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Secretary's Minutes

By Jerry Paquette WB8IOW, acting Secretary
DeForest ARC Meeting, April 11, 2006

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President, Jerry Paquette, WB8IOW. Kim is visiting with her mother in Florida and could not make the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: ED Lock, KE8FK presented the current report. {As of the writing date of this newsletter, I have misplaced my notes and do not have the figures. Editor.}

There was quite a bit of discussion about Field Day 2006 coming up on June 24th and 25th.

The June meeting will be held at the Field Day site, at 1946 Logans Lane, In West Union. There will be a covered dish picnic with the meal to begin at 6:30 PM. Meeting will follow.

ARES Report: Bill Mangus has been appointed the new Adams County ARES Emergency Coordinator, or EC. Due to Bill's work schedule he was unable to attend the meeting.

NET CONTROL STATIONS 2006

Ridney N8XGP asked for volunteers to act as net control in 2006. Here is the list to-date:

- January – WB8IOW,
- February - KB8OMG
- March - KE8FK,
- April {open}
- May – KC8LVE
- June – KB8QNT & N8XGP
- July {open},
- August – KK8J & KC8JZG -KB8OMG will back up as needed
- September – N8YWX,
- October {open}
- November {open},
- December – N8HIA

If you would like to volunteer for a month (or partial month), please contact N8XGP or any club officer.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006.

There will be a covered dish picnic beginning at 6:30 PM, rain or shine.

The actual club meeting will follow the picnic and the meeting will begin about 7:00 PM.

Bring a guest.

Tableware will be provided by the club; bring your own drinks.

Birthdays & Special Events June-August 2006

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| 06-04 | WB8IOW | Jerry S. Paquette |
| 06-05 | KC8CZB | Ruth (Polly) Hayden |
| 06-06 | KB8TQU | Dorothy H. Silman |
| 06-09 | WA8NWY | Larry Unger |
| 06-11 | KB8UAO | Kelly E. Boone |
| 06-11 | | Dottie Lorenz |

06-13 DeForest ARC picnic and meeting, to be held at the Field Day site.

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| 06-17 | | Gladys R. Stultz |
| 06-20 | KB8TJT | Wanda S. Mangus |
| 06-21 | KG4OET | Doris Pierro |
| 06-24 & 25 | | FIELD DAY |
| 07-01 | WA8YIQ | Earl Paquette |
| 07-01 | KB8QOZ | Stephanie Haynes |
| 07-09 | KB8VLF | JD Rosselot |
| 07-12 | KB8VBH | Deanna Rosselot |
| 07-15 | KB8PVY | Gerald C. Silman Sr. |
| 07-23 | KA8EKC | Richard Newbauer |
| 07-31 | KC8CXO | Ray Music |
| 08-08 | KB8QNS | Ethel M. King |
| 08-10 | KB8QNP | Richard F. Stultz |
| 08-11 | W8YGW | Gordon K. Neal |
| 08-18 | KC8LUH | Jayne Lambert |

WEAVER'S WORDS SCHOOL IS OUT EDITION

- BPL -- Good News Continues
- Dayton Hamvention®
- ARRL Members Forum at Hamvention
- DFing
- Scholarship Winners
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- My Travel Plans

BPL -- GOOD NEWS CONTINUES

I continue to be optimistic about the future of BPL. As you may recall, we have been successful at getting a favorable amendment inserted into HB 5252, the US House of Representatives version of the Communications Act rewrite. This amendment would require the FCC to ensure any BPL system they allow to operate will not interfere with the operation of any licensed telecommunications service. This means the FCC must ensure BPL does not interfere with safety services communications systems . . . and Amateur Radio. There is nothing for us to do at this time on this bill, but you will be asked at the proper time to write your Congressman to support the bill.

We also have received word that a high-ranking US Senator has come out in support of including similar wording in the US Senate version of the Communications Act rewrite. Again, you will be requested to write in support of Senate action when the proper time comes.

In each case, our success came largely as the result of letters written by our members in key Congressional Districts regarding HB 5252 and in a key state regarding the Senate rewrite wrote to their Congressman and their Senator, respectfully.

Grassroots action works! Grassroots action is legal! Grassroots action is honorable! Grassroots action is smart! Grassroots action is the only way you, the member, can help ensure your Amateur Radio survives and remains healthy.

If you'd like to learn what you can do to become more involved in our grassroots Legislative Action Program, send me an E-mail request. I'll be happy to be certain you receive information.

Final thought: The news about BPL may be pretty good on several fronts these days, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We need your help to ensure victory. Please help when the time comes.

DAYTON HAMVENTION

My observation is that the Hamvention was a tremendous success for the Hamvention Committee, the Dayton ARA and the vendors -- ARRL included. We don't know, yet, what the profit/loss statement for ARRL's EXPO will be for this year, but EXPO was an unques-

tionable success. Once again, it brought thousands of amateurs and many of the Directors, officers and staff of ARRL to meet face to face. The members were able to put faces on the people they elected and the people who in turn were hired to serve the League by the elected officials. The elected and hired people were able to put faces to members whom they serve. When this occurs, it is more difficult for anyone to consider an elected official, employee or a member as being uncaring or unintelligent.

This brings us all a better appreciation of each other so that we can, together, work toward resolving the problems we all as radio amateurs face.

