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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## AUGUST 2005

Next meeting: August 15, 2005

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

(Editor)

### ARISS gear down for PCSat2 installation



(Aug 3, 2005) -- Installation of [PCSat2](#) on the International Space Station (ISS) is expected to come during a spacewalk set to begin very early Wednesday, August 3. The NAISS/RSOISS Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) equipment has been powered down while PCSat2 systems are installed and activation tests run. The ARISS gear will be returned to operation after a few days. PCSat2 will be mounted to the exterior of the ISS as a Materials International Space Station Experiment. Space walk preparations and a call from President George Bush took center stage aboard the shuttle *Discovery* and the ISS August 2. "I want to thank you for being risk takers for the sake of exploration," Bush told the joint shuttle and ISS Expedition 11 crews, which include eight radio amateurs, including *Discovery* [STS-114](#) Commander Eileen Collins, KD5EDS. "We look forward to seeing the successful completion of this mission." Mission managers have decided to remove two "gap fillers" protruding from between heat-shielding tiles on *Discovery's* underbelly. During the spacewalk, Mission Specialist Steve Robinson--one of the few non-amateurs now in space will venture under the shuttle on the tip of the ISS's robotic arm, locate the protrusions and gently tug until they come out. Failing that, Robinson will cut off the protrusions. Robinson and Soichi Noguchi, KD5TVP, then are scheduled to install the MISSE. Shuttle and ISS crew members also have participated in a news conference (photo) with US, Japanese and Russian reporters. The transfer of cargo between the shuttle and the ISS continues. In addition to Collins, Robinson and Noguchi, the international crew includes James Kelly, KC5ZSW; Charlie Camarda, KC5ZSY; Wendy Lawrence, KC5KII, and Andy Thomas, KD5CHF/VK5MIR. Thomas and Lawrence are veterans of the Russian *Mir* space station, from which they conducted numerous Space Amateur Radio EXperiment (SAREX) school group ham radio QSOs. No Amateur Radio operation from the ISS by licensed shuttle crew members is planned. For the [latest information](#) on the Space Shuttle's Return to Flight, visit the NASA Web site.--*some information from NASA*

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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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## Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting – July 18, 2005

**John/KG4NXT** called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

There were **18 OVH members** present. All stood for the **Pledge of Allegiance** and introduced themselves afterwards.

**Karl/W4KRL** volunteered to take the minutes in **Phil's / AC4PL's** absence.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the June 2005 OVH meeting were approved with three minor corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Bill/N3OH** – Bill presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that our bank recently raised the minimum required checking balance. Bill will need to move some funds between accounts to avoid a penalty.

### COMMITTEES:

**HAMFEST** – **KEITH/KM4AA** – **Butch/W4HJL** and **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** handed out income and expense comparisons for recent OVH hamfests. We are still making a profit and the trend is upward. **Keith/KM4AA** will schedule a final meeting to discuss lessons learned. **Dwight/AI4II** suggested having more people involved with overnight security. **Bill/N3OH** presented the profit/loss statement for the hamfest. **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** reported that \$159 was raised by the bake sale. **John/WA1STU** moved that the Club donate \$200 to the **Project Mend-A-House** charity of Prince William County. The motion was carried.

**FIELD DAY** – **Brian/WC4J** – There was no field day report. A motion was approved to reserve the Nokesville pavilion for next year's Field Day. There was lively discussion about finding a site that would provide more public exposure. If another site is found only the \$10 Nokesville Park reservation fee would be lost.

**REPEATERS** – **BUTCH/W4HJL** – The repeaters are running well. The antenna work will probably take place in August. Some volunteers will be needed for the ground crew.

**HARRY D. VORHAUER SCHOLARSHIP** – **Jim/W4JTP** – There was no scholarship report. **John/WA1STU** read the thank you card sent by the most recent Vorhauer Scholarship winner **Alexa Jones**. **Alexa** is attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

**WEBSITE** – **Bill/N3OH** – The web server failed temporarily but is now back on line.

**SUNSHINE** – **Jan/KE4TMW** – Jan asked for news. **Art/W1CRO** is due for surgery July 19.

**BPL** – **George/K4GVT** – **Butch/W4HJL** asked for all members with mobile HF rigs to take note of BPL interference when traveling through Manassas. One of the "hot spots" is on Dumfries Road near the Giant at Hastings Road. All interference should be reported to the **FCC**. You can do this with an on-line form. **Butch** will post the link on the OVH reflector.

### PROGRAM

There was no formal program. However, **Dwight/AI4AA** did a "show-and-tell" of CDs he recently purchased containing the complete compilation of all **QRP Quarterly** magazines for the last 25 years. **Dwight** also recommended a QSL card printer in the Ukraine. He will post their link on the OVH reflector.

