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Need your input for the Newsletter. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month.!!!

(Editor)

Amateur Frequencies Outside the USA

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Band	Mode	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3			
160m	CW	1.810-1.850 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	1.800-2.000 <u>(4)</u>	1.800-2.000 <u>(1)</u>			
	Phone	1.840-1.850 <u>(1) (2)</u>	1.840-2.000 <u>(3)</u>	1.800-2.000 <u>(1)</u>			
80m	CW	3.500-3.800	3.500-4.000 <u>(4)</u>	3.500-3.900 <u>(4)</u>			
	Phone	3.600-3.800	3.525-4.000 <u>(3)</u>	3.535-3.900 <u>(4)</u>			
40m	CW	7.000-7.100	7.000-7.300	7.000-7.100 <u>(2)</u>			
	Phone	7.040-7.100	7.040-7.300 <u>(3)</u>	7.030-7.100 <u>(2)</u>			
30m	CW	10.100-10.150 <u>(1)</u>	10.100-10.150 <u>(1)</u>	10.100-10.150 <u>(1)</u>			
	Phone	Prohibited or discouraged					
20m	CW	14.000-14.350	14.000-14.350	14.000-14.350			
	Phone	14.100-14.350	14.105-14.350	14.100-14.350			
17m	CW	18.068-18.168 <u>(1)</u>	18.068-18.168 <u>(1)</u>	18.068-18.168 <u>(1)</u>			
	Phone	18.110-18.168 <u>(1)</u>	18.110-18.168 <u>(1)</u>	18.110-18.168 <u>(1)</u>			
15m	CW	21.000-21.450	21.000-21.450	21.000-21.450			
	Phone	21.150-21.450	21.155-21.450	21.150-21.450			
12m	CW	24.890-24.990 <u>(1)</u>	24.890-24.990 <u>(1)</u>	24.890-24.990 <u>(1)</u>			
	Phone	24.930-24.990 <u>(1)</u>	24.930-24.990 <u>(1)</u>	24.930-24.990 <u>(1)</u>			
10m	CW	28.000-29.700	28.000-29.700	28.000-29.700			
	Phone	28.200-29.700	28.300-29.700	28.300-29.300			
6m	none	<u>(5)</u>	50.000-54.000	50.000-54.000 <u>(5)</u>			

Important: US operators using an FCC callsign /MM or /AM must not exceed the ITU Regional restrictions even if the home country license permits such operation. For example, you must *never* use the 50 MHz band while cruising in the Mediterranean Sea, conduct SSB operation on 14.110 MHz, etc. However, this does not apply when you are authorized by a foreign administration (except Canada) to sign a portable call such as CP/N1KB. You are only bound by the rules and regulations of the host country.

Notes:

Region 1: Africa, Europe, Russia, Middle East (excluding Iran), and Mongolia

Region 2: The Americas, including Hawaii, Johnston I., and Midway I.

Region 3: The rest of Asia and Oceania

- (1) Some countries do not give amateurs access to this segment, while others, part of it.
- (2) Some countries assign more frequencies around this segment to the amateur service.
- (3) In some countries, the segment is narrower than this.
- (4) In some countries, the upper end of this segment is lower.
- (5) Some countries give amateurs access to this segment by issuing special authorization.

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The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. Prospective members are invited.

Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97- & 224.660- Mhz). All are welcome.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS

At the February meeting, we will have an audio-visual presentation of the upcoming Virginia QSO by Gordon Miller, NQ4K. Gordon comes from the sponsoring club in Sterling Park. Gordon has presented the program at the Shenandoah DX club and it comes highly recommended.

As most of you know, we are having a technician class. Please spread the word. In addition, we now have a VE session for the last class on April 22. This is open to walk-ins but technician only. We need some more VE help. Please talk to myself or John Zorger, WA1STU. This session is now listed on the ARRL web site.

John/ KG4NXT

SUNSHINE CORNER

Welcome to new members Barry/KI4IAK, Kevin/KA4RNH, Patrick/W4TQI, and John/KI4MNH! Hope you enjoy our club!

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellow HAMS: Chuck/KE4JWY, Bob/K2TV, Ro/WB4NWG, Patrick/W4TQI and Art/W1CRO. Hope each of you has a great day!

Volunteer for a job at the Hamfest - maybe mine? Your club needs you, so please help out!

