



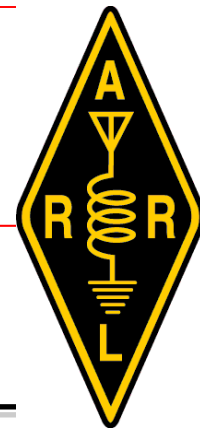
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The President's Corner De WB2PPN



Excellent weather prevailed for the painting crew of Ray Darling K2DAR, Joe Dolgos KA2ZFM, Stan White WB2PPN and Sunnie Linabery KC2PBP as they completed paint restoration of the building at the tower site. The building was painted on July 22nd, 2007. We still have a little cleanup activity to perform, but a solid improvement to accompany our new tower. Our next meeting will be August 2nd 2007. K2DAR will provide the program for the evening and we will be looking for a good turnout. Hope to see you there.

73's
Stan WB2PPN

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CVARA Meeting Notes 07/05/07

Meeting called to order at 1907 hours by WB2PPN, President.

11 Members present: KC2OZK, KA2ZFM, N2CHD, WA2IAX, KC2CN, KC2PBP, WB2PPN, K2DAR, WA2TDO, WA2TDO, and KF6C.

Minutes - None

Treasurer's report - Accepted

Membership now has 36 paid members.

Correspondence – Binghamton Club News Letter

Note from Binghamton SKY WARN – Net Control will be for Counties unless widespread coverage is needed.

Next VE Session – 09/16/07

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Amphenol Open House – We will have a booth set up for the Open House at Amphenol in Sidney on Saturday 07/07/07

TOWER PROJECT

Since the new tower has been erected, Packet System

has been dismantled and removed.

Just a few odds and ends to finish and a bit of picking up to be done yet.

Reports of additional coverage with the new tower are encouraging.

WEEKLY NET ACTIVITY

Becky KC2OZK reported on net operation. She has been performing this function since our last meeting and due to lack of volunteers, has consented to take the control for the Month of July. We have several members who participate in the net. Let's all make an effort to share this responsibility.

PROGRAM

Ray K2DAR will present a program on NVIS at the August meeting.

Hamfests – Frankfort - 07/21/07

NOTICE: Saturday Breakfasts are now being held at The Dog House on Rt 12 North of North Norwich at 9 or 9:30 a.m

Meeting adjourned 1955 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Sunnie Linabery KC2PBP



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007

August 1	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	(Phone)	
4 - 5	ARRL UHF Contest		30 - 12/2 ARRL 160 Me-
4	Tompkins County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Ithaca, NY		ter Contest
18	Hamfest 2007 Rome Radio Club Inc. Westmoreland	December 8 - 9	6 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM ARRL 10 Meter Contest
18 - 19	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest		
September	6 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM		
	8 - 10 ARRL September VHF QSO Party		
	15 - 16 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest		
October 4	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM		
November	1 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM		
3 - 5	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)		
	17 - 19 ARRL November Sweepstakes		

Do not forget that every Wednesday nite at 7:30 local on the W2RME/R 146.085/146.685 The CARES net meets. If you are hungry Saturday breakfasts. They are now being held at "The Dog House" North of North Norwich, around 9:30 a.m

If you know of, or hear about any activities that should be listed here, Please pass them on to the editor.



CVARA PICNIC ANNOUNCED

President Stan WB2PPN announces the CVARA Summer Picnic will be held on August 12, 2007 at 1400 hours at the residence of N2RXK Bob. He wants the picnic to be a celebration of all the club has accomplished this year like the tower completion and the community service events we have done.

The following will be provided at the picnic: teas and instant coffee(regular and decaf), potato chips and related snacks, catsup, mustard, relish, salt, pepper, and a grill for cooking.

Please bring (most importantly) yourselves and: a fantastically created foodstuff to share (potato salad, etc.), whatever main course you wish to eat (grill available), sodas, beer, or whatever your needs are

for liquid refreshments, and a chair for each participant.

The event will be held rain or shine as there is plenty of covered areas for sitting out of the elements. N2RXK's residence is located exactly 2.0 miles south of the Village of Sherburne line and at the north end of Tracy Road/NYS Route 12 in the town of North Norwich. It is a small white old schoolhouse on the west side of the road. Look for the antenna tower in the back yard. The address is 7721 State Highway 12, Sherburne NY. If you have questions, contact N2RXK at n2rxk@yahoo.com or 607-674-6024.

