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The Presidents Corner... By Michael Kallstrom, NU4Q



(No Submission)

Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM,
HamCall Editor

Another month gone by, it seems just like yesterday we had our club meeting and now it is time for another. Hank Cantrell, W4HTB will conduct our program for the April 16th meeting. He will be demonstrating "New Visual Technologies for Amateur Radio," it should be very interesting, see you there.

As I write this Hank Cantrell, W4HTB is preparing to re-install the tower at the BG Police Station. Hank has been in contact with the Chief and has cleared the tower to be installed on the roof at the same general location. If you would like to help out, I'm sure Hank could use the assistance.

73's
- Jeff

Minutes - January 2004

By Claire Rinehart
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes:

Jim Weaver, K8JE, the ARRL Division Chairman and John Meyer, NB4K, the ARRL Kentucky Section Manager were the invited speakers for the evening. They discussed and answered questions about the PRB1, a bill to prevent restrictions against antenna placement by amateur radio operators and the new proposals before the FCC to change the licensing requirements for the different amateur classes.

PRB1:

There are an ever increasing number of home owner associations and communities that are passing restrictions on antenna placement by amateur radio operators. The FCC has passed rulings that limit associations from these types of restrictions, but when tested in a Kentucky court of law, the FCC ruling was not upheld since it is a ruling and not law. Therefore a bill, PRB1, was introduced to the state legislature to limit antenna restrictions by such associations. During the course of deliberations, PRB1 was submitted to the Kentucky League of Cities for comment. The League of Cities sentiment was that the PRB1 bill was not necessary because the FCC already has a rule in place covering restrictions on ham antennas. Because the League is such a strong lobby, support for PRB1 was withdrawn and it is essentially dead. Therefore, we are back to square one.

FCC License Petition:

Following the International Communications Union's latest meeting, where they passed a ruling to drop the international code requirement for amateur licenses, several proposals were submitted to the FCC to alter the amateur licensing requirements within the US. Subsequently, the ARRL also drafted a petition to the FCC in which the 5 WPM code would only be required as a testing requirement for extra class, but not for the other license classes. The ARRL petition also proposed restructuring of the other license classes:

Creation of a "Novice" license to serve as an introductory class which would have UHF, VHF, and HF privileges including phone. Current Novice class license holders would then enjoy these expanded privileges. Current Tech, Tech Plus and General classes would be grandfathered into the new general class. Current Advanced and Extra classes would be grandfathered into the new extra class. Therefore, the five classes of current licenses would be rolled over into three classes. Along with the new license classes, a revised band plan for these classes on HF was also submitted as part of the petition.

Forth District ARES News

By Fred Painter, KA4CFW
District Emergency coordinator

March report:

483 checkins
26 pieces of traffic passed.
Jean, KE4WVX

GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL ACTION FORUM.

BY John D. Meyers, NB4K

There will be a forum at noon on Friday May 14th. of the Hamvention this year on grassroots political action.

The program will feature ARRL General Counsel and our man in DC Chris Imlay, W3KD, New England Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF and ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP as speakers. Great Lakes Division Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT will be the MC and Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE will offer the opening remarks.

This forum was called by your Division Leadership to bring attention to the importance of communicating with your legislators on amateur radio issues. They have gathered experts to answer your questions. President Haynie and General Counsel Imlay have spent more time lobbying in Washington than anyone in recent history and they have the knowledge to teach us how to get action.

This is a MUST SEE Forum and we would recommend that you ask your club members to attend and to kick of an effort within your clubs. No one will do this for us, we must act now to protect our spectrum and protect our ability to enjoy the Amateur Radio Service.

If you have not met President Haynie, or heard him speak, you have missed a real treat. Here's your opportunity to meet the people that work for you as a League Member. Plan to be there.

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ARRL KY PIO

By Jim Brooks, KY4Z

(FYI to all Club Members...if you have anything for Jim, please let him know-Jeff)

Hello, Greetings to all club Public Information Officers and newsletter editors in the Kentucky Section of the ARRL.

As you already know, I have accepted the post of Public Information Coordinator for the Kentucky section. I follow in the footsteps of my Elmer, former PIC Dave Greer, N4KZ. Dave served the section well for years in the post as PIC, and also as a member of the ARRL's Public Relations Committee.

