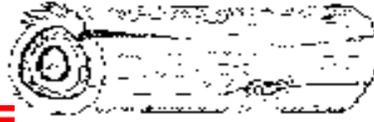




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WEST PARK EVENTS *

*Subject to Change

Dec. 4 - FIRST FRIDAY BUSINESS/ FIXIT NIGHT

Bring your questions or answers to the radio problems of the day/week/month.
AT THIS MEETING WE ELECT THE 2010 OFFICERS.

Dec. 18 - HOLIDAY CHEER NIGHT*

Cookies, punch, good cheer. Bring something for everyone to nibble on.
Since we can't control which room we might be in (therefore the library?) we should
not bring items that make a stain if spilled.

Jan. 1 - NO MEETING!!!! NEW YEARS!!! STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT!!!

Jan. 15 - BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGRAM *

Recent new technologies have stirred up amateur radio again. One of those is "let the computer become part of the radio", as in Software Defined Radio. Bill, N8WS, is going to show us a working demo of a software defined radio.

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Dec 5-6 ARRL 160M CONTEST
 Dec 12-13 ARRL 10M CONTEST
 Dec 21 RUN FOR THE BACON QRP
 Dec 26-27 STEW PERRY TOPBAND 160
 Jan 1 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT
 Jan 2-3 ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP
 Jan 3 ARRL KIDS DAY
 Jan 17 RUN FOR THE BACON QRP
 Jan 23-25 ARRL VHF SWEEPSTAKES
 Jan 29-31 CQ 160M CW

SOAPBOX

We have our annual officers election on December 4. Joe Mate, K8YN, is running for Vice President. You must be present at the meetings to know what we are doing.

We have many fine programs lined up for 2010. Tell us more about what you want to see at the meetings!!

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Prez Sezs...

Fellow Club Members,

The following club officers have been nominated in the November business meeting and will most likely be elected into their prospective position at the December 4 business meeting:

Egon Fordos – AB8HY, President

Joe Mate- K8YN, Vice President (the only change)

Glenn Williams – AF8C, Secretary

Treasurer – K8VUS, Kevin Brandstetter

Trustee – N8CX, Al Moriarty

I am honored to be nominated as club president and I thoroughly enjoy being part of a great group of people that have a common interest. The ideas, knowledge, and enthusiasm of the club members are what make the club meetings exciting and interesting. Hopefully, we will have another successful year with possibly new ideas as far as club activities that would give us more exposure to the public increasing our chances of signing up new members and keeping the club going in the right direction. Please continue to give the new officers your support by participating in all the club activities and meetings. Happy holidays, and have a safe and healthy New Year.

73 de,

Egon AB8HY

President

WEST PARK PUBLIC SERVICE...

Al, N8CX; Egon AB8HY; and Glenn, AF8C recently (11/21) supported the annual pre-Thanksgiving Saturday delivery of holiday food supplies to the disadvantaged and elderly in Lakewood, Ohio. This event is sponsored by the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation. We will again be looking for volunteers in December on the Saturday before Christmas, for the LCAC December event before Christmas.

RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON THE 10M NET...

On the Club's net, 28450 kHz +/-, recently moved to 9 p.m. local time, we have discussed home chores such as leave blowing/raking, testing show blowers before the snow comes, osage orange and other interesting tree "nuts", W8KH status, the new net format and net reports, various DX opportunities, the flu shots or lack thereof, who has seen deer and where, the ARRL DX processing period of three months(!), "snow flies" and other flies, saving electricity with CFL lamps, the Dayton bus for 2010, and more. Join our net!!

2M NET PLANNING...

West Park is still in the planning stage for this net. Send suggestions to the club officers.

New FCC NPRM on VANITY and CLUB calls...

(condensed from *The ARRL Letter*, Nov. 25)

Wed. Nov. 25, The FCC has issued a new NPRM – WT Docket No. 09-209 -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules relative to vanity call signs and club licenses. The comment period will extend for 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register which will be about the first week in Dec. Reply comments can be made up to 75 days after that. See the FCC website.

Some changes apply to Section 97.21 on how a license is canceled after the death of the licensed amateur, and the priorities given to direct family members to apply for the call sign of a deceased family member after the usual waiting period of 2 years, but would include how the FCC would list the future assignability of available calls in order to allow for fairness in the application cycle.