### BREAK

**50/50 RAFFLE** - \$37 was collected. **Charlie/WA4YGI** was the winner. Charlie donated his portion of the prize back to the Club. **Thank You Charlie!**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Steve/N4OGR** – Steve says that the police asked us to participate again in the **National Night Out** at Potomac Mills Mall on August 2. This is an outdoor event to raise public awareness of public safety organizations like police, fire, Neighborhood Watch, etc. Last year the OVH had a tent at Manassas Mall with a VHF transceiver and the **Walter Cronkite** video about Amateur Radio. **David/KI4AZX** will coordinate.

**Bill/N3OH** – Bill will follow up on some ideas for a special event station related to Manassas and the Civil War.

The meeting adjourned at 2056 Eastern Time.

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy birthday to our friends and fellow Hams: **Matthew/KG4UNL, Karl/W4KRL, Ralph/W4OZO, Jim/WD4OJY, Steven/KM4US, Dale/N4EDE, and Shirley/XYL to John/WA1STU.** Hope each of you has a great day!

Have a great August. Stay cool and play on the radio!

**Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

## Upcoming Special Events

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### August

**Aug 10-Aug 14, 1300Z-2100Z,** Sycamore, IL. Amateur Operators of the NISPC, W9S. Steam Power on the Farm. 28.390 14.290 7.270 3.990. CERTIFICATE. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. [www.w9icu.com](http://www.w9icu.com).

**Aug 12-Aug 13, 1400Z-2100Z,** Angle Inlet, MN. Northwest Angle Amateur Radio Club, NW0AA. Northern most club in contiguous 48 states. 21.350 14.240 7.200 3.960. QSL. Dan Whipple, 11726 Norway St NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448.

**Aug 13, 0001Z-2355Z,** Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra/Kenneth Bandy, W9O. Commemorating 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indianapolis Orchestra. 14.275 7.260 21.360. QSL. Kenneth Bandy, 1405 S Bridgeport Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46231. <http://bandyrecording.com/W9O.htm>.

**Aug 13, 1400Z-2100Z,** Rush Springs, OK. W5PAA-FAA Aeronautical Center Amateur Radio Club, W5F. 2005 Rush Springs Watermelon Fest. 10-80 m CW/SSB. QSL. David Begue, K5FOZ, 2155 County Rd 1230, Tuttle, OK 73089-3112. [www.W5PAA.org](http://www.W5PAA.org).

**Aug 13, 1300Z-2200Z,** Baltimore, MD. Social Security Employees Amateur Radio Club, W3SSA. Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Social Security Act. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Greg Stec, K3ANG, 1624 Pickett Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093. An electronic version of the certificate is available.

**Aug 13-Aug 14, 1400Z-2200Z,** Perry, OH. Lake County Amateur Radio Association, N8BC. Celebrating 27 years of public service in Lake County. 14.270 7.272 147.2100. Certificate. Dennis Brostek, KI8U, 7187 Maple St, Mentor, OH 44060. [www.lcara.org](http://www.lcara.org).

**Aug 13-Aug 14, 1400Z-2400Z** daily, Window Rock, AZ. Navajo Amateur Radio Club, N7C. Navajo Code Talkers Day. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

**Aug 14, 1500Z-1800Z,** Pikes Peak, CO. Colorado 14er Event Task Force, Various call signs. Colorado 14er Event--operating from summits of CO mountains. 14.260 147.42 147.45 446.00. QSL. Bob Witte, K0NR, 21060 Capella Dr, Monument, CO 80132. [www.14er.org](http://www.14er.org).

**Aug 19-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z,** Touros, Brazil. LABRE/RN, ZW7LH. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend from Calcanhar Lighthouse, BRA 035. digital, phone and CW 10 to 160 meters. QSL. via PS7AA bureau or direct to, PO Box 251, Natal RN 59010-970, Brazil South America. [www.labre-rn.org.br](http://www.labre-rn.org.br).

**Aug 19-Aug 28, 0000Z-2400Z,** Lebanon, TN. Wilson Amateur Radio Club, W4C. Special Event Station from the Wilson County Fair. 28.320 21.320 14.320 7.265. QSL. Greg Tomerlin, K4KO, 1562 Walnut Grove Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090. [www.wilsonarc.org](http://www.wilsonarc.org).

**Aug 20, 1100Z-2000Z,** Hillsboro, TX. Lockheed Martin Recreation Association and Fannin County ARC, N5B. North Texas Balloon Project Launch #12. 14.282 7.220. QSL. Ed McGinley, W5ETM, PO Box 6215, Fort Worth, TX 76115. [www.ntbp.org](http://www.ntbp.org).

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z,** Dunkirk Lighthouse, NY. Dunkirk Lighthouse--Lancaster ARC, W2SO. International Lighthouse Weekend. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Lancaster ARC, 525 Pavement Rd, Lancaster, NY 14086. [larc.hamgate.net](http://larc.hamgate.net).

