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Club Meetings are held in the Oak Ridge Civic Center on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.. Guests, friends and family members are always welcome at all Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club Meetings.

Board Meetings are held prior to the first meeting of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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President's Column

We still need a new president.

Annual Dues

It's time for the annual dues. \$15.00 per year & \$7.50 for full time students. It is important that you fill out the renewal form so that we have updates on you and that is another way to verify that you have paid. This form is used in case we have emergency's and need to know who and where you are and your operating capabilities as well as the equipment that you have. It's important that we be able to contact you during a major emergency, that's what ham radio is all about. So please take time to fill out the form and send it in or give it to me at a meeting.

Gwen Cole, Treasurer

VE TESTS

Two VE Groups in Oak Ridge administer FCC examinations for radio amateurs. The VE group organized by Ken Palmer, W4YBY, gives one session. Test sessions are given on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Red Cross Building on the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Coffee is served. In addition to taking exams, you may also get assistance in renewing or modifying your license. Ken can be reached at 659-4303.

The WCARS examinations are administered by examiners coordinated by Charlie Davis, WA5PGV. Charlie's sessions are given on the first Saturday morning of each month. **Pre-registration is required.** Call Charlie at 531-9432 to pre-register and find out the time and location of the exam.

Anderson County ARES Net

The Anderson County ARES net is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. I hope the new night will fit into everyone's schedule better. As we get attendance up we will start having short training topics on the Tuesday night nets. Things like Net Control Training, Traffic Handling, what to do and NOT do on

Emergency nets are some of the first. So please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm on the 146.880 W4SKH repeater.

Jeff Yawn, K4IK- Emergency Coordinator,
Anderson County ARES

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IN AND AROUND OAK RIDGE AS FOUND IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE PROJECT BLUE BOOK

From 1947 to 1969, the U.S. Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated Dec. 17, 1969. With a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remain "unidentified". No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force was ever an indication of any threat to our national security. There was no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.

On July 8, 1947, the 509th Bombardment Wing recovered a crashed "flying disc" from a ranch near Roswell NM. It likely ranks as the most famous alleged UFO incident of all.

Because of Oak Ridge's national importance and security concerns, The Air Force and the FBI felt the sightings that were occurring in and around Oak Ridge nuclear facilities were worthy of **serious** attention.

The following is a condensed version of some of the numerous sightings in the Oak Ridge Area from Project Blue Book.

Oct. 15, 1950; Oak Ridge, Tennessee. 3:20 p.m. Atomic Energy Commission Trooper Rymer, J. Money maker, Capt. Zarzecki. Two shiny silver objects shaped like bullet or bladder. They dove with a smoke trail and one vanished. The other hovered at 5-6, altitude, 50' away, left and returned several times somewhat further away.

Nov. 5, 1950, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. 11:55 a.m. Witness: Fairchild Aircraft illustrator Don Patrick. One translucent object, light gray with dark core, shaped like a pear or bean. Flew for 5-10 minutes with rapid, darting movements.

Dec. 7, 1951; Oak Ridge, Tennessee. 8:15 a.m. Witness: Atomic Energy Commission guard J.H. Collins. One 20' square object, white-gray but not shiny flew above ridge to clouds and back again twice, taking 30-40 seconds each time.

June 23, 1952; Oak Ridge, Tennessee. 3:30 a.m. Witness: secretary Martha Milligan. One bullet-shaped object with burnt-orange exhaust flew straight and level for 30-60 seconds.

Oct. 21, 1952; Knoxville, Tennessee. No time given. Witnesses: persons at airport weather station. Six white lights flew in a loose formation for 1-2 minutes, and made a shallow dive at a weather balloon.

Sept. 23, 1954; Gatlinburg, Tennessee. 9:45 a.m. Witness: Dave Owenby. Two bright silver, wheel-shaped objects flew from north to south in trail for 2 minutes.

Sept. 9, 1955; near Alcoa, Tennessee. 12 noon. Witness: M.N. Dawkins, using binoculars. One brown, almost square object flew with a circular motion for 10-15 minutes.

Nov. 20, 1955; Lake City, Tennessee. 5:20 p.m. Witnesses: Operations Officer Capt. B.G. Denkler and five men of the USAF 663rd AC&W Squadron on Cross Mountain. Two oblong, bright orange, semi-transparent objects flew at terrific speed and erratically, toward and away from each other. Observed by various persons form 4 to 15 minutes.

The opinions of the officials of the Security Division, AEC, Oak Ridge; Security Branch, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge; AEC Security Patrol, Oak Ridge; FBI Knoxville; Air Force Radars at Lake City and Knoxville, Fighter Squadrons, Knoxville; and the OSI, Knoxville, Tennessee, fail to evolve an adequate explanation for OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE, however the possibilities of practical jokers, mass hysteria, balloons of any description, flights of birds (with or without cobwebs or other objects attached), falling leaves, insect swarms, peculiar weather conditions, reflections, flying kites, objects thrown from the ground, windblown objects, insanity, and many other natural happenings have been rejected because of the simultaneous witnessing of the objects with the reported radar sightings; because of the reliability of the witnesses; because of the detailed, similar description of the objects seen by different persons; and because of impossibility.

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Roy KE4TG , nnnn

Fond Memories of The 88 Site

I was reading the e-mail about the repair crew going onto the 146.880 repeater site when I started remembering my first trip to the mountain. It was in

the late 70's or early 80's. I was on strike with the Laboratory and doing some freelance work with a radioman. We made the trip up from the Briceville side to the switchback and cut off the main coal road. We stopped for lunch on this trail and in the process Jack's wedding band fell off into the weeds. We hunted it for a good half hour before going on. I tied a rag onto a tree even with the tailgate to mark our place.

We were not far from the wash that turns it seems straight up hill to the small level site where the building sits. At this time the coal company had radio equipment here and we were here to service it. Jack had to replace a three element beam for a link to the coal company headquarters in the old military site at the bottom of the mountain.

At this time beside the coal company equipment there were three ham repeaters on site. The 146.880 machine, the 147.120 machine, and a 440 machine. The coal company maintained power lines to the site. The club furnished manpower to clear the power lines every spring of new growth. We replaced the antenna and checked the radio which was a remote base on low band near six meters.

The next week we went onto Windrock Mountain at Oliver Springs and worked on radios at a deep mine. Then we followed jeep paths through some strip mines and worked on a couple of radios on trucks. Then on across some more strip mines and onto Cross mountain. We stopped by the tree with the rag tied in it and used my brother's metal detector to find Jack's ring.

I wasn't a ham operator during this time. I got my novice license in November of 1985 and upgraded to technician in December just before Christmas. I was KB4QGK. I have four wheeled all over Windrock and Cross mountains. I have pulled a small trailer out the trail where you turn up the wash to the 88 site on over to Red Dog where Todd Overbay had the 147.360 machine for a while. We gathered up some tower sections that came down in a storm and brought them down.

Yeah, these are good memories and I wish I could make the trips again. I have been to a lot of repeater sites in East Tennessee and Southeast Kentucky. I love the rustic backwoods views and camping trips I have made into these mountains.

See you at the meeting. Tom, AG4SF

ORARC Reinstated as a Corporation

After some research, filling out many forms, having several phone conversations, and jumping through some hoops I just received a letter from the Secretary of State and ORARC has now been re-instated as a Corporation!!!

Gwen Cole, Treasurer

Wanted

A new president. Any ideas?
