



# ON THE AIR

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## Lessons Learned from Hurricane Irene

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A few weeks ago we had a field training exercise where we asked those members who participated to go to different locations and verify if that location had a back up emergency generator and if it was able to receive shore power. Shore power is the ability to receive electricity from a generator that is not directly coupled to the buildings electrical system. Many EOC's and command posts have built-in generators but do not have the ability to receive shore power. Unfortunately community centers and health clinics that have been designated for use during an emergency are also in the same condition. FEMA has generators available to provide power to shelters but it is the building must be able to receive the electricity. It is not as simple as plugging in an extension cord. Most

commercial buildings require more voltage that those used in our homes. This became evident during hurricane Irene when many people were sent to emergency shelters under orders of mandatory evacuations. In a few incidents the backup emergency generators failed and there was no connect the shelter to shore power.

Recently the emergency generator for a local EOC failed. It was necessary to bring in a backup generator on a truck to provide a backup generator because this building was not capable of receive shore power and addition cost was required to connect the backup generator the building. The purpose of the drill was to get you to think about your community is it prepared to provide a backup to the backup generator?

## Something to consider

Have you thought of keeping a log during an event in a spiral bound notebook and then re-writing the

received message on the proper message form?

## Annual Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for the Dec 15 at the Golden Corral, 665 E Fort Union Blvd from 6:00 PM until closing at 10:00 PM

Keep in mind that the 15<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday. This is because the 14<sup>th</sup> of December was not available at the China Gourmet,





## No Power? Lights For You. What A Great Idea!!!!!!

Here's an idea so you're not in the dark.

Solar lights can be bought for very few dollars.

Last week, a thunderstorm rolled through our neighborhood and a huge oak tree came down on some power lines, creating a power outage for a large area around us. We lost power for about 5 hours.

We were scrambling around in the darkness looking for matches, candles, flashlights, etc.

We looked outside and noticed our solar lights shining brightly all around our patio, stairs, dock, etc. They were beautiful. Pat walked outside and brought several of the solar lights inside.

We stuck the solar light pipes into plastic drink bottles containers and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could ever imagine.

We put one in the bathroom, the kitchen, the living room, etc. There was plenty of light.

There are all types of solar lights available. We bought ours at Harbor Freight. We put them all around our yard.

They look nice and they do not attract flying bugs like the outdoor lights around our doorway.

The lights we have fit into the small (20oz) water bottles and they also fit into most of the larger liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, you can put a few of the pretty colorful "flat marbles" that they put in aquariums and vases. You can also use sand, aquarium gravel, etc., whatever you have available.

The lights we have were perfect inside our home. They burn all night long if you need them to.

The next day, you just take your solar lights back outside and they will instantly recharge and be ready for you to use again any time you need them.

Perfect for power outages, hurricanes, etc.

BRING IN WHEN IT STARTS GETTING DARK ... BACK OUT IN THE MORNING TO CHARGE ... ALL THANKS TO MOTHER NATURE ... RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES NOT NEEDED...



### WASATCH 100

The Wasatch 100 was held on Sep. 9 and 10. Thanks to all that helped.



### WONDER WOMAN RIDE

Thanks to all that helped with the Wonder Woman Ride on Sep 17.





## Proof-Reading is a Dying Art

**Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**  
*What's wrong with this picture?*

**Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide**  
*They may be on to something!*

**Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says**  
*No kidding, really? Ya think?*

**Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**  
*You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?*

**Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers**  
*Now that's taking things a bit far!*

**Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge**  
*He probably IS the battery charge!*

**Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over**  
*What a guy!*

**New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group**  
*Weren't they fat enough?!*

**Miners Refuse to Work after Death**  
*No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!*

**Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft**  
*That's what he gets for eating those beans!*

**Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**  
*See if that works any better than a fair trial!*

**Kids Make Nutritious Snacks**  
*Do they taste like chicken?*

**War Dims Hope for Peace**  
*I can see where it might have that effect!*

**Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half**  
*Chainsaw Massacre all over again!*

**If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile**  
*Ya think?!*

**Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors**  
*Boy, are they tall!*

**Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures**  
*Who would have thought!*

**And the winner is...  
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**  
*Did I read that right?*



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### In-Person Meeting:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every  
month  
Formal net every Wed.  
8pm to 8:30pm  
except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.

### A.R.E.S. Frequencies:

146.880\*(88.5 PL)  
449.900\*(100.0 PL)  
146.700  
147.54\*(simplex)  
447.250\*(100 PL)  
448.450\*(100 PL)  
448.000



### SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	<u>5</u> LABOR DAY	6	<u>7</u> A.R.E.S. NET	8	<u>9</u> WASATCH 100	<u>10</u> WASATCH 100
11	12	13	<u>14</u> A.R.E.S. NET	15	16	<u>17</u> RACES HF NET
18	19	20	<u>21</u> A.R.E.S. IN PERSON	22	23	<u>24</u> Legacy of Lowell
25	26	<u>27</u> HAM TEST	<u>28</u> A.R.E.S. NET	29	30	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	<u>5</u> A.R.E.S. NET	6	7	8
9	<u>10</u> COLUMBUS DAY	11	<u>12</u> A.R.E.S. NET	13	14	15
16	17	18	<u>19</u> A.R.E.S. IN-PERSON	<u>20</u> RACES VHF NET	21	22
23	24	<u>25</u> HAM TEST	<u>26</u> A.R.E.S. NET	27	28	29
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> HALLOWEEN					



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 24** – Legacy of Lowell – Debbie Hair – KF7HUC

**December 15** – Annual Christmas Party – Garth Wiscomb – W7PS

For more details and other events try <http://www.aprse.org>.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SENT ME PICTURES.**

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