I have a number of goals I hope to achieve as PIC, though one of the most important is to support you -- the PIOs across the state -- in whatever way possible.

In addition to my career as a print journalist, I have also served as the sole editor of our local club newsletter over the years. I understand very well the work it takes to produce a quality newsletter that is both informative and entertaining -- and do so while balancing career, family and other obligations.

Newsletters -- in whatever format you produce -- are often part of the "glue" that keeps a club together. If your club doesn't have one, I would recommend creating one. They're a great tool for sparking interest in ham radio, or for keeping public officials or the news media aware of what your club is doing.

One of my official duties is to manage the Kentucky Section Newsletter contest, the winner of which will be announced at the ARRL State Convention at the 2004 Greater Louisville Hamfest on Sept. 11, 2004. Please add my name and address listed below to your newsletter mailing list.

I'm also interested in your suggestions

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2004 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

January 16

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

June 26-27 (Field Day)

July 16

August 20

September 17 (Picnic)

October 15 (Elections)

October 30 ?? (Bridge Watch - Sat)

November 19 (Annual Dinner)

December 18 (Sat Morning)

for how you believe the PIC can be of benefit to you in your role as club PIO.

I'm also keenly interested in your success stories regarding both your club and your newsletter. What works for your club newsletter? What doesn't work? What success has your club had in efforts to promote amateur radio to the public, or attract new amateurs? I would like to hear about it.

Speaking of promoting amateur radio, Field Day is just around the corner. It's a great time to showcase the dual nature of amateur radio as an enjoyable hobby that's also oriented toward public service.

Very 73,
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Surfin': Got Facts

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
Contributing Editor
April 9, 2004

"Work DX? Want to know more about the countries of the DX stations you work? Then you need the facts that are available at this week's Surfin' Web site."

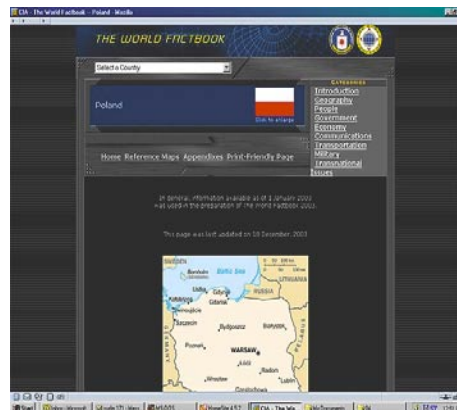
Are you a clueless DXer? You work Jabru to complete DXCC, but you have no clue about Jabru except that its great circle bearing is 47 degrees from your ham shack in downtown Podunk.

If you are curious and want to know more about those mysterious countries you work on 20 meters, you can ask Sam. That's "Sam" as in Uncle Sam and he runs a little operation out in Langley, Virginia, that can help you

out.

Uncle Sam's little operation is called the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA, for short) and they publish [The World Factbook](#), which contains loads of information about every country in the world except the Conjured Principality of Jabru.

Select a country from the menu on The World Factbook home page and the facts about that country appear in your web browser. The facts start with a picture of the country's flag, a map of the country, a little history about the country, then page after page of additional facts about the country. For example, I printed the facts about my grandparents' motherland, SP-land (Poland for those unfamiliar with call sign prefixes), and it filled over 10 pages of medium-sized Web browser text.



The facts in The World Factbook facts include the particulars about the geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues of each country. For example, did you know that Poland produces 17,180 barrels of oil per day (2001 estimate)? I didn't even know that there were oil wells in Poland!

The World Factbook is on-line or you can download it to your computer for faster access. You can also purchase a printed copy of the book, if you so desire. There is also a link to submit a "factual update" to the CIA.

Thank you, Don Dunn, AB2NM, for

suggesting this Web site.

Until next time, keep on surfin'

Editor's note: Whereas the CIA has the facts about all the world's countries except the Conjured Principality of Jabru, Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, has all the facts about Jabru. To discuss Jabru, radios, and any other matters that matter, send e-mails to Stan at wa1lou@arrl.net.

Kentucky Hamfests

1 May 2004 + Big Sandy ARC
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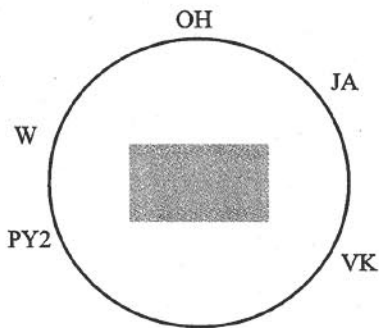
11 Sep 2004 * Kentucky State Convention
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Where in the World?

