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## The Presidents Corner... By Jeff Martin, WB4JM



September saw a lot of Amateur Radio activity especially with the onslaught of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Hams from all over (to include several from KY and yours truly) assisted at the Gulf Coast along with net control operators from their home QTH's. In addition, we had our annual Swapfest/Picnic event at Covington Woods Park which always brings the best pot-luck food around! If you didn't make it, you missed out on a great time. But October will not be lacking in activities for KCARC. There are several things going on but first, my experience on a 3905 Century Club net...

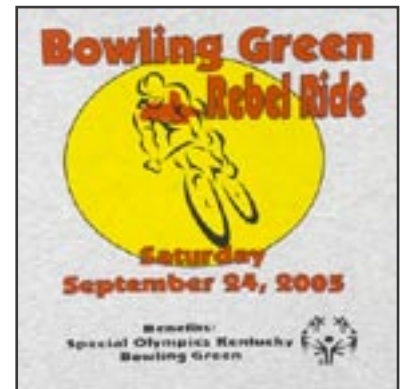


I'm sure most of you already know about the 3905 Club but since I don't get on HF much I did not until a few days ago. I took a week vacation and was able to get in some HF time and on one occasion I checked into a SSB 3905 net on 7.235 with the intention of picking up a few States in working toward the WAS ARRL Award. I expected it to be about one hour but it turned out to run almost three hours, but what fun! There were almost 70 Hams that checked in and when it came time for your comments you were simply to call another State that you needed and exchange signal reports. No problem I thought, that is until other Hams started calling me! Apparently on this particular night, this particular time, and this particular frequency, I was getting out to everyone. Along with the propagation my call is a 2x2 of which can earn you extra points for a 3905 Award. Well I only called once, but I have 13 other QSL cards to send out. It really worked, way beyond my expectations. Ham Radio has so many aspects to the hobby that it seems at times like a bottomless pit; there is always something for everyone to do! To learn more about the 3905 Club and its nets, visit [www.3905ccn.com](http://www.3905ccn.com).

Other news:

- Dean (K4NQV) and Kitty (KG4AJE) Maggard and Hank (W4HTB) and Gloria Cantrell are heading up the Dinner/Awards Committee. The dinner will be held November 18th in the Alamo Room of the Lone Start restaurant at 6:30pm in Bowling

Green. We will order off the menu. I have always looked forward to this dinner. It gives my wife and I a reason to escape the kids while at the same time we get to socialize and have dinner with some really great people!



- Thanks to all who helped out with the Special Olympics bicycle event. They were very appreciative of our efforts and communications support.

- Thanks to John Reasoner, WA4QMQ, Marshall Love, KC4WFN, and Hank Cantrell, W4HTB, for organizing the Code Class; their efforts have paid off in big dividends. Mike McClure, KI4JGQ, Sonja Logan, KI4JJF, and Jesse Cox, KI4JGT are all now General Class Amateur Radio Operators after passing the required elements this past weekend. Please join me in congratulating the class organizers and the participants! What a great job!

October Meeting Events:

**The upcoming meeting of the KCARC will be held October 21st**

at 7:00pm at the Police Station, as normal. We have several items that need attention:

**1. Bridge Watch.** The Bowling Green Police Department have asked us again to monitor several bridges in the BG vicinity on Monday eve, the 31st (Halloween). Hank Cantrell, W4HTB, has been in contact with them and he will be heading up that endeavour and I will be assisting. If you had a certain bridge last year, you will be given the opportunity to get the same bridge this year. Hank will be assigning bridges to Hams at the Oct meeting so if you can't make the meeting and want to participate then contact Hank at [w4htb@insightbb.com](mailto:w4htb@insightbb.com). We are going to provide Pizza to all Ham Operators at some point during the evening. More to come at the meeting.

**2. Club Elections.** We have several positions to be filled and we will open the floor at the October meeting for nominations and voting. If you wish to run for an office, please let me know at or before the meeting. Nominees will have an opportunity to address the club if so desired during the October meeting.

A. Vice President. At this point in time, Tim Robinson, KF4MGU and John Reasoner, WA4QMQ have agreed to run for the office. You will vote for one.

