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The Presidents Corner... By Tim Robinson, KF4MGU



I want to thank Ed Gann and John Reasoner for their presentation on DXing at the last club meeting. It was very interesting, and I'm sure the club enjoyed it. I attended the Cave City ham fest and saw a lot of familiar faces. It was reported that 750 tickets were sold. I saw a few items I'd like to have but didn't pick up any goodies. Thanks go out to the club members who donated items for our tables and those who worked them during the fest. I think we made over \$250. I attended the Rolling Thunder training exercise in Eddyville on the 28th. The Kentucky Department of Emergency Management utilized their satellite and vhf communication systems in their mobile command post while MARS operated Winlink2000. Hopkins County ARES brought their communications vehicle and portable tower where they worked HF and 2 meters. The exercise went pretty smooth considering there was a real barge accident, poor weather that kept the helicopters from flying part of the time, and a few problems at the command post. All in all it was a great experience to see all the agencies and systems working together. Since I deal with laws on a daily basis, I have been paying particular attention to several states that are

attempting to enact legislation prohibiting the use of personal communication devices while operating a vehicle. Hams need to be aware of these laws, because most of them don't have an exemption for amateur radio. Legislators in New York are sponsoring a law that would restrict a person from using a personal communications device while crossing a street. I understand the point is to look out for a person's safety, but some limitations maybe a little overboard. Thirty-two states, including Kentucky, have no such law, but they are in the works. Hopefully enough hams will contact their legislators and get exemptions for amateur radio. With the amount of publicity where hams have come to the rescue during disasters, surely these laws can be changed. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next club meeting.

73's - Tim

Monthly Program Mike McClure, KW4MAC Vice President Elect.

The KCARC March meeting will be Jeff Martin 's hands-on workshop to complete and assemble the portable 2-meter Yagi antenna. At the Feb. meeting 12 members signed up for the project. Jeff ordered all parts for the antenna and recruited members to help with the assembly. On a cold, blustery, snowy Saturday afternoon the day of the Cave City Hamfest, a group of us gathered at Jeff's house to pre-cut the antenna elements and pvc tubing. At our March meeting, members will label the yagi elements, and assemble the completed antenna. This portable wide-band medium gain 2-meter Yagi is ideal for field day, or emergency use. See you at the meeting. - Mike

Minutes & Sec/Tres Report

By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX
Secretary/Treasurer

February KCARC Meeting Minutes By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX Testing session at the Bowling Green Police Department community room Feb. 25th at 1:30 PM. Current hams, that are testing, should bring a copy of their license that can be sent in with their test results. Cave City Hamfest at the Cave City Convention Center on March 3rd. The program was presented by John Reasoner, WA4QMQ, and Ed Gann, N4HID. They spoke on the joys and challenges of DX. They provided a number of resource handouts on each country's call sign prefixes and the awards that are available. They showed us QSO cards and explained about the QSO bureau. They talked about the different DX nets and how they can be helpful in getting those last few states, counties, or countries. They also invited everyone to participate in the QSO party held the 2nd weekend in November that is sponsored by the local DX Club. This week I received a letter of the Northern California DX Foundation that has been providing financial assistance in support of DX activity throughout the world. They have a new video that does a great job of telling the NCDXF story. It can be viewed on line at <http://www.ncdxf.org>. They also have a video library of DX expeditions to different parts of the world that can be shown by clubs. If you find one that yo are interested in, let the KCARC officers know and we will try to get it scheduled for one of the meetings. Additionally there was a discussion and quite a bit of interest on using satellites for DXing. Apparently these can be easily worked with a 5w handheld attached to an extended antenna or a handheld yagi. For example the AO27 satellite can be worked for 5-12 minutes

per pass with a 2M (145.850) horizontal uplink and 70 cm (436.880) vertical downlink. Dr. Richard Hackney, N1ASA, has demonstrated these at meetings and field day in the past and there is always seems to be a lot of interest.

73's - Claire

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HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

Regardless of one's personal views on the situation, Amateur Radio history was made when the FCC's rule that abolished Morse code requirements for ham licensing became effective this past Friday. Any effort to continue the arguments against dropping the code requirement are equivalent with continuing to beat a dead horse for not running. I strongly suggest the best thing all of us can do at this time is to help newer amateurs become full citizens in our great service and Elmer them to become top-quality operators.

