



Upcoming BEARS Inaugural Hamfest

The Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) is planning to hold its first Hamfest on November 20th at the Florida Solar Energy Center in Cocoa Florida from 8 AM till 2 PM. The primary purpose of the hamfest is to raise funds for the operations of BEARS One and to promote community awareness of the BEARS mission. Free table space will be provided for local clubs to promote their or-

ganizations. The cost for individuals to tailgate or obtain a table for sales will be \$10. Regular attendee admission is \$3. Hamfest talk-in will be on 147.135 MHz + (no PL tone). BEARS is looking for individuals or clubs to volunteer in hamfest related tasks and make this a successful endeavor. Contact Mike Stallings, K4RVR, 636-3619, k4rvr@arrl.net or visit <http://bears.homelinux.net/index.html>.



BEARS One vehicle on display at the 2010 October Melbourne Hamfest. BEARS is supported by IRARC and other local radio clubs.

ARRL Southeast Division Director/Vice Director Election



Sherri Brower, W4STB, South Florida Section Manager seeking term as ARRL Southeast Division Director

ARRL members are reminded to send in their ballots for the Southeast Division Director and Vice Director positions. The IRARC board endorses Sherri Brower, W4STB for Director and Jeff Beals, WA4AW for Vice Director. Members should review Sherri's website at www.freewebs.com/w4stb and Jeff's website at www.wa4aw.com to obtain the candidate's views on their respective offices.



Jeff Beals, WA4AW current ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director seeking a new term as Southeast Division Vice Director

Public Service Training Opportunities

A basic SKYWARN training class will be conducted by Dennis O'Quinn, K4CXX on Saturday, October 23 from 8 AM till 10 AM at the National Weather Service (NWS) Melbourne Forecast Office, 421 Croton Road just south of Sarno Road and Croton Road intersection. The class will cover functions of the NWS, reporting observations, weather hazards, thunderstorm formations, visual cues of storm strength and storm features. SKWARN members provide visual ground truth to the NWS. For more details visit the NWS site at www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb/?n=skywarn.

On Wednesday evenings at 7:15 local, the Central Brevard County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net meets on IRARC's 145.370 MHz repeater Down 600 KHz (tone 156.7 Hz). After the net, informal ops on 147.42 MHz simplex.

IRARC's Spurious Emissions is published monthly. Comments and articles are welcomed, contact Dave Lerret, KU0R, payloadone@earthlink.net

New IRARC EC/October Simulated Emergency Test

Stan Harrell, KJ4NUV was appointed as the new IRARC Emergency Coordinator. Although new to Amateur Radio, Stan has considerable experience as former security officer at Johnson Space Center. Stan joined IRARC this year and supported the club's Field Day event running the GOTA station. As the new EC, Stan organized shelter scenario messages for participating stations to

transmit during the October 9th Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The messages were sent by numerous IRARC members operating from their home radio stations under emergency power if available. Traffic was routed from the simulated shelters through the Central Brevard Net for relay to the American Red Cross or other agencies. The SET was a good test of personnel and equipment.



Stan, KJ4NUV (left) assisting Steve, N4UTQ in getting ropes through the trees at the IRARC Field Day site. Stan was handy with the ropes by selecting the right knots for the right situation

Club Meeting News

The October IRARC meeting presentation was special tribute to manned space flight by Steve Luchuk, N4UTQ. Steve's photo presentation was filled with unknown gems from Post World War II, early NASA and the Soviet space program through the present shuttle era. With the fly out of the remaining shuttle program, the presentation was a vivid reminder of how far manned

spaceflight has progressed and how dangerous space travel is still today. New club business consisted of the appointment of Stan, KJ4NUV as IRARC EC, Melbourne Hamfest in October, the BEARS Hamfest in November and initial planning for the IRARC Holiday Party on December 2nd at Jimmy's Restaurant in Rockledge. New technician training classes will resume in Feb 2011.



Strays -n- Stuff



Steve Luchuk, N4UTQ gave the main presentation of manned space flight at the October IRARC meeting. In between the Power Point charts, Steve gave unique stories behind the public and not-so-public events occurring during the space race to the moon and manned space spy operations by both American and Soviet space programs.

- IRARC Financial Report for October 2010
Checking: \$2788, Equipment Fund: \$1650
- CQ World-Wide DX Contest on Oct 30-31. The club station will be available for all interested operators for food, fellowship and DX ops.
- Half Time Net meets Sundays at 1500L on 3.820 MHz LSB. The Florida Hurricane net meets at 2100L on Mondays. KJ4OXT DSTAR 147.030 MHz repeater or via Internet Reflector 34A.
- Are you RadioActive? Check the IRARC website calendar at <http://irarc.ham-radio-op.net/> for upcoming events, photos and links to other local clubs.

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