Thanks and 73 de Jan /KE4TMW

REPEATER:

We noticed the VHF 146.970 receiver seemed to have degraded sensitivity recently. After a short troubleshooting session, the culprit was found to be a broken solder joint in the DCI bandpass filter used to cut down load management interference. Both John/WA1STU and George/K4GVT volunteered to repair it. We got to George first and the filter has been repaired and reinstalled. Final sensitivity seems a bit less than normal but still giving good coverage.

Our spare VHF receiver is being looked at by Arthur/W1CRO who finally managed to clear some junk away from the work table. As soon as a new Tone Module is checked out, the spare receiver will be relocated to the repeater site to see if we can make any improvements to the received coverage area.

HAMFEST:

Hamfest activities are gearing up. A full summary of hamfest items will be presented at the February meeting after the program has been presented. We will need a lot of help this year. Volunteer early and often.

73,

Arthur/W1CRO HAMFEST 2006 Committee Chairman

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting January 16, 2006

Ruth/KU4WH called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of the December 2005 OVH meeting were approved.

Bill/N3OH read the Treasurer's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>REPEATERS</u> – Art / W1CRO – Art mentioned that there is something wrong with the repeaters given what he heard on the most recent weekly OVH net. **David** / **KI4AZX** thought that it might have just been that he keyed the wrong access code. **Butch** / **W4HJL** thinks that there might be some local interference, and **Art** / **W1CRO** thinks that the cold weather might be an issue. Regardless, the OVH repeater team will be out at the sight soon to check on things and do the necessary maintenance.

<u>EDUCATION</u> – John / WA1STU – Everything is set for the new **technician class**. Four people have signed up so far. The location will be at Strayer University. **David** / **KG4GIY** will get a flyer posted on the reflector and Bill / N3OH will get the information posted on the OVH website. **John** / **WA1STU** would like to have a VE session shortly after the class.

<u>HAMFEST</u> – Ruth / KU4WH – We need someone to step forward to be the Chairperson. Butch / W4HJL noted that this person needs to be named soon so that the contact information can be made available.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> – John / WA1STU - John Jay Outland / KI4MNH was voted in unanimously. Morgan Jones, who is taking the OVH technician class and does not yet have a license, and **Daniel Herschler** / KG4CFQ were read in and will be voted on at the February 2006 OVH meeting.

<u>ARES</u> – **David** / **KG4GIY** – David relayed pertinent information regarding classes that are needed and useful to help **Prince William County** in the event of an emergency.

<u>CLUB EC</u> – David / KI4AZX – David noted that there is a dinner / program this Thursday for Citizens Guide to Emergency <u>Preparedness</u>.

<u>BPL</u> – **K4GVT** – George noted that last Sunday was the last day for the BPL company to have the City of Manassas notched. However, George put together a team of seven mobile units, and it was found that the notching was ineffective. A meeting will occur tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. at the power company, and ARRL will have representatives attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Al / KB4BHB suggested that the OVH have a special event that originates from the Manassas National Battlefield. This idea has been brought up at previous OVH meetings, and the OVH had a special event from the Battle Field in 2001 to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas). Al contacted the National Park Service to obtain information regarding how to have this event, the cost, and the application process. John / KG4NXT made a motion that the Club do the event and for the Club to pay the application fee of \$50. The motion was approved, and Bill / N3OH agreed to chair the event and handle technical issues.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Ruth / KU4WH read an E-mail from Art / W1CRO regarding the slate of candidates that the Nominating Committee has put together. They are: President – John / KG4NXT; Vice President – George / K4GVT; Treasurer – Bill / N3OH; and Secretary – Phil / AC4PL. The election will be held during the February 2006 OVH meeting.

Ruth / KU4WH noted that the current repeater controllers are Butch / W4HJL, Steve / N4OGR, Alan / KD4KBX, Milt / N4SN, Art / W1CRO, and John / WA1STU. Art / W1CRO is also a new member of the Finance Committee.

The 50/50 ticket was drawn by Emma Lane, and John / KG4NXT won and graciously donated his winning share back to the Club.

League Urges New York Members to Protest State Grant to Troublesome BPL Trial



(Feb 2, 2006) -- ARRL Directors Frank Fallon, N2FF, of the Hudson Division and Bill Edgar, N3LLR, of the Atlantic Division have called on the League's New York membership to protest a state grant to help fund a problematic BPL pilot project. ARRL learned this week that the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has contracted with electric utility Consolidated Edison (ConEd) and BPL manufacturer Ambient to provide up to \$200,000 in funding for a BPL pilot in the Westchester County community of Briarcliff Manor.

