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Next meeting: September 19, 2005

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

(Editor)

SUNSHINE CORNER

Best wishes and good luck to **Elizabeth/KG4NXV**, as she starts her senior year at **Thomas Jefferson High School!**

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Derek**, son of **Doc/W1IMX!** Derek broke his wrist as a result of a fall, but is expected to heal up okay. Derek is a great help at our Hamfest, setting up/taking down tables, tailgating, working traffic control, etc.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Brenda/WD4RKH**, who had emergency **gall bladder removal** and **cardiac catheterization** while on vacation in Florida! We hope she will soon be able to join **Steve/KB4OF** in Manassas, again! (She's home and doing well!)-Editor

Congratulations to **Charlotte/KG4QXO** who won a **blue ribbon** and **Best in Show** for her cross-stitch piece at the **Prince William County Fair!** The piece is of The Three Servicemen at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and was fabulous to see -- it looks like a painting! Please drop a note or call Charlotte when you can, as she is homebound, and would enjoy a chat.

Congratulations to **George/K4GVT**, who with his son **Chris/N2JTA**, has been **granted joint patent rights** for their invention! The invention is a device which validates smart cards, differentiating between pirated and normal smart cards. **Patent #6,880,752** was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Commission on April 19, 2005. This is Chris's first and George's second patent. George says, "**I'm very proud of this achievement; what makes it especially exciting is having achieved this with my son.**"

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellow Hams: **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, **Mark/WA4KFZ**, **Al/KB4BHB**, **Julia/N4UGR**, **Gerald/WW5W**, and **Gus/N4MLE**. Hope each of you has a great day!

Condolences to the family of **Russell/WB4HHN**, whose son **James/KI4FBC** went **Silent Key** on **August 14th**. The Club has sent a card to the family, and a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, as requested by the family.

Condolences to the family of **Gene/AI4W**, a former member who went **Silent Key** on **August 20th**. **Keith/KM4AA** said, "Gene was a valued member of the volunteer examiner team for many years when we would do amateur exams at the Northern Virginia Community College. His contributions were greatly appreciated and he will be missed." The Club has sent a card to the family.

Condolences to the family of **Frank/N3FK**, a former member who went **Silent Key** on **August 4th**. He was active with the Maritime Mobile Service Network, the Grand Strand ARC and the McKean County (PA) ARC. The Club has sent a card to the family.

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

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HAMFEST 2005

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FIELD DAY 2005

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NEWSLINE

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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.

Permission is hereby granted for the reprinting of articles and quotations in this letter, provided full credit is given to the OVH ARC, and the author of the article. Contribution of printed articles by both members and non-members is encouraged. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. Submissions should be forwarded to OVH TIMES EDITOR: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 20108-1418, or to kb4of@arrl.net

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation – 170

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting – August 15, 2005

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

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There were **22 OVH members** and one guest present.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of the July 2005 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BPL – **George/K4GVT** - George met with officials of the City of Manassas on Tuesday, August 10 along with N3OH, K4GVT, W4HJL, W1CRO, and W4KRL. George noted that we need to file complaint letters with the FCC when we hear the BPL interference.

TREASURER'S REPORT - **Bill/N3OH** – Bill read the Treasurer's Report.

REPEATERS – **Butch/W4JHL** – We are still waiting to get the antennas replaced, but the repeaters are working well.

HAMFEST – **Keith/KM4AA** – We had a meeting of the Hamfest committee. We're looking into things to change next year. We need to review our security and traffic control situation. For now we'll have it at the fairgrounds and the same day, but that could change in the future. Keith covered several issues regarding Hamfest.

JOTA – **Paul/N2PJ** - Paul wants to pull together a list of who has done what in the past to help coordinate the next JOTA, which occurs on October 15, 2005. Paul will be able to spend more time on JOTA this year.

ARES – **David/KG4GIY** - David thanked all who helped put up antennas on the Red Cross chapter house. Many folks have been trained in **NIMS (National Incident Management System)**. David asked that we forward that information to him if you have passed the exam. NIMS is a requirement to work in an **EOC**. This is a county-level directive. The next training for ARES is on Sept 17. A drill will occur on October 19. Sept 10 is the "911 celebration" (meaning the 911 emergency system, nothing specific to the events of 9/11/2001). October 22 is the next Institute.