For club licenses the new rules define: just who is the club's trustee in the context of a contested application to modify the license to change the trustee; define a club as a group with at least four persons and that has a name, a document of organization, management, and a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with Part 97; require that applications requesting a change in trustee include documentation signed by an officer of the club; and by accepting applications only from the existing licensee; and to allow a holder of a Novice licenses to be a club license trustee; and to limit clubs to having only one club license grant except that the current status quo would be grandfathered.

US CALL SIGNS NOT ISSUED BY THE FCC!...

(from *The ARRL LETTER*, Nov. 12, 2009)

If you're an U.S. ham, chances are that your call sign was issued by the Federal Communications Commission. A "no brainer," right? Well, if you're an American ham who happens to be stationed at Guantanamo Bay or at one of the US bases in the Antarctic, your call sign is not issued by the FCC -- it's issued by the base commander. Guantanamo Bay (or Gitmo as it's commonly called) uses the KG4 prefix, followed by a two-letter suffix; this block is reserved exclusively for American hams at Gitmo. As for Antarctica, the Antarctic Treaty, signed on December 1, 1959 (and entered into force on June 23, 1961), established the legal framework for the management of Antarctica, including allocation of amateur call signs; the National Science Foundation received their block on July 1, 1959. US military hams in Japan and Korea are also issued special call signs:

- KA2AA-KA9ZZ -- reserved for US Army-authorized amateur stations in Japan.
- KC4AAA- KC4AAF -- reserved for the National Science Foundation's use at the South Pole.
- KC4USA-KC4USZ -- reserved for US Navy-authorized amateur stations at their Antarctic bases.
- KG4AA-KG4ZZ -- reserved for US Navy-authorized amateur stations at Guantanamo Bay).
- KL9KAA -- KL9KHZ -- reserved for assignment to US personnel stationed in Korea.
- The 40 call signs having the first two letters AF, KF, NF or WF and the letters "EMA" following a numeral are available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The FCC once issued call signs to hams who lived in the Caroline Islands and the Marshall Islands. Even though these entities -- former United Nations Trust Territories -- now have their own sovereignty (and DXCC prefixes), the FCC will not issue call signs in the following blocks:

- KC6AA-KC6ZZ -- KC6 was two DXCC entities: The Eastern Caroline Islands and the Western Caroline Islands. The Eastern Carolines became the Federated States of Micronesia (V6) and the Western Carolines became the Republic of Palau (T8).
- KX6AA-KX6ZZ -- the former Marshall Islands, now the Republic of the Marshall Islands (V73).

You can find out more on the FCC's Web site. Now you know!

Senate Counterpart to HR 2160...

(from *The ARRL LETTER*, Oct. 8, 2009)

Regulatory: Counterpart Bill to HR 2160 Introduced in Senate

On Tuesday, October 6, Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), along with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), introduced Senate Bill 1755, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. Similar to HR 2160 -- also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18), the bill, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

"We are delighted to have the sponsorship of both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and especially to have the support of Senator Lieberman from the ARRL's home state," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The bill could not have a better pedigree."

OSCAR-11 ALIVE?...

(from QRZ.COM, Nov. 23, 2009, 2:13 p.m.)

OSCAR-11, built by the University of Surrey's Spacecraft Engineering Research Group, ceased operating in 2008 after 24 years service. Now its signals have been heard again on 145.826 MHz FM.

In a posting on the AMSAT Bulletin Board **Clive G3CWV** writes:

I have received two reports from **Keith N4ZQ** (EL88ob) that he has heard UO-11 on 19 November at 13:33 - 13:43, and on 22 November at 13:02 UTC.

He has sent me a WAV file of the second pass. Unfortunately, it's a very low elevation pass, and probably will be difficult to decode, as it contains a lot of noise. However it's definitely UO-11.

I'll be interested in receiving any other reports. The frequency is 145.826 MHz. Mode is FM. Please e-mail me via the AMSAT reflector.

73 Clive G3CWV, Hitchin, North Hertfordshire, UK

Worked All States Award...

(by Dwaine Modock, K8ME)

Hidden Credits

There are a lot of people that like Certificates of various types. Well, you might have on your wall or drawer the Route 66 or the most recent certificate the Thirteen Colony Award which was active around July 4th, 2009, which is a very nice Certificate.