B. Two BOD members. Tim Robinson, KF4MGU and John Moser, KG4TOO will be ending their two-year term. The two still serving are Joe Durbin, W4WBG, and Dr. John Reasoner, WA4QMQ (if John is elected Vice President then we will fill his BOD position with another Ham). You will vote for two and maybe three.

C. Sec/Tres. Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX, will remain on unless he has a challenger at the meeting. You will vote for one.

**3. Drawings and Give -A-Ways.** This will probably be the last time for 2005

that we give away door prizes. But just because it is the last month does not mean the prizes are insignificant, in fact we have some great giveaways scheduled! We have some WKYU garb, then a certificate for a bunch of Amateur Software valued at \$373.00 ([www.n3fjp.com](http://www.n3fjp.com)), a few band charts and maps, and lastly a Dual Band vertical (144/440MHz) antenna.

See you at the meeting.  
73's  
- Jeff

## Monthly Program By John Coe, KY4COE Vice President Elect.

As time permits, Jeff Martin, WB4JM, will be conducting a presentation on his trip to the Gulf in support of Hurricane Katrina. There will be lots of photos, actual audio from one of the nets, and technical information on how they set up communications. It should be very informative.

## Minutes & Sec/Tres Report By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX Secretary/Treasurer

No Submission.



## KYHAM Listserv

<http://www.kyham.net>

The KYHAM listserv is a resource independent of any organizational affiliation that is available to all KY amateur radio operators. It is open to anyone interested in amateur radio within Kentucky. Amateur radio operators from all reaches of the state can share local club news, information on upcoming events, ARES/RACES information, net information, or any other topic concerning amateur radio in general, and Kentucky in particular. The listserv is free, and you do not have to be a member of any organization to

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## 2005 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

January 21  
February 18  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
June 25-26 (Field Day)  
July 15  
August 19  
September 16 (Picnic)  
October 21 (Elections)  
October 31 (Bridge Watch)  
November 18 (Annual Dinner)  
December 17 (Sat Morning)

utilize it. It is your listserv, so feel free to use it constructively for the purpose of furthering the hobby within Kentucky.

For those not familiar with listservs, they are a powerful tool that allow persons with similar interests to communicate with one another about those interests within a structured environment. A listserv could be considered as an email reflector. If you send an email to the listserv address, it is reflected to everyone who has subscribed to the listserv. Likewise, you will receive email that other users post to the listserv. The listserv is thoughtfully managed, and every possible effort is made to maintain its reputation as a quality source of Kentucky amateur radio information.

To learn more, go to the KYHAM web site at: [www.kyham.net](http://www.kyham.net).

## WEAVER'S WORDS

- CC&R Bill Special Report.
- CW Poll.
- Reluctant Goodbyes.
- Alphabet Soup.
- Ballots for Director/Vice Director.

### CC&R BILL SPECIAL

Sensing that the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the developing remainder of the tropical storm season is the right time to go on the offensive, New York Congressman and long-time friend of Amateur Radio Steve Israel has reintroduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876) into the US House. The act, if adopted, would essentially negate overly-restrictive clauses against antenna structures in codes, covenants and restrictions that are often written into real estate and home-owners organization contracts. Now is not yet the time to jump completely on the campaign trail to gain support for this bill, but be ready for the call to action. In the meantime, our Washington brain trust will begin activating certain Local Contacts in the ARRL Grassroots lobbying program in their phase of work with Congressmen/women. The thrust of

the contacts will begin with key members of select House committees, move on to contacts with all members of key committees and then to all members of the House. Presumably, the drive to recruit Senate support will begin before too much longer.

Amateur Radio needs your help.

"Amateur Radio Antenna "CC&R Bill" Reintroduced in Congress (Sep 23, 2005) -- New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&R's) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876). ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, who attended Israel's public announcement of the bill September 19 on Long Island, pointed out the Amateur Radio volunteers always fill the gap after other communication systems fail in an emergency or disaster. He notes the bill's introduction comes in the immediate aftermath of positive media coverage of Amateur Radio's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster."

