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Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society Inc. NEWS

**Next J.A.R.S. Meeting on
March 4, 1997**

7p.m. at Wareco on E. Morton Ave.

Well, its been a little while since I was able to get one of these newsletters out the door. Sorry for the delay, but I just seems like I have had WAY more than enough to do the last few months. Hopefully I will be able to keep on track here, and with the help from you we can make this the best year for the JARS News!

Attorney Humor:

A defending attorney was cross examining a coroner. The attorney asks, "Before you signed the death certificate had you taken the man's pulse?" The coroner says, "No." The attorney then asks, "Did you listen for a heart beat?" "No." "Did you check for breathing?" "No." "So when you signed the death certificate you had not taken any steps to make sure the man was dead, had you?" The coroner, now tired of the brow beating says, "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk, but for all I know he could be out there practicing law some-

The Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides support for members in all aspects of Amateur Radio which is regulated in the United States of America by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We conduct monthly meetings, publish a bi-monthly newsletter, and establish communications in emergencies, disasters, and various drills.

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"Poverty Point"

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Amateur Radio is for All Ages Mickey Jones, N9OVB

We owe Tim and the others a big hearty thanks for keeping the news letter going, but I'm sure he would much rather have our help with **Our** news letter than our thanks! So here is my first attempt. Well I was in attendance at the club meeting Tuesday night (Jan. 7). I've got to say every topic was well discussed and none more so than the proposed volunteer dinner. I guess how I felt was that the funds raised by the hamfest should go to maintain and update the repeater, but I heard a comment at the meeting "that the club shouldn't be so stingy with the funds", which is a good point so long as the repeater doesn't have any need right now and has a little safety net in the funds. I don't see any problem with the club picking up all or part of the tab on such a dinner. The dinner would help to bring the members of both the clubs together, if the Beardstown (IVARC) club wants to go in together in the dinner. Well its back to scooping snow. Here at "Poverty Point" I am the street and road department!

By: Harry KA9HXV

Thanks for the comments Harry, You may notice that I try to stay as neutral as possible at the meetings when money matters are brought up. As for my thoughts on this one (since its already been decided), we are thinking along the same lines..... Tim KB9FBI

Volunteer Dinner

The first of what may become an annual event may have already happened by the time you read this, but as a matter of record, on Feb. 15, 1997 at 6:30 - 7 P.M. the JARS and IVARC had a dinner at the Amercian Legion Post 209 in Jacksonville, IL. It was decided at the January club meeting that the dinner was primarily for the volunteers at the hamfest and their families, and that each person would order off the menu and pay for their own food.
Tim KB9FBI

Rocky Road for Radio

In 1896 Guglielmo Marconi presented his wireless system to the Italian navy. Seeing no practical purpose for such a "toy" they quickly rejected his offer. Not one to give up easily, Marconi then took his device to England where he planned to demonstrate it before government scientists. Upon his arrival British customs officials confiscated the equipment and destroyed it, claiming the "infernal machine" was some kind of bomb. Marconi then scrambled to rebuild his wireless in time for the scheduled tests.
From: Bruce Boston KD9UL

The Pact

Early in 1992 the author convinced his 10 year old son and 76 year old father, who lived in San Diego, that all three should become amateur operators. It was felt this would enhance communication between our Illinois and California homes, and it would be a fun hobby we could share regardless of age.

I received my license in May and Dad, Granville, became KD6ITT the first of October. We set up skeds, usually in CW. Dad's first job had been as a telegrapher and we both wanted to use CW. It was nostalgic for him and a tie to his past that I had never been able to share. Though he had not used CW in 50 years, his speed was amazing. He was proficient in Continental Morse so International tended to confuse him. Of course, it was just the opposite for me as I would get lost when he relaxed and reverted to Continental. The skeds were truly enjoyable and exciting at the same time. I just wish we had gotten into amateur radio years before.

KB9IEW: The First Week

A few weeks later another memorable moment occurred when Danny, my son, received his license. He had passed Elements 1A and 2 to qualify for the Novice license and shortly thereafter upgraded to Technician after completing Element 3A. Everyone in the family was proud of Danny for the time and effort expended to meet a personal goal. His ticket arrived with the call KB9IEW.

Danny's first HF phone contact was with his grandfather in San Diego. The log reported it "WAS GREAT!" and they set up a schedule after school hours. Bob, K9QLL, and Vince, W9OES, were Danny's first two HT contacts on the KB9FBI repeater (147.000). Later that same evening, Oct. 26th, Danny and I were in the car and he made his first contact on the mobile rig; it was with Tim, KB9FBI. The following day he struck up a QSO with Steve, KA9QLF, on the repeater. He had a CW QSO with KA4AED in Memphis on 80 meters the next day.

October 31st was the first day since Danny became licensed that he did not have to attend school. Right after breakfast he ran to the hamshack, turned on the Icom 765, got on 10 meters and called CQ. KB7NEP, Dick in Seattle, came back immediately and the log states, "First of the day!" Four of the next seven contacts were from California: AB6EJ, WD6CSV, KC6SNT, and N6ZTZ. The other QSOs were from Reno, Nevada - N6VJJ, Abbotsford, British Columbia - "1st DX!!!!!" with VE7BZB, and N9PCT, Claude, right in our own backyard of Jacksonville, Illinois. And, KD6ITT in San Diego was reading the mail and enjoying every moment of it...what a hobby!