Howard Cunningham / WD5DBC gave a presentation on the **Marine Corps Marathon**. He needs **150 ham volunteers**. This year there will be about **28,000 runners**, more than twice the number as last year. The course has been changed a bit. We especially need some packet operators, but Howard needs hams who can do anything. www.NCACDC.com is the website to sign up. Information will also be on the ARES website. You need to sign up by October 1 to get credentials.

CLUB EC – **David/KI4AZX** – The **Try-It-Now Triathlon** is on September 21, and we will need volunteers for that.

FIELD DAY – **Brian/WC4J** - All went well. The total number of contacts was down but total points were up because of the bonus activities.

SUNSHINE UPDATE – **Steve/N4OGR** – **Steve Meade's/KB4OF** wife (**Brenda/WD4RKH**) had gall bladder surgery. If anyone has some more information, please pass it along. **Doc's/W1IMX's** son had surgery as the result of injuries to his wrist, but should make a full recovery. Two former OVH members passed away recently.

FAR – **Ruth/KU4WH** - **Autocall** will no longer exist as the situation currently stands. **David/KG4GIY** noted that new people are needed to do the work required to keep Autocall up and running. If by **Sept 15** a new team can be pulled together, it will continue, but otherwise the winter issue will be the last. It takes one person about **50 hours of work** per month to sustain Autocall. Regardless, the **Hamfest** will be **Sept. 10** and **11** and volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

David/KG4GIY noted that the **OVH annual dues (\$10)** are lower than those of most other AR clubs, and asked if we might considering **raising the dues**, and also asked what was necessary to do so. **Bill/N3OH** noted that the Club bylaws state that dues can be changed by a recommendation of the finance committee and a majority vote of a quorum at a meeting.

50/50 RAFFLE - \$32 was collected and **Dwight/AI4II** won. Dwight donated his winning back to the Club. Thank you Dwight.

The meeting adjourned at 2127 Eastern time.

"Volunteers Needed" Clearing House Now Live on ARRL Web Site!



(Sep 9, 2005) -- The Hurricane Katrina Amateur Radio Volunteers Needed Clearing House now is live on the ARRL Web site. This database will be the primary means for relief organizations requiring Amateur Radio volunteers for communication support to list their needs. Additionally, volunteers looking to help may search the listings to match up their capabilities with the various requirements.

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Hurricane Watch Net Revises Activation Plans for Fickle Ophelia



(Sep 12, 2005) -- As Ophelia continues its erratic behavior off the Eastern Seaboard, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) is poised to activate on 14.325 MHz Tuesday, September 13, at 1900 UTC. WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center (NHC) will activate at the same hour. The HWN cancelled plans to activate over the weekend after then-Hurricane Ophelia, now once again a tropical storm but nearly a Category 1 hurricane, failed to make landfall. According to the NHC, as of 2100 UTC, Ophelia was some 260 miles south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, moving slowly northwestward packing maximum sustained winds of nearly 70 MPH. The NHC says Ophelia "has the potential" to regain hurricane strength during the next 24 hours.

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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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American Red Cross Asks New Prospective Volunteers to Stand By



(Sep 12, 2005) -- ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, says the response to the American Red Cross's urgent call over the weekend for Amateur Radio volunteers was so successful that he's asking additional volunteers to stand by until the agency renews its call for more Amateur Radio operators. Sarratt said he and his team at the American Red Cross volunteer marshaling center in Montgomery, Alabama, are processing the volunteers who responded from the urgent call this past weekend and matching up available volunteers with needs. Sarratt says the Red Cross so far has processed upward of 100 Amateur Radio volunteers for its Gulf Coast disaster relief effort. He anticipates the agency will need additional volunteers in the near future, but suggests that anyone interested in signing up wait for another announcement. Amateur Radio is a major means of emergency communications for a number of critical disaster relief efforts, Sarratt said.

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Amateur Radio Industry, Individuals Step Up to the Plate for Katrina Relief



(Sep 9, 2005) -- Some two dozen members of the Amateur Radio industry and individual radio amateurs have contributed equipment for use in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The disaster wiped out the Amateur Radio infrastructure in many US Gulf Coast communities. The donations were made as gifts to ARRL, which is redirecting these resources as needed to the disaster zone. Some donors have offered valuable services and supplies.

