



Dixie Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

"Amateur Radio.....

...When all else Fails!"

Dixie Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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New Newsletter Editor

My handle is Gary Hall, call sign K7ODM, and I have volunteered to be the editor for the newsletter. We are looking for news, tidbits, stories, and information that will make this newsletter more interesting!

Please send:

Pictures
Schedules of events
Interesting articles
News
Links to internet sites
Special recognitions
Opportunities for service
Anything else!

In short, anything that will make this better for all of us!

Send whatever you have to gshall@medbiltech.com, or use regular mail to

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Can't wait to hear from you!

Thanks for your support!

- Monthly Thought -

"There is no person living who isn't capable of doing more than they think they can do."

-Henry Ford-

The Dixie Amateur Radio Club will not ask you to do anything they don't think you are capable of!

I.C.E. In Case of Emergency!

Say you're traveling and are involved in a serious accident. If you're incapacitated, how will first responders know who to contact?

A new initiative has been receiving a lot of publicity recently -- **ICE**, which stands for **In Case of Emergency**. This very simple program has been designed to aid emergency responders in identifying victims whose identity is unknown and in determining who needs to be notified.

Implementing **ICE** is easy. Program your emergency contact information into your cellular phone and designate it with the acronym **ICE**. For example, if your brother John is the person you want to have alerted in the event of an emergency, insert the letters "ICE" before his name in your phone's address book, creating an entry such as "ICE John."

It can also be important to make it easy for first responders to know who to contact for information regarding your pets that may be traveling with you. Program an entry called "**ICE Cat**" or "**ICE - Horses**" with the contact information of someone with the authority to make decisions about the care of your animals if you are incapacitated.

With ICE, paramedics or police can swiftly find the number or numbers and reach relatives or friends who could help identify deceased victims and treat injured ones, by providing vital personal information, including details of any medical conditions.

"This is a simple way to ensure that emergency, ambulance and hospital staff can quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them," said Mark Cole, "In addition, those people could provide pertinent information about your horses in the event of an emergency."

Before putting someone's name in as an emergency contact, be sure to discuss it with the person first and ask for permission to do so.

An additional safety precaution is to secure emergency contact information to your vehicle or trailer, or somewhere inside your vehicle.

Letter from the Board Club President

Are you Cheering for the Home Team?

In the game of baseball there are nine positions to be played. Each one is of vital importance and has certain responsibilities. The pitcher needs to pitch the ball to the batter, who hits it to one of the nine players. This player must then throw the ball to one of the basemen who will catch it and get an out for the team.

If a player is running for home base, the catcher needs to be there to catch the ball and prevent a run from scoring. What happens when one day the first basemen fails to show up or do his part? The players will go crazy trying to cover his position, along with their own, especially if they only have a limited number of players available.

Webster's Dictionary defines a Team as "...a number of persons associated together in work or activity." It then defines Teamwork as "Work done by several associates with each doing a part but all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole."

Teamwork is one way we provide service to each other, and are just as important as when we're serving our community.

Here in DARC we may not be playing baseball, but we are all on the DARC team. And we want to be a winning team. Following are some characteristics of effective teams which, when implemented, can make us a more effective team:

1. Goals and values are clear and understood and accepted by everyone. Members are goals and results oriented.
2. Members understand their assignments and how their role contributes to the work of the whole.
3. There is a climate of trust and support among members.
4. Communication is open. Members are willing and have the opportunity to share all information relevant to goals

of the team and organization.

5. Members are allowed to participate in making decisions. They make free informed decisions, not decisions they think the power people want.
6. Everyone implements decisions with commitment.
7. Leaders are supportive of others and have high personal performance standards.
8. Differences are recognized and handled, not ignored or brushed over lightly.

The team structure and procedures are consistent with the tasks, goals and members involved.

