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The Presidents Corner... By Michael Kallstrom, NU4Q



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Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM,
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The program for September will be our annual award winning Swap Fest and Picnic at Covington Woods Park to be held this Friday the 17th. The Swap Fest will start at 5:00pm and the Picnic will start at 6:00pm. Kittye Maggard, KG4AJE, will bring the flatware and Dr. Carroll Brooks, KC4HDG, will bring the drinks. Members are to bring a covered dish.

Claire was not able to make the August meeting and he asked me to take the minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Mike said he successfully renewed the clubs status as "Special Service Club." He mentioned that he is still working on appointing Ed Gann, N4HID, as the WAS coordinator. He made several comments about the Board meeting that was held a few weeks prior to the club meeting:

1. Inquired about Special Event station.
2. Cindy Sanders has resigned as a Board member and John Reasoner, WA4QMQ, will replace here.
3. Next board meeting will be held after elections.

The program started at 7:30pm. John Reasoner, WA4QMQ, Larry Johnson, WB4KLI, & Ed Gann, N4HID all with the local DX Club presented the program about DX'ing. It was very informative and they invited everyone to their meetings which are held on the 1st Friday of every month at Smoky Bones Barbecue restaurant.

At 8:30pm Dean Maggard, K4NQV presented the "Bent Screwdriver" award to Dr. Carroll Brooks, KC4HDG, for attempting to call the evening ARES Net on 144.340MHz simplex (what was Doc thinking?).



The meeting was then adjourned.

See you at the park and bring your junk/food!

73's
- Jeff



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==>ARRL GETS FEDERAL GRANT
TO TELL AMATEUR RADIO'S STORY
TO COMMUNITIES

The ARRL has received new funding of nearly \$90,000 from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) to execute a pilot program that will enlighten localities about the value of Amateur Radio to community safety and security. The one-year grant will enable ARRL to develop the Community Education Project (CEP) and carry ham radio's message to a dozen communities across the US. The CNCS also has renewed ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>> tuition reimbursement grant for a third--and final--year. The third-year emergency training grant is for \$179,600. ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, says the CEP will work with Citizen Corps--the League is a Citizen Corps affiliate--and ARRL personnel.

"While our friends and major partners understand the power of Amateur Radio in an emergency, a clear

understanding of what certified Amateur Radio operators can accomplish to enhance safety and security has not trickled down to the general community," Hobart said. "We know that our best work happens at the local level to keep communities safe and secure."

As examples, Hobart cited Amateur Radio assistance following the recent one-two punch from Hurricanes Charley and Frances in Florida and a spate of wildfires in the Western US. The Community Education Project will be an extension of the role hams play as individuals, within local clubs and on Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) teams, she said.

The CEP will work through local civic organizations, news media, faith-based groups, schools, food banks and a variety of other community organizations to get Amateur Radio's message across, Hobart explained.

Hobart also said she was extremely gratified to see the third-year Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course tuition-subsidy grant come through.



"This grant award--totaling \$266,599 for two programs--is a vote of confidence for what hams have accomplished over the past two years by being responsive to national security needs and in times of emergency," she said. "We're thrilled that we got this."

The third-year grant will place even greater emphasis on providing Amateur Radio emergency communications training to licensees age 55 or older and

will provide training for 1700 volunteers.

ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, will be traveling extensively to both Amateur Radio and emergency communications-related events and meetings to drive home the point that hams play a vital role in times of disaster and emergency, as recent events have demonstrated.

"Please encourage everyone--especially seniors--to take the Level I Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course," Miller urged. "With full reimbursement of the registration fee for ARRL members, the training is virtually free--but only for one more year." He encouraged those who have already completed Level I to further their knowledge by completing Levels II and Level III. Tuition is reimbursable for all three course levels.

"The demand for trained Amateur Radio operators continues to grow at a phenomenal rate," he emphasized. "By completing the emergency communications training, you are reinforcing the lifeblood of Amateur Radio--emergency communications."

