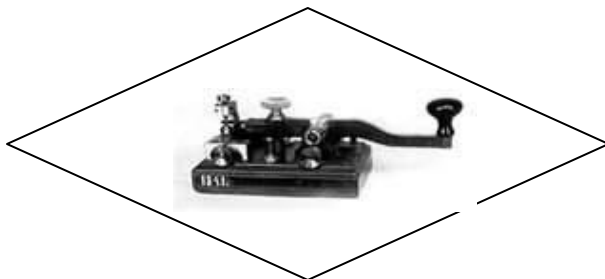


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On The Home Front

The club has been very busy so far this year, we are continuing to test new hams, and it looks like we are going to have a good year.

The club has secured a new venue for Field Day, thanks to the efforts of Aaron Miller, Bob Russell, Jack Scafuro, Tim Price, and Bob Woodworth. The Geneva Twp. Garage has been chosen as the new site, with the help of Bob Russell, the Geneva Twp. Trustees voted to let us use the building at no charge. These guys then went to the site to check it out, it turned out to be just the right place, it was reported to be quiet, with bathrooms, a meeting room, and good for receiving radio signals as proven by Tim and Bob. Good work guys!

Dick Madison attended the Conneaut club meeting and has reported that they have secured the American Legion in Conneaut for use at no charge and are interested in initiating a joint ham fest sponsored by both clubs, scheduled for some time in 2014. The club was very receptive to this offer.

The MS Bike Run from the River to the Lake is coming up; Dick offered the use of the club trailer for finish line communications.

The club agreed to invite the Conneaut Club to our annual picnic in July.

Don't Forget This Month:

St. Patrick's Day: March 17

Palm Sunday: March 24

Easter Sunday: March 31

BREAKFAST

MEET US FOR BREAKFAST

WHEN: SATURDAYS, 10am

Where: EDGEWOOD DINER-

State Rd. in Ashtabula, one half mile north of Rt. 20.

Reminder: Sky Warn Class

ACMA: April 9, 2013

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TOM ADDAIR

Thanks for all you have done!



OTHER NEWS

ST PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL EVENT

Ireland's West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Monday March 18th in the city of Omagh by operating special event station GB1SPD. This from the Strule Arts Centre in the Heart of Omagh Town during the Omagh District Council St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. You can listen out for GB1SPD world-wide on the High Frequency bands as well as Echolink. *Commemorative QSL cards will be available to those who wish to have a confirmation of the QSO. More details available at www.wtarc.org (WTARC, Southgate)*

WORLDBEAT: INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND GROWS

An update on pre-registration for the 2013 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend operating event. So far there have been some 150 registrations from 25 countries. Germany has the most with 35 closely followed by Australia accounting for 34.

This year's International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend is on *August the 17th and 18th*. More information on this fun event along with registration details is on line at ww.illw.net. (VK3PC)

HAM RADIO IN SPACE: AMSAT AND VIRGINIA TECH SIGN COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

AMSAT and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute have signed a Collaboration Agreement that establishes a relationship for future projects. This in the development of space hardware, software, algorithms, documentation of same and an agreement to protect each other by protecting International Traffic in Arms Regulations or ITAR-covered materials and identifying same for the other. The agreement was signed on February 4th by AMSAT President Barry Baines, WD4ASW and Virginia Tech Assistant Vice President for Sponsored Programs Administration John Rudd.

HAMS HELP TRAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN CONNECTICUT

The Ridgefield Press in Connecticut says that amateur radio operators from the city's volunteer disaster communications team have been assisting in the development of a communications training video. This for use by fire, police and emergency medical first responders.

The new training video will focus on the importance of including ham radio in emergency planning and operations. It will also demonstrate the capabilities of amateur radio equipment and disaster-trained ham radio operators.

Ridgefield's Emergency Operations Center and many other centers and hospitals throughout the region are equipped with amateur radio equipment that provides backup communications when normal channels are out of service. The complete story on this new video can be found at tinyurl.com/rescue-radio-video. (RP.com)

RESCUE RADIO: AMERICAN RED CROSS TO PHASE-OUT ECRV OPERATIONS

The ARRL reports the American Red Cross will be phasing out its Emergency Communication Response Vehicles also known as ECRV's. According to American Red Cross Disaster Services Technology Manager Keith Robertory, KG4UIR, every communication capability of the Emergency Communication Response Vehicles already exists, or will soon exist as a rapidly deployable kit. These says Robertory can be loaded on any vehicle that is owned or rented by the American Red Cross, providing more flexibility in shaping its response to match the disaster.

Robertory told the ARRL that retrofitting the decade old vehicles with new equipment is not a good use of donated funds, as the long-term strategy is to move to more portable systems. This says KG4UIR is consistent with the trends in the telecommunications and technology industries.

As to the ham radio gear currently installed in these vehicles, it is not going away. Rather it will be removed and will either become part of the deployable inventory or provided to the local American Red Cross chapter to build local capacity. A more in-depth look at this decision by the Red Cross and its impact on ham radio can be found on line at tinyurl.com/b84tn88

Ham Radio Celebrates American Legion 94th Birthday

Special Events Station: March 15: 10:00am – 4:00 pm- EST and March 16: 9:00am – 4:00pm EST, N9L 14.270 20meters

A color certificate will be available upon receipt of a 9x12 SASE envelope. Contact:

American Legion Headquarters
Attn: TALARC
700 Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Good News for Amateur Radio! 2012 marked an all time high for amateur radio licenses in the US; almost 710,000.