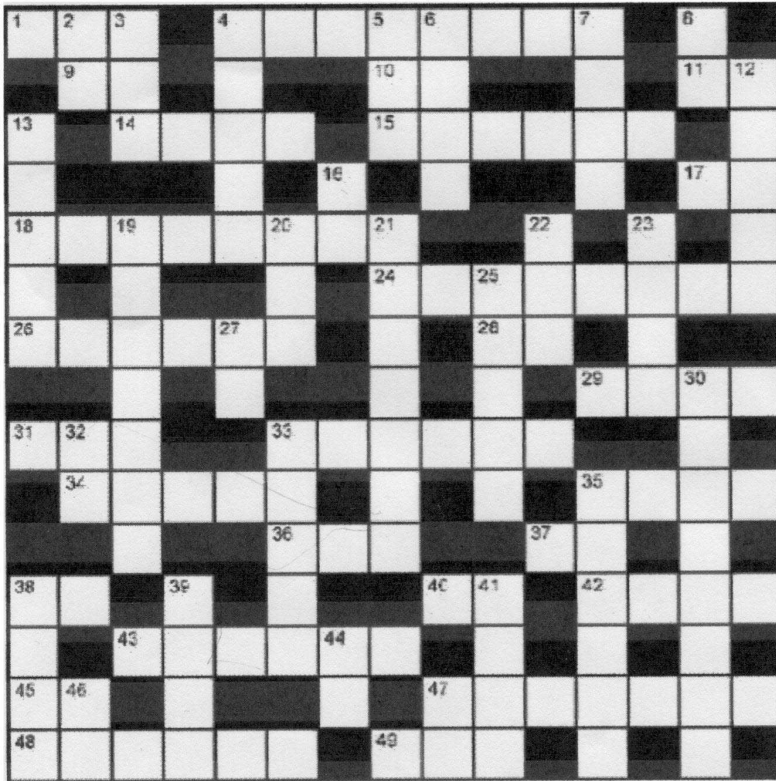
By maintaining effective teams and working together we create an inviting atmosphere for our members. This commitment to serve each other is witnessed by members, who automatically feel they are being served also.

So...*THREE CHEERS FOR THE DARC TEAM*

Thanks for your support!
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The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

By H. Ward Silver, NOAX

"Boom, Boom! Out Go the Lights!"

You just never know when your emergency communications skills are going to be needed. Field Day is just past, maybe it's time to brush off some of the mental rust off of our emergency communications skills as well as that push-up mast that's been out in the weeds since last year!

Across

1. Country-wide system of traffic handling
4. Initial medical assistance
9. Old Man (CW)
10. Station that listens (abbr.)
11. Prosign for End of Message
14. ARRL emergency organization
15. Organized methods or procedures
17. Local amateur emergency leader (abbr.)
18. Event
24. Organization that provides shelter (two words)
26. Connected together with communications
28. Windows(tm), Linux(tm), Unix (abbr.)
29. Federal emergency organization
31. PAC--- and AM---protocols (abbr.)
33. When to train for a disaster
34. Required to operate radios
35. Measure or exercise
36. The center of operations in an emergency
37. Invisible light (abbr.)
38. Visual news medium
40. The two types of fields (abbr.)
42. Phonetic for "A"
43. Digital data mode
45. Morning hours
47. Determined in advance
48. Phone distress signal
49. Unit of current

Down

2. Opposite of from
3. Miniature RF connector type
4. Ham's favorite day
5. CW distress signal
6. Leisure items (not our radios)
7. Boy Scouts do good ones
8. Amplifier (abbr.)
12. Civil Defense amateur organization
13. Practice
16. Professional nursing designation
19. Direct the operation of
20. Complete
21. Flow of information
22. Net Control Station
23. Audio signal
25. Set up in or out of these
27. Two newest emergency Field Day categories
30. Directed communications
32. Operator (abbr.)
33. Signal that the channel is needed
35. Rehearses for
38. United group
39. Data rate
41. Assist
44. Where injured people are taken
46. Small unit of current
47. Afternoon hours