Come join the fun!!!

Paint crew at work!



The following from: The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 30 July 27, 2007

FCC Commissioner Lauds BPL in House Testimony; ARRL Responds

On July 24, FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein testified at a House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet hearing that "three of the many urgent priorities we face" include the need for "a national broadband strategy to ensure the ubiquitous deployment of affordable, high speed broadband infrastructure to this country." FCC Chairman Kevin Martin and Commissioners Tate, McDowell and Copps testified as well at the "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission" hearing.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, responded via fax on July 25 to Commissioner Adelstein's remarks. "I cheered silently when I came to your reference to the 'current anemic definition of high-speed' that includes service that is too slow to meet citizens' reasonable expectations," he wrote. "I was even more impressed with your statement in the next paragraph, 'We must take a hard look at our successes and failures.'"

Sumner, however, expressed "great disappointment" over Adelstein's reference to "broadband over power line" (BPL) as "a technology deserving of 'increasing incentives for investment.' None of your colleagues' testimonies contain a similar reference," he pointed out.

Sumner reiterated the ARRL's position with regard to BPL technology and "its propensity to interfere with radio communication, a flaw that is not shared by other broadband delivery platforms. As long as interference is avoided," Sumner said, "it is of no concern to us whether private investment is devoted to BPL. However, we must object to your identification of BPL as a technology that is particularly

deserving of favorable public policy treatment."

Calling the FCC's "inexplicable favoritism of BPL in the face of contrary evidence" one of the Commission's failures," Sumner noted that according to the Commission's own latest figures, "of 4,600,000 'high-speed' lines, only about 5000 are BPL. This is a share of 0.008 percent, a share that actually declined in the six-month period between reports--and if an 'anemic' definition were not used, none of the 5000 or so BPL lines would qualify."

ARRL's concern, Sumner said, at the "prospect of an even greater encouragement of BPL, as your testimony suggests, is that--even at the very low level of deployment that exists to date--the FCC's enforcement efforts have proved to be woefully inadequate to address ongoing cases of harmful interference from BPL systems." Sumner went on to note "one example of documented interference (Enforcement Bureau File No. EB-06-SE-083) has been caused by the Ambient Corporation's Briarcliff Manor, New York installation for more than three years without being corrected and without penalty to the system operator...If the Commission is unable to protect its licensees from harmful interference from BPL now, it is difficult to imagine how it will be able to do so should BPL be more widely deployed in the future."

Sumner also attached a letter from William E. Burton, Chairman of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. Burton's letter described the interference BPL is causing to local Amateur Radio operators in the village of Briarcliff Manor. He stressed that the FCC "should require that...Ambient cooperate with the ARRL and its BPL technical experts forthwith...This would include both the current experimental system, as well as any future or 'second generation' technology."

Burton's letter went on to say that "the best way for the FCC to promote a new technology while protecting public safety...[is to] make clear that complaints concerning harmful interference are taken

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seriously."

Sumner concluded his comments: "We respectfully submit that BPL has not earned a place in the much-needed national roadband strategy to benefit all Americans. Resources are better devoted elsewhere, to more promising technologies that do not pose a threat to the Commission's radio service licensees."

Now Appearing on the ARRL Stage at the 2007 National Convention...

One of the main features of the 2007 ARRL National Convention, to be held in conjunction with the Huntsville Hamfest August 18-19 in Huntsville, Alabama, is the ARRL EXPO area. Part of the ARRL EXPO is the ARRL Stage. ARRL Headquarters staffers and Field Organization leaders will be giving short mini-forums on the ARRL Stage during the Convention. Topics will range from how to write an article for QST, to membership benefits, to BPL, to Logbook of the World, to education and more!

ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, will give the latest on Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) and how they affect Amateur Radio. ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, will present two talks: How to write for QST, and a general Q-and-A session about Amateur Radio and the news. ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, will discuss the "ever-expanding benefits of ARRL membership."

ARRL Regulatory Information Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND will speak about the responsibility every amateur shares when they get on the air--operating legally, safely and appropriately. ARRL Contributing Editor Ward Silver, N0AX, will present Dr Beldar's Contest Emporium, always a crowd-pleasing hit at the ARRL EXPO.

