

## President's Message August 2022

Our club continues to attract new members and we encourage other clubs to introduce non-amateurs to the hobby whenever possible. This will help keep a fabulous hobby alive well into the future.

As usual, the Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club's annual Berryville, Virginia Hamfest held last Sunday the 6th was a resounding success. The weather was beautiful, and the venue is always accommodating at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds under the huge Oak trees.

I encourage other Amateur clubs to hold these Hamfests whenever possible. They are a great way to allow Amateurs to meet each other face to face and swap stories, ideas, and equipment. I always learn something new at each gathering and manage to buy a few "Trinkets" in the process.

The flooding in the southeastern part of Kentucky is an example as to why, as Amateurs, we should be ever vigilant at keeping our equipment functional and at the ready.

This quote is from the ARRL News page, "Much of the local response effort is being coordinated by Steve Morgan, W4NHO, of Owensboro, Kentucky. The response of radio amateurs throughout the region is under and in cooperation with an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kentucky Chapter of the American Red Cross."

Very special thanks go out to Steve, W4NHO.

Be sure that your club has affiliated with some form of your local emergency services to be ready when needed.

Hurricane season is upon us, and the prediction is for a more active than normal year so be aware of the tropical weather conditions.

Until next month, be well and be safe.

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Bill, K4FZE