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Amateur Radio Volunteers Filling Many Communication Gaps in Gulf Region



(Sep 8, 2005) -- Amateur Radio operators from states along the Gulf Coast and elsewhere in the US continue to volunteer their skills and expertise as the Hurricane Katrina relief effort heads into its third week. ARRL Section Managers (SMs) and Section Emergency Coordinators (SECs) across and around the affected region have been teleconferencing daily to keep their efforts on the same page. In the field, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other volunteers are assisting as needed to support communication for relief agencies as well as for state and local government and even the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Louisiana SEC Gary Stratton, K5GLS, reports that earlier this week Amateur Radio was the only means for state officials at the state emergency operations center (EOC) in Baton Rouge to communicate with the so-called "Florida parishes" above Lake Pontchartrain.

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NCVEC Question Pool Committee announces new schedule



(Sep 12, 2005) -- The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced that the Question Pool Committee (QPC) has adjusted its schedule for revising Amateur Radio examination question pools. This decision was prompted by recent FCC announcements, changes in radio communication technology and recommendations from VECs. "The QPC feels it is imperative to produce a new Technician Class pool now to better position the Amateur Radio Service for growth in the years ahead," the QPC said in a statement released September 9. "The new schedule impacts previously announced release dates for all three question pools." The Technician class (Element 2) pool now tops the schedule and is due for release in January 1, 2006, effective July 1, 2006. General class (Element 3) pool updates, previously scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2008, will be released December 1, 2006, and become effective July 1, 2007. The Extra class (Element 4) pool originally scheduled for 2005, will be released on December 1, 2007, and will become effective July 1, 2008. Barring any major rules changes, subsequent updates to all pools will follow the traditional four-year cycle, the QPC said. Selected by representatives of the 12 VECs attending the NCVEC's annual conference. The QPC consists of Chair Jim Wiley, KL7CC, Anchorage VEC; Perry Green, WY10, ARRL VEC, and Larry Pollock, NB5X, W5YI VEC. A

team of associates representing various VEC organizations as well as experts selected from the amateur community will assist the QPC. Interested persons are encouraged to submit questions to the NCVEC QPC via the NCVEC Web site.

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Radio Amateurs of Canada to reply to BPL consultation paper

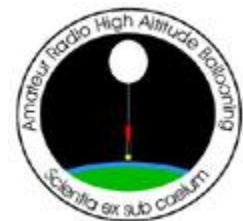


(Aug 5, 2005) -- Industry Canada (IC) has begun a public consultation process for the introduction of BPL in Canada. The proceeding, spelled out in [Canada Gazette Notice SMSE-005-05](#), dated July 19, will determine how BPL will be introduced in Canada. It will include the development of a new certification 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 ve3jq@rac.ca or 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, KI4AMX, 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 Robison. 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 ([ARRISS](#)) 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. 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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Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration



(Sep 9, 2005) -- Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level II on-line course (EC-002) opens Monday, September 12, at 1201 AM EDT and will remain open until all available 86 seats have been filled. Classes begin Friday, September 30, and Friday, October 28. Students must have completed Level I before registering for Level II. Thanks to the United Technologies Corporation (UTC), the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed to students who complete the course requirements and are upgraded by their mentor to "Passed" within the 8-week course period. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail in registrations may not qualify for reimbursement. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and [Continuing Education](#) (CCE) Web page. For more information, contact Online Course Coordinator Jean Wolfgang, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0219.

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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/.

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

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. 200th 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. 111th 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.

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

Sep 16-Sep 17 (1500Z-2200Z Sep 16; 1400Z-2100Z Sep 17), Rantoul, IL. Willy Victor Radio Club, WV2AEW. Bi-annual Navy/Air Force Willy Victor Reunion from Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum. SSB 14.265 7.244 CW 14.030 7.030. Certificate or QSL. Sam Leach, K3KLC, PO Box 741, Lexington Park, MD 2065. www.willyvictor.com.

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 41st birthday. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Michael White, 404 Holmes Dr, Slidell, LA 70460. www.w5sla.net.