If you would like to become an integral part of the person-to-person phase of our Grassroots (Legislative Action) program in your state, please contact your State Legislative Action Coordinator to become a Local Contact with your Congressional Representative (or Senator). The State Legislative Action Coordinators are: Kentucky - Gregory Baize, Sr., KG4VJG, [kg4vjc@arrl.net](mailto:kg4vjc@arrl.net); Ohio - Jim Ashman, W8ASH, [w8ash@arrl.net](mailto:w8ash@arrl.net); and Michigan - Val Rose, N8EXV, [n8evx@arrl.net](mailto:n8evx@arrl.net). The Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chairman is Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT, [w8fqt@arrl.org](mailto:w8fqt@arrl.org). I am very pleased to have introduced the motion that resulted in the creation of the ARRL Grassroots program.

Additional details of Congressman Israel's bill can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/23/7/?nc=1>.

I encourage you to become familiar with the overall need and value of this bill and to await specific instructions on how to proceed. By following a sound, coordinated approach, we have a good chance of getting this legislation enacted. If we pursue an uncoordinated, fractionalized effort, we are nearly certain to fail.

### CW POLL

The results are in from my poll asking what, if anything, ARRL ought to do in response to FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to abolish all Morse code testing for amateur licenses. A total of 523 of you participated. Thanks.

Overall, you appear to believe ARRL should fight the Commissions' proposal. This preference was expressed by 64% of the total of 523 responders (and by 43% of 213 non-CW ops and 58% of CW ops). Of these who said to fight to retain "a" CW test somewhere in the licensing structure, 20% thought we should engage in the battle but not drop everything else; whereas, 13% thought we ought to drop everything else to fight. Twenty two percent of CW users recommended we not fight FCC's plan to drop all code requirements while 56% of non-CW ops held the same opinion.

Of the total 523 responders, 36% said we ought not to fight the FCC NPRM, but that we should let the Commission do what it wants without protesting.

A couple of additional revelations of the poll were: 1. 3% of non-CW ops thought we should drop everything else and fight to keep Morse code testing, and 2. 40% of non-CW users thought we ought to fight a measured battle against the NPRM. In other words, 43% of non-code users believe FCC should maintain a CW testing requirement of some sort. Only 57% of non-code users feel there should be no Morse code requirements for amateur licenses.

In a poll I took two years ago, 5% of

responders said we should fight to the bitter end to save CW testing, 5% of you said to fight to the bitter end to abolish this testing and 95% of you said to fight a measured battle to keep CW testing of some form.

Taken together, 327 of 522 total responders to the most recent poll say we should fight to keep code at some level in the Amateur Radio license structure. Only 185 responders said to do nothing to preserve some form of code requirement.

### WE SAY RELUCTANT GOODBYES!

An open letter from Vice Director Dick Mondro, K4FQT (ex-W8FQT) -

"My Fellow Amateurs,

"I would like to take a few moments to express my feelings to all the wonderful people I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing during my tenure as vice director in the Great Lakes Division.

As you know, I have decided not to run for re-election for another term of office because Sandy and I have plans to relocate to the warmer South to enjoy retirement to its fullest.

We both take with us very fond memories of all the joys of living in Michigan and traveling to various events to meet the finest people in the world, our dedicated Amateur Radio Operators. I appreciate the honor of being given an opportunity to serve as an elected representative of our League Family and although it has required a lot of my personal time, I feel it was well worth the effort. Preserving Amateur Radio for the future has always been my goal and I will continue to do all I can to continue that effort.

I want to thank Jim Weaver, K8JE, who I believe has served our Division so admirably as our director, for his dedication and work in our Division. We have shared many rewarding experiences at Board Meetings and have enjoyed a wonderful working and personal relationship. I also wish to thank our three dedicated section managers, Dale Williams, Joe Phillips and John Meyers for the time and effort they have given to the

tasks of keeping our Sections running so smoothly and as part of the Division Leadership Team.

"Lastly, I want to thank each one of you that I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with over the years, for your dedication and hard work on behalf of our League. I wish you all the best and hope that we can talk when the bands permit and your antennas are pointed to the South at the Sunshine State. Thanks for your warmth, your friendship and the memories we will cherish for a long time. I hope we can keep in touch via forty meters during the day or at least on email.