Amateur Radio may not be Amateur Radio without Morse code, but even under the new rule, Amateur Radio still has Morse code. It is simply no longer required to demonstrate the ability to use Morse before getting a license. Morse code will be around for a long time. Now that learning Morse has been made optional, its use may even become more wide-spread than during any time over the past 50 years.

COORDINATOR APPOINTED FOR MICHIGAN

Bob Wright, KB8APS, of Muskegon has been appointed Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) for Michigan. He succeeds Val Rose, N8EXV of Flint who was appointed Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC) earlier to assist me in managing the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. Bob's will recruit and train additional

Legislative Action Assistants who will represent the ARRL Legislative Agenda to US Representatives and US Senators in the Wolverine State.

For information on how you can help the ARRL's Legislative Agenda, please contact Bob at kb8aps@arrl.net. To inquire about helping with this agenda in Ohio, contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ (wd8pnz@arrl.net). For Kentucky, contact Vice Director Gary Johnston K14LA (ki4la@arrl.org).

Incidentally, we still need a full-time LAC for Kentucky to relieve Gary of the Legislative duties. Please contact me (k8je@arrl.org) if you would like more information on this position.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Wherever I've visited in hamdom since returning from the Board mid-January meeting, I've asked members if they approve of the ARRL's legislative agenda for the current session of the US Congress. The immediate answer has always been a solid, "yes."

The agenda calls for us to pass national laws that are beneficial to Amateur Radio and the public we serve. These laws would enable amateurs essentially anywhere to put up antennas (overriding local codes covenants and restrictions), protect Amateur Radio frequencies from wanton sell-offs, require the FCC to re evaluate its rules regarding "unintentional" emitters such as (but not restricted to) BPL and recognize the huge value the Amateur Radio community offers to the nation in times of emergency and disaster.

If you agree with this agenda, it is very nearly "put up or shut up" time. The time is rapidly approaching when ARRL members will be called on to contact their Congressmen to show local support for the first Agenda item introduced into the US House. In many instances, the first of our contacts will be made by teams of local members with the local offices of their US Representatives or US Senators. If you want these legislative items to pass, we need your active support. To do this, we first need to complete the organization of the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. This is where you might fit in.

Our target is to have a team of two or three members in each Congressional District in our three states. These teams will be the

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2007 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 11
May 18, 19, 20 Hamvention
June 15
June 23-24 (Field Day)
July 20
August 17
September 21 (Picnic)
October 19 (Elections)
October 31 (Bridge Watch)
November 16 (Annual Dinner)
December 15 (Sat Morn.)

ones who will contact local offices of US Representatives and US Senators. We are far from accomplishing this goal! Of the 6 Congressional Districts in Kentucky, two Districts (Districts 1 and 5, Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Rogers) have a two-member team ready to roll. The remaining Districts have absolutely no members who have volunteered for the Program or have just one member to do this critical task.

Of the 15 Districts in Michigan, only District 7 (Mr. Walberg) is represented by a two-member team of ARRL members. The remaining 14 Districts have no one or only one member to represent Amateur Radio interests to their Representative.

Finally and best off, if one wishes to consider this as being best off, Ohio has a whopping total of four Districts of its 17 with two-member lobbying teams. You guessed it, the remaining 13 Districts are either not represented or are represented by no more than one member.

We need your help. ARRL is a "member organization." This means not only that members pay dues to belong and support the League; but that members often need to supply the muscles that are needed to help ARRL protect and promote Amateur Radio. Without at least a small amount of sweat from each of us, ARRL has no muscle . . . and no face. We need you to add muscle and the face on Amateur Radio to your Congressional Representatives.

We all make choices throughout our lives. In this instance, we can choose to sit back and do nothing (a time-honored tradition for many people) or we can choose to become involved and make things happen. If we sit back and do nothing, we have absolutely no right to complain when CC&Rs prevent us or our friends from putting up antennas, or if FCC sells off our bands. How'd you like to loose the 2M or the 20M band?

If we do nothing, we also have absolutely no right to brag or take credit when things go well. We certainly would have no reason to feel "warm and furry" over helping to save Amateur Radio.