Sep 17, 1300Z-2300Z, Arlington, TX. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, K5SLD. Club's 50th anniversary. 14.250 7.250 147.140. QSL. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1702, Arlington, TX 76004-1702. 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.

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, Bardstow, 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.

Sep 17-Sep 18, 1600Z-2300Z, Big Bear Lake, CA. Big Bear Amateur Radio Club, K6BB. Celebrating the 30th 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.

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.

Sep 24, 1400Z-2000Z, Hillsboro, IL. Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, Inc, W9BXR. Commemorating the Club's 50th 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.

Sep 24, 1500Z-2300Z, Laurel, MS. Laurel Amateur Radio Club, W5LAR. Club's 30th 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.

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 Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. www.armad.net.

Sep 24, 1400Z-2300Z, Cory, IN. Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, W9A. Cory Apple Festival. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. WVARA, PO Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47808-0081. www.w9uuu.org/main.html.

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. (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.

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.

Sep 28-Sep 30, 1200Z-2359Z, Biloxi, MS. Coast Guard CW Operators Association, NR4DL. 7th Annual Reunion from the Biloxi Beach Resort. 14.052 . QSL. KL7IBT, Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705. www.comm-one.org. Certificate for this and Oct 1 event.

Sep 29-Oct 2, 1400Z-0200Z, Kingwood, WV. Preston Country Amateur Radio Operators, W8B. 64th Annual Buckwheat Festival. Phone and CW 40, 20, 10 m, 25 kHz up from bottom of Gen phone and Nov CW bands 147.000 PSK 20 and 10 m. Certificate. KA8UEU, PO Box 512, Kingwood, WV 26537.

Sep 30-Oct 1, 1600Z-2400Z, Macon, GA. Macon-Bibb EMA (WX4EMA) and Exchange Club of Macon, W4G. 150th year of the Georgia State Fair. 14.257 7.225. Certificate. Jeff Amerson, Exchange Club of Macon, PO Box 4105, Macon, GA 31208. www.georgiastatefair.org.

October

Oct 1, 1300Z-1700Z, Anamosa, IA. Jones County Amateur Radio Club, N0CWP. 17th Annual Pumpkifest and Weight-Off. 14.260 ± QRM. Certificate. Jim McClintock, 301 Vine St, Morley, IA 52312.

Oct 1, 1300Z-1900Z, Coalwood, WV. Pocahontas Coalfield ARC, W8C. October Sky Festival--Rocket Boys. 21.340 14.250 7.245 3.870. QSL. David R. Sexton, AB8D, PO Box 65, Maybeury, WV 24861.

Oct 1, 1300Z-1900Z, Temecula, CA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 11SR 16-07, KN6PR. USCG Auxiliary 66th Anniversary. 14.350 7.250. QSL. Joseph R. Terrazas, KN6PR, PO Box 2289, Temecula, CA 92593.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2100Z, Harlem, GA. Columbia County Amateur Radio Club, W4O. Annual Oliver Hardy Festival. 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Dean Maples, 1053 Blackfoot Dr, Evans, GA 30809. <http://ccarc.hamradioman.com>.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2200Z, Flowery Branch, GA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary D7Div2, W4A. Canadian and United States USCG Auxiliary Anniversary. 21.360 14.285 7.275 3.875. QSL. Albert Miles, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Pass Christian, MS. US Coast Guard Auxiliary/Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association, W5P. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 66th anniversary special event. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. Glover Hayden, PO Box 415, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Wilmington, NC. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N5S. 66th anniversary USCG Auxiliary. 28.305 21.360 14.265. QSL. Dan Caywood, 9001 River Rd, Wilmington, NC 28412.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Ashland, VA. USCG Auxiliary Division 3, 5th District SR, N4I. USCG Aux Event celebrating ISAR 2005 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. 28.410 21.400 14.260 7.250. QSL. Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. www.cga-gcac.org/isar2005/english/home/index.asp.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Coram, NY. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K2K. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 66th Anniversary. 28.630 21.345 14.320 7.280. QSL. Larry R. Cohen, K2KGB, 15 Canterbury Dr, Coram, NY 11727.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2300Z, Hyattsville, MD. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A/K3UAL. 66th Anniversary USCGA. 28.350 21.340 14.280. QSL. Joe Saunders, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785.

