



Meetings

May 13, 1999

June 10, 1999

JARS Meets on the
Second Thursday of each
month at the Wareco Train-
ing Center on East Morton
in Jacksonville, IL.

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JARS Bandspread

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JARS Minutes 4/8/99

Meeting called to order at 19:10 with 13 members present.

Minutes of the 3/12/99 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read

Old Business

Hamfest- No Report on JHS site. N9WRA Reports the Nichols Park Pavilion was already rented and the person only needed 1 table so we are guaranteed 35 tables anyway. KD9UL reports the IC Gym rents for \$100 plus \$25 an