

# WRC UPDATE

## -JUNE-

MAY 31, 2004

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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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ON THE PHOTOS... 200% RECOMMENDED



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### SPECIAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION

#### TUESDAY JUNE 8TH AT 7PM

AT THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

- HEAR AND RECEIVE WELLINGTON'S PROCLAMATION FOR  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS &  
COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS WEEK
- HURRICANE SEASON KICKOFF MEETING
- 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- RECOGNIZE THE WRC TECH COURSE GRADS
- HONOR THE 19 NEW CERT GRADS  
(INCLUDING 7 WRC MEMBERS)
- RECEIVE THE 2004 WRC EMERGENCY PLAN
- RECEIVE THE WRC/EOC MEMBER SHIRT

REFRESHMENTS AND HORDERVES SERVED

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*Right: View of Village Council Chamber when John KG4JMO  
and Juan KG4QYY last addressed the Council in September.*



**VU2SJA - SK**  
**SHRIKANT VU2SJA**

SCHOLAR, POLITICIAN AND  
A LEADER OF THE INDIAN  
AMATEUR RADIO  
COMMUNITY  
DIES AT AGE 49.

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**TONY**  
**KA2UFO**  
VISITS  
GOLDEN  
GROVES  
SCHOOL

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**MEN OF PRINCIPLE**  
**REMEMBERED**

ARE THERE STILL  
MEN OF PRINCIPLE  
IN OUR GOVERNMENT THAT  
WILL ACT TO PREVENT  
SPECTRUM POLLUTION?

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**AN IRISH**  
**FRIENDSHIP WISH**

FROM KG4KAK,  
A WISH  
TO USE WHEN  
ALL ELSE FAILS!

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**WELLINGTON**  
**PUBLIC**  
**SAFETY**  
**DAY**



**A PHOTO**  
**SUMMARY**

EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT,  
LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
FIRE/RESCUE & WRC  
MEET THE PUBLIC

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**HAMS HELP**  
**PREVENT**  
**EXTINCTION**  
**OF RARE BREED**

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## "A GENTLE POLITICIAN" PASSES... DR. SHRIKANT JICHKAR, VU2SJA SK

The world has lost one of its foremost and unique amateur radio leaders... Shrikant VU2SJA, at age 49. He led a distinguished political and academic career serving as a Member of Parliament, Minister of State and university Chancellor. Shrikant is being called a "Gentle Politician" by the Indian media. That is most appropriate for a ham that has lived by the spirit of the Amateurs Code.

He was also scholarly...spoke 18 languages, authored three books and had a personal library of 15,000+ books. The press reported that he has the Guinness World Record for a politician holding university degrees... 24!

Shrikant had been a strong, steady guiding force for the rapidly growing Indian radio amateur population. Many of his achievements can be found in the NIAR Annual Report reprinted in the November WRC Update.

We are certain he will serve as a role model and that his contributions to India and its ham community will be long remembered.

VU2SJA... God Bless  
Larry Lazar KS4NB, President  
Wellington Radio Club



Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, VU2SJA  
Ex-MP & Chairman, NIAR

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM S. SURI VU2MY, NIAR FOUNDER

Dear Friends,

Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, VU2SJA, Chairman of National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad expired in a road accident on 2 June 2004.

*It is sad and heartrending to learn the tragic and untimely demise of Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, VU2SJA. I on behalf of the Governing Council, members and staff of NIAR and all Ham fraternity express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.*

*Dr. Shrikant Jichkar as the Chairman of National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad has been a great motivating force and a guide for our organization. His dynamic leadership instilled several memorable instances that shall remain in our hearts for a lifetime.*

Shrikant VU2SJA (l) receives award from RSGB GM Peter Kirby (c) with NIAR Founder S. Suri VU2MY (R) at Dayton Hamvention - 2000

*shall remain in our hearts for a lifetime.*

*The sudden demise of Dr. Shrikant Jichkar is not only felt by members of NIAR but the entire nation which has lost a great leader and visionary representing youth with his exceptional talent.*

*We wish the departed soul a heavenly abode.*

S. Suri  
Founder, Executive Vice Chairman & Director,  
National Institute of Amateur Radio



## An Email from KA2UFO: CAREER DAY AT GOLDEN GROVES ELEMENTARY IN THE ACREAGE

*"...THIS WOULD BE MY 9TH YEAR PRESENTING TO THE GRADE SCHOOL KIDS AND IT ALWAYS TURNS OUT GREAT..."*

Things went great at the presentation today!

