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J.A.R.S. Inc. Newsletter
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773 East College Ave.
Jacksonville, IL 62650

JARS Bandspread

1998



Meetings

April 7, 1998 @ 7 PM

May 5, 1998 @ 7 PM

**Meetings are held at the
Wareco Training center on
East Morton Ave.**

JARS Dinner

April 25, 1998 @ 6:30 PM

**American Legion
903 W. Superior Ave.**

OFFICERS

President	Tim Childers	KB9FBI
Vice-President	John Adcock	N9WJL
Secretary	Margo Gilmore	KB9KHP
Treasurer	Kaye Green	KB9KHQ

Directors

Hellen Mayberry	WA9GUJ
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KD4WUJ Garners 3 Grammy Nominations

And congratulations to country entertainer Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ on her three Grammy nominations. Patty has been nominated for Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Best Country Vocal Collaboration and for her hit album "Long Stretch of Lonesome."

Students in 16 U.S. Schools will Talk via Amateur Radio with Space Shuttle Columbia Astronauts During April Mission

NEWINGTON, Conn., March 20, 1997 -- Students around the country are preparing for the thrill of a lifetime when they talk live via Amateur Radio with astronauts orbiting the earth aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia. The radio contact is part of an innovative educational program called SAREX, or the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment.

"The SAREX program is an exciting experience for students that crosses over into many subject areas. It is hands-on/minds-on and involves the whole school and entire community," says Rosalie White, Educational Activities Manager for the American Radio Relay League.

SAREX is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT).

During the 16-day mission, the crew will perform experiments in a specially equipped Microgravity Science Laboratory, the primary payload of STS-83. SAREX flies as a secondary payload and students at the selected schools will talk with the astronauts at designated times throughout the mission. Thousands of amateur operators will also attempt to make random radio contacts during the mission when the busy crew finds time.

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Hamfest and Conventions

April 19 DuPage ARC, Stickney, IL
Ed Weinstein, WD9AYR, 7511 Walnut Ave., Woodridge, IL 60517-2818
630-985-9256 E-mail: edwinwein@aol.com
<http://homepage.interaccess.com/~geirh/>

April 19 Jefferson County ARC, Cedar Hill, MO
Jim Autery, KA0WXN, 3596 Reuter Acres, Imperial, MO 63052-1034
314-296-3473

April 26 Moultrie ARK, Arthur, IL
Ralph Zancha, WC9V, PO Box 55, Lovington, IL 61937
217-873-5287 or 217-543-2178

April 26 Area Amateur Radio Operators, Kewanee, IL
Bill Anderson, WB9TEW, 103 SE 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434-1854
309-932-3023 E-mail: bill@inw.net

May 3 Cenois ARC, Decatur, IL
Spencer Carter, N9LVW, PO Box 245, Blue Mound, IL 62513
217-692-2460 Fax: 217-692-2424 E-mail: N9LVW@msn.com

May 3 Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich, IL
Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 815-895-3219 E-mail: n9zna@aol.com
<http://tbcnet.com/~jleonard/hamfest.htm>

May 15-17 Dayton HamVention, Dayton, OH
Dick Miller, N8CBU, PO Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401-0964
937-276-6930 or 937-427-3109 E-mail: chair@erinet.com
<http://www.hamvention.org/>

May 24 Chicago ARC, Chicago, IL
George Sopocko, WA9JEZ, 5631 West Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634
773-545-3622

June 6 Sangamon Valley RC, Springfield, IL
Don Pitchford, W9EBK, 4507 Old Rt. 36, Springfield, IL 62707
217-789-4519 E-mail: w9ebk@aol.com

June 7 Starved Rock RC, Princeton, IL
Bruce Burton, KU9A, 1153 Union St., Marseilles, IL 61341-1710
815-795-2201 E-mail: brburton@mtco.com <http://www.prairienet.org/srrc/>

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ARLB025 Vanity fee to drop drastically

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT April 3, 1998
To all radio amateurs

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ARLB025 Vanity fee to drop drastically

The fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign would drop drastically under the FCC's proposed fiscal year 1998 fee schedule. If adopted, the new fee will be \$12.90 for the ten-year term, payable at the time of application for a new, renewal or reinstated license.

The new fee is contained in an FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MD Docket 98-36, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 1998, released March 25. The current vanity call sign fee is \$50.00 for the ten-year term. The FCC says it has no plans to refund the difference between the current fee and the new fee for applicants who submit applications before implementation of the FY 1998 fee schedule.

