



Meeting Notice!

*Now on the second
Thursday at 7 PM!!!*

**Next Meeting:
Feb. 11, 1999
March 11, 1999**

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Presidents Corner

Well, we had our first meeting of 1999 for the JARS club and the big subject was the hamfest and about how much money we made. Not very much, but everyone missed the point, "FUN" it's not work, it's fun! I worked the front table this year and had a blast doing it. And everyone else can do the same thing. We can all have fun at it. The money was down this year and money was down last year from the year before. If you compare them year by year you would see it's because some of us were not doing our part. Everyone wants to see it done, so long as they don't have to do it! The whole thing is not only to make a little money for the club, but for hams to get together and have "fun" meeting new people. After all, that's what Amateur Radio is all about! At least that's what everyone talks about. We cannot blame the downfall on the idea that all hamfests are down; it depends on us to make it work. It takes team work.

Each year we have a sign up sheet and there is something on there that everyone can do. Maybe you can't carry tables, and a lot of you should not, but think about what you can do. And if you sign the sheet, please do what you have pledged to do. When you promise to do a job, then let it fall through, you make it harder on everyone else. Even doing a little job can save time and make a big difference.

Now, something new has been changed, the meeting night to the 2nd Thursday. Hope it brings more members and more participation. Don't run and hide when asked to join a committee. Your club needs you, amateur radio needs you. We all would like to see the meetings end a little early and if we stick to what we're talking about when it's brought up, and no side bar meetings, we can get done quicker and some of you wouldn't have to leave before the meetings are over. Work with us on this. Most of you know Robert's Rules. And last but not least, support your club and the ARRL. They are the only ones fighting for Amateur Radio.

Larry Spoon, KB9KRX

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From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT January 14, 1999 To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB003 ARLB003 FCC warns alleged major amateur offenders

The FCC has issued strong warnings to two amateurs in Indiana and a third in New York who are on the Commission's top ten list of alleged major amateur offenders. The FCC's amateur enforcement point man, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says the warning letters sent earlier this month are the last step before the FCC initiates formal enforcement proceedings. One case primarily involved malicious interference on VHF repeaters, while the other two involved interference to an HF net.

"We have been cutting bait a while, now it's time for us to fish," said Hollingsworth, the legal advisor for enforcement within the FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau.

The FCC did not make the names or call signs public, but Hollingsworth said all those who received the letters were put on the FCC's Alert List with FCC field offices. "The Alert List is the FCC equivalent of an all-points bulletin," Hollingsworth explained. He said Field Office monitors would be making a special effort to listen for further violations by stations on the Alert List. Since taking over Amateur Radio enforcement within the CIB last fall, Hollingsworth says he's sent out dozens of warning letters of a much milder nature. "Now, we're distilling that activity to the worst offenders," he said, adding that similar actions were imminent in other major cases.

The letters sent out January 7 and 8 spell out the agency's expectations in no uncertain terms. In the case of the alleged HF offenders, Hollingsworth's letters state that the Commission "has additional evidence that you have been deliberately and maliciously interfering with the operations of other licensed amateurs," primarily a 75-meter net. Both hams—whose cases are related—already had received official Notices of Violation last fall for similar conduct, and the FCC had imposed restricted operating hours on one of them. But the FCC says that the troublesome behavior has continued. Hollingsworth said the alleged illegal activities not only put the hams' licenses in jeopardy but open them up to possible fines and even put transmitting equipment at risk of seizure. He said he also has cautioned the controllers of the net involved to not engage hecklers or those attempting to harass or interfere, nor to call up the net on a busy frequency. "One thing these nets have to understand is that the nets don't own the frequency," he said.

The case of the alleged VHF offender had a similar pattern. The amateur license of the ham in question already had been suspended at one point, but violations are said to have continued, even during the suspension period. Beyond amateur violations, Hollingsworth said that the FCC's evidence indicated the amateur had threatened FCC employees and others. He told the ARRL that additional warning letters went out to eight other individuals whom he described as "cohorts" to the alleged prime VHF offender. Hollingsworth requested that all of the amateurs involved contact him immediately to discuss the allegations. NNNN

1999 Hamfest Calendar

January 24

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, Villa Park, IL

Pat Byrne, K9JAU

414 North Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

630-545-9950 E-mail: k9jau@juno.com <http://www.w9ccu.org>

January 30

St. Louis Repeater Club, St. Charles, MO

Jim Welby, WB0ZJW 314-353-2000 E-mail: Hamfest99@aol.com

February 14

Davenport RAC, Rock Island, IL

Kent Williams, K9UQI 4245-10th St., East Moline, IL 61244-4154

309-796-0718 Fax: 309-796-0629 E-mail: k9uqi@netexpress.net

<http://www.arcsupport.com/drac>

March 5

Amateur Radio Auction, St. Louis (Lemay), MO

Bill Schmidt, WA0JCO 314-544-1515

March 14

Sterling-Rock Falls ARS, Sterling, IL

Lloyd Sherman, KB9APW 25873 Capp Rd., Sterling, IL 61081

815-336-2434 E-mail: lsherman@essexl.com

April 25

Moultrie ARK, Arthur, IL Ralph Zancha, WC9V

PO Box 55, Lovington, IL 61937 217-873-5287 or 217-543-2178

E-mail: rzanacha@one-eleven.net <http://home.stlnet.com/~jHUDSONL/hamfest.html>

June 6

Starved Rock RC, Princeton, IL Frank Carraro, KF9NZ

PO Box 198, Leonore, IL 61332 815-856-3773

E-mail: w9mks@qsl.net <http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/>