73, Dick Mondro K4FQT (new Callsign), k4fqt@arrl.org, and (Sandy Mondro KG8HM kg8hm@arrl.net)"

I've mentioned several times to Dick (ex. W8FQT) and others, that I have been privileged to have such a fine, dedicated and capable person as him as Vice Director the past three years. I am certain I benefited the most from our mutual cooperation. The members of the Great Lakes Division certainly benefited greatly as well. Dick's wife, Sandy, KG8HM, was very active in the Michigan ARRL Field Organization for many years. We will miss each of them. I wish Sandy and Dick well in their new home and hope to learn he has become active in the ARRL Southeastern Division.

You who follow Major League Baseball may wish to keep your eyes open for a glimpse of Dick Mondro. Dick has become a special consultant for player personnel issues for the Tigers owner and just might be seen occasionally sitting in the owners' box. Dick, as you know I don't ask for much, so a pair of tickets in "the" box for each White Sox game in Detroit will be sufficient.

### ALPHABET SOUP

I referred to the NTIA in my previous issue. Unfortunately, I didn't define just what it is. Insofar as we are concerned, it is in essence the equivalent of the FCC but for Government agencies (military, CIA, NASA, etc.). The initials stand for National Telecommunication and

Information Administration.

### BALLOTS FOR DIRECTOR/VICE DIRECTOR

In answer to several questions, ballots were mailed over the weekend to ARRL members of records as of October 10. These were mailed from Newington/Hartford, CT by bulk mail. Ballot counting will be in early November.

Tnx for supporting ARRL and Amateur Radio through it.

73, GL,  
Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE  
Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL

## ARRL Division Elections

For ARRL Members only...

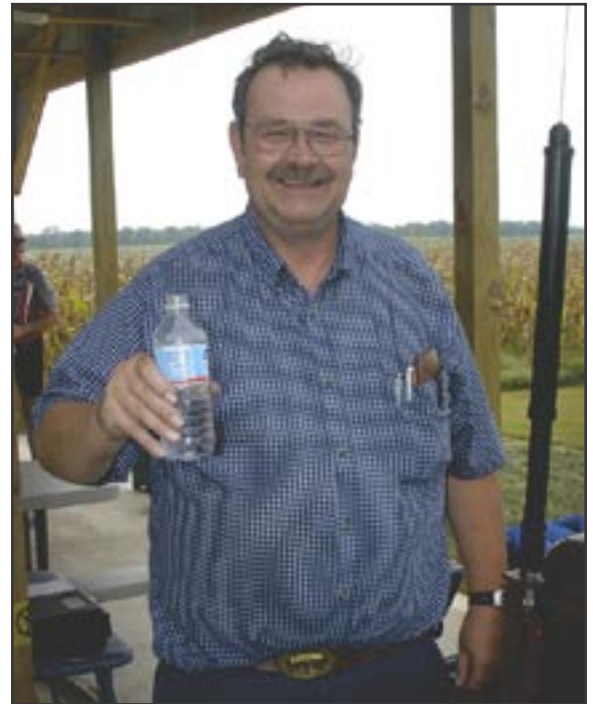
"NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 8, 2005--There will be contested elections for ARRL Director and Vice Director seats in three divisions for terms beginning next January 1. In two other divisions, the incumbent Director and Vice Director are running unopposed and have been declared elected. Balloting for Director will occur in the Atlantic, Great Lakes and Midwest divisions. Balloting for Vice Director will take place in the Atlantic and Great Lakes divisions.

**In the Great Lakes Division:** Incumbent Director James E. Weaver, K8JE, is being challenged for reelection by Neil Sablatzky, K8IT. Running for Great Lakes Division Vice Director are Daniel M. Romanchik, KB6NU, and former Great Lakes Division Vice Director Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA. Current Vice Director Richard Mondro, W8FQT, has decided not to run for another term."

**Remember, ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 18th, 2005.**



## Covington Woods Park September Picnic



*John Coe, KY4COE  
Rebel ride Volunteer*



*Mike Kallstrom, NU4Q  
Rebel ride Volunteer*



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