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Greetings All,

Last month was a bit busy, this month, relatively slow. I guess it's feast or famine. The guest speaker I had for this month will be a no-show, so we are stuck with lil' ol' me. I decided to revert to one of my former favorite topics. I'll do a show and tell about my SPAM in a can equipment and how it relates to emergency preparedness. No, we are not going to breakout with delicious meat treats, although I like Spam, the potted meat available in most grocery stores. Rather we will talk about the Society for the Preservation of Amplitude Modulation and the Gonset, also known as the Goonie Box, 6 Meter radio.

I was also asked to chat a bit more about Winlink and how it fits with emergency preparedness. Thus, I'll lead a discussion about what is becoming a rather robust digital mode built for, among other things, passing third party traffic. That discussion will include talking about the Winlink Wednesday Net active throughout the state.

Looking toward the future, we need to form plans for Christmas. It seems to me that we should be able to pass some third-party Christmas greetings for people and exercise our ability to operate without the use of telephones or even the internet locally.

Finally, we need to talk about some administrative things. Alicia has prepared an application form that is meant to be filled out each year by all members. The reason is so we can have a better understanding of who our members really are and to be able to submit an annual report to the ARRL for our continued affiliation.

There will be other topics covered at the meeting, so please plan on attending. Remember, the meeting start at 7:00 PM but the pizza munching begins at 6:45 PM. As a reminder, the meeting date is Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

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