June 13

Six Meter Club of Chicago, Wheaton, IL Joseph Gutwein, WA9RIJ

7109 Blackburn Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60516-3925

630-963-4922 E-mail: WA9RIJ@MC.NET

<http://cyberconnect.com/orion/smcc.html>

July 10

Central Division Convention, Indianapolis, IN Rick Ogan, N9LRR

5329 Lester, Indianapolis, IN 46208 317-251-4407

July 11

Kankakee Area Radio Society, Peotone, IL Don Kerouac, K9NR

6311 East Flora St., Kankakee, IL 60901 815-939-7548

E-mail: k9nr@juno.com <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/hangar/571>

July 18

Fox River Radio League, Sugar Grove, IL Louis Petkus, K9LU

2 South 872 Wagner Rd., Batavia, IL 60510

630-443-8822 (days) or 630-406-1654 (eves) E-mail: k9lu@qth.com

<http://www.frll.org/hamfest.html>

July 18

Zero Beaters ARC, Washington, MO Dave Neal, N0PNG

1917 Powderhorn Pass, Wildwood, MO 63011-1717

314-532-2477 (days) or 314-458-3254 (eves) E-mail: Dave_Neal@msn.com

<http://zbarc.usmo.com/>

August 7

Western Illinois ARC, Quincy, IL Jim Funk, N9JF

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August 8

Hamfesters RC, Peotone, IL David Brasel, NF9N

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September 18

W9DXCC Convention, Rolling Meadows, IL Northern Illinois DX Association

Bill Smith, W9VA 1345 Linden Ave., Deerfield, IL 60015

847-945-1564 E-mail: w9va@aol.com <http://www.qth.com/w9dxcc>

September 18-19

Peoria Area ARC, Peoria, IL Jim Williams, N9HHU

Box 3508, Peoria, IL 61612-3508 309-692-3378 Fax: 309-698-8643

E-mail: jimeoc@worldnet.att.net E-mail: jimn9hhu@juno.com

<http://www.w9uvi.org>

September 25-26

Chicago FM Club, Grayslake, IL Mike Brost, WA9FTS

PO Box 56724, Harwood Heights, IL 60656-0724

708-457-0966 <http://chicagofmclub.org>

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In an effort to make this newsletter better reflect its membership I would like to solicit articles from the membership for publishing in the newsletter. If you have a subject in our great hobby that you feel passionate about then type me up an article or a series of articles and email them to me at jars@qsl.net. If you do not have access to the internet then save the articles on a 3 1/2" floppy (IBM compatible) in .txt format or a format that I can import such as MS Word or Notepad/Wordpad. In the immortal words of #5 (for those of you who remember the movie Short Circuit) "NEED INPUT" !!!!!

JARS Meeting Night Change

As you probably noticed we voted at the January meeting to change the meeting night from the first Tuesday to the second Thursday. I know it is very hard to please everyone, as a matter of fact, it's probably impossible, so I hope the meeting night change does not interfere with too many schedules. Meeting on Thursday nights gives us the opportunity of having input from several members that have never or rarely been able to attend on Tuesday evenings. Please make plans to attend the next meeting and bring a friend that may be interested in our hobby!

VE Testing

The IVARC in Beardstown will no longer have VE testing monthly due to a decline in people taking exams. They will be offering testing following their regular monthly meetings on the second Friday of the odd numbered months at 8 P.M. This means testing will be in March, May, July, September and November. The regular meeting time of the IVARC has been moved to 7 P.M. because of this change in the test schedule.

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JARS on the WWW

We invite members and non-members alike to stop by and visit the JARS website at <http://www.qsl.net/jars/> and browse around a while! We have tried to keep the web site as up to date and accurate as possible. You will find the latest meeting information and the latest amateur radio links possible.

While your surfing the web please stop by the JARS re-mailer site and sign up! <http://jars.listbot.com/>

Special Thanks

By Tim Childers, KB9FBI - VP

I would like to thank all those involved in preparations for the Hamfest Dinner we had on January 23, 1999 at Ponderosa here in Jacksonville. We had a wonderful turnout of members and their families. The only glitch to the whole evening happened before we got started when the forgot to put us down for the meeting room (even though they were contacted more than a month in advance) but we managed through it with a couple of moves and a little curtain pulling. I was selected as the first recipient of the Guy E. Trone, KB9FAY Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in the best traditions of amateur radio. WOW What an honor! I am flattered that my fellow amateurs have honored me with this award.

It has been my pleasure to work for a better JARS but, I have not been alone in this task! We have been blessed to have a very diverse group that has sparked off a number of special events, hamfests, meetings, cookouts, field days, and many other activities! I would be sure to miss a few if I tried to point you out so I will just say, You Know Who You Are! Thanks for being there when the JARS needed you!!! Most of you know I have served as this club's President and VP since we resurrected it in 1992. I have also published its newsletter, taken care of the repeaters, and served as the trustee of the club callsign, K9JX. I know if we work together towards the common goal of making the JARS the best darn club in our area, then we will continue to have success in all our endeavors!

Thanks Again

73 de KB9FBI