

## New Officers Elected For RARC 2022

After some delay, new officers for the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club were elected, finishing with Secretary / Treasurer Patrick Hall KO4HEX. Pictured below from L -> R is Patrick KO4HEX, Vice President Phillip Green N4PWG, and President Noel Vickers KJ4UNX. - - May 13, 2022.



## Ides of March Hamfest Suspended

Due to the decrease in Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club active membership, either due to advanced age, ill health (one SK), and relocation, it was decided to suspend preparation activities for the Ides of March Hamfest indefinitely. We hope to rebuild our active club membership and offer this event at a future year. We love putting it on and meeting and greeting everyone, but it takes a LOT of work to put on the event responsibly. - - July 30, 2021.

## VE Testing Schedule 2022

- Further VE test sessions TBA

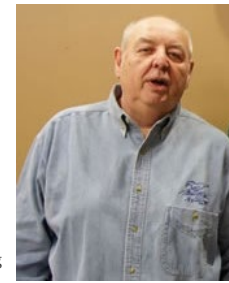
What to Bring to an Exam Session --December 29, 2019.

Note that VE testing now requires that the testee bring his / her FRS number from the FCC. - - June 16, 2021.

## Bob Miles K9IL - Silent Key

Bob Miles, K9IL, a long time member and former officer of Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club, died suddenly at his home on January 7th. As everyone knows, Bob was a retired US Postal service employee and transplant from Illinois. He and his XYL Rose W9DHD built their own house in Martin, TN. He then

began to build his ham station with up to five separate towers. He was an avid and enthusiastic DX'er and an expert CW operator. He was first licensed in 1959 and had confirmed 339 of the total 340 present DX entities on the DXCC list - North Korea was the only one missing. He had confirmed 361 of both present and prior DX entities. He was well on his way to finishing DXCC on 6 meters.



As everyone knows, he was very active on the WTDXA reflector, offering tidbits and advice for chasing DX, enjoying a good ISS pass overhead, and tracking earthquakes around the world. He and Rose always made us smile during the Christmas dinner with their handmade door prizes and he was very active with the Ides of March Hamfest. He will be very greatly missed. Rest in Peace. SK - - *January 8, 2021.*

### RARC Scores High in Field Day 2020

In a year marked by irregular activities during this COVID-19 pandemic, it was remarkable that the annual ARRL Field Day activities happened at all. The ARRL decided to allow home stations to contact other home stations for credit and aggregate those scores with the overall club score. This year, RARC activated the shop with reduced participation under class 2A and just deployed simple antennas. Additionally, we moved the VHF station inside the shop.

After all was said and done, all the scores were submitted properly (finally) and the December issue of QST came in this past week. With some astonishment, Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club placed 1st statewide and 20th nationwide in class 2A !! This is a remarkable achievement given the circumstances we had to deal with and a testament to our club members.

Congratulations to all !! - - *November 14, 2020.*

### RARC Present at White Squirrel Festival

This year, the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club set up a display during the White Squirrel Festival in Kenton, TN on Saturday, June 29th. Nathan Spencer KM4ZYM together with his XYL Demi headed up this festival. RARC set up a display that attracted much attention. Present were RARC President Jamie WB4YDL, Secretary-Treasurer Noel KJ4UNX, and Phil N4PWG. A good time was had by all ! - - *July 21, 2019.*



### Field Day Welcomed Air Evac Lifeteam Crew for Visit

This year the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club welcomed the Air Evac Lifeteam unit stationed in Martin, TN for a visit at our Field Day site. They flew in one of their beautiful Bell 407 helicopters and landed right next to our Spiderbeam antenna on the groomed lawn. This surprise visit was arranged by Air Evac pilot and RARC member Steve Clayton KK4NNH. This visit further amplified the emergency preparedness aspect of the ARRL Field Day event.



-- June 24, 2019 .

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At the February meeting of the Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club, a changing of the guard occurred. Harrell WD4LAR announced that he would not accept renomination as President of RARC after two fabulous years of his leadership. Once the dust settled, Jamie WB4YDL was elected as the new President and Hannah KK4SJF the new Vice President. Noel was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer - all pictured above L-R.

Congratulations to our new officers !

-- March 3, 2019.

### **Seth Smith KN4LFM - Our Youngest Club Member**

RARC is proud to present its newest club member and licensed amateur radio operator Seth Smith of Martin, Tennessee. Seth is 8 years old and is a 2nd Grader at Martin Primary School.

His interests include reading, weather, and building architecture. He developed an interest in amateur radio via watching videos online. Seth's first club meeting was in January of 2018 with his Mom, Mary. They have become regulars at meetings and Seth's interest in amateur radio has grown since meeting club members and hearing presentations at the meetings.

He began studying seriously about the end of February and began taking online tests in early March. His Mom says she has never seen him so devoted to studying a subject. That devotion paid off when Seth tested

at our annual Ides of March Hamfest on March 24, 2018. Seth attended the second testing session. He had been up late studying. Surprise, surprise. He not only passed the Technician exam on the first try he "ACED" it. We're all proud of him, and of his Mom for supporting him in this endeavor.

During the hamfest, one of his tickets was drawn and he won a Kenwood TM-231A 2 meter FM transceiver. Some of the club members pitched in and bought him a power supply to go with the transceiver. Glenn N4MJ made him a J-pole antenna for 2m and Steve KK4NNH helped test it and then delivered and set it up for Seth. Mom says he was anxious to get on the air. His license came through on Thursday, April 5. He was on-the-air in short order in a QSO with Steve KK4NNH.

RARC is expecting Seth to be at Field Day in June to participate and learn more about the hobby. He will get exposed to voice, digital, and CW big time.

-- by Glenn N4MJ

--April 8, 2018



## Previous Powerpoint Presentations and Handouts

[Introduction to EME Communications](#)

[An Introduction to Contesting Powerpoint](#)

[An Introduction to Contesting Handout](#)

[HF Receiver Principles: Noise and Dynamic Range Powerpoint](#)

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[Amateur Radio Operational Awards](#)

[Narrow Band Emergency Communications System](#)

[PSK31](#)

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[Basic Message Handling](#)

[Introduction to Emergency Nets](#)