You may not have known it, but the man who sold you a new Handbook at EXPO might just have been Bob Vallio, W6GRG, Director from the Pacific Division. The fellow who handed you your PASSPORT might just have been Director Jay Bellows, K0QB of the Dakota Division. Also available in EXPO as well as at several of the forums, were President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Vice President Kay Craigie, K3KN, Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA, Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Northwestern Division Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Southeastern Division Director Frank Butler, W4RH, Midwest Division Director Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, and nearly each member of our senior staff from Newington . . . and more.

Me? I was either in the two forums I moderated or at the Grassroots Legislative Action booth nearly throughout the Hamvention. I'm sorry that I missed seeing a number of you who stopped by to say hello, but I was very happy to get to see many others who came by.

ARRL MEMBERS FORUM AT HAMVENTION

No one had hard questions to ask ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Vice President Kay Craigie, K3KN, Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, COO Harold Kramer, WJ1P, Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH or Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB . . . or me. At least no one with a hard question asked it during the Member Forum in spite of my attempts to goad them into doing this. Obviously, everyone understands and is happy with the League's proposed Regulation by Bandwidth -- it wasn't brought up -- or proposed restructuring -- it wasn't brought up -- or work with the High Speed Multi-Media Working Group -- it wasn't brought up. There were several good and interesting questions asked . . . and answered, but no tough ones. On the other hand, I thought I heard a few chickens clucking from outdoors in the flea market.

For you nay Sayers, all I have to say is that you had your chance, once again, to have an enlightened discussion of issues with the League leaders who have the detailed answers. Bluntly speaking, you blew it, once again.

DFING

The Sixth USA National ARDF Championships took place April 7-9 near Raleigh, North Carolina. Later this year, the 13th World Championships will get under way on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria.

Bob Frey, WA6EZV, Cincinnati, took second place overall and was first in 2M for US Men in the age 50 category. In categories for women, gold medal winners included Emily DeYoung, K4MLE, of Alexandria, Kentucky. Dick Arnett, WB4SUV, Erlanger, Kentucky took bronze in the male age 60 category on 80 M. Talks about perennial top-runners, these three always are near the top of the hotly contested DFER's heap! Congratulations, again!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Great Lakes Division young hams walked off with two scholarships in the recent, annual ARRL Foundation scholarship awards. Paducah, KY resident Jonathan Jewell, KI4ETM received a Northern California DX Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000 and Portage, MI ham Kathryn Ankenbauer, KD8AHA received an ARRL Foundation General Fund Scholarship, also of \$1,000. Please join in congratulating the scholarship winners from the Great Lakes Division.

Fifty-three scholarships ranging in value of \$500 to \$5,000 were awarded through the Foundation. Many of the scholarships were sponsored by Amateur Radio organizations or by individuals. The ARRL Foundation is just one of the sources of scholarships awarded through ARRL. For information on the full range of scholarships contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH, k1mmh@arrl.org.

QUESTION NO. 2 -- YOU ASKED. HERE IS THE ANSWER.

Isn't ARRL merely a publishing house with its sole purpose being to make money printing and selling stuff?

As often occurs, a fair amount of truth is implied in this question. ARRL does run a publishing house as its business arm, and one purpose of this business is to make money. The validity of the implications voiced in the question end at this point.

There is nothing wrong with making a fair profit. It is the lifeblood of economics all over the world. ARRL's profits from its publishing business are honorable in two of their two aspects. First, the profits are fair. They compare favorably with profits of other publishers in the country. There is no hint of price gouging. Second, profits made by ARRL are used to help support ARRL (which is you, the members). Partly through this profit, dues are kept at a reasonable level and services are provided that could not be provided without the profit or much higher dues.

The publishing business run by ARRL is a win-win proposition for us members. The members win and the League (which, again, is its members) wins. Without the

income from the business, we would suffer by having a much weaker ARRL that would be limited to providing much less support for Amateur Radio. In addition, without ARRL's publishing activities, Amateur Radio operators and those studying to become hams throughout the US and much of the rest of the world would have far fewer, high quality technical books and materials available to use and study.

There is one additional aspect to the prices ARRL charges for certain publications. The League sells a number of items that are controlled by someone else, not by ARRL. Two examples of these items are the license training video the League sold for several years and the Radio Society of Great Britain -- RSGB - publications we and CQ and others sell. To the greatest extent, the owners of these items set the prices we charge for them. In the case of the video, its owner charged a substantial royalty on each copy ARRL sold.

The real choice open to ARRL is whether to sell or not to sell such items. The prices charged must be enough so that we make a limited profit on each sale. The choice the potential buyer has is whether to buy or not to buy. Just be glad you aren't buying college textbooks!

What is the second reason ARRL publishes its books? These are unsurpassed and often the least expensive sources of quality electronic and communications information in the world. What better source is there for hams or people studying to become hams to find information? We've even had government officials from small countries obtain our publications to use as the primary reference sources for their telecommunications departments.

Not bad for a small, private publishing house.

MY TRAVEL PLANS

Jun 6 -- Saginaw Valley ARS 50th Anniversary Dinner, Saginaw, MI
Jun 18 -- Monroe County Radio Commun. Assoc. Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
Jul 8 -- QCWA Luncheon, Cleveland, OH.
Jul 20 -- A&F Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jul 21 -- 22 -- ARRL Board of Directors meeting, Newington, CT.
Aug 3 -- Salem Area ARC, Salem, OH.
Tnx for reading this issue. Let me hear from you at any time.

73, GL,

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