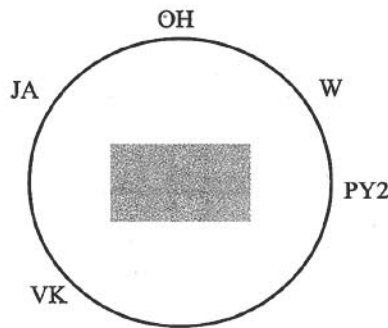
Globetrotting Elmer has taken off on a round-the-world DXpedition to nine different locations and printed azimuthal-equidistant maps for each QTH. Unfortunately, he didn't notice that his software failed to print the maps correctly—only the short-path bearings to the target

areas were printed! Can you help Elmer by matching up his DX QTH's with the proper map?

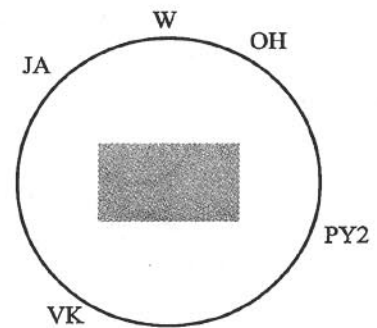
Expedition QTH List—ZS, HC8, KH6, ZL, UN, 3B8, G, BV, CN



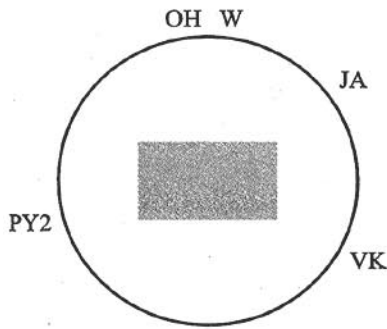
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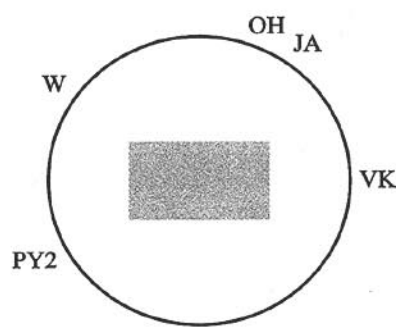
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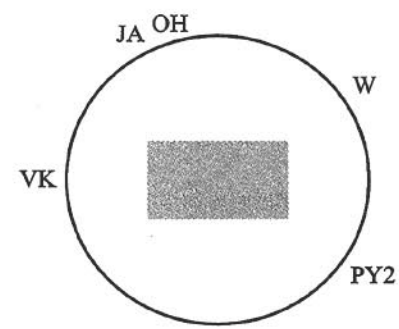
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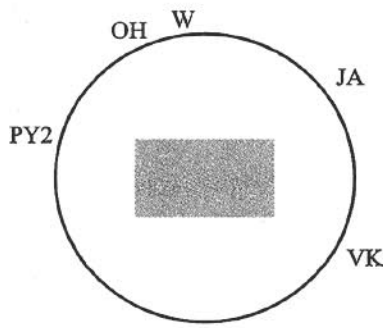
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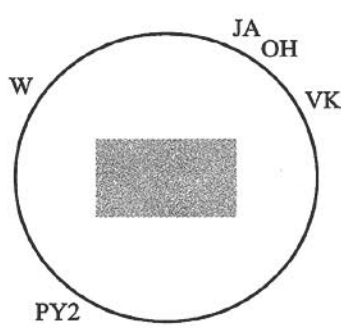
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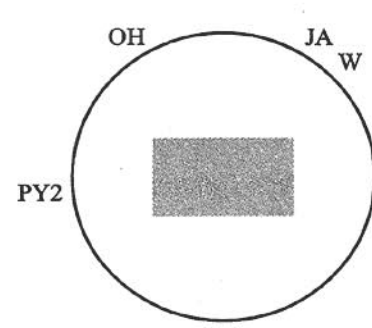
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Answers: a—ZS, b—KH6, c—HC8, d—3B8, e—CN, f—ZL, g—UN, h—G, i—BV

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