



October Newsletter **2021**

KCARC Meeting
Monday, October 11, 7:00 PM
Public Library @ Abilene Mall

WEEKLY NET TIME
Thursday, 8 PM on 146.76 repeater
(146.2 Hz tone)
Club Website:
<https://keycityarc.org/>

2021 Officers:

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ, President
Ron Harden , WT5X, Vice President
Jacob Bachmeyer, KE5WHG, Secretary
Peg Richard, KA4UPA Treasurer

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I want to take a few moments to remind everyone that we will be nominating persons for leadership positions for the club for the next year. I would suggest, if you haven't already done so, to contact the person that you wish to nominate and ask them if they are willing and able to do so. People appreciate being "asked" to serve. I want to express my appreciation for being allowed to serve as your President for the past two years. I also want to say thank you to everyone for their valuable time helping this wonderful club to be even better!

As I prepare to move to Andrews I will continue to check the monthly newsletter and club web site to see and hear how things are going. I also, as previously stated, look forward to working the club during Field Day.

This month's meeting is very important so please try to make every effort to be at this month's meeting. Also, contact club members that you know who may not have been able to attend the meetings and invite them to attend so that they can provide their valuable input into the leadership of the club during the next year. Every person is important and their voice is important.

"73's everyone!".

Thanks!

Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ

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Pegged by Peg ...

Reminder that 2021 dues are payable at \$20.00 per family, all living at one address, or \$15.00 per individual for the year. You can mail to:

Peg Richard, KA4UPA, KCARC Treasurer
1442 Lakeside Dr
Abilene, TX 79602

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Upcoming Hamfests:

10/02/2021 - [HamEXPO Fall 2021](#)

Location: Belton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://www.tarc.org/>

10/22/2021 - 10/23/2021

[Hamarama Holiday 2021](#)

Location: Ardmore, OK

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs (CORA) and Texoma Hamarama

Website: <https://hamholiday.com>

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CONTESTS:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

October 2021

18-22 [School Club Roundup](#)

23-24 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

November 2021

6-8 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)

20-22 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)

20-21 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

December 2021

3-5 [160 Meter](#)

11-12 [10 Meter](#)

19 [Rookie Roundup–CW](#)

18-19 [EME - 50 to 1296 Mhz](#)

For a more extensive Ham Radio Contest Calendar, check this website:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

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HAM EXAM SESSION

Berry Lane Baptist Church

1515 Lakeside Dr

Abilene, TX at 1 p.m.

Saturday, ***Pending***

Ron Harden Jr., WT5X is the VE Liaison. His email is: wt5x@wt5x.org

Phone: 325-513-3184

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SANTA NET ON 3916 KHz

Every year on 3916, we give good little boys and girls a chance to talk to Santa Claus at the North Pole! It is indeed a magical experience to experience kids talking with Santa through the magic of Amateur Radio, The Santa Net is on the air every night, November 27th through December 24th at 7:15 PM Central. To participate in The Santa Net, just have your kids prepared to tell Santa their top 2-3 gift wishes.

Prenet Check Ins Welcome

Reserve a spot with Santa by making a pre-net check in. You can check in either on the air starting at 7 PM (Central) or online at www.CQSanta.com

Ho Ho Ho and Merry Christmas from The 3916 Nets!!!



<http://www.tailgatersnet.com/santa-net.html>

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Amateur Radio Volunteers Assist in Major US Cycling Event*

Some 115 amateur radio volunteers from five states turned out on September 11 to support communication for the longest single-day US-sanctioned cycling event, [LoToJa](#), now in its 39th year. Starting in Logan, Utah, the 203-mile course ends in Jackson Hole, Wyoming -- taking cyclists through northeastern Utah, southeastern Idaho, and western Wyoming in the



process. The race attracts thousands of applicants, and upward of 2,000 of them are selected to compete. Some 1,700 competed in this year's LoToJa. The event's cyclists and sponsors have contributed more than \$2 million for Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Hams from multiple ARRL-affiliated clubs in Utah, including [Golden Spike](#), [OARC](#), and [UVARC](#), participate. The group does "neutral wheel" support (which substitutes wheels and equipment in the event of a failure) as well as first aid, as needed, and provides communications from start to finish. The race deploys four command centers and multiple repeaters.

"This year's race will have 600 course volunteers, which includes 150 ham radio operators [and helpers] from the Bridgerland Amateur Radio Club. They provide uninterrupted communication throughout LoToJa's mountainous and remote terrain," Race Director Brent Chambers [told](#) the *Cache Valley Daily*.

"We take two portable repeaters to the top of mountains, and we deploy multiple APRS digipeaters," explained Kevin Reeve, N7RXE, the coordinator of amateur radio operators and communication systems for LoToJa. "All ham



vehicles run APRS, and we have APRS and a radio operator with the race director and race official. Our goal is to help the cyclists, support crews, and families have a safe and enjoyable event."

Ted McArthur, AC7II, heads the communication infrastructure team for the LoToJa hams. In all, nine repeaters and several simplex frequencies are used throughout the event, and APRS plays an important role.

"With [an increased] number of mobile vehicles needed to meet a growing event, Net Control stations were spending a lot of radio time asking for position reports," McArthur said. "We needed the air time for real traffic, like helping cyclists, emergencies, and other critical traffic."

"LoToJa is such a great event for amateur radio operators to participate in," said Tyler Griffiths, N7UWX. "It is the ARES [Amateur Radio Emergency Service[®]] radio operator's dream event. We know where it starts, we know where it ends, but everything that happens in between is different from year to year."

*** From ARRL website**