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# RCWA Club Newsletter May

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## Next Club Event

**Date:** May 11, 2024

**Location:** Dog and Burger Burn

Shelter next to Splashpad, Claremore Lake, Claremore, OK

**Start Time:** 9 AM CST

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## President's Thoughts

Whew what a busy few months—can you believe it is already May??

First of all congratulations to Chris Bennett on winning the RCWA raffle radio at Green Country Hamfest! Hope you enjoy the radio Chris!

Green Country Hamfest was an amazing experience. From new radios all the way to flea market items, there was everything there. The expanded forums were awesome as well. If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve the fest, shoot the committee an email at [committee@greencountryhamfest.org](mailto:committee@greencountryhamfest.org).

Lots of things going on in amateur radio! The RCWA burger burn will be May 11 at Claremore Lake. We will be at the shelter by the splashpad—NOT at the normal shelter #2. Just look for the cars with antennas and you will find us! We will do a fun on-foot foxhunt at the lake so bring your HT!

We are still looking for a location for the 146.700 Owasso repeater. Stay tuned for updates!

Stay tuned for more announcements and cool stuff happening with RCWA and Amateur Radio!

## President's Thoughts continued

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## 1st Vice President's Notes

As always, we had a great Green County Hamfest. Lots of items bought and sold, lots of prizes awarded, and lots of interesting forums. For the first time in a long time, we actually had two forums running at the same time because of the number. That is a great accomplishment for the hamfest.

One of the items that many hams are requesting is some "hands on" and "see equipment in action" type of demonstrations at amateur radio gatherings. To that end, we will have an HF station up and running at the burger burn, along with some other demo items for VHF/UHF, digital voice, and Winlink digital data radio. We will have one of the Project 17 boards connected to a UHF radio and give you a chance to see M17 up close and personal operating on our 444.35 repeater. We will also be conducting a fox hunt.

Speaking of nets, the RCWA is now sponsoring an M17 net every Saturday at 12 noon on 444.35 repeater and on M17-OKL Module A. It will also be carried on the OklahomaLink, so if you have digital voice capabilities of other types, you can join us on Fusion, DMR, Dstar, P25, or even NXDN.

April and May are the top severe weather months in Oklahoma and 2024 has definitely had a very busy April so far. First of all, our prayers go out to those that have lost loved ones as a result of the tornadoes. We also want to help those that lost homes and other property as a result of the storms. Please support the relief organizations that have mobilized in the damaged communities.

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I am very proud that our spotters are able to provide the information to the National Weather Service that allows a tornado warning to say that spotters have confirmed what has been detected on radar. I am equally proud that our weather nets continue to grow and provide the very important service of safety to our non-ham neighbors in Green County.

Thanks again to all our volunteers to make amateur radio a great hobby!

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## 2nd Vice President's Notes

Hello everyone another great Green Country Ham fest gone. It was good to see everyone there and meet new people and put call signs with new faces . We had lots of programs to talk about. The weather was perfect a little windy Saturday but the temperature was great. Looking forward to next month Burger Burn on Saturday May 11th. Hope to see everyone there. The RCWA Club has a lot of things going on the next few months. That's all for now 73 from K5CFY

## Upcoming HamFests

- [Hamvention](#) — May 17 - 19, 2024
- [Springfield, MO](#) — Jul 1, 2024
- [Texas City, TX](#) — Jul 13, 2024
- [Schertz, TX](#) — Jul 19—20, 2024
- [Ham Holiday](#) — July 26—27, 2024
- [Enid Hamfest](#) — Sep 14, 2024
- [Texoma Hamara](#) — Oct 26, 2024

Search [ARRL.org](https://www.arrl.org) for more HamFests

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## VE Testing

- **05/16/2024 7:00 PM**  
[wb5osm@hotmail.com](mailto:wb5osm@hotmail.com)  
American Red Cross 10151 East 11th Street  
Tulsa, OK 74128
- **05/25/2024 10:00 AM**  
[n5dmk@att.net](mailto:n5dmk@att.net)  
University of Tulsa Keplinger Hall Rm 3140  
430 S Gary Pl Tulsa OK 74104
- **06/01/2024 9:00 AM**  
[danelcher@earthlink.net](mailto:danelcher@earthlink.net)  
Evergreen Baptist Church 10301 E 111th St  
Bixby OK 74008
- **06/08/2024 9:30 AM**  
[AC5II@ARRL.NET](mailto:AC5II@ARRL.NET)  
Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex  
1101 N 6th St Broken Arrow OK 74012
- **07/06/2024 9:00 AM**  
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- **07/18/2024 7:00 PM**  
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## **MFJ Ceasing On-Site Production**