I called in on the UHF machine and Lindy KG4PQG came back to me. A bit later, Jerry N3HVC also joined in on his way to work in Boca. They tried to bring up the IRLP link but were unsuccessful. Not a big deal though as the kids were excited just to hear our conversation. I really want to thank Lindy and Jerry for coming back to me and being so professional and gracious!!

And, thanks for allowing me to use the machine!

I had 6 classes come out to see the presentation. So, I was talking continuously from about 8am to 1PM. My voice is shot :=)

Evidently the ham stuff was a big hit because, near the end, I had the Fire Rescue guys standing behind the kids to listen in and a few of the teachers came out as well. This would be my 9th year presenting to the grade school kids and it always turns out great. After the talks were over they had a reception (lunch) for the presenters and the teachers came up to me and said "it was great, the kids are still talking about it"... so that made my day.

So, N3HVC works nearby my workplace, nice! We will hook up for lunch sometime. I'll catch up with everyone on the repeater in the mornings.

Thanks again Larry! Talk to you soon.

I'll send some pictures as soon as we download the digital camera.

Tony

Tony... Congratulations on your 9th year of presentations. Here's hoping that you will have many QSOs with kids you have inspired! Many thanks for representing us so well.



*Besides losing his voice, Tony must have had a backache from lugging all the equipment. But sometimes bigger and older maybe better at holding kids attention.*



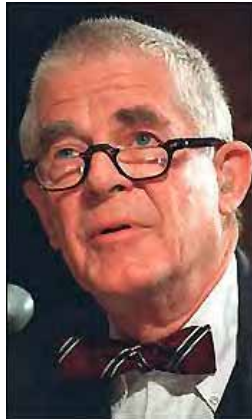
*Wow... Tony must be doing something right. Notice how none of the kids is talking to their neighbor nor shooting spitballs at one another!*

## FOUR MEN OF PRINCIPLE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT SERVICE... WILL THOSE SERVING AT THE FCC BE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR PRINCIPLES?

Many Hams believe that the principles that have guided the development of communications in the US have been pushed aside. Hopefully, we will see history repeat itself... revealing that men of principle do indeed still work for the government.

History shows that men of principle have had a far more profound impact on our country than politicians and appointees... some that may want to bend the laws of physics and ignore the lessons learned from applying unproven technology.

We are reminded every so often that such men exist. This week the names Cox, Nash, Richardson and Ruckelshaus surfaced



Archibald Cox

in the news... all considered men of principle and heroes to a great many. Harvard Law Professor Archibald Cox, 92, and Georgetown Law Professor Sam Nash, 79, both passed away on the same day.

The four remind us of an ugly period of US history, 31 years ago, when these men of principle stood firm. Under tremendous pressure, Chief Counsel Nash headed the Senate legal team that resulted in President Nixon's resignation.

As Special Prosecutor, Cox doggedly led the effort to obtain the then secret Nixon tapes and was ordered to be fired by the President. During the "Saturday Night Massacre", Attorney General Elliot Richardson and his deputy, William Ruckelshaus, both refused to carry out Nixon's orders and resigned instead.

At his firing, Cox issued a one-sentence statement: "Whether ours shall be a government of laws and not of men is now for Congress and ultimately the American people."

## RECEIVED FROM LEO KG4KAK: AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH

I thank Leo for sending me this *Wish*. It serves to remind us that in situations where neither logic, science, goodwill nor men of principle appear to prevail, a simple wish, or prayer, may accomplish wonders!

So when I yearn for freedom, peace or simpler things like a radio spectrum free of BPL pollution, I can consider the following wish:

*May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

We should all be able to relate to this Friendship Wish. If its metaphors are interpreted correctly, this Wish could have been written by a ham or perhaps the author of the Amateurs Code.