The two certificates mentioned above can be used for applying for Worked All States Award. If you're applying for WAS with a Field Checker, make sure you take the certificate with you, along with your cards for the other states. Make sure you enter on the WAS forms the states from the certificate, with a little note next to each state on the form giving the certificate Name, so the Field checker can verify the two. For example, if you had a clean sweep on the Thirteen Colony Award, that means you worked thirteen different states, so you would put those states on the WAS forms. Even though you don't have the QSL card, it's still verified by the award manager of that certificate. The same goes for Route 66.

If you're sending the WAS forms and application along with your cards to ARRL, use the same process except you will have to send the original award certificate along with your QSL cards of the other states, which in turn ARRL will process and return your QSL cards and Award certificate.

Remember the Cleveland Hamfest at the end of September, where there will be card checking there for DXCC WAS, and VUCC.

If you're going to have cards checked, make sure you have all proper forms, application form, and check with the fee made out to "ARRL".

73'S

WAS/VUCC Checker

Dwaine Modock ---K8ME

[Here's a comment from the Editor: The ARRL's Logbook of the World now contains a method to obtain WAS as well as DXCC credit.]

New VK9 Changes...

(from Dwaine, K8ME, per < www.wia.org.au >)

Australia's Communications and Media Authority, ACMA, continues to make changes to the VK callsign structure, apparently now planning to do away with the VK9, C, L, M, N, W and X designator letter after the number in those calls for those DXCC entities, the six Australian external territories. Non-standard issuances by ACMA, such as VK9Y for Cocos and VK9Z for Mellish Reef, plus issuing unusual calls if they were requested by hams, have caused some apparent consternation in some quarters, so the decision

has been made that "the historic VK9 callsigns are a thing of the past." Starting November 1, the suffix will just stand for the license class, those being advanced, standard or foundation. VK9 callsigns for visiting foreign hams will be issued for a maximum of 12 months and will not automatically renew. It appears the new practice will be to use your home callsign, stroke VK9, and "stating your location."

< <http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/news/2009/20091021-1/index.php> >

GLOBALQSL...

If you are tired of filling out and mailing QSL cards to countries outside the U.S., here is a way to save you some trouble. See the website

< <http://www.globalqsl.com> >

where you can build your own QSL card. Then, by uploading an ADIF file, for a fee they will print your QSL card and also ship it to its destination via the bureau system.

Ohio ARES® District 10 on Twitter...

Like many other volunteer communications organizations, District 10, of the Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service®, is joining thousands of Twitter users. New to Twitter? According to the website, "Twitter has grown into a real-time short messaging service that works over multiple networks and devices".

The intent is to provide another great tool for ARES® Leaders to reach out to people. There are people who do not read newsletters. There are hams who do not check into nets. There are radio operators who do not and/or cannot come to meetings. Why not take the opportunity to keep those people informed?

Announcements of ARES® meetings, nets, and public services events are just a few possibilities. It can also be used to announce technician classes and VE sessions to recruit new amateur radio operators. Don't forget about hamfest announcements. After all, hamfests can use all the exposure they can get these days.

Twitter is in the public eye. For our application, this is not the place to rant and rave, gripe, or complain. There are plenty of other places online who maintain a written record of that type of communication.

Feel free to follow the ARES District10 Twitter page. Go to www.twitter.com and type in aresdistrict10 as all one word. Anyone can read the page but in order to follow the page, registration is required. Following the page will allow you to receive emails in your inbox anytime there is a new posting.

73 de Matt W8DEC

ARES District 10

< www.ohioares10.org >



Go to
www.2cars.org
to reserve and
pay for your
tickets

2010 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention, the 2010 bus trip will take place on Saturday May 15.

The Bus trip will cost \$40.00 dollars per person, we need a minimum of 35 people to break even, the bus will be stopping for breakfast on the way down, with a brief stop on the way home for quick bite. You are responsible for your food and Hamvention ticket costs.

The bus will be leaving at 3:30 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle Road and Bagley Road, in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, which is the first intersection you come to, Kmart is behind the BP Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there will be security to watch cars.

Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance. If we do not sell 35 bus tickets by May 8, 2010 the bus will be cancelled and your money returned.

If you have any questions please see Dwaine K8ME at a CARS meeting, CALL 440-582-3462 or go to www.2cars.org and click on Dayton Bus trip to reserve a seat or pay by PayPal. Checks can be sent to: CARS, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, OH 44131-0264 attn. Dayton Bus committee

73, Dwaine, K8ME and the committee

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Ascension Lutheran Church, 28081 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, OH (across from North Olmsted Park) at 8 PM sharp.
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