Was I excited? You bet. This turned out to be one of the most memorable days of my life because of the way eight fellow hams treated Danny as he worked each one in turn. No one cared if he stumbled a bit during the QSO; no one gave him any advice on how to improve operating procedures. KB9IEW was simply treated with style and respect by each amateur operator. I was proud of Danny, but I was especially struck that morning by the sensitivity and understanding exhibited by the ham community as it welcomed a young station on the air with courtesy and class.

Thanks to all of you from N9OVB.

Sangamon Valley Radio Club

Dear Fellow Hams;

The Sangamon Valley Radio Club, in Springfield, is undertaking an exciting project to promote awareness of Field Day. We have created an Illinois Specialty License Plate to sell to Hams for their use the 60 days prior to Field Day this year (June 28-29). Our goal is to both raise awareness of this important annual event and raise money for our club and yours.

Here's how the program will work. The Plates can be ordered through our club at a price of \$49.00. The club member purchasing the plates can use them the 60 days before Field Day in place of regular plates. Your club will retain \$6.00 of the purchase price for your own purposes.

Your club will need to send a single check made out to Sangamon Valley Radio Club with a copy of the current vehicle registration for each vehicle that will display the plate. (Passenger cars, B-trucks and recreational vehicles under 8,000 lbs only)

We have received approval from the ARRL to use their logo and we hope that clubs sponsoring this sale will receive additional "points" for public awareness projects in connection with Field Day. We ask you to share this information with your members.

We have until the end of February to give the state our firm order. Anyone ordering before then will be assured of getting a plate. Orders received after the end of February will be filled on a "first order" basis. (We have a limited budget that will allow us to order a limited number of extra plates.)

If we are unable to fill an order, we will return your check.

The plates will be sent out the last of April. 73s and good luck
signed

Dick Drew, President
Sangamon Valley Radio Club.

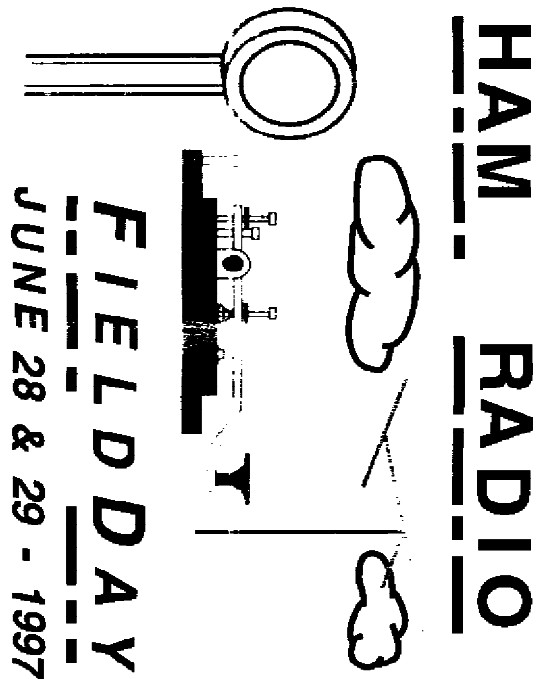
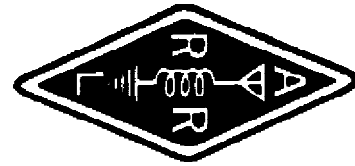
Proposal; That we take part in this unique opportunity, but instead of using it for a fund raiser, that we use it to spread the awareness of Amateur Radio throughout our communities and pass along the \$6.00 as a discount to our club members.
(Making the final cost to each individual \$43.00)

I urge you, if at all possible to take part in this program. I feel that passing along the savings to each member that participates will allow more to take part in this program and give Amateur Radio a greater presence in our communities.

Since their (SVRC) deadline to have the order in, will occur before our next meeting, I am asking you to send a copy of your current vehicle registration and your check made out to Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society for \$43.00 to KB9KHQ, Kaye Green, 27 Ivywood Dr. or to me KB9FBI, Tim Childers, 773 East College Ave. (both in) Jacksonville, IL. 62650 before February 24, 1997 so I can have all of this delivered before the end of the month.

Thanks

Tim Childers KB9FBI



Above is a scan of part of the multi colored graphics that will appear on the Field Day Special Event Plates.

Field Day

Since we are already on the topic here, Field Day 1997 for the JARS & IVARC will take place on June 28-29, 1997 at Schuy-Rush Park. The Park is located just south of Rushville, IL. on Rt 67. For those who have taken part in Field Day before, this is the same park where we had FD two years ago. If you have not had the opportunity to take part in FD, you are missing some of the best and most memorable times that this author has experienced as an Amateur Radio Operator. I would urge you to make FD one of your annual traditions. Not only do you get to spend as much time on the air making contacts (seems like I never have enough time for that at home), you will also get to mix and mingle with your fellow club members in a slow paced setting that allows us to get to know each other better than we could ever could in the couple of hours a month that we normally have during the club meetings.
best 73

Tim Childers KB9FBI

Code Classes

The JARS will sponsor code classes at JAARC, s Leschin Building on the campus of the Jacksonville Developmental Center. Class will begin Wednesday, March 5th from 7pm to 9 pm. This class will teach CW to enable you to pass a 5 wpm exam. If you are interested in taking, or teaching the class, please contact KB9FBI. We will try to supplement the class with hopefully nightly on-the-air practice over the 1146.775 repeater.
KB9FBI