*Work to earn money to buy equipment...*

*Sunshine on the ionosphere for good skip conditions...*

*An answer to each CQ...*

*The operator's hand on a key or PTT switch...*

*A wholesome spirit with heartfelt friendship...*

Few would argue that the Irish haven't had extensive experience with wishes over the millennia. There may have been people through the ages, such as Monks in monasteries, recording the granting of wishes. So there is little reason to doubt the information stated in Leo's email. It says once you've made your wish, if you send the Irish Friendship Wish to:

1 person --- your wish will be granted in 1 year!	
3 people --- 6 months	9 people --- 5 days
5 people --- 3 months	10 people --- 3 days
6 people --- 1 month	12 people --- 2 days
7 people --- 2 weeks	15 people --- 1 day
8 people --- 1 week	20 people --- 3 hours



Wow... even those who have studied for the Florida FCAT can recognize the pattern. Judging by the progression from 5:10:20 people, the wish granting time shrinks from 3 months to 3 days to 3 hours.

Aha! If you double the number of people, the next smaller unit of time is reached! So, it appears that your wish would be granted in only 3 minutes when you send it to just 40 people. But, if you really need almost instant gratification...send the Irish Wish wish to 80 people. Your wish should materialize in an amazing 3 seconds! Thank G-d for computers when you need a wish granted in a hurry.

But some wishes shouldn't be hurried. Imagine wishing to start a family and sending the Irish Friendship Wish to your spouse, mother and mother-in-law...just 3 people. Your baby might arrive in just 6 months! That's good if your adopting, but otherwise?

The email doesn't say the results of sending the Irish Wish to special people... like IRS, ARRL or FCC Officials. But maybe when we are told to write our Congressmen, the intent is to send along the Irish Friendship Wish.

Another factor is *when* to send Wishes. Would they bring results in mere *milliseconds* if sent out on St. Patrick's Day, Christmas Day or the Jewish New Year? (We recall that the Mayor of Dublin was Jewish).

Just one last unanswered question: now that you and a few hundred readers have received this Wish article, does it mean that my wish will be granted immediately? If so, you and Leo no longer have to worry about BPL, deed restrictions, CC&Rs or losing any part of the amateur radio spectrum... de Larry KS4NB



# THE WRC RESOURCE GUIDE: A SERVICE FOR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS... ZOOM IN!

THIS SECTION IS A SERVICE TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS WISHING TO MAKE THEMSELVES KNOWN AND AVAILABLE TO ASSIST OTHERS. BY BEING ON THIS PAGE, THEY PLEDGE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND/OR GOODS WITH INTEGRITY AND THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF THEIR PROFESSIONS.



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**NOW is the time to volunteer for Field Day!**

**SET UP SATURDAY MORNING 8 AM  
OPERATIONS BEGIN 2PM  
TEARDOWN SUNDAY 2PM!**

**Consider being a leader!**

Let Bruce K2MDF, 281-6396 know when you can  
attend and what you would like to handle.

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# WELLINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DAY



## PHOTO SUMMARY OF MAY 22, 2004...

### WELLINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

The Wellington Radio Club was honored to be the only non-government organization invited to participate in this Emergency Management, Fire/Rescue and Law Enforcement event. Dozens of regular and specialized vehicles and equipment were on display including the popular Traumahawk helicopter. WRC volunteers were kept busy with Child IDs, promoting ham radio, giving out material on severe weather, missing children, etc.

Tony W4VHA & Dave K14DDX helped all around... including videography



Phyllis K4PAV met Mayor Tom Wenham. Larry KS4NB chatted with PBSO Capt. Richter and later with Debby and Art Miller, Battalion Chief responsible for the Western Communities.