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"SuitSat-1" Launched from ISS



(Feb 3, 2006) -- "SuitSat-1" is now orbiting Earth! ISS Expedition 13 flight engineer Valery Tokarev released the unique and enthusiastically anticipated satellite into orbit today at 2303 UTC as he and ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, began a six-hour space walk. SuitSat-1 consists of a surplus Russian *Orlan* spacesuit reconfigured to function as a free-floating Amateur Radio transmit-only satellite. Activated at 2259 UTC, the satellite was programmed to come to life some 16 minutes later on 145.99 MHz. The 16-minute delay is said to be a crew safety measure. SuitSat-1's deployment over the south-central Pacific Ocean was the first task of the space walk.

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White House to Tap Virginian as Fifth FCC Member



(Feb 3, 2006) -- President George W. Bush has announced his intention to nominate Republican Robert M. McDowell of Virginia to serve on the FCC for the remainder of a five-year term expiring June 30, 2009. If confirmed by the US Senate, McDowell--a telecommunications attorney--would bring the Commission back to its statutory five-member complement. FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin applauded the president's announcement. **DOWNLOADED FROM ARRL WEBSITE**

Revised ITU Recommendation on Use of Amateur Radio in Disasters in Effect



(Feb 3, 2006) -- A revised International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) *Recommendation* is now in force to promote "effective utilization of the amateur services in disaster mitigation and relief operations." Initially developed in 2001, the document, known as *Recommendation* ITU-D 13, was brought up to date last year through the efforts of an ITU-D study group and circulated to administrations around the globe for adoption.

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Kathy Capodicasa, N1GZO, departs ARRL Headquarters



(Feb 3, 2006) -- After more than 18 years on the ARRL Headquarters staff, Customer Service Manager Kathy Capodicasa, N1GZO, said good-bye to her colleagues February 3 to take on a new employment opportunity. Kathy has accepted a challenging position as a project manager with the commercial printing and distribution firm RR Donnelley, the company that prints and distributes *QST*. She'll be working at Donnelley's office in Windsor, Connecticut. "Most notably, we will miss Kathy's consummate attention to our fulfillment operations and her great care to the finer details of administering membership and the circulation of ARRL periodicals," said ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. "Millions of copies of *QST* have been delivered to members' mailboxes under Kathy's watchful eye." Kathy joined the ARRL staff in 1987 as a publications assistant and later moved into the

Circulation Department. Among her other duties over the years, she has been a key player in organizing and managing the ARRL's presence at Dayton Hamvention. She also managed the "Silent Keys" listing for QST. "Leaving ARRL is quite possibly one of the hardest decisions I ever made," she conceded. "However, the experience I've acquired at ARRL has contributed to my growth and provided the foundation for my next career move. The associations I've made during my time here will stay in my memory." Kathy's husband Steve, who manages the League's warehouse operations, will continue as a member of the ARRL staff.

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DXCC Desk Approves Operation for DXCC Credit



(Feb 3, 2006) -- The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: YI9VCQ (Iraq), November 30, 2004 through November 5, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page.

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Amateur Radio Antenna Bills in Play in Mississippi, Vermont



(Feb 3, 2006) -- Legislation is under consideration in Mississippi and Vermont to incorporate the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into the statutes of those two states. Echoing the language of PRB-1, the measures call on localities establishing ordinances regulating antenna placement, screening or height to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication and impose the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the municipality's legitimate purposes. ARRL Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, reports similar bills were introduced this session in the House and Senate. The Senate version has already passed and been sent on to the House.

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The K7RA Solar Update



(Feb 3, 2006) -- Solar activity is *very* low! Average daily sunspot numbers for the week were down by more than 40 points to 9.1. Average daily solar flux dropped nearly 11 points to 80.6. Geomagnetic conditions, with the exception of January 26, were stable and quiet. On January 26 the interplanetary magnetic field, which can shield Earth from solar wind if it is pointing north, turned south, and the mid-latitudes experienced some moderate geomagnetic activity, with the A index for the day at 15. Polar regions saw a lot more activity, with the College A index in Alaska going to 36. **DOWNLOADED FROM ARRL WEBSITE**

