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## AMATEUR RADIO WEEK PROCLAIMED IN WELLINGTON JUNE 18<sup>RD</sup> THRU 24<sup>TH</sup> 2001

**VILLAGE COUNCIL RECOGNIZES  
 THE ROLE OF THE  
 AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY,  
 WELLINGTON'S RADIO AMATEURS,  
 THE WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB  
 AND THE  
 FLEDGLING RACES OF WELLINGTON**



(L-R): Mayor Wenham, Council Members Mark Miles, Carmine Priore, Linda Bolton and Vice-Mayor Al Paglia

### CABLE TELEVISION COVERAGE

At their June 12th evening session, Wellington's Village Council unanimously approved the **Proclamation of Amateur Radio Week**.

During the session's live cable TV broadcast, and replay the following evening, the nearly 40,000 residents of the Village of Wellington had an opportunity to learn firsthand about the role of amateur radio during emergencies and severe weather events.

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATORS

Wellington Radio Club President Larry Lazar, KS4NB, explained to the Council Members that hams were often the emergency communicators of last resort. In fact, at that very moment the radio amateurs of the eastside of Houston, Texas were providing emergency communications because portions of the city were still flooded and telecommunications out or overloaded. He outlined the training efforts of the Club's members and participants in the Wellington Emergency Net as well as WRC's projects to not only improve the reliability of its own repeaters but also those of the city... Especially during emergencies.

### FIELD DAY - A NATIONAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE

The purpose of the ARRL sponsored Field Day was explained and the results of the seven club *Field Day 2000 in Wellington* were presented. Plans for the WRC's *Field Day 2001* were described and color copies of OUR TOWERING TIMES distributed. Councilman Al Paglia suggested that OTT's Field Day edition be entered in the Council's records and posted on the Village's website.

### QUIZZED ABOUT SKYWARN

An astute Councilperson, Linda Bolton, quizzed Lazar on what hams could do about communicating severe weather information... such as the thunderstorms that had just rolled through Wellington. It was a golden opportunity for Lazar to relate how the SKYWARN Emergency Net was activated just two hours earlier and Wellington hams, Robb KS4EC and he, reported on the local hazardous conditions. He explained that hams were the eyes-on-the-ground of National Weather Service and that these reports, as well as those from around the county, were relayed to Miami. In turn, NWS Miami issued alerts for sections of the County including Wellington.

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Lazar added that a number of WRC members were SKYWARN trained and that NWS spotter classes could be offered to city employees and residents should the Village desire.

#### **MAYOR WENHAM PRESENTS PROCLAMATION**

After Lazar's presentation and the Council's questions, the Mayor, on behalf of the Council and the community, thanked the WRC for its efforts and warmly presented the gold embossed Proclamation to Lazar and WRC Board Members Georg KR4WD and Jack KG4FKY.

Mayor Wenham is well remembered by many who

attended Field Day 2000. He was expected to make a brief appearance but to our amazement, and joy, stayed for several hours chatting and motivating volunteers.

#### **VILLAGE ALSO LENDS MATERIAL SUPPORT**

More than just paying lip service to its volunteers, the Village through its EOC, has become a partner in communications exercises. It has provided not only invaluable moral support but also tangible backing such as space, equipment and personnel. Radio amateurs and Wellington's citizens alike can be justifiably proud of this Village's leadership.

## **Wellington Officials Honor Radio Club With Proclamation**

**By Carol Porter**  
*Town-Crier Staff Report*

The Wellington Village Council honored the Wellington Radio Club Tuesday by presenting Club President Larry Lazar with a proclamation declaring June 18-24 as "Amateur Radio Week" in the Village of Wellington.

Lazar explained that the radio club always tries to maintain a high level of preparedness in alerting area residents of what services they could offer and how they help out during emergencies. The Radio Club has participated in over 40 training exercises dur-

ing the last several months.

Lazar also announced that the club would be helping kick off the village's new Kid Care Program, promoted by the National Center for Missing Children and the Department of Justice, which would be featured at the village's upcoming Fourth of July activities.

The Radio Club has equipment at the village's Emergency Operations Center. It has recently incorporated an electronic newsletter, *Our TOWERING Times*, which had been requested by ham radio enthusiasts around the world. More information can be found at [www.qsl.net/k4wrc](http://www.qsl.net/k4wrc).

Lazar thanked Vice Mayor Al Paglia for his help in getting the Radio Club a bus so it could set up a temporary emergency exercise at Village Park, which was converted into a communications center for the day. Lazar said the next field day would be held on June 23 and June 24 at Village Park, and everyone is invited to visit.

**Proclamation** — Wellington Mayor Tom Wenham presents the proclamation to Wellington Radio Club President Larry Lazar. Also shown are Radio Club members Jack Wesley and Georg Samulkewitsch.

CAROL PORTER/TOWN-CRIER

#### **CORRECTION**

**OF PHOTOGRAPH CAPTION (L-R):**  
WRC President Larry KS4NB, Mayor Tom Wenham, WRC Treasurer Georg KR4WD and WRC Activities Chairman Jack KG4FKY.

*(Editor's Note: The article's text is the original. The layout was re-arranged to fit the OUR TOWERING TIMES page format.)*

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PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA  
DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 18-24, 2001 AS  
AMATEUR RADIO WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF  
WELLINGTON.

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington has more than 75  
licensed Amateur Radio operators who have demonstrated their  
value in public assistance by providing emergency radio  
communications; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators donate their  
services free of charge to our Village in the interest of the citizens  
of Wellington, as well as the world, through the Wellington Radio  
Club and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service of  
Wellington; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators are on alert for any  
emergency, local or world-wide, and practice their communication  
skills during the Annual Amateur Radio Field Day exercise; and

WHEREAS, this years Amateur Radio Field Day will take  
place on June 23-24, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Wellington hereby  
proclaims the week of June 18-24, 2001 as

*Amateur Radio Week*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
cause the Seal of the Village of Wellington, Florida to be affixed  
this 12th day of June, 2001.

ATTEST:

BY: Awilda Rodriguez  
Awilda Rodriguez, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

BY: Thomas M. Wenham  
Thomas M. Wenham, Mayor