**MFJ Enterprises, Inc. founder Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, announced that as of May 17, 2024, the company will cease on-site production at their Starkville, Mississippi, facility. Ameritron, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Mirage, and Vectronics brand products will be affected by the shutdown.**

**In a letter posted to social media, Jue said he is looking forward to retiring:**

***Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything [for] businesses, including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had, and we never fully recovered.***

***I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement, but life is so short, and my time with my family is so precious.***

**Jue founded MFJ Enterprises in 1972, after building a CW filter kit that sold for less than \$10. Since 1990, the company has acquired several other legacy brands within the amateur radio market. Jue shared that the company will remain open to sell existing inventory because they have "a lot of stock on hand." They will also continue to offer repair services for the foreseeable future.**

**Jue expressed gratitude to the many longtime employees of MFJ, some of whom have been with the company for 40 years.**

***"I give my deepest heartfelt thank you to my fellow hams all over the world, and especially to ARRL members and QST readers. In my youth, I was given a second-hand set of 1958 QSTs. I read them over and over until I practically memorized every word. This gave seed to MFJ.***

***MFJ became a worldwide ham radio leader only because of you. As I turned 80, I cannot thank you all enough for 52 wonderful ham radio years. Thank you, 73s . . . Martin F. Jue, k5flu***

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## Nets

### **EVERY DAY FROM 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM (approx)**

N5XQK BOREDOM BREAKERS NET

147.09 Repeater|Allstar Node 49562|Echolink N5XQK-R|XLXOKXL Module "A" on Dstar & YSF|DMR TGIF 49562

Started as a health and welfare net during the onset of Covid-19, has grown into a daily gathering both on 147.09 wide coverage repeater as well as Allstar.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:00 PM**

RASPBERRY PI Net 147.09 Repeater

### **SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

SKYWARN YOUTH Net 147.09 Repeater

### **SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM**

RCWA/OklahomaLink C4FM Net 444.35 Repeater  
444.35 Repeater|Wires-X 28292|YSF US-OklahomaLink|DMR TGIF 31403|DMR Brandmeister 3140122|P25 31403|NXDN 31403|DSTAR XLXOKL Module "B"

This is a great ragchew net and an opportunity to meet hams that are operating on digital voice. Supported by the the OklahomaLink network, you can talk to hams on Fusion, Wires-X, Dstar, P25, NXDN, and DMR.

### **SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM**

RCWA Sunday night D-Star net!  
444.35 Multi mode repeater located in Claremore Ok.  
We also link up to REF066B for the net!

## Nets continued

### **SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM**

BEACON Net 147.09 Repeater

### **MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:15 PM**

STATEWIDE VOIP NET 444.35 Repeater  
444.35 Repeater|Wires-X 28292|YSF US-OklahomaLink|DMR TGIF 31403|DMR Brandmeister 3140122|P25 31403|NXDN 31403|DSTAR XLXOKL Module "B"

147.09 Repeater|Allstar 49562|Echolink N5XQK-R  
Net that covers the aspects of digital voice and data in amateur radio. This net is the newest addition, starting in 2012 as a Dstar/EchoLink crossmode net, it has now expanded into many, many other modes, including both analog and digital. M17 soon coming to the net!!

### **MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:15 PM**

OKLAHOMA ARES DMR Net 444.35 Repeater

### **TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM**

RCWA Weekly Net  
147.09 Repeater|Allstar Node 49562|Echolink N5XQK-R|XLXOKXL Module "A" on Dstar & YSF|DMR TGIF 49562

A great net that has been held on the 147.09 wide coverage repeater for many, many years. Now with the expansion of the repeater on Allstar with the Boredom Breaker's HUB, we literally get checkins from around the world in addition to all of NE Oklahoma.

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## Nets continued

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM

ILLINOISLink P25 Net 444.35 Repeater

### FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM

DIXIE TRADER'S Net 147.09 Repeater

### SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 5:00 PM

MMDVM DSTAR Net 444.35 Repeater

## Useful Links

- <https://www.rcwa.org/>
- <https://ok.arrl.org/>
- [ARES Oklahoma](#)
- [Boredom Breaker Net](#)
- [Ham Radio Outlet](#)
- [DX Engineering](#)
- [Gigaparts](#)
- [MTC Radio](#)
- [R&L Electronics](#)
- [Hamshack Dashboard](#)
- [QRZ](#)