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 0000Z-2359Z,** Eagle Harbor, MI. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, K8E. Lighthouse and two range lights. 14.275 14.030 7.275 7.030. Certificate. QSL via bureau or N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. [www.kc8nah.com/Interests/illw05.htm](http://www.kc8nah.com/Interests/illw05.htm).

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z,** Newport, OR. Oregon-Idaho DX Group, N7L. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, from Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, USA-906. 28.351 28.021 21.221 21.021 14.221 14.021 7.155 7.021 3.755 3.521. QSL. via Buro, or to K7VAN, Box 12941, Salem, OR 97309. Participating lighthouses: <http://arlhs.com>.

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 1200Z-2359Z,** St Augustine, FL. St Augustine Amateur Radio Society, N4AUG. LH 758 Celebrating ILLW Weekend. 14.270 14.030 7.265 7.030. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086. [www.saars.net](http://www.saars.net).

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 1300Z-1600Z,** Buffalo, NY. Western New York DX Association, K2L. International Lighthouse Weekend. 14.230 14.030 7.230 7.030. QSL. Bob Nadolny, WB2YQH, PO Box 73, Spring Brook, NY 14140. [www.wnydxa.org](http://www.wnydxa.org).

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 1300Z-2100Z,** Sea Girt, NJ. North America DX Association and Neptune Radio Club, WR2DX. ILLW from Sea Girt Lighthouse. 14.260 7.260. QSL. NADXA, PO Box 357, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720.

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z**, Rochester, NY. Brockport Amature Radio Klub, N2VY. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. 14.275. Certificate. Allen Skiles, N2VY, 1-A Burke Lane, Spencerport, NY 14559. [www.barkarc.org](http://www.barkarc.org)

**Aug 20-Aug 21, 0000Z-2359Z**, River Rouge, MI. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. Mariners' Memorial Lighthouse/International Lighthouse Weekend. 14.275 7.275. Certificate. N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. [www.w8mrm.org](http://www.w8mrm.org).

**Aug 20-Aug 28, 1600Z-1600Z**, Lincoln, MI. Alcona County Amateur Radio Group, K8A. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alcona County Fair. 21.345 14.245 7.245 3.945. QSL. Stanley L. Darmofal, W8SZ, PO Box 15, Harrisville, MI 48740. [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org).

**Aug 24-Aug 28, 1400Z-0000Z**, Ringoes, NJ. Cherryville Repeater Association II, W4H. 2005 Hunterdon County 4H and Agricultural Fair. 28.375 21.375 14.275 7.275. Certificate. Special Event Radio W4H, Cherryville Repeater Association II, PO Box 308, Quakertown, NJ 08868. <http://www.qsl.net/w2cra/w4h/W4H-webpage.htm>

**Aug 26-Aug 29**, St John's Island, Singapore. Singapore Amateur Radio Transmittin Society, S61FD. Local Field Day. 40-15 m all modes including digital. QSL. Via bureau or direct to: Henk van Hensbergen, PAØKHS, Smaragdstraat 53, 6534WN Nigmegen, The Netherlands. [www.sarts.org.sg](http://www.sarts.org.sg).

**Aug 27, 1500Z-2300Z**, Plainfield, IL. Plainfield Radio League, W9P. The Plainfield Tornado, Aug 28, 1990. 14.260 14.070 14.230 7.260. Certificate. Plainfield Radio League, PO Box 682, Plainfield, IL 60544. [www.prlham.org/spev](http://www.prlham.org/spev).

**Aug 27-Aug 28, 1350Z-2100Z**, Westfield, MA. Hampden County Radio Association HCRA, W1NY/A10. ANG 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Airshow. SSB 28.336 21.360 14.260 7.260 CW 28.033 21.033 14.033 7.033 3.533. QSL. HCRA, PO Box 562, Agawam, MA 01001. [www.hcra.org](http://www.hcra.org)

**Aug 28, 1400Z-2100Z**, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association, K0ASA. Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival. 18.085 14.245 14.040 7.125. Certificate. Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 W 176<sup>th</sup> Terr, Olathe, KS 66062. [www.kshs.org/places/hollenberg/index.htm](http://www.kshs.org/places/hollenberg/index.htm).

**Aug 29-Sep 4, 2000Z-2000Z**, Black Rock Desert, NV. Nevada-7-Burn at Burning Man Festival, N7B. Burning Man 2005. 21.360 14.290 7.263 3.940. QSL. Kenneth M. Beck, 425 N Columbia Center Blvd #F207, Kennewick, WA 99336. <http://n7bweb.net/>.

## September

**Sep 2-Sep 3, 2300Z-2300Z**, Brady, TX. Heart of Texas Ham Operators Group, WA5HOT. World Championship Barbecue Goat Cookoff. 21.360 14.250 7.295 3.875. Certificate. HOT-HOG, c/o Rick Melcer, N5KAO, PO Box 1021, Brady, TX 76825. [www.hothog.org](http://www.hothog.org).

