



REPEATERS
 2M, 146.670 –
 70CM, 444.950+, 123CG
 6 M, 53.010 -

CLUB NET

Our club, along with the Jackson County ARES, sponsors a net every Monday night at 7 PM on 146.670-.

CLUB EVENTS

- Apr 8th, Butt Distribution
- Apr 18th, Club Meeting
- May 16th, Club Meeting
- May 20th, Fox Hunt
- Jun 17th, Club Meeting/Test
- Jul 18th, Club Meeting

OTHER EVENTS

- Mar 18th, Ft. Walton Hamfest
- Apr 15th, Defuniak Tailgate
- Jun 24th, ARRL Field Day
- Jul 14th, Milton Hamfest

CLUB OFFICERS

- President
Gary Brown, WW4JDO
- Vice President
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
- Secretary/Treasurer
Annette Colson, KG4CJX

CLUB OFFICIALS

- Repeaters Coordinator
Jeff Hagan, WO4J
- 2M Repeater Trustee
Jeff Hagan, WO4J
- 70CM Repeater Trustee
Danny Tipton, KN4UC
- 6M Repeater Trustee
Lonnie Whitehead, N4PTW
- Yahoo Moderator
Wayne Espey, KB4AAC
- Newsletter Editor
Gary Brown, WW4JDO

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

- March, Gary
- April, Ricky
- May, Dick
- June, Jeff
- July, Bill

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Where did the month go? As the old saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun." From what I hear, a good time was had by all who attended the Falling Waters Picnic last weekend. I used my crippled foot as an excuse not to go, but after hearing about the fellowship and the tasty fried chicken I wish I had of hopped on over. I was raised on chicken and love nothing more than good ol' fried chicken. I'm partial to breasts but will stop at no part of the chicken. At one time back in the 70's my dad, AKA "Chicken Brown", was the largest poultry distributor in the Panhandle. We ate chicken 5 times a week and you would think that I would have grown tired of it. But some things are just too good to grow tired of. I feel the same way about radio and hope you do too. Radio is just too much fun to stop. Come on and let's have some fun on the air. 73.

Gary, WW4JDO

Next Solar Cycle to be Later but More Intense, New Research Suggests

NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 7, 2006--The next solar cycle, Cycle 24, will be a year or so late in arriving but will be far more intense than the current cycle now winding down--perhaps as much as 50 percent stronger. That's according to a new computer model unveiled March 6 by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado. The researchers developed the first "solar climate" forecast using a combination of groundbreaking observations of the sun's interior from space and computer simulation. Key to predicting the solar activity cycle is an understanding of plasma flows in the sun's interior.

Under the model developed by Dikpati and her colleagues, the poor HF propagation of Cycle 23's terminal stages won't reverse course until late 2007 or early 2008, and Cycle 24 won't peak until 2012. But higher intensity normally means more and longer HF band openings--with the exception of solar storms. As the sunspot cycle bottoms out, however, conditions can be more favorable for VHF and UHF operation.

