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EYE-CATCHER!!! Well, it has been a few years since the last landfall. At 5:00AM EDT this morning (8/27/11) , the center of Hurricane Irene was located at 29.3N 77W. The City of Wilmington is at 34N 77W. Irene at 5:00AM was 420 miles SSW of Cape Hatteras moving due North at 14 MPH. Maximum sustained winds were 110 MPH (Category II) and the National Weather Service reports that re intensification is possible as She approaches landfall. Hurricane force winds (74-110 MPH for Cat I & II, 110+ MPH for a Major Hurricane) extend outwards 90 miles from the center, and Tropical storm Force winds 290 miles. Minimal Central Pressure was 942.

As of Thursday afternoon, the East coast from Little River, NC to Sandy Hook NJ is under a Hurricane Warning. According to the NWS, "A Hurricane Warning means that Hurricane conditions are expected somewhere in the Warning Area" within 36 hours. The Hurricane Watch Net (14.235MHz) will most probably activate this morning. The web site contains much useful Hurricane info, as does that of the NWS. The NWS Tropical Prediction Center provides excellent graphics. The New Hanover County and State of North Carolina web sites also provide useful guidance. Outdoor preparations should be completed today, and if you "riding it out", food, water, batteries, and First Aid supplies should be laid in. Batteries intended to power amateur radio gear should be recharged today, as should equipment and antenna systems.

The 8:00AM update from NWS states that the center of Irene is at 30.0N 77.3W, moving due North (360 Degrees) at 14 MPH, 375 miles SSW of Cape Hatteras. Except for the change of location and a slight increase in Minimum Central pressure up 3 to 945MB, all else remains the same as in the 5:00AM report. The NWS further advises as follows:

"On the forecast track...the core of the Hurricane will pass well off the coast of Northeastern Florida today...approach the coast of North Carolina tonight...and pass near or over the North Carolina coast Saturday...Some re-intensification is possible today...and Irene is expected to be near the threshold between Category two and three as it reaches the North Carolina coast."
Big Blow Coming...Batten Down the Hatches!

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2011

President-Charlie Vaughn-K4UWH; Vice-President-Don Hall-N4OFF; Treasurer-Allan Pellnat-KX2H; Secretary-Norman Clemmons-KI4YSY.

REGULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday 9:00PM-ACARC weekly Local Net on the club's 147.180 repeater (offset +.600; tone 88.5).

Friday noon Lunch Bunch-location changes weekly-location announced on club reflector.

Saturday morning breakfast at at 8:00AM at K&W Cafeteria on Oleander drive.

Third Tuesday of every month- club meeting at 7:00PM at CFCC North Campus-see web page for directions and parking pass.

Second Saturday of even months-VE Test Session at CFCC North Campus-see web page for details and requirements.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The ACARC September meeting will be held Tuesday evening (8/20/11) at 7:00PM at CFCC North. We are most often to be found on the third floor of the McKeithen Center, which is the building directly to the front as you enter the campus. Check with the security guard at the main entrance. Don't forget to check the club web page for specific directions and parking pass.

Prior activities

At the regularly scheduled August 13th VE Test Session, we administered 4 exams. We passed 3 new Techs and 1 upgrade to General. 5 VEs were present. The new license grants came through from the FCC promptly.

At a specially scheduled VE session on August 20th, we administered 19 exams to 17 candidates. We passes 10 new Techs and 1 upgrade to General. License grants were awarded by the FCC early this week.

More good news!

The motor generator for the TDE Transmitter in Radio Two on the Battleship has been repaired and returned to the Ship. A tip of the headphones to Jack WD4OIN and Norm KI4YSY who made the arrangements and transported the unit to a generator repair shop in Rocky Point, NC. and retrieved it earlier this week. The unit will be reinstalled in the transmitter as soon as the temperature in the Main Transmitter Room drops a bit.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

SAT/SUN 27/28 Hurricane Watch Net; Hawaii, Kansas & Ohio QSO Parties

SEPTEMBER

SAT/SUN 3&4 Shelby Hamfest; Colorado QSO Party

SUN/MON 4&5 Tennessee QSO Party

MON 5 Labor Day

SAT 10 VE Test Session

SAT/SUN 10&11 Arkansas QSO Party

SAT/SUN/MON 10&11&12 ARRL September VHF QSO Party

SAT 17 Connecticut QSO Party

SAT/SUN 17&18 South Carolina QSO Party

SUN 18 Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day

Just when it seemed there was nothing to write about during the "Summer Doldrums".

All for now

Stay Safe & Good Luck!

73 Bill AG4PA