Oct 1, 1300Z-2400Z, Cincinnati, OH. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Div 5-8ER, W8E. 66th USCG and 25th Canadian CG Auxiliary anniversaries. 28.400 21.400 14.247 7.267. QSL. David F. Stroup, 6095 Drum Hill Ln, Milford, OH 45150-2275.

Oct 1, 1400Z-2100Z, Media, PA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 66th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.

Oct 1, beginning 1500Z, Mobile, AL. Coast Guard CW Operators Association, NR4DL. 7th Annual Reunion from the Battleship Alabama. 14.052. QSL. KL7IBT, Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705. www.comm-one.org. Certificate for this and Sep 28-30 event.

Oct 1, 1500Z-2100Z, McPherson, KS. McPherson Amateur Radio Club, W0TWU. Paying tribute to early traders on the Santa Fe Trail. 21.280 14.280 7.280 3.928. Certificate. Stan Stephenson, WD0EUF, 1428 Homestead Pl, McPherson, KS 67460. www.stjohnks.net/santafetrail.

Oct 1, 1500Z-2300Z, Green Valley, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. Historical Titan Missile Museum using site discone antenna. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Gene Schouweiler, 214 N Crocodile Rock Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Oct 1, 1800Z-2300Z, St Thomas, VI. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N2A. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 66th Anniversary & ISAR 2005. 28.320 21.310 14.260. QSL. Deborah Thomas, PO Box 9280, St Thomas, VI 00801.

Oct 1-Oct 2, 1400Z-2100Z, Middletown, RI. Newport County Radio club, W1SYE. 31st Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair--Family Emphasis. 21.350 14.275 14.071 7.245. QSL. Newport County Radio Club, Box 3103, Newport, RI 02840. www.qsl.net/w1sye.

Oct 1-Oct 3, 1700Z-0500Z, Canoe Camp, ID. Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club, W7S. 200th anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment on the Clearwater River. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 145.520 145.490 146.520. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave, Moscow, ID 83843-3539. www.73se.com.

Oct 1-Oct 8, 1400Z-2000Z, Middletown, PA. Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, N3M. Celebrating the 250th anniversary of Middletown, PA. 14.270 7.265 3.755. QSL. Larry Robbins, W3CEI, 118 Grandview Ave, Middletown, PA 17057. <http://hrac.tripod.com>.

Oct 1-Oct 16, 1300Z-2000Z, Bedford, VA. Lynchburg ARC, N4J. Annual Thomas Jefferson Poplar Forest Home Special Event. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ed Narwid, W4OAF, 1799 Otter Hill Rd, Bedford, VA 24523. www.k4cq.net.

Oct 2, 1600Z-2000Z, Youngstown, OH. Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association, W8QLY. Boardman Oktoberfest. 28.480 21.340 14.265 7.265. QSL. MVARA, PO Box 2950, Youngstown, OH 44511. www.mvara.org.

Oct 2-Oct 9, 1900Z-1500Z, St George Island, FL. Tennessee Valley DX Association, W4I. St George Island, NA-085, Mini DXpedition. 10-80 m SSB CW PSK and RTTY. QSL. Via bureau or direct to Paul J. Pagano, WA4AA, 7725 Royal Harbour Cir, Ooltewah, TN 37363-9154. www.tvdxa.com.

Oct 7, 1200Z-2400Z, East Lansing, MI. Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, W8S. 50th anniversary of MSU College of Commercial Arts & Sciences. 20 m 40 m 145.39. QSL. CMARC, PO Box 27321, Lansing, MI 48909-7321. www.qsl.net/cmarc.

Oct 7-Oct 24, 0000Z-2359Z, Moorestown, NJ. Burlington County Radio Club, K2TD. BCRC 50th anniversary and Jersey Devil Special Event. General portions HF and VHF 80-2 m. QSL. K2TD, BCRC, PO Box 65, Fort Dix, NJ 08640. www.k2td-bcrc.org.

Oct 8, 1100Z-2300Z, Grandfather Mountain, NC. Goldsboro Amateur Repeater Club, W4GOL. 2nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Mile High Special Event. 144.200 50.125 21.325 14.280. QSL. Ray Lane, KD4FV, 612 Gloucester Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

Oct 8, 1200Z-2359Z, Belleville, MI. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. Boy Scouts Fall Camporee. 14.280 14.040 7.280 7.040. Certificate. N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. www.w8mrm.org.