**Sep 2-Sep 5, 1300Z-2200Z**, Woodstock, CT. Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association, W1W. Woodstock Agricultural Fair. 28.625 21.315 14.265 7.265. Certificate. ECARA, PO Box 63, Dayville, CT 06241. [www.qsl.net/k1muj](http://www.qsl.net/k1muj).

**Sep 3, 1400Z-2100Z**, Caldwell, OH. Noble County Amateur Radio Club, NC8OH. 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash of USS *Shenandoah* over Noble County. 28.345 21.345 14.260 7.245. Certificate. NC8OH, c/o Paul Wallace, 816 Main St, Caldwell, OH 43724. [www.NC8OH.org](http://www.NC8OH.org).

**Sep 3, 1700Z-2359Z**, Boerne, TX. Kendall Amateur Radio Society, KB5TX. Kendall County Texas Fair Association Centennial. 14.260 7.255. Certificate. KARS, PO Box 1732, Boerne, TX 78006.

**Sep 3, 1300Z-2100Z**, Rock Springs, WY. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, WY7U. Honoring the slain at Rock Springs Mining Massacre, September 2, 1885. SSB 14.280 7.280 CW 14.059 7.039. QSL. David Gregory, N7COA, 1000 S Dakota St, Green River, WY 82935-5825. [www.qsl.net/wy7u](http://www.qsl.net/wy7u).

**Sep 3-Sep 4, 1300Z-2000Z**, Reading, PA. Amateur Radio Covered Bridge Society--ARCBS, WA3WSJ. ARCBS Covered Bridge Weekend. 21.280 14.280 7.280 3.980. Certificate. Edward R. Breneiser, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606. [www.arCBS.org](http://www.arCBS.org).

**Sep 3-Sep 5, 1300Z-2100Z** daily, Newnan, GA. Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, K4NRC. Power's Crossroads Country Fair & Art Festival. 28.370 21.370 14.260 7.260. QSL. BGMRC, PO Box 2327, Newnan, GA 30264. [www.bgmrc.org](http://www.bgmrc.org).

**Sep 3-Sep 5, 1800Z-1600Z**, Paradise, AZ. Cochise Amateur Radio Association, K7RDG. 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trek to Ghost Town of Paradise AZ. 21.307 18.115 14.307 7.230. Certificate. Cochise ARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1855. [www.qsl.net/k7rdg/paradise.htm](http://www.qsl.net/k7rdg/paradise.htm).

**Sep 5, 0400Z-2300Z**, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ Labor Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

**Sep 8-Sep 13, 1800Z-1800Z**, Boise, ID. Voice Of Idaho Amateur Radio Club, W7VOI. Commemorating and operating where Lewis & Clark entered Idaho. 21.205 14.205 7.205 3.905. QSL. Voice Of Idaho ARC, PO Box, Boise, ID 83701. [www.voiceofidaho.org/lewis-clark/default.html](http://www.voiceofidaho.org/lewis-clark/default.html).

**Sep 10, 0300Z-1100Z**, Richmond, TX. Fort Bend County EMROG, W9E. To honor those who lost their lives during Sep 11. 14.260 7.26. Certificate. KD5HAL EMROG, 1055 Three Forks, Katy, TX 77450.

**Sep 10, 1300Z-1600Z**, Stroudsburg, PA. Pocono Amateur Radio Klub and Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association, N3IS. Homeland Security Station at the Pocono Area Hamfest +Plus+. SSB first half hour: 28.325 21.325 14.325 7.250 CW second half hour 0.035 Hz up from bottom of 10, 15, 20 40 m. Certificate. Bill Connelly, W3MJ, RR3 Box 3165, E Stroudsburg, PA 18301. [home.ptd.net/~w3mj](http://home.ptd.net/~w3mj).

**Sep 10, 1300Z-2100Z**, North Judson, IN. Starke County Amateur Radio Club, W9JOZ. Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Open House. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Starke County ARC, 405 W Jackson St, Knox, IN 46534. [www.w9joz.org](http://www.w9joz.org).

**Sep 10, 1500Z-2000Z**, Governors Island, NY. Metropolitan 222 Amateur Radio Society, K2MET. September 11 Memorial Station on NA-026. 21.340 14.250 7.250. QSL. Metropolitan 222 ARS, 7004 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228. <http://maded.home.mindspring.com/metro222-frame.htm>.

**Sep 10, 1700Z-2300Z**, Keytesville, MO. Chariton Amateur Radio Society, WB0ENV. General Sterling Price Day. 7.250. QSL. Charles Coy, 402A Senior Terr, Keytesville, MO 65261. [charlie61@centurvtel.net](mailto:charlie61@centurvtel.net).

**Sep 10-Sep 12, 1500Z-0000Z**, Lolo Pass, ID. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX. Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial. 28.355 21.355 14.255 7.255. Certificate. HARC, POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-3811. [www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/](http://www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/).