If we choose to roll up our sleeves (in this case, to put on a shirt and tie or nice

dress), we will have every right to feel we are part of the solution when our work is successful.

If you are interested in learning how you can become part of helping pass the legislation I mentioned, please contact your Legislation Action Coordinator, our Division Legislative Action Chair, Val Rose, N8EXV (n8exv@arrl.net) or me at k8je@arrl.org for further information. Let us know you are willing to help. In Kentucky, contact Gary Johnston, KI4LA (ki4la@arrl.org), in Michigan it is Bob Wright, KB8APS (kb8aps@arrl.net) and in Ohio contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ (wd8pnz@arrl.net).

A POSSIBLE OOPS: I have the uneasy feeling that during the early phases of the Legislative Action Program in this Division two or three additional people had volunteered to be LAAs. If you had volunteered for this position and if you've not heard from anyone about your appointment during the last three months, please let me know. It is very possible that your offer was lost into the ethers early on. I apologize for anyone to whom this may have happened. We haven't ignored you. We have simply been inept.

ARRL SEEKS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

As mentioned in the last issue of Words, the ARRL seeks to fill the new position of Emergency Communications Manager that has been made in the Membership and Volunteer Programs (MVP) Department. The following notice is from a recent ARRL Letter.

"This is a permanent staff position at League Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, and applicants must be willing to relocate. Candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and an Amateur Radio license. Applicants should hold or be able to earn an Amateur Extra class ticket.

"Other qualifications include:

- ** knowledge of Amateur Radio, including HF, VHF and digital modes related to emergency communications
- ** five years' minimum ARES/RACES experience or equivalent

** ARRL Field Organization leadership experience

** knowledge of and experience with ICS and NIMS (FEMA 100 and 700 certification highly desirable, 200 and 800 certification recommended)

** completion of the Level 1 ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course (EC-001)

** superior speaking and writing skills
"Emergency communications professional and/or first responder experience is desirable

"The Emergency Communications Manager will act as ARRL emergency communications liaison to government agencies, including FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. This individual also will

** administer memoranda of understanding between ARRL and served agencies, such as the American Red Cross

** maintain and encourage relationships with all ARRL served agencies

** create and administer ARRL's internal emergency response plan

** coordinate Simulated Emergency Tests

** assist field personnel with emergency communications and public service events, as required

** maintain and update ARRL emergency communications training materials and publications plus ARRL emergency communications and public service Web content

** maintain the ARES volunteer database

** act as liaison to ARRL emergency communications Field Organization leadership

* write/edit occasional material for QST and other ARRL publications

** manage other emergency communications and public service-related issues.

"To apply, submit cover letter and resume via e-mail or USPS to Human Resources Manager LouAnn Campanello <lcampanello@arrl.org>, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. ARRL is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

As you can see, the new EmComm Manager position requires a heavy-hitter. All information for the position is available from LouAnn Campanello at the above addresses.

W1AW TRANSMITS ON REQUIRED

FREQUENCIES

I hadn't given this much thought recently, but a comment by a couple of amateurs reminded me that most people probably do not know the reason W1AW sometimes appears to jump in on top of ongoing QSOs. The facts are that W1AW in its formal operation to educate and inform amateurs must transmit on a pre-published schedule on pre-published frequencies. This is an FCC requirement of ARRL for transmitting bulletins, code practice, code proficiency runs and any other scheduled activity. Therefore, W1AW is firmly prohibited from QSYing or to shift schedule at a moment's notice. However, when making casual QSOs, W1AW is equally required to observe the same requirements as other amateurs -- and to avoid intentional QRMing of ongoing activities.

W1AW operating schedules are published well in advance in QST and on the Internet to advise amateurs when they can expect the station to be on the published frequencies. In addition to this, W1AW also attempts to be a good radio citizen by transmitting brief advisory notices at 5 minutes and 1 minute before beginning its scheduled longer transmissions. The pre-published schedule and brief advisory notices are good faith attempts to avoid QRM with the operations of other stations.

The next time you hear someone ask why ARRL thinks it is so almighty that it allows W1AW to broadcast bulletins and other scheduled operations without QSYing to avoid QRMing, the answer is very simple. The FCC does not permit W1AW to deviate from its published schedule. To vary from this schedule would be a violation of an FCC mandate to ARRL. The educated amateur should take this fact into consideration before operating on a frequency that has been publicly announced for W1AW operation.

