

# Monday Morning Memo - Mar 30, 2020

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This weeks ARES net control is John N9JSA

This weeks Skywarn net control is Jim KC9TPX

## True or False?

April 1 is this Wednesday, so in preparation try your hand at determining which of the following items are true or false. No fair looking these up on the internet. :)

- The 145.345 repeater is being linked to the 29.650 repeater on the South side.
- Matthew W9SOX once ran packet without an antenna and was successful at county wide communication.
- QST was once so thick it was hardbound and required a credit card on file to pay for shipping.
- The ARRL once sent a letter to the FCC complaining about marijuana grow lights causing radio interference.
- Baofeng has gone into a joint venture with Icom dubbed iFeng.
- Tony N9UN once bought 100 ft of one way coax at a ham fest.
- In an effort to reduce extra costs, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has eliminated the Extra Class license.
- The National Radio Quiet Zone is approximately 13,000 square miles.
- The students at the University of Alaska is using the former HAARP location to easesdrop on Taco Bell drive-thru orders over night.
- During the 1930's amateurs could order Vacuum Tubes built from milk bottles and was called the 'Milkotron'
- Amateurs are experimenting with buried antennas to communicate through the earth rather than around the earth.
- Social distancing standards request you stand at least 1 wave length apart at about 200Mhz. (specifically 161.178MHz)

## Skywarn

Saturday March 28, Jim KC9TPX called up a Skywarn Net on the 146.760MHz repeater linked to the 443.250MHz repeater by request of NWS in support of a Severe Thunderstorm Warning in the Marion County area. The net ran 19 minutes with 12 base and 5 mobiles with no significant reports.

Thank you to everybody who helped out this last weekend.

## **Coming Up**

April 01 8:00 PM (approx) Simplex Net after the regular net.

April 02 7:00 PM Planning Meeting - Conf call, number to be distributed

April 03 10:50 AM Siren Test Net on 146.700MHz

April 08 8:00 PM MC ARES Monthly Field Meeting as a net

**Please note that remaining Spotter Training from NWS has been postponed. You can find Spotter Training information and webinars at <http://www.weather.gov/ind/>**

## **Weather/Skywarn Outlook**

No hazardous weather is expected at this time. A relatively quiet week of weather is in store with mainly dry conditions. The best threat for rain will come late Friday into the weekend. Temperature highs will run in the 50's and lower 60's with Tuesday being the coldest at about 44.

Spotter and Net activation is not anticipated.

Keep Care and 73

Matthew - W9SOX