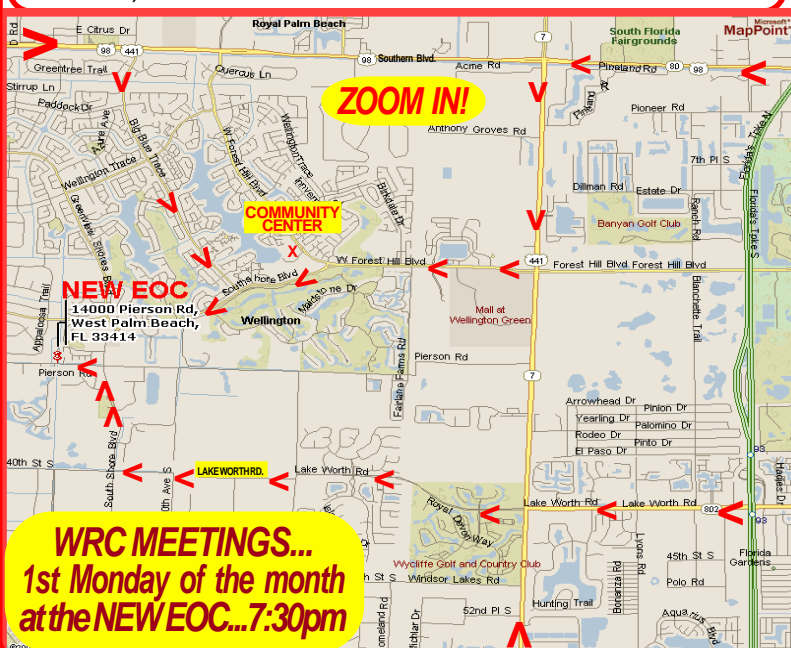
Lindy KG4PQG used his photographic skills to produce about 150 Child IDs and had to entertain the kids to successfully maintain order.



Although not as many people visited our booth as the Traumahawk, loads of people learned about our programs & activities...even the famous Vince & Larry team.

**TUESDAY JUNE 8TH MEETING AT THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER, FOREST HILL JUST WEST OF SHORE BLVD**

**WEB SITE UPDATED - CHECK IT OUT!**



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**From Lizz KG4RQC & Lindy KG4PQG:**  
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**The Chinese Shar-Pei, what is it?**

This is one of the questions Lizz and I hear from people who are curious about these "wrinkly little cuties". We tell people that the puppies have more wrinkles than a box of prunes and in most cases it's true.

The history of the Shar-Pei has been fraught with peril and they were driven very close to the edge of extinction just a few short decades ago in China. Following the establishment of the People's Republic of China as a communist nation, the dog population of China was essentially eliminated. During this period a few Shar-Pei were bred in Hong Kong and in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

In the United States, the documented history of the breed goes back to 1966 when a few dogs were imported from stock registered with the Hong Kong Kennel Club. Strong interest in the breed increased in 1973 when Matgo Law of Down-Homes Kennels, Hong Kong, appealed to dog fanciers in the United States to "Save the Chinese Shar-Pei". The response was enthusiastic, and because of their rarity, a limited number of Shar-Pei arrived in the United States in the fall of 1973. This may be the only reason the Chinese Shar-Pei exists today.

The Chinese Shar-Pei is an ancient and unique breed, first thought to have been in existence since the Han dynasty in China around 200 B.C. More recent genetic investigation has confirmed that even this may not be accurate. In a recent study in the journal "Science" it was discovered that:

*While dogs have about 99 percent of their genes in common, a few very distinct genetic differences separate them into some 400 breeds known worldwide.*

*Comparing dog genes to wolves, researchers found that a group of ancient dog types split off first. Two branches of the canine family tree were the earliest to*

*diverge from the wolves. One branch includes the oriental breeds Shar-Pei, Shiba Inu, Chow Chow and Akita; the other the seemingly diverse breeds of African Basenji, Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, Afghan Hound and Saluki.*

*In addition to these ancient dogs three other groups were developed later including canines for guarding, herding and hunting - largely as a result of breeding programs developed over the last several hundred years.*

**Why do we love them so?**

As for our love of the "Pei", we fell in love with one we adopted from a family that was leaving the country and couldn't take her with them. Her name was Loo Loo. Her AKC registered name was almost unpronounceable.

When Loo Loo had gotten very old and we knew her time was short, we contacted "North American Shar-Pei Rescue". We had decided that if we were going to get another dog, it was going to be a Pei. Well, we looked at what NASPR was doing to help abandoned and stray Pei and sent in our volunteer application. We volunteered to provide a temporary foster home for Pei in need until a permanent loving home could be found for them. Of course we never counted on Schnuffles!