**Sep 10-Sep 18, 0001Z-2400Z**, San Bernardino, CA. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, W6A thru W6Q. Route 66 On-the-Air. 28.466 14.266 14.166 7.266. Certificate. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio club, PO Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. [www.qsl.net/w6jbt/](http://www.qsl.net/w6jbt/).

**Sep 10-Sep 24, 0000Z-2400Z**, Duluth, MN, W0T. Duluth Aerial Bridge 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 3.945 3.850 7.020 146.460. Certificate. Shari Larson, AB0UV, 1626 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN 55802.

**Sep 11-Sep 12, 1300Z-0100Z**, Arlington, VA. Pentagon Amateur Radio Club, K4AF. Commemorating the attacks on the Pentagon, World Trade Center and over Pennsylvania. 28.535 21.435 14.335 7.045. QSL. Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC), K4AF, PO Box 2322, Arlington, VA 22202. [www.K4AF.org](http://www.K4AF.org).

**Sep 11-Sep 14, 1300Z-0300Z**, San Antonio, TX. Radio Operators of South Texas, W2IK/WTC911. Commemorating the World Trade Center Disaster. 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Robert J. Hejl, W2IK, PO Box 6731, San Antonio, TX 78029. <http://hometown.aol.com/alonestaryank/w2ikwtc911.html>.

**Sep 11-Sep 18, 0000Z-2400Z**, Santa Ana, CA. Anaheim Police ARC, K6P. POW-MIA Recognition Week. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.253. QSL. Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. <http://home.pacbell.net/km6hb/NET.doc>

**Sep 12-Sep 14, 1600Z-0400Z**, Colt Killed Creek (Powell Ranger Station), ID. Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club, W7L. 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment on the route over the Bitterroot Mountains. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 146.520. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave , Moscow, ID 83843-3539.

**Sep 14-Sep 20, 1300Z-2100Z**, Big Rock, IL. The Old Farmers Amateur Radio Club, W9P. 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Rock Plowing Match. 28.390 14.275 7.245 3.990. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, PO Box 341, Sycamore, IL 60178. [www.w9icu.com](http://www.w9icu.com).

**Sep 16-Sep 17, 2000Z-2200Z**, Tecumseh, OK. Tecumseh Amateur Radio Club, K5T. Tecumseh Frontier Days. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Brent Haight, NY5J, 37876 Maudie La, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

**Sep 16-Sep 18, 1300Z-1600Z**, Bedford, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Christmas Tree Island US Islands on the Air. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175.

**Sep 16-Sep 18, 1300Z-0100Z** daily, New London, CT. U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Amateur Radio Club, W1CGA. Boats Books and Brushes with Taste Maritime Festival aboard the USCG Barque *Eagle*. SSB 14.315 PSK 21.070 PSK 24.920 FM 146.535. QSL. Cadet Josh Brandt, KB1LWT, US Coast Guard Academy, 8769 Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320. <http://members.aol.com/n1clv/>

**Sep 16-Sep 19, 1200Z-0100Z**, Freedom Township, OH. Portage Amateur Radio Club, KB8UUZ. National POW/MIA Recognition Day. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Tom Parkinson, 9992 State Route 700, Mantua, OH 44255.

**Sep 17, 1000Z-1900Z**, Slidell, LA. Ozone Amateur Radio Club, W5SLA. Celebrating the club's 41<sup>st</sup> birthday. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Michael White, 404 Holmes Dr, Slidell, LA 70460. [www.w5sla.net](http://www.w5sla.net).

**Sep 17, 1300Z-2300Z**, Arlington, TX. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, K5SLD. Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 14.250 7.250 147.140. QSL. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1702, Arlington, TX 76004-1702. [www.k5sld.org](http://www.k5sld.org).

**Sep 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Badin, NC. Badin Amateur Radio Society--Joe A. Ross Memorial, W4EIT. Best of Badin Festival, Celebration of French Heritage. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Badin Amateur Radio Society, 2500 Badin Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001. [www.badin.org](http://www.badin.org).

**Sep 17-Sep 18, 1400Z-2000Z**, Cambridge City, IN. White Water Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc, K9D. McMaze Indiana 2005. 14.270 7.225. QSL. White Water Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 991, Richmond, IN 47375-0991. QSLs will be sent out based on our logs.

**Sep 17-Sep 18, 1500Z-2200Z**, Hill City, SD. Crazy Horse Amateur Radio Club, N0DUX. Black Hill Central Railroad "Railroad Days" Celebration. 14.260 (aboard train) 7.260 146.520 146.940 (Hill City depot). QSL. Butch Kruse, N0DUX, PO Box 371, Hill City, SD 57745.

**Sep 17-Sep 18, 1600Z-2000Z**, Bardstown, KY. Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4B. Kentucky Bourbon Festival. 14.285 7.230. QSL. David Greer, 159 Skyview Dr, Frankfort, KY 40601. [www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars](http://www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars).