UP-TO-DATE FREQUENCY ALLOCATION CHART

A fully updated Frequency Allocation Chart for US amateurs has been released by ARRL. The chart may be downloaded at www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html. The chart became effective February 23.

DIVISION CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 22

It isn't too early to plan to attend the biannual ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention in Cleveland on September 22. The keynote speaker will be ARRL's vibrant President, Joel Harrison, W5ZN. The Convention will feature interesting and informative seminars, a banquet and opportunity to talk directly with President Harrison, Division and Section officials. Go to www.2007gldc.com/ for a complete list of seminars, sponsors, and speakers and their biographies.

TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE

Mar 12: West Chester ARA, West Chester, OH.
Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner Meeting, Waynesville, OH.
Mar 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo.
Mar 20: Owensboro ARC Dinner Meeting, Owensboro, KY.
Mar 31: Elizabethtown (KY) Hamfest.

Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
Apr 21: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
May 10: LARK, Howell, MI.
May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.

Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI.
Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI.
Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH.
Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI.

Want Vice Director Johnston, K14LA or me to attend a club function? Let us know. If we are available, we will attempt to accommodate you. Gary is at ki4la@arrl.org. I am at k8je@arrl.org.

73,

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New KY Section Manager

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To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB009
ARLB009 Section Manager Election Results Announced

One new ARRL Section Manager has been elected, while eight incumbent SMs have retained their seats. New terms for all successful candidates begin April 1. Contested elections took place in two ARRL sections, and ballots were counted and verified February 20 by Membership and Volunteer Programs staff members at ARRL Headquarters.

In Kentucky, Jim Brooks, KY4Z, of Cox's Creek outpolled former SM Bill Uschan, K4MIS, 426 to 105. Brooks will succeed John Meyers, NB4K, who has been Kentucky's SM since 2001. Meyers

did not run for re election. Brooks, a ham for 20 years, says he wants to build on Meyers' achievements.

Brooks has served in various leadership positions in his local club. Since 2004, he has been the ARRL Kentucky Section Public Information Coordinator. He is trained in ARES, enjoys working DX, serves as an ARRL Volunteer Examiner and is a registered instructor.

In North Texas, incumbent SM Tom Blackwell, N5GAR, received 816 votes to 761 for challenger Doug Loughmiller, W5BL, to win a second term.

Seven other incumbent ARRL Section Managers faced no opposition in the current election cycle and were returned to office for new, two-year terms. They are: Tom Fagan, WB7NXH, Arizona; David Norris, K5UZ, Arkansas; Jim Lasley, N0JL, Iowa; Malcolm Keown, W5XX, Mississippi; Doug Dunn, K7YD, Montana; Carl Gardenias, WU6D, Orange, and Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, of Wyoming.

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Thanks to all those who helped drill, cut, bend, solder, and grind on the Club Antenna project, especially Bill Feldkamp, Claire Rinehart, Barry Scanlan, and Mike McClure. If you were on the list, they will be ready at the Club Meeting this Friday. Have Fun!

73's - Jeff Martin, WB4JM

2-Mtr Yagi Antenna Project



Bill Feldkamp, K14B - Barry Scanlan, KY4K- Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX & Mike McClure, KW4MAC



Bill Feldkamp, K14B



Jeff Martin, WB4JM

THE KCARC CLUB MEETS AT THE BOWLING GREEN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM.

THE FORTH DISTRICT ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK AT 9:00PM LOCAL TIME. REPEATER FREQUENCY 147.330 MHZ, KA4CFW. SECONDARY REPEATER 147.165 MHZ, W4WSM.

**Next Meeting:
March 16th
7:00PM
BGPS Community
Room**

Local Repeaters

Two -Meters

147.060+	PL156.7	KY4BG (CLUB)
147.165+		W4WSM
147.330+		KA4CFW
146.655-		W4WSM

440MHz

444.100+		W4WSM
444.700+	PL136.5	WB4JM (IRLP 4678)

(Use the # key before dialing any IRLP node number)

ATV

439.25 AM IN - W4HTB
1280.00 FM Out - W4HTB
421.25 AM Out (CH-57) - W4HTB

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