The FCC has calculated the new fee based on an expected 10,000 applicants during FY 1998. The FCC says it will announce the effective date for the new fee either in the Report and Order that terminates the fee schedule rulemaking proposal or by a public notice.

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Space Shuttle (cont.)

Three of the seven-member STS-83 crew hold Amateur Radio licenses, including Commander James D. Halsell, Payload Commander Janice E. Voss and Mission Specialist Donald A. Thomas. Today, more than 40 NASA astronauts have Amateur Radio licenses.

Space Shuttle Columbia is scheduled to lift off from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. at 2:01 p.m. EST on April 3, 1997.

The schools selected for this mission include:

- Artesia Public Schools, Artesia, N.M.
- Lexington Traditional Magnet School, Lexington, Ky.
- Troy Intermediate School, Troy, Texas
- Crittenden Middle School, Mountain View, Calif.
- Edgewater High School, Orlando, Fla.
- S.J. Davis Middle School, San Antonio, Texas
- Mountain View Elementary School, Dewey, Ariz.
- Public School 9, New York, N.Y.
- Lawrence Intermediate School, Lawrenceville, N.J.
- Sonny Carter Elementary School, Macon, Ga.
- County College of Morris, Randolph, N.J.
- Ione Junior High School, Jackson, Calif.
- Robert J. Burch Elementary School, Tyrone, Ga.
- Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute, Jamestown, Tenn.
- Beau Chene High School, Arnaudville, La.
- Center Street School, El Segundo, Calif.

Today there are more than 650,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide. Information on how to become involved in Amateur Radio is available from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or by calling 1-800-32-NEW HAM. The URL for the ARRL's home page on the World Wide Web is <http://www.arrl.org>. The URL for NASA's official Shuttle Web page is <http://207.86.88.37/>.

For More Information: Jennifer Gagne-Media Relations Manager-(860) 594-0328 jgagne@arrl.org
(from the ARRL Web)

JARS inc. Election Notice

Nominations for office were held at the March meeting of the JARS and the candidates are:

President - Larry Spoon, KB9KRK
Vice President - Tim Childers, KB9FBI
Treasurer - John Adcock, N9WJL
Secretary - Vince Brekman, W9OES
Director - Mike Mayberry, WB9RNY
Margo Gilmore, KB9KHP
Kaye Green, KB9KHQ
Mike Lowe, KB9MGX

During the last two years all the Officers have held the same post and must vacate the office they currently hold. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year at the regularly scheduled meeting in May and their term of office shall run from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999. I would like to personally thank all the officers who have served the last two years. If not for their help and service to the club we could not have enjoyed the success that we have had.

JARS Technician Class

Classes are underway and are being held every Wednesday night at Jacksonville High School in room 203 at 7 PM. We currently have 14 students enrolled. Instructors have set the course to concur with the ARRL instructors guide for the Now Your Talking book. At the time of the April meeting of the JARS we will have completed three of the ten weeks needed to complete the class. Classes will include demonstrations with HF gear, antennas, feedlines, RF safety, and packet radio. Instructors are Tim KB9FBI, Doc W9ZIT, Steve W9HA, Vince W9OES, Bruce KD9UL and Jim KA9UFX.

April Ham Dinner Set

The JARS will hold its second dinner of 1998 on April 25 at the American Legion Post 279, 903 West Superior Ave. in Jacksonville. The time will be at 6:30 PM and all area Amateur Radio Operator's are invited to attend. We will be eating off of the menu. The first dinner was held in January and all in attendance had a great time. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship with your friends.

Changes coming to FCC Universal License

The FCC concept of a Universal License is not very old but already the agency has decided to make some sweeping changes to it. Docket WT 98-20 seeks comments on proposals to replace Form 610 with FCC Form 605, to permit automatic reciprocal licensing of foreign hams wishing to operate in the U.S. and privatization of the issuance of club station licenses. The docket also would change the rules to require applicants and licensees to supply a taxpayer identification number and to file electronically.

The FCC says that it wants to consolidate the application procedures for all Wireless Telecommunications Services. The agency says that these proposed regulatory changes are part of its efforts to finally implement a Universal Licensing System. WT Docket 98-20 was released on March 20th. Comments are due to the FCC 30 days after publication in The Federal Register. It is very important that you reference WT Docket 98-20 in your response. Also, be advised that in this case the FCC will not accept comments filed by e-mail.

A text version of WT Docket 98-20 is available at the FCC website. That URL can be found at:

www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Notices/1998/fcc98025.txt

(Via FCC release, ARRL)