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, will talk about the newly dedicated Dia-

mond Terrace and ways amateurs can be a part of this lasting tribute at ARRL Headquarters. ARRL Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, will speak about opportunities with ARRL for mentors and instructors. ARRL Emergency Preparedness & Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, will be introducing himself and meeting hams interested in or already involved with public service. DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, will discuss operating awards and the QSL service.

ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, will host the ARRL Section Manager Forum, while ARRL Southern Florida Section Manager and Chairman of the ARRL's Public Relations Committee Sherri Brower, W4STB, will talk about why Public Information Officers are so crucial to the ARRL Field Organization.

Stay tuned for more details. For more information on the ARRL 2007 National Convention, please visit the ARRL EXPO Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/expo>>.

Revamped ARRL Membership Pages Go "Live" on the Internet

Breen said the online membership processThe fully automated, easy-to-use, online membership application, <<http://www.arrl.org/join>> which now provides immediate confirmation to ARRL members, became a reality July 22. "Our new membership Web page went live due to the inter-epartmental team effort of Membership, Circulation, Web Services, Accounting, IT and Business Services," commented ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB.

"ARRL Circulation Manager Amy Hurtado, KB1NXO, and I visited many membership organization Web sites to see if we could find details we liked and wanted to use for our site. We then took those bits and pieces to ARRL graphic artist Diane Szlachetka, KB1OKV. Diane worked to decipher our notes, and ultimately we ended up with this awesome set of

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pages," she said.

But it doesn't stop there. "Having a front page was only the beginning. We needed to get all the systems behind the scenes to talk to each other. One of the big parts related to credit card processing. ARRL Web Developer Hugh Brower, KB1NFI, spent countless hours working with our merchant services company to set up all kinds of security protocols, and ARRL Web Applications Developer Micah Murray created all the nitty-gritty scripts to make the site actually work! Wow--what a process!" Breen said.

definitely needed an overhaul." She added that more than 65 percent of ARRL members use the ARRL Web site to join or renew their membership. "For existing members who renew, when they log in to their member page and follow the link to "Renew," the page will automatically populate with their existing information. When a new ham joins and enters their call sign, their page is automatically populated with data from the FCC. Again, the idea is to make it as easy and streamlined as possible."

Calling the old online membership process "cumbersome," Breen said it did not allow ARRL members to add family members at the same time, make additional donations to the League or even add a subscription to QEX or NCJ. "You can now also choose a Life Membership online, which previously was not available. You can upgrade to Diamond Club while in the system--again, this was not an option previously. Now when you join or renew, you will receive an immediate confirmation by e-mail that includes the type of membership selected, when it expires and when the first issue of QST will arrive."

Breen said she hopes ARRL members will find this new Web page beneficial and she welcomes any feedback. She can be reached via e-mail

w1krb@arrl.org;

DXpedition Approved for DXCC Credit:

The ARRL DXCC desk reports that the 2007 DXpedition to Burundi, 9U0X, has been approved for DXCC credit. ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, said, "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail <dxcc@arrl.org>; and you will be placed on the list for update."

ARISS Update:

ARRL Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Coordinator Rosalie White, K1STO, said that the ARISS program is moving along splendidly. On Tuesday, July 17, long-term hospitalized children at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando, Florida, spoke with astronaut Clay Anderson, KD5PLA, aboard the ISS. Anderson answered the children's 33 questions. The Challenger Learning Center of Lucas County, in Oregon, Ohio has been scheduled for an ARISS contact on Wednesday, July 25 at 1148 UTC. The center has a science lab that is used for the summer camp programs, and schools from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan participate in the programs which reach approximately 3000 students each year. An ARISS contact has also been planned for the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford, England. Special Event Station GB100J will operate at the Jamboree from July 27-August 8, 2007. Approximately 40,000 scouts from 200 countries are expected to attend this event. The contact will take place on Saturday, August 4 at 2110 UTC. There have been 306 ARISS International Space Station-to-Earth school contacts to date.

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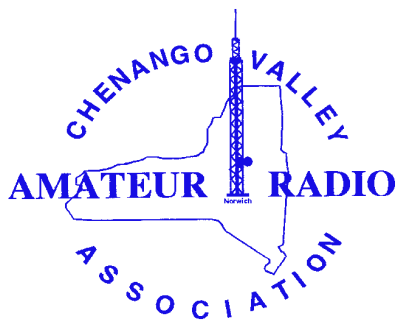
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