Oct 8, 1300Z-1900Z, Lake Placid, NY. Northern New York ARA, N2Y. NNY Hamfest/Convention. 14.270 7.240 7.040. Certificate. Richard Sherman, WZ2T, 25 Pines Rd, Malone, NY 12953. www.nnyara.org/hamfest2005.htm.

Oct 8, 1300Z-2200Z, Rockford, IL. Boy Scouts of America, K9BSA. BSA Air Camp at Historic WWI WWII Camp Grant. 28.390 21.360 14.290 7.290. Certificate. Steve James, 10855 Ernest Dr, Marengo, IL 60152-9160. www.qrz.com/k9bsa.

Oct 8, 1400Z-2000Z, Robbinsville, NC. Smoky Mountains Amateur Radio Team, N4GSM. Anniversary of opening of Cherahala Skyway. 50.242 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 517, Robbinsville, NC 28771. www.main.nc.us/graham/smart/.

Oct 8, 1400Z-2100Z, Nowhere, KS. Douglas County (KS) Amateur Radio Club, W0UK. At the Midland Historical Association Railway southern terminal. 28.440 21.365 14.222 7.244. Certificate. DCARC--W0UK, 211 Pinecone Dr, Lawrence, KS 66046. www.w0uk.net.

Oct 8-Oct 9, 0001Z-2300Z, Tampa, FL. St Joseph Hospital Amateur Radio Club, W4TCH. Breast Cancer Awareness. 28.475 14.250 21.300 7.238. QSL. Morris Bernstein, 6507 La Mesa Cir, Tampa, FL 33634.

Oct 8-Oct 9, 1200Z-2400Z, Carencro, LA. Acadiana Amateur Radio Association Inc, W5C. City of Carencro Centennial Celebration. 28.340 21.320 14.270 7.240. Certificate. Roland J. Guidry, NA5Q, 701 S Arenas St, Rayne, LA 70578-6311. www.w5ddl.org/w5c.

Oct 8-Oct 9, 1600Z-0300Z, Menlo Park, CA. 12th Month, Amateur Radio-Technology Day, N6T, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. 14.240 14.044 7.240 7.044. QSL. David A. Cooper, 270 Redwood Shores Pky, PMB #41, Redwood City, CA 94065. www.fars.k6ya.org.

Oct 8-Oct 16, 1200Z-2100Z, Ellijay, GA. Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, W4A. 34th Annual Georgia Apple Festival. 18.120 14.235 7.235 3.860 up 20 kHz from low edge of Gen SSB 80 40 20 17 and 15 m. QSL. Dave Meadows, PO Box 1371, East Ellijay, GA 30539. www.qsl.net/w4hhh.

Oct 11-Oct 12, 1600Z-2359Z, Lewiston, ID. Lewis and Clark Amateur Radio Club, W7C. 200th anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment at Snake and Clearwater Rivers confluence. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 146.880. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave, Moscow, ID 83843-3539. www.73se.com.

Oct 15, 1700Z-2000Z, Hillsboro, MO. Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club, KB0TLL. Great Ozark Chili Cook Out. 147.075 14.250 7.245. QSL. Roy Nelson, KA0UMJ, 8080 Hwy 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050.

Oct 15, 1000Z-2300Z, New Concord, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8S. Ohio's S-Bridges. 14.260 7.235 7.245. QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8VP, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43767. www.w8vp.org.

Oct 15-Oct 16, 1400Z-2200Z, Dahlonega, GA. North Georgia Amateur Radio Club, W4QQ. Dahlonega Gold Rush Days. 14.260. QSL. NGARC, 150 Hickory Nut Trl, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Oct 15-Oct 16, 1400Z-2200Z, Standish, MI. Ogemaw-Arenac Amateur Radio Society, K8OAR. Arrival of Polar Express at Standish Historical RR Depot. 21.350 14.270. QSL. OAARS, PO Box 4358, Prescott, MI 48756.

Oct 16, 1700Z-2359Z, Los Gatos, CA. Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club, N2RDT. 16th anniversary of the Oct 17, 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. 147.54 52.00 14.250 7.250. Certificate. David Katinsky, 25570 Radonich Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95033.