ARRL Contest Advisory Committee Releases White Paper



(Feb 2, 2006) -- The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) has released a white paper, "HF Contesting--Good Practices, Interpretations and Suggestions." The document, which discusses common situations encountered during HF contesting, results from CAC work that arose over the course of an informal committee meeting at Dayton Hamvention. While not a comprehensive set of "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ), the white paper does address many issues that periodically arise related to HF contesting and even some that may apply to VHF/UHF contesting. The white paper operates from an HF perspective, however, recognizing that there are many

differences between HF and VHF/UHF contest practices. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, stresses that the white paper's interpretations do not supersede the rules for any contest but are intended to assist contesters by providing some interpretations and operating suggestions based on CAC members' accumulated experience.

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Scarborough Reef Tops The DX Magazine's 2005 "Most Wanted" List



(Feb 2, 2006) -- Scarborough Reef (BS7H) has replaced North Korea (P5) as the most-wanted DXCC entity, according to <u>The DX Magazine</u>'s 2005 survey of DXers. <u>The Daily DX</u> (and QST's "How's DX?") Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, says several groups are working toward activating Scarborough Reef. "The problem is not obtaining a license or transportation to the rocks," he reported this week. "There must be serious diplomacy between China and the Philippines in order for this one to be pulled off." The second most-wanted is Lakshadweep (VU7), swapping spots with Scarborough Reef at number three is North Korea (P5), four is Peter I (3Y/P), and five is Yemen (7O). The <u>3Y0X DXpedition</u> to Peter I, expected to begin as early as February 7, could move that entity

down the list for this year's survey. McClenny notes that the imminent 3Y0X operation, which received a \$7500 ARRL Colvin grant award, will be the most expensive DXpedition ever. Rounding out the top 10 most-wanted DXCC entities on *The DX Magazine*'s 2005 survey were: Navassa (KP1), Desecheo (KP5), South Sandwich (VP8/S), Glorioso (FR/G) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (VU4). The Andamans, last activated in late 2004 during the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition cut short by the South Asia tsunami, are scheduled to be on the air again this April.

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FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Letters for the Period Ending January 31, 2006



(Feb 2, 2006) -- These enforcement letters are representative of recent Advisory Notices, Warning Notices, Notices of Violation and other FCC communications to licensees and others involving possible serious rules violations. Unless otherwise indicated, all letters were signed by Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, and may have been edited by ARRL. This listing is not a comprehensive record of FCC amateur enforcement actions. Follow-up correspondence will be published as provided.

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Upcoming Special Events

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February

Feb 11, 1400Z-2200Z, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, WØEBB. 2nd Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter operating event from Weston Bend State Park. 14.330 14.060 7.290 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, WBØMNA, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. http://kgarc.no-ip.org/.

Feb 11-Feb 12, 0000Z-0000Z, Ljungby, Sweden. Swedish Heathkit Club, SK7XN. Encouraging the use of old Heathkit radios/birthday of Heath Co founder Howard Anthony (February 9, 1912). 10 15 20 m; 3.800. Certificate. Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT, 43775-66th St, Bangor, MI 49013. http://sm7ndx.navab.net.

Feb 11-Feb 12, 1500Z-2100Z daily, Plymouth, MI. Plymouth Historical Museum Radio Station, KC8SWR. Lincoln exhibit at the museum for Lincoln's Birthday. 14.285 7.285; PSK 28.120 21.070. Certificate. KC8SWR Lincoln Event, 155 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. www.qsl.net/kc8swr.

Feb 11, 1600Z-2300Z, Colorado Springs, CO. Mountain Amateur Radio Club/US Olympic Committee, K0O. Opening of 2006 Winter Olympic Games. 21.370 14.280 7.235. Certificate. Wm A. Sands, Ph.D., US Olympic Committee-Sport Science, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Feb 13-Feb 17, 1500Z-2100Z, Fort Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W4LX. The Edison Festival of Light and Thomas Edison's Birthday. 28.430 21.330 14.250. Certificate. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. www.fmarc.net/.

Feb 18-Feb 19, 1600Z-2100Z, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. Commemoration of George Washington's Birthday. 18.080 14.240 10.110 7.240. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. www.mvarc.com.

Feb 24-Feb 26, 1700Z-0100Z, Columbus, OH. The Ohio State University Amateur Radio Club, W8LT. 80th anniversary of the Ohio State Ham Radio Club. 14.275 7.275 3.872. QSL. The Ohio State University Amateur Radio Club W8LT, 020 Bevis Hall, 1080 Carmack Rd, Columbus, OH 43210. http://arc.org.ohio-state.edu.