**Sep 17-Sep 18, 1600Z-2300Z**, Big Bear Lake, CA. Big Bear Amateur Radio Club, K6BB. Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's founding. 21.340 14.250 28.400 7.250. Certificate and QSL. Big Bear ARC, PO Box 790, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. [www.bbarc.org](http://www.bbarc.org).

**Sep 18, 1700Z-2100Z**, Big Valley/Stettler, Alberta, Canada. Three Hills Amateur Radio Club, VE6FUN. Mobile station on steam train travelling between Big Valley and Stettler. 14.200. Certificate. Jim Verhesen, Box 818, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada T4T 1A6. (Note: US Postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

**Sep 18-Sep 24, 1400Z-2100Z**, Hampton, VA. VASC Amateur Radio Group, Inc, KE4ZXW. Radio Communications Exhibit celebrates ten years at the Virginia Air & Space Center. 28.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Ed Brummer, W4RTZ, 109 Oyster Cove Rd, Yorktown, VA 23692. [www.seva.net/vascarg](http://www.seva.net/vascarg).

**Sep 24, 1400Z-2000Z**, Hillsboro, IL. Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, Inc, W9BXR. Commemorating the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 14.270 21.340 18.150 7.270 14.820. Certificate. Judy Reynolds, 620 Chase St, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

**Sep 24, 1500Z-2100Z**, Fairmount, IN. Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. James Dean Special Event and picnic. 146.79 14.243 7.243. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. [www.grantarc.com](http://www.grantarc.com).

**Sep 24, 1500Z-2300Z**, Laurel, MS. Laurel Amateur Radio Club, W5LAR. Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 28.440 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Laurel ARC, POB 6252, Laurel, MS 39441.

**Sep 24, 1600Z-2100Z**, Eldon, MO. Lake of the Ozarks Amateur Radio Club, W0W. Osage River Antique Power Association Show. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Scott Poest, 37 Shadow Oaks Rd, Camdenton, MO 65020. [www.loarc.com](http://www.loarc.com).

**Sep 24, 1700Z-2200Z**, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. Amateur Radio Christian Fellowship Day. 14.270 7.250 Echolink IRLP. Certificate. Emery McClendon, 6116 Graymoor La, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net).

**Sep 24-Sep 25, 1400Z-2000Z** daily, Milton, ON. Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. Halton County Radial Railway Museum Special Event. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6. [www.marc.on.ca](http://www.marc.on.ca). (2 green stamps or 2 IRCs--US postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

**Sep 24-Sep 25, 1400Z-1400Z**, Berlin, PA. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, K3SMT. Berlin Whiskey Rebellion Celebration. 14.250 7.250 3.875. Certificate. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1241, Somerset, PA 15501. [www.k3smt.org/whiskey](http://www.k3smt.org/whiskey).

**Sep 26-Oct 2, 0100Z-2300Z**, Alexandria, MN. Runestone ARC, W0W. Discovery of Kensington Runestone in 1898. 14.225 14.030 21.070 3.920. Certificate. Bill Klundt, 509 Pine, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

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## FCC Proposes to Drop Morse Code Requirement for All License Classes



(Jul 20, 2005) -- The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission recommended the change to its Part 97 Amateur Service rules in a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* in WT Docket 05-235. Any rule changes proposed in the *NPRM* would *not* become final until the FCC gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any changes to its rules and concludes the proceeding by issuing a *Report and Order (R&O)* spelling out the changes and specifying an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months. The FCC declined in its *NPRM* to go forward with any other suggested changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges beyond elimination of the Morse requirement.

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## ARRL Board Adopts Modified Regulation by Bandwidth Proposal



(Jul 19, 2005) -- Following considerable discussion and debate, the ARRL Board of Directors has approved a modified set of recommendations to regulate the use of amateur spectrum by emission bandwidth rather than by emission mode. Last April, the ARRL Executive Committee reached consensus on a set of regulation-by-bandwidth proposals to serve as the basis of an FCC *Petition for Rule Making*. Following additional fine tuning based on hundreds of comments from the amateur community, the Board formally adopted a further-modified plan at its July 15-16 meeting. The revised plan includes a stipulation that the League "will promptly undertake a procedure to establish a band plan to be utilized with the proposed subband allocation petition, and, until such time as that band plan is in place, the existing band plan will be in force." ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, remarked after Board's 12-3 vote that improved band planning is critical to the success of the League's regulation-by-bandwidth proposals and will require

the support of the amateur community at large.