Oct 22, 1300Z-1900Z, Ferrum, VA. Franklin County Amateur Radio Club, W4FCR. Celebrating the 2005 Blue Ridge Folklife Festival. 146.520 50.150 14.300. QSL. Paul Johnson, KD4MB, 257 Lindsey Ln, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Oct 22, 1400Z-2200Z, Brainerd, MN. Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club, W0UJ. BAARC celebrates 40 years of community service. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. BAARC, PO Box 801, Brainerd, MN 56401. www.brainerdham.org.

Oct 22, 1430Z-1830Z, Randleman, NC. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, NC4AR. 17th Annual NASCAR Days Festival. 14.268 7.268. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370. www.qsl.net/nc4ar.

Oct 22, 1500Z-2200Z, Chicago, IL. Metro DX Club, W9TY. Commemorating the Club's 25th anniversary. 21.320 14.320 7.250. Certificate. Metro DX Club, 5045 Oak Center Dr, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. n9lah@arrl.net.

Oct 22, 1400Z-2200Z, Palestine, TX. Palestine/Anderson County ARC, K5PAL. Hot Pepper Fall Festival. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. David Carnathan, 504 S Mischeaux, Palestine, TX 75801. www.pacarc.org.

Oct 28-Oct 31, 1300Z-2100Z, Sycamore, IL. Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club, W9P. Commemorating Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. SSB 14.265 7.265 CW 14.042 7.042. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. www.kish-club.org.

Oct 29, 1400Z-2400Z, Mountain View, AR. Stone County Amateur Radio Club, K5B. Annual Beanfest & Outhouse Races. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Willy Peake, 600 Pepperbox Rd, Mountain View, AR 72560. www.k5b.info.

Oct 31, 1600Z-2400Z, Brevard, NC. Transylvania County Amateur Radio Club, K4HXZ. Halloween in Transylvania County. 28.335 21.365 14.295 7.237. Certificate. TCARC, PO Box 665, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768.

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15-Oct-2005**Sponsor:** LAUREL ARC VEC**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** JOHN B CREEL

(301)572-5124

VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)**Location:**

384 MAIN ST

LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

23-Oct-2005**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/CLUB/EXAMS.ASP

WALK-INS ONLY!

STAFFORD, VA 22554

25-Oct-2005**Sponsor:** MARYLAND MOBILEERS ARC**Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** HAROLD L NICHOLS

(410)757-0493

Email: WB4OGP@ARRL.NET**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)**Location:** HISTORICAL ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

1745 W NURSERY RD

WWW.HEM-USA.ORG/

2 ID'S REQUIRED!

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

05-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** BALTIMORE ARC**Time:** 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** LORENZ W SCHAEFER

(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

06-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** ARA RADIO CLUB**Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** ROBERT E LONG

(301)824-5132

Email: RJLONG61@MD.NET**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)**Location:** HAGERSTOWN SDA CHURCH

11507 ROBINWOOD DR

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

MAY ALSO CALL 717-328-9862

HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

06-Nov-2005**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

12-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** MARC VE TEAM**Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** WILLIAM M TUCKER

(301)729-2544

Email: K3UEZ@QSL.NET**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)**Location:** ALLEGANY COUNTY EMER MGT BLDG

CONSTITUTION PARK

ARRANGE HANDICAP EXAMS

TALK-IN 146.88 PL 123.0

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

12-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB**Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** ROBERT L ROSE

(410)437-8193

Email: AA3RR@K13DS.ORG**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)**Location:** DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

3789 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE RD

WWW.W3VPR.ORG

REGISTRATION STARTS @ NOON

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

12-Nov-2005**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

13-Nov-2005**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

19-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** LAUREL ARC VEC**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** JOHN B CREEL

(301)572-5124

VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)**Location:**

384 MAIN ST

LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

19-Nov-2005**Sponsor:** AERO ARC**Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** PATRICIA E STONE

(410)687-7209

Email: AC3FAC3P@YAHOO.COM**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)**Location:** WHITE MARSH LIBRARY

8133 SANDPIPER CIRCLE

REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM

WHITE MARSH, MD 21162

22-Nov-2005

Sponsor: MARYLAND MOBILEERS ARC
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HAROLD L NICHOLS
(410)757-0493
Email: WB4OGP@ARRL.NET
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: HISTORICAL ELECTRONICS MUSEUM
1745 W NURSERY RD
WWW.HEM-USA.ORG/
2 ID'S REQUIRED!
LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

