

President's Corner June '08

Hello Fellow Amateurs,

The very event filled month of June is here. Our club has many events to keep us busy in our hobby including the Knoxville Hamfest on the 14th, our regular meeting on the 19th, and Field Day on Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th. All of these fun events need participation from our members so there the burden is not too heavy on anybody.

The regular meeting will be a very important one. We will discuss and take nominations for our election of Board members. This is very important to attend and give your input for who you want to run *OUR* club. Also needed are new ideas, which means people need to step forward and take on the responsibility of the officers of the club. I cannot over emphasize the importance of filling the seats on our board of directors. So, please plan to attend and participate in this function of the club.

Lou, WB3JKQ, has worked very hard at this Hamfest. He has a crew that has worked on specific areas and they have and will make this event a very fun, informative and profitable for RACK. As you know, this is our main money raiser to keep our repeaters in good working condition. We have (5) repeaters which is unlike any other club in our area. For this reason, we have expenses that are ongoing and have to taken care of to keep our part of the hobby on the air. I encourage you to support the Hamfest and all our functions to keep it fun.

We are coordinating moving our 6m repeater to our site on Chilhowee Mtn. but at the present time it is still at the Top O' the World site. As we all live in very busy world, it seems to have been very challenging to get this project to completion. It is my challenge to get this repeater moved. It should give us better coverage toward Knoxville, and at the same time, save the club the money we have spent renting this site.

Ft. Dickerson park in south Knoxville will again be the site of our Field Day. Randy, KG4SZW, has been working on this event and we will again have a great time setting up, operating and taking down the equipment to return the park back to normal. During this time we will have (2) rigs running, plenty of food to keep our energy up and lots of fellowship during our stay on top of the hill. Grilling of the food will take place about 5-6pm on Sat and the food should be an awesome display of grilling talent. So be sure and come prepared to operate, eat, talk and enjoy each others company. Be sure and bring a lawn chair, the concrete picnic tables get old very fast.

As I close this article, I want to thank all that support and participate in this month long marathon of "ham" events. I look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events.

Keep our Troops in your prayers,
Jim Norman, N4CFB, President