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## Radio Amateurs of Canada to reply to BPL consultation paper



(Aug 5, 2005) -- Industry Canada (IC) has begun a public consultation process for the introduction of BPL in Canada. The proceeding, spelled out in [Canada Gazette Notice SMSE-005-05](#), dated July 19, will determine how BPL will be introduced in Canada. It will include the development of a new certification standard for medium voltage powerline carrier systems. "The intent of this consultation paper is to seek comment on the deployment and regulation of BPL systems, including the specific equipment standards and operational requirements which address potential interference to radio services," IC explains. A consultation paper is roughly the equivalent of an FCC *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*. Interested parties have 120 days to reply. Radio Amateurs of Canada ([RAC](#)) plans to reply to this consultation directly to IC and through the Radio Advisory Board of Canada ([RABC](#)), an association of Canadian radio spectrum user associations to which RAC belongs. RAC Vice President

of Regulatory Affairs Jim Dean, VE3IQ, a member of the RABC Executive, will chair a working group preparing RABC's response. Joe Parkinson, VE3JG, will serve as the working group's RAC delegate. "RAC is not against BPL," the organization said in a statement. "It is against the interference to radio services created by BPL, and looks forward to this consultation process as an opportunity to have an input into the certification standard." The RAC says it will "aggressively push to ensure the concerns of the Amateur Service are addressed in the RABC response." Canadian amateurs are invite to address all comments on questions in the consultation to Joe Parkinson, VE3JG, RAC, 720 Belfast Rd, Suite 217, Ottawa ON K1G 0Z5, ATTN: BPL Team, or via e-mail to [ve3jg@rac.ca](mailto:ve3jg@rac.ca) or [jgparkinson@rogers.com](mailto:jgparkinson@rogers.com). The working group expects to wrap up its work in early November. RAC will update the process in the "Latest News" section of its Web site.

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## Tennessee hams to launch balloon carrying 802.11b access point, APRS



(Aug 4, 2005) -- Terry Trapp, KE4PJW, and a group of friends hope to launch a balloon Saturday, August 6, that will provide--among other things--a 802.11b wireless access point (WAP) operating on channel 5 (2432 MHz) under Amateur Radio Part 97 rules. The balloon will go aloft from Springhill, Tennessee. Also onboard will be a digital camera and an APRS tracker. Trapp says that since this is the group's first flight, he's not sure how high it will go but estimated it could reach 75,000 feet. "We hope to launch at 10 AM," he told ARRL. "We would like as many amateurs as possible to attempt to connect to the balloon." The WAP will be open access (WEP disabled), and Trapp says it should provide host configuration via DHCP. "We will be using [NetMeeting](#) at the launch site," he said. "Simply connect to the host 'netmeeting.ham,' and if we

have a good connection, we will be able to videoconference." Trapp invites those without *NetMeeting* capability to visit [here](#). "The site should have a place for you to fill out your call sign and leave a short message," he explained. An IRC server may be set up [here](#). The WAP is a stock [Linksys](#) model BEFW11S4 with diversity enabled. The balloon will have a patch antenna aimed at the ground, while one of the router's stock dipoles will be in the vertical position. "We will be using a 75-cm dish antenna and a wireless bridge at the launch site," Trapp added. The APRS encoder and transmitter is a [Byonics Pocket Tracker](#). It produces about 150 mW of power and will be using an inverted groundplane antenna, Trapp said. It should beacon with an SSID of AA4VU-11. The camera is a small Polaroid digital, modified to take "very small" images every three minutes. Others involved in the project include K4IDC, KG4QQK, K14AMX, KD4NMD, KQ4TV and KG4OZL. [E-mail](#) Trapp for more information.

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## Hams Become "First Responders" as Conventioneers Forced to Evacuate



(Aug 3, 2005) -- Radio amateurs attending the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention July 30 in Bryce Canyon, Utah, were among the first to respond when release of a noxious substance felled more than 50 people. Utah ARRL Section Manager Mel Parkes, AC7CP, and other hams swung into action to assist after conventioneers and other guests near an inside pool adjacent to the convention area at Ruby's Inn lodge began complaining of nausea, headaches and difficulty breathing sometime around 11 AM. Parkes later suffered the effects of the substance--now believed to be pepper spray--and was among those treated at the scene before being taken to a hospital.

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## PCSat2 installed on ISS during space walk



(Aug 3, 2005) -- The [PCSat2](#) Amateur Radio package has been installed on the exterior of the International Space Station (ISS) as Materials International Space Station Experiment 5 (MISSE5). Astronaut Soichi Noguchi, KD5TVP ([NASA TV photo](#)), unfolded the suitcase-like Passive Experiment Container (PEC) holding PCSat2 and other experiments mounted atop the ISS P6 truss structure at around 1110 UTC August 3 during a space walk with Astronaut Steve Robinson. Noguchi deployed the "tape measure" antennas by pulling up a couple of Mylar strips that allowed the antennas to pop out. Built by US Naval Academy students under the guidance of

APRS guru Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, PCSat2 will operate in cooperation with the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) program. It will provide a 10-meter PSK31 multi-user transponder, an FM voice repeater for possible use with ISS crew members and an AX.25 packet system for use as a UI digipeater and for telemetry, command, control. Bruninga says PCSat2 may be ready for use within a few days, but he asks that stations not attempt to use the system until it's been checked out and an announcement made. In the meantime, Bruninga has invited well-equipped ground stations to help capture early telemetry on the alternate downlink of 437.975 MHz during PCSat2's first few days of activation. Telemetry will be at 1200 and 9600 baud. E-mail telemetry files to [pc2@grc.nasa.gov](mailto:pc2@grc.nasa.gov). Bruninga also has asked 1200 baud IGates or SATgates to monitor 437.975 MHz and feed the global APRS system [live telemetry](#) page. PCSat2's primary downlink frequency is 435.275 MHz; the packet digipeater up and downlink frequency is 145.825 MHz. [More information](#) is on the USNA Web site (**Note: the USNA servers have been down for at least the past 24 hours**). Bruninga says the UHF downlink is only 1 W and will require a beam to hear it.

