

WRC Update -SEPTEMBER-

AUGUST 31, 2003

Radio Amateurs Serving
the Western Communities

remember to **ZOOM IN**
on the photos... 200% recommended



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Sept. 8th Meeting Preview:

FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF NEIL ENOS...

"An Introduction to the Incident Command System"

Or... How to make sure that things go right during an emergency!

Emergency communicators should understand how resources, human and material, are organized at an emergency scene. The Incident Command System, ICS, is the on-scene management structure that does all that, and more, for *any* incident. ICS evolved in the 1970's when it became painfully apparent that when multiple agencies responded to a disaster, they had immense difficulties in communicating and working with one another.

Join us to learn just how responders from different agencies work together in a safe, efficient manner and how emergency communicators can fit in as part of the "responder" team.

A real, but unpublicized, incident at the height of the anthrax scare occurred in April of 2002. Two motorists opened an envelope while

driving on I-95. A white powdery substance quickly covered them and the vehicle interior. Panicked, they sought help at the FHP's Lantana Headquarters. Palm Beach County Fire/Rescue immediately responded. Observers could tell that the responders were well trained.

Left: Incident commanders agree on strategy.

Right: About ten Fire Rescue vehicles, including Special Operations, were on the scene. F/R personnel are shown setting up the decontamination booth. To everyone's relief, the powder proved not to be anthrax.



Margaret KG4UNM & Cletus KG4KYD Earn WRC's 1st Family Achievement Award

At August's meeting, "Lady" Margaret and Cletus Pirtle

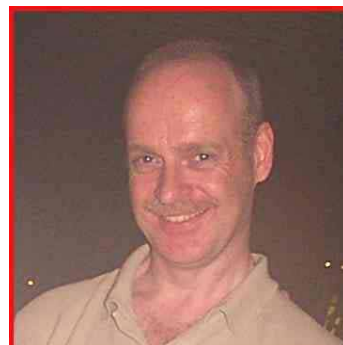


were recognized as an inspiring couple because of their achievements. Despite a multitude of hurdles and handicaps both have obtained General Class licenses proving the adage... **where there's a will, there's a way.**

Photo Summary of the August Meeting: "Amateur Radio in the United Kingdom" by PHIL G4IIO

What was expected to be just a typical ham presentation turned out to be one of the best quality and most informative addresses by a fellow amateur! Phil delivered a comprehensive Power Point show covering the A to Z of UK ham activity. **Phil... thanks for an excellent presentation!**

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Phil owith a Million Dollar Smile after a well done presentation



You Are Cordially Invited to Witness the WRC Board Make a Special Presentation to Wellington's Mayor and Village Council on Tuesday September 9th at 7 PM at the Wellington Community Center

The Board will convey and read a congratulatory letter from Florida's Secretary of the Department of Transportation and present the *first Official Transportation Map* on which Wellington appears. Happily, there will be 1.25 million copies.

August Meeting: Phil G4IIO... (Remember you can ZOOM in)



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A-Before the meeting, Sandy WB2MBV and Larry KS4NB dined with Phil at the Wellington Green Mall and visited the local Radio Shack. **B**-Phil's superb presentation also gave us an overview of the Northampton area. **C**-Everyone was so engrossed that you could hear a pin drop during his talk.



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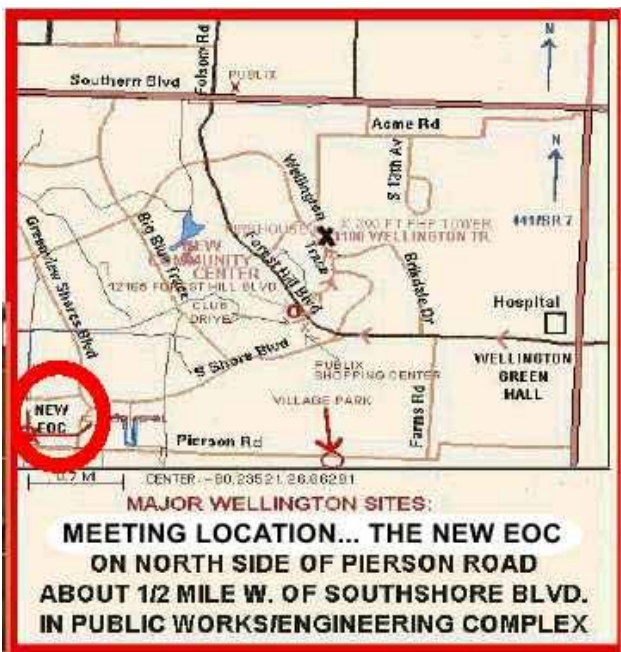
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A-Armed with no more than a cue stick, Phil bravely faced his American audience and fired away. **B**-Of course, a trusty laptop and Super VGA projector were by his side to help persuade the Americans... to seek budget airfares to Northampton! **C**-After the presentation, Phil surrendered the cue stick and was immediately surrounded. Photo reveals he had his hand over his heart... is Phil having an attack or pledging allegiance?

GETTING TO THE WRC MEETING....



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Advanced SKYWARN Class... November 8th

Mellissa KE4WBQ, Palm Beach County SKYWARN Coordinator has announced that the National Weather Service will conduct its long awaited Advanced

Spotter Class. It will take place at the Palm Beach County EOC on the Southeast corner of Military Trail and Southern Blvd. RSVP to: ke4wbq@bellsouth.net

Internet Radio Linking Project



SKYWARN Net

Saturday Evenings

8:00 pm to 9:00pm

442.050MHz PL103.5

Efforts to improve weather related emergency communications, beyond the county level, have proven successful utilizing the IRLP system. So have IRLP outreach training programs.

The WRC supports those efforts. Past *WRC Update* Newsletters have featured articles about SKYWARN program activities on regional and even wider area levels.

In addition, the IRLP SKYWARN Net is a feature activity on the WRC's UHF repeater, 442.050MHz PL103.5. Stations from around the world checkin. There's a mix of NWS stations, SKYWARN Coordinators, Spotters and often stations just learning about the SKYWARN program. When you checkin, give your SKYWARN training (if any), the current weather conditions or tell the Net something about the weather experienced in the past week.

The Net can be activated by stations in a severe weather effected area or when Warnings or Watches are enacted by The National Weather Service. So far, the Net has worked successfully during two hurricanes.

When needed, the 442.050 will connect to IRLP Reflector 9210 during Net activations. Remember to wait until Net Control calls our node, 4657, to checkin... unless you have emergency traffic.

FEMA Damage Photos Riviera Beach Area Tornados

August 7, 2003

*It's just like a page out of the
WRC's SET GUIDE of 2001!*

**PARTICIPATE IN THE WRC'S
SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST
THIS OCTOBER !**



More damage photos and info at:

State Of Florida, Division of Emergency Management

http://www.floridadisaster.org/eoc/eoc_Activations/PBtornadoes03/PBdmg/index.htm

WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB NETS

Monday.... 7:30PM - The Wellington Emergency Net - *Even on Labor Day!* 147.285

Thursday.. 7:30PM - Memory Lane Net-Topic: *The History of the Black Box* 147.285

Saturday... 8:00PM - IRLP SKYWARN Net 442.050/103.5

Sunday..... 7:30PM - Slow Scan TV Net - *For the curious, beginners and pros* 147.285

WRC Nets are open to all!