Feb 25, 1400Z-2400Z, Mesa, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club, W7W. Lost Dutchman Days Celebration. 28.263 21.363 14.263. QSL. SARC—W7W, PO Box 21522, Mesa, AZ 85227-1522. www.wb7tjd.org.

Feb 25, 1400Z-2300Z, Rapid City, SD. Dakota Chapter 102 QCWA, W0DAK. Commemorating the 29th as a QCWA Chapter. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, NU0F, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Feb 28, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. 63rd anniversary of the launching of USS *Kidd*, DD-661. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040; SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS *Kidd* Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS Kidd.htm.

March

Mar 1-Mar 4, 1600Z-2200Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Peace Corps Amateur Radio Club, KA9NLX. To honor sacrifices made by American Peace Corps Volunteers. 21.375 14.325 7.283 3.980; 10 m if open. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Mar 3-Mar 6, 1500Z-2400Z, Fulton, MO. Callaway Amateur Radio League, WØC. 60th anniversary of Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech. 14.275 14.070 14.040 147.315. Certificate. Richard C. White, 826 Evergreen Dr, Fulton, MO 65251. http://callaway.county.missouri.org/carl/.

Mar 4-Mar 5, 1300Z-2300Z, Moscow, PA. Northeast Pennsylvania Special Event Club, KV3T. Promoting Amateur Radio Awareness. 14.240 7.240 7.100 3.840. QSL. David M. Samsell, W3LOW, 923 Clearview Rd, Moscow, PA 18444. http://kv3t.tripod.com.

Mar 11, 1700Z-2100Z, Newport News, VA. Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. Commemorating the 144th anniversary of the Battle of the Ironclads. 28.362 21.362 7.262 7.070. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. www.qsl.net/cars/.

Mar 15-Apr 15, 0000Z-2400Z, Watseka, IL. Iroquois County Amateur Radio Club, W9RWX. 30th year of the Glenn Raymond School Science Club. 14.275 14.070 14.230 7.050. QSL. Troy Simpson, 101 W Mulberry St, Watseka, IL 60970. www.icarc.com. (Operation depends on school schedule.)

Mar 18, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 24th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 145.370 14.240 10.110 7.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. www.qsl.net/w4bkm.

Mar 25, 1300Z-1700Z, Brampton, ON Canada. Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3XR. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.215. QSL. Jeff Richardson, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON L6T 2S1, Canada. www.peelarc.org or www.marc.on.ca. (Note: US postage cannot be used in Canada.)

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Time: 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: KENNETH L COURTNEY (301)856-3005

Email: AA3NN@AOL.COM

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: PALMER PARK REC CENTER

7720 BARLOW RD PALMER PARK, MD 20785

11-Feb-2006

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: JOHN L FORREST

(703)971-3905

Email: WZ4A@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR

2723 KING ST

DOOR@INTERSECTION OF CHURCH & ATTACHED SCHOOL BUILDING

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

11-Feb-2006

Sponsor: SOUTHERN PA COMM GROUP VE TEAM

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: CAROL KIRSCHMAN

(717)235-0273 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: SHREWSBURY BOROUGH HALL

35 W RAILROAD AVE <u>CAROL@NFDC.NET</u> <u>KC6GMN@NFDC.NET</u> SHREWSBURY, PA 17361

11-Feb-2006

Sponsor: MASSANUTTEN ARA Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: GAYLE L SHULL

(540)828-2132 **VEC:** <u>ARRL/VEC</u>

Location: WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG

STATE ROUTE 42

KN4FM@ARRL.NET (FREQ 145.130)

TEL: 540-434-0859 (KN4FM) DAYTON, VA 22821 11-Feb-2006

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ROBERT L ROSE

(410)437-8193

Email: AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

3789 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE RD

WWW.W3VPR.ORG

REGISTRATION STARTS @ NOON DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

12-Feb-2006

Sponsor: RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: CURT R BARTHOLOMEW

(540)720-2392

Email: N3GQ@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2001 PARKWAY BLVD WWW.WW4VA.ORG WALK-INS ONLY! STAFFORD, VA 22554