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## Amateurs to get "new" FM satellite



(Aug 3, 2005) -- PO-28 ([POSAT-1](#))--Portugal's first satellite, launched 12 years ago--will be turned over to Amateur Radio use in the very near future. That was the word this past weekend from [AMSAT-UK](#) Secretary Jim Heck, G3WGM, during the AMSAT-UK International Space Colloquium in Guildford, England. Launched September 25, 1993, the satellite operated as a packet store-and-forward BBS (9600 baud FM FSK) on Amateur Radio frequencies for several weeks in early 1994. Over the years, PO-28's primary usage has been commercial, although plans have called for eventually shifting its operation to ham radio use. G3WGM reports that following lengthy negotiations it has been agreed that the satellite can be switched permanently to amateur frequencies. The changeover is expected to take a couple of weeks. The Portuguese satellite was built at the University of Surrey as part of a collaborative satellite technology program that involved

industry and academe. Uplink frequencies will be 145.925 and 145.975 MHz. Downlink frequencies will be 435.075 and 435.275 MHz.

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## Australian BPL-related submissions express concerns



(Aug 3, 2005) -- The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) says the majority of the 275 submissions to its [BPL Discussion Paper](#) show a high level of concern regarding BPL interference and its management. The lion's share of the submissions--222 in all--came from radio amateurs. Others were from telecommunications companies, broadcasters and government agencies. One commenter, telecoms provider Optus, recommended a "cautious approach" and expressed concern over potential BPL interference to its cable services as well as over the issue of regulatory and competition certainty. Broadband cable and DSL provider Telstra worried about interference to its broadband and HF radio services saying its calculations indicate "ubiquitous BPL could have serious consequences for cable modem networks" and could lead to "significant degradation of VDSL in cases where power and telecommunications lines are in close proximity." Commenting through their industry association--the Personal Emergency Response Services Association (PERSA), medical alarm providers concluded that electromagnetic interference from BPL to PERS is potentially severe, continuous and widespread. "BPL interference could prevent a call for assistance in a life-threatening situation, resulting in death or injury," PERSA asserted. Not surprisingly, submissions from the BPL industry recommend less-onerous management techniques, although power company Bytecan did acknowledge interference to various services and devices during its tests. Others commenting included CB radio, model aircraft enthusiasts, outback radio users and equipment suppliers.--*Phil Wait, VK2DKN/Wireless Institute of Australia*

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## New IARU Region 2 Monitoring System Coordinator appointed



(Aug 3, 2005) -- Bill Zellers, [WA4FKI](#), of Fayetteville, North Carolina, has been appointed as the new [IARU](#) Region 2 Monitoring System Coordinator. He succeeds Martin Potter, VE3OAT, who stepped down in 2004. IARU Region 2 President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, announced the appointment this week. "Bill is excited about taking on the duties and responsibilities as Monitoring System Coordinator for Region 2 and assisting in the effort to keep the Amateur Radio bands free of intruding signals," Stafford said. "Join me in congratulating Bill on his appointment and wish him luck in his efforts in his new position." The IARU Monitoring System ([IARUMS](#)) is a worldwide service that works primarily to identify and initiate the necessary steps to remove from the Amateur Radio bands any non-Amateur Radio signals that are causing harmful interference through improper use. IARUMS also conducts surveys of amateur band occupancy, among other tasks. Potter says Zellers is eager to become fully engaged in his new post, supporting and coordinating the various national intruder watch programs in IARU Region 2 and working together with the IARUMS Coordinators in Regions 1 and 3.

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## Hundreds File Comments on FCC Morse Proposal



(Aug 2, 2005) -- Hundreds already have filed comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)) on the Commission's recent proposal to eliminate the Morse code requirement for all license classes. A formal 60-day comment period starts once the FCC's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order* ([NPRM&O](#)) in WT Docket 05-235 appears in the *Federal Register*, but all comments filed now are valid nonetheless. Issued in response to 18 petitions for rule making--including one from the ARRL--the FCC's *NPRM&O*, released July 19, dealt only with the Morse requirement and turned away all other proposed rule changes. A random sampling of the more than 360 comments filed at this point suggests the tide is running firmly in favor of the FCC's stance. Some even praised the Commission.

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