



Meetings

Oct. 6 1998

Nov. 3 1998

**At the Wareco Training
Center on East Morton
Ave. at 7 PM**

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VP's Corner

Its getting colder outside. The leaves are starting to fall. The air seems a bit nippy in the morning. HEY!!!! It must be getting close to Hamfest time in Jacksonville!!! Yes I believe it is. We will be having the Central Illinois Winter Superfest on December 5, 1998 at the Turner Jr. High School from 8 AM till 2 PM. As in previous years we need help in all areas of the Hamfest. Please contact me to get yourself on the list for helping. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting as well. If we don't start getting more help in certain areas, we may not be able to continue to keep having the Hamfest.

Tim, KB9FBI

SPECTRUM PROTECTION BILL TREADING WATER AS CONGRESS TRIES TO ADJOURN

It appears certain that action in Congress on HR 3572--better known as the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1998--will be postponed at least until next year, when a new Congress will be in place. Even so, the ARRL and League members have continued to press for consideration of the measure during the current session. The bill--sponsored by Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida--has garnered 74 cosponsors.

The projected early October adjournment date for the 105th Congress has become a moving target as the House attempted to juggle its efforts to complete the major appropriations bills, wade through the charges and countercharges in the ongoing investigation of the President, and find time for some politicking before the November elections. New additions to the list of cosponsors for HR 3572 include Representatives Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii, Carolyn Kilpatrick of Michigan, Carolyn McCarthy of New York, Sam Farr of California, Owen Pickett of Virginia, Charles Stenhold and Gene Green of Texas, and Rod

Blagojevich of Illinois.

For a full review of the bill along with a sample letter to Congress, see "DC Currents," QST, June 1998.--Steve Mansfield, N1M7A

Jacksonville Amateur Radio Society

Celebrating 40 years in the Illinois College Parade on Oct, 17 1998 at 10:30 AM. Plans were to build a float that we could operate a special event station from during the parade. Time is running short and we will discuss this at the meeting on Oct. 6.

ICOM Funmobile Event a Big Success!!

As you now know we had the Icom Funmobile here for a night on August 13, 1998 and we had about 150 people here for the event. Along with the Funmobile we had porkchop sandwiches, hot dogs, Ferris Wheel rides, and a vendor with Elephant Ears and other goodies! The weather was just perfect and everyone that attended had a great time. For some photos of the event you can tune to the Icom America site on the internet at <http://www.icomamerica.com/ontheroad/photos/jacksonville.html> Take a look (word has it that there is a picture there with W9OES and N9WRA that you can see them real well).



Pat Marcy, W7PZ and the President Larry Spoon, KB9KRK having a discussion just outside the Icom van.

FCC'S NESS: ENSURE ADEQUATE SPECTRUM FOR AMATEURS

FCC Commissioner Susan Ness recently gave amateurs some cause for optimism. In remarks prepared for delivery September at the Personal Communications Industry Association of America's PCS '98 in Orlando, Florida, Ness promoted the notion that some spectrum should be kept off the auction block. The value to the public of certain spectrum uses "does not always translate into pure economic terms,"

Ness declared. "For example, we need to ensure that adequate spectrum is available for public safety purposes, for unlicensed--that is, Part 15--uses, for the Amateur Service, and for experimental and scientific purposes," Ness said. "None of these needs would be met if auctions displaced judgment in the spectrum allocation process."

Addressing the topic "Blueprint for Spectrum Management," Ness said auctions work well but are not a substitute for the allocation process. The FCC, she said, must not back away from its fundamental duty to allocate "in accordance with the public interest."

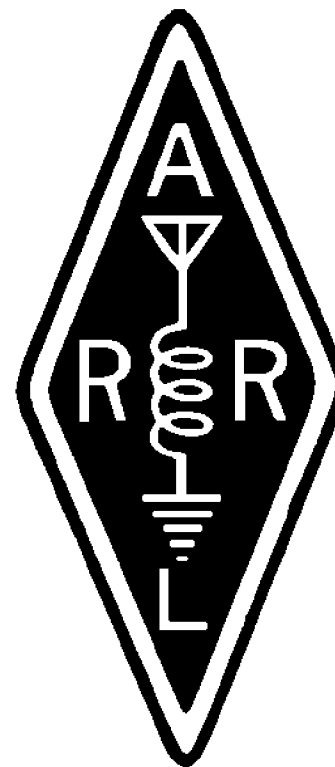
The complete text of Commissioner Ness's remarks are available on the FCC Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Ness/spsn815.html>.

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JARS Meeting Night

There has been some discussion of moving the meeting night from Tuesday to Thursday night. This will be brought up at the next meeting and if you have been unable to attend meetings and would like to see the meeting night change then please let someone know before the meeting. Likewise if you would not like the meeting night changed and cannot make it to the meeting please let someone know so your voice can be heard too.

Tim KB9FBI



FCC RENEWS AMATEUR ENFORCEMENT EMPHASIS

Things may be changing for the better on the Amateur Radio enforcement front. The FCC announced this week that all Amateur Radio-related enforcement investigation, evaluation, and processing has been transferred to the Compliance and Information Bureau. The change, effective September 1 but not announced until more than three weeks later, was made "by internal arrangement" between the CIB and the

FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The Wireless Bureau handles amateur licensing and, for the past several years, has coordinated enforcement with the CIB.

The FCC said the main objective of the change was to "facilitate the Commission's pursuit of compliance," especially in the area of resolving interference complaints, a hot-button issue within the amateur community. "Amateur enforcement should have gotten more direct attention over the last few years," conceded Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, the CIB's legal advisor for enforcement. "A lot of people think the FCC doesn't care."

Hollingsworth will be the FCC's point man in handling the complaints. He says FCC Chairman William Kennard "wants greater respect with respect to enforcement" at the FCC. Putting enforcement in the CIB's hands should mean "a much faster, more effective response," he said.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, says he's "cautiously optimistic" that the change will improve the dismal amateur enforcement situation. "Now, CIB doesn't have to just gather evidence and forward it to another bureau," Imlay said. "It can act on it when it is ready. That's a good situation compared to where we were."

The FCC's public notice said the CIB staff now handles Amateur Radio enforcement matters "from initiation to resolution." That includes complaints, amateur testing issues, warnings, monetary penalties, revocation hearings, and "in extreme cases" equipment seizure and prosecution through the Department of Justice.

The Wireless Bureau continues to handle Amateur Radio licensing, including new applications and renewals, as well as all Amateur Radio policy and rulemaking matters. The change is expected to have no impact on the Amateur Auxiliary. Hollingsworth said the change could, in fact, mean that the FCC will work more closely and more effectively with amateur volunteers in dealing with enforcement issues.

Under the new arrangement, all amateur enforcement questions and complaints should be directed to the Compliance and Information Bureau, Compliance Division, Attention: Amateur Complaints, 1919 M St, Mail Stop 1500E1, Washington, DC 20554.

The FCC also has instituted an "Amateur Enforcement Line" at 202-418-1184. The automated system prompts callers to leave a name, a number, and a brief message. The CIB will return the call within the next business day.

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