12-Feb-2006

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ALAN R MOECK

(540)869-1117

Email: WA2RPX@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

231 E PICCADILLY ST PRE-REGISTRATION URGED WINCHESTER, VA 22601

18-Feb-2006

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC (LARC) **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN B CREEL

(310)572-5124

Contact: WB3GXW@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAUREL BUILDING

384 MAIN ST

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

18-Feb-2006

Sponsor: ALBEMARLE ARC Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: MICHAEL J DI GIROLAMO

(434)977-6377

Email: W4XN@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: UNIV OF VA
530 MCCORMICK RD

ASTRONOMY BLDG-ROOM 201 COR MCCORMICK&ALDERMAN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22904

28-Feb-2006

Sponsor: MARYLAND MOBILEERS Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: HAROLD L NICHOLS

(410)757-0493

Email: WB4OGP@CABLESPEED.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: HISTORIC ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

WEST NURSERY ROAD NEAR MARRIOTT HOTEL LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

01-Mar-2006

Sponsor: CARROLL COUNTY ARC Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ALFRED M BISASKY

(410)795-1131

Email: K3ZE@VERIZON.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMER SVCS TRAINING CENTER

1345 WASHINGTON RD WESTMINSTER, MD 21157

04-Mar-2006

Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: LORENZ W SCHAEFER (410)247-0578

(410)247-0578

Email: N3WKE@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: BARC MTG &TRAINING FACILITY

12360 OWINGS MILLS BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED MAY REGISTER FROM 1 TO 2 PM OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

05-Mar-2006

Sponsor: DCMARC

Time: 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: KENNETH L COURTNEY

(301)856-3005

Email: AA3NN@AOL.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: PALMER PARK REC CENTER

7720 BARLOW RD PALMER PARK, MD 20785 11-Mar-2006

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT L ROSE

(410)437-8193

Email: AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

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WWW.W3VPR.ORG

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11-Mar-2006

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(703)971-3905

Email: WZ4A@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR

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12-Mar-2006

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Email: WA2RPX@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

231 E PICCADILLY ST PRE-REGISTRATION URGED WINCHESTER, VA 22601

18-Mar-2006

Sponsor: AERO ARC

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** PATRICIA E STONE

(410)687-7209

Email: AC3F@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: WHITE MARSH LIBRARY

8133 SANDPIPER CIRCLE REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM WHITE MARSH, MD 21162

18-Mar-2006

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC (LARC)
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOHN B CREEL

(310)572-5124

Contact: WB3GXW@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAUREL BUILDING

384 MAIN ST

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

Winterfest 2006 - Sunday, February 26, 2006

The Vienna Wireless Society welcomes you to Winterfest 2006, to be held on Sunday, February 26, 2006. Location: Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) Annandale Campus. 8-foot tables indoors, \$25 @ table (includes one admission ticket @ table). Tailgating, \$15 @ space, (includes one admission ticket @ space). 150 paved outdoor spaces. General Admission, \$6.00.

Northern Virginia Community College

The RAIN Report for the week beginning February 4, 2006 includes:

"CQ Addresses ARRL Bandwidth Petition" The FCC has assigned rulemaking number RM11306 to the so-called Bandwidth by Regulation petition filed by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). This proposal calls for the regulating of HF operations below 29 MHz by bandwidth rather than by the traditional operating mode. Is this approach to regulating the HF ham bands good or bad? That depends upon who you ask. For some answers RAIN's Hap Holly, KC9RP, turned to Rich Moseson, W2VU, Editor of CQ magazine and Editorial Director for both CQ VHF and Popular Communications. (14 minutes) While the February 6 deadline for comments about this proposal will have passed by the time most of you will have heard this interview, there will be more opportunities later to submit your opinion to the Commission if and when it decides to convert this proposal into an NPRM, Notice for Proposed Rulemaking docket. When and if that occurs is anyone's guess. However, for you who receive the weekly RAIN Pr

ogram Summary via email, this week's summary includes a link to CQ's comments posted on the FCC website. What? You don't ALL READY subscribe? It's easy and free. Go to rainreport.com and do it now before you forget! We mustn't forget to remind you that part two of Hap's interview with Gateway 160-Meter Radio Newsletter Founder, Vern Jackson, WAORCR, will remain on-line at rainreport.com for the balance of the week, thanks to audio bandwidth being underwritten by CQ Communications. The RAIN Report is the weekly program service of RAIN, the Radio Amateur Information Network.

Link to CQ Comments on RM11306: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/ecfs_alt.html

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