and power source. Paper logs ok.
- How many participants can you log from 9-12:00?



# LPOTA – Local Parks On The Air

- Date Options:
  - Since outside - let's include a rain date - 1 week later
  - Do folks prefer a Saturday or Sunday morning?
  - March 26 or 27 with April 2 or 3 as rain date
  - April 2 or 3 with April 9 or 10 as rain date
  - April 9 or 10 with April 16 ~~or 17~~ as rain date
  - **After discussion, we selected Sunday, March 27th for this event, with April 3 and 10 as rain dates if needed**



# Emergency Power Presentation

- From 2022 Orlando Hamcation (last week)
- ARRL Emergency Communicators session
- Lots of basic info: batteries, solar, generators, transfer switches, low voltage
- Get you thinking about power options
- I will email a pdf copy to everyone
- Not available from a website online



# 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



# Storm Spotter Training 2022

- Options:
  - **Virtual** – Dates for NWS Lincoln are shown on the next slide. Using Google Meet software this year – no need to pre-register. Get the local flavor with this option. There is no need for a Google account and no cost.
  - Get the **Meet** link at <https://www.weather.gov/ilx/spotter>, click on the Training Resources tab.
  - **Alternate** - Online Spotter Training Classes (through COMET MetEd)



# NWS Lincoln Training Dates

Virtual Talk Training Date	Details
Wed March 2 6 pm to 8 pm CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>
Tues March 8 6 pm to 8 pm CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>
Tues March 15 *** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>
Wed March 23 6 pm to 8 pm CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>
Wed March 30 6 pm to 8 pm CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>
Sat April 2 10 am to Noon CST	<a href="#">Google Meet link</a>

\*\*\* **Tues, Mar 15** - Woodford Co EMA has organized a viewing location at Eureka College - Cerf Center - Becker Auditorium, 300 E. College Ave, Eureka, IL. There are plenty of seats to maintain social distancing while watching the virtual spotter talk presentation on a large screen.



# Code Red Notifications

- Storm spotting activations come via Code Red
- Sent to your phone and possibly email
- If you want to be added, email me the following:
  - Name
  - Mobile phone number (capable of getting messages)
  - Mobile phone provider name (AT&T, Verizon, etc)
  - Your best email address
- If you change(d) provider, let me know



# 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](https://tiny.cc/ratpac-list)





# Upcoming RATPAC Sessions

Date	Topic	Category
Feb 17, 2022	Use of Tactical Callsigns to Enhance Comm	Emergency, Op'ing
Feb 23, 2022	QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo	Education
Feb 24, 2022	Winlink Express Mapping	Emergency
Mar 03, 2022	Real Life Deployment From an Professional Communicator Prospective	Emergency
Mar 09, 2022	Amateur TV- NTSC & Digital	Technical
Mar 10, 2022	FEMA's HSEEP (Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program)	Emergency
Mar 12, 2022	QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo	
Mar 13, 2022	QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo	
Mar 16, 2022	Amateur TV - Digital	Technical

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

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



# Winlink News

- A few tidbits:
  - We have two stations in the Peoria Area now that can be used as digipeaters: W9TAZ-10 and KD9ANU-10. If you can reach one, you can digipeat to the other, even when the Winlink gateway is down.
  - I finally have the VARA mode going on my HF station
  - If you like video-learning here's a link to some training:
    - Winlink Basics for EMCOMM can be found at:
    - <https://wavetalkers.com/live/index.php>



# ARES Net Reminders

- Illinois State ARES HF Net
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.peoriacountyares.org](http://www.peoriacountyares.org)
  - [ilares.org](http://ilares.org)
  - [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)