Level I course registration <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/cce>> opens on the first Monday of every month. Registration is also available via regular mail. Send check or money order to ARRL, ATTN CCE, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. In the comment section, write EC-001 (for Level I) or the designator for the course you wish to enroll in.

If you are 55 or older, write "senior" next to the course designator, and your name will be added to the next available class for that course, Miller said. "If you hold an ARRL Field Organization appointment," he said, "add that title in the comment section. Field appointees move to the

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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 (Fire Training Station)
August 20 (Fire Training Station)
September 17 (Picnic)
October 15 (Elections)
October 30 ?? (Bridge Watch - Sat)
November 19 (Annual Dinner)
December 18 (Sat Morning)

top of the list." Registrants also should include a preferred e-mail address, telephone number, age and veteran status. Missing information will delay processing.

A grant from ARRL's corporate partner, United Technologies Corp, will continue to subsidize Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course training until the end of 2005.



THE WORLD AND DX'ING

BY John D. Meyers, NB4K

TAKEN FROM THE ARRL DXCC RULES:

The DXCC List is based upon the principle espoused by Clinton B. DeSoto, W1CBD, in his landmark 1935 QST article, "How to Count Countries Worked, A New DX Scoring System". DeSoto's article discussed problems DXers had in determining how to count the DX they had worked. He presented the solution that has worked successfully for succeeding generations of DXers. We as DX'ers often wonder why and how countries are added or deleted. Hopefully some of those questions will be answered in this article.

The ARRL DXCC List is the result of progressive changes in Dxing since 1945.

Each Entity on the DXCC List contains some definable political or geographical distinctiveness. While the general policy for qualifying

Entities for the DXCC List has remained the same, there has been gradual evolution in the specific details of criteria which are used to test Entities for their qualifications. The full DXCC List does not conform completely with current criteria, for some of the listings were recognized from pre-WWII or were accredited with earlier versions of the criteria. In order to maintain continuity with the past, as well as to maintain a robust DXCC List, all Entities on the List at the time the 1998 revision became effective were retained. Definitions: Certain terms occur frequently in the DXCC criteria and are listed here. Not all of the definitions given are used directly in the criteria, but are listed in anticipation of their future use.

Entity: A listing on the DXCC List; a counter for DXCC awards. Previously denoted a DXCC "Country."
Event: An historical occurrence, such as date of admission to UN, ITU, or IARU, that may be used in determining listing status. **Event Date:** The date an Event occurs. This is the Start Date of all Event Entities.

Event Entity: An Entity created as the result of the occurrence of an Event.

Discovery Entity: An Entity "Discovered" after the listing is complete. This

applies only to Geographic Entities, and may occur after a future rule change,

or after an Event has changed its status.

Discovery Date: Date of the rule change or Event which prompts addition of the Entity. This is the Start Date for a Discovery Entity.

Original Listing: An Entity which was on the DXCC List at the time of inception.

Start Date: The date after which confirmed two-way contact credits may be counted for DXCC awards.

Add Date: The date when the Entity will be added to the List, and cards will be accepted. This date is for administrative purposes only, and will occur after

the Start Date.

Island: A naturally formed area of land surrounded by water, the surface of

which is above water at high tide. For the purposes of this award, it must consist of connected land, of which at least two surface points must be separated from each other by not less than 100 meters measured in a straight line from point to point. All of the connected land must be above the high tide mark, as demonstrated on a chart of sufficient scale. For the purposes of this award, any island, reef, or rocks of less than this size shall not be considered in the application of the water separation criteria described in Part 2 of the criteria.

Criteria: Additions to the DXCC List may be made from time to time as world conditions dictate. Entities may also be removed from the List as a result of political or geographic change. Entities removed from the List may be returned to the List in the future, should they requalify under this criteria. However, an Entity requalified does so as a totally new Entity, not as a reinstated old one.

For inclusion in the DXCC List, conditions as set see the DXCC rules <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/rules.html#sii>.

Hope this has given you a little insight on how and where the DXCC countries were chosen in the past and will be chosen in the future.

73

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