Schnuffles was our first foster. She had spent most of her 4-5 years of life in a "Puppy Mill" where they just used her to breed one litter of puppies after another for the owners to sell in their stores. Palm Beach County Animal Control and the law finally caught up with these people in March 2003. Schnuffles was seized, along with 79 other dogs of various breeds, by court order and we brought her home about three months later. She was a wreck! All skin and bones and scared to death of her own shadow. We told NASPR that she was not adoptable in her current condition. However, we became so attached to her, and she to us, that after a few months we just couldn't let her go and adopted her ourselves. We've had Schnuffles for almost a year now and she has become a happy and healthy Pei once more.

There have been quite a few rescues, and families giving them loving homes, since then and Schnuffles has helped each and every one of them to readjust to a normal life.

As for us, we decided to get a puppy. Her name is Callie. That's her picture up above and she's a doll. Whenever anyone asks why we got another one, or why we keep fostering Pei in need, Lizz just tells them "Shar-Pei are like potato-chips, you can't have just one!"

**Would you like to help?**

If you have room in your heart and home to help out in this worthy cause, please contact us, or NASPR at <http://sharpeirescue.com>, for information. While we would not turn down contributions, volunteers who could help with transportation or foster homes would be very much appreciated.

**WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB... *Nets Open to All!***

**MONDAYS... INCLUDING HOLIDAYS**  
**7:30PM - WELLINGTON EMERGENCY NET**  
**147.285**

**THURSDAYS... EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS**  
**7:30PM - MEMORY LANE NET**  
**147.285**

**SATURDAYS... EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS**  
**7:00PM - IRLP SKYWARN NET**  
**442.050/103.5**

**SUNDAYS... EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS**  
**7:30PM - SLOW SCAN TV NET**  
**147.285**



# WELLINGTON CERT TRAINING... LEARNING HOW NEIGHBORS HELP NEIGHBORS

**THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL WILL  
RECOGNIZE THIS CERT CLASS ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 7 PM WITH  
A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
CERT & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**EACH GRADUATE WILL BE HONORED BY HAVING  
HIS/HER NAME READ INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD.  
YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH THE  
WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB FOLLOWING  
THE PROCLAMATION.**

**LET'S SHOW OUR APPRECIATION BY SHOWING UP!**

Kathy Healy and Darlene Weber have accepted Team Co-Leader positions. Off to a great start, each has receive some offers of help from team members. They have begun to plan for future team building and skills development activities. Pat Neuweiler has ordered Triage color coded ribbons and Kathy is preparing Triage classification crib cards.

As a new team, in a jurisdiction without sister teams, our Leaders have a tough task ahead. One great sign of times ahead is that local public safety officials have offered to make their resources available. You can make Kathy's & Darlene's jobs easier by getting to know them and finding out how you can help. Perhaps sending them an email stating your strong skills and limitations would be a good start. Better yet...come on the 8th!

## **CERT Students From the Wellington Radio Club**

John KG4JMO  
Lindy KG4PQG

LIZZ KG4RQC  
AI KG4RWO  
Pat xyl - KI4DDX

Larry KS4NB  
Jerry N3HVC



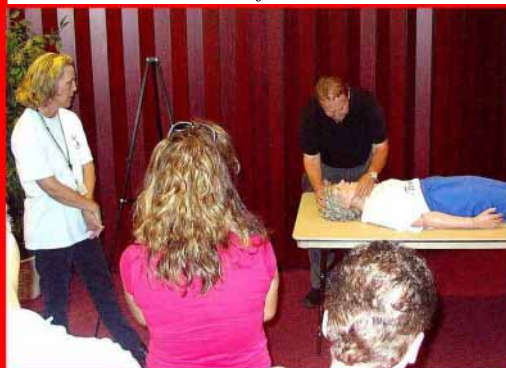
Brian Hanley first states "DON'T OPEN YOUR HAT BAG"...and as you can see is promptly ignored by excited students...the Christmas syndrome!



"Doing the most good for the most people" is often stressful. Gladys shows concern when caring for a victim. Rick (R) answers question at brektime.



The CERT class will have 19 graduates...most shown above. It has been both interesting and fun. Brian chats with Jane proudly wearing her new CERT vest. Its reflection is almost blinding. Students surround instructor Rick Lee as he introduces them to Triage techniques.



Boca Team Leader & Instructor Karen, left, and students observe closely how Rick begins his hands-on victim evaluation. He explains the basics of victim transport. Lastly, Rick observes a team of four position themselves to lift the victim onto the transport medium... a blanket.