03-Dec-2005

Sponsor: MASSANUTTEN ARA
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GAYLE L SHULL
(540)434-0859
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG
STATE ROUTE 42
KN4FM@ARRL.NET (FREQ 145.130)
SIGN-IN 9:00 AM
DAYTON, VA 22821

03-Dec-2005

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

04-Dec-2005

Sponsor: DCMARC
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

04-Dec-2005

Sponsor: MARC VE TEAM
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM M TUCKER
(301)729-2544
Email: K3UEZ@QSL.NET
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: ALLEGANY COUNTY EMER MGT BLDG
CONSTITUTION PARK
ARRANGE HANDICAP EXAMS
TALK-IN 146.88 PL 123.0
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

10-Dec-2005

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

10-Dec-2005

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

10-Dec-2005

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
CAROL@NFDC.NET
KC6GMN@NFDC.NET
SHREWSBURY, PA 17361

10-Dec-2005

Sponsor: RICHMOND ARC/RAVE
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: PATRICK WILSON
(804)932-9424
Email: W4PW@ARRL.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: J SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMM COLL
1651 E PARHAM RD-BLDG B
WWW.W4PW.ORG (TO REGISTER)
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED!
RICHMOND, VA 23228

11-Dec-2005

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-Dec-2005

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/CLUB/EXAMS.ASP
WALK-INS ONLY!
STAFFORD, VA 22554

01-Jan-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

2005 ARRL Contest Calendar

Downloaded from ARRL Web Site

Date(s)	Contest	Links
September 17 - 18	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	Rules
24 - 25	ARRL EME 2304 MHz and Above	Rules [PDF]
October 22 - 23	ARRL EME 50 MHz - 1296 MHz	Rules
November 5 - 7	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)	
12 - 13	ARRL EME 50 MHz - 1296 MHz	Rules
19 - 21	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)	
December 2 - 4	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	
10 - 11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	

Gene Marden/AI4W, SK

From keith to the OVH reflector
Subject: RE: [W4OVH] FW SK AI4W
Date: Tue, 23 Aug 2005 07:05:19 -0400

Cc: "'W4OVH Reflector'" <w4ovh@mailman.qth.net> ,

My condolences on your loss, Gene was a valued member of the volunteer examiner team for many years when we would do amateur exams at the Northern Virginia Community College. His contributions were greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

Thanks to Brian for passing this along.

Keith/KM4AA

Gene had been an OVH'er in the past and continued to support the VE program.
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Gene Marden/AI4W, SK (cont)

From: w4ovh-bounces@mailman.qth.net [mailto:w4ovh-bounces@mailman.qth.net] On
Behalf Of BRIAN COCHRAN
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 7:06 PM
To: Bill South; W4OVH Reflector
Subject: [W4OVH] FW SK AI4W

Sorry to pass on this bad news
Brian
WC4J

----- Original Message -----

From: l.bates@comcast.net
To: wwi@woodbridgewireless.org
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 11:01 AM
Subject: (WWI) Gene Marden, AI4W, Silent Key

I received news from Linda this morning that Gene Marden, AI4W, passed away Saturday from what appears to be natural causes. Gene had been a member of WWI for many years participating in many of our events. His most fond memories were of the rabbit hunts WWI sponsored, especially the turtle award we held as a team and the first place finish at Prince William Forest with John, K4EBS as the rabbit.

Planning for the funeral and memorial service is in process at Price Funeral Home in Manassas for possibly Saturday 8/27 or Sunday 8/28.

Please send cards to XYL, Linda and son Jimmy at 12601 Foremost Court, Nokesville, VA 20181.

I will post additional information as it is made available.

Larry - K0LB/4

I knew Gene for over 25 years. I spent some time working HF from his station way back when he lived in Manassas Park. In recent years, I always had an open invitation from Gene to come over to his house in Nokesville and operate, talk, or whatever. Unfortunately, it seemed that something would always come up and keep me from going over to Gene's house. I'll miss talking to him on simplex and of course, I'll just miss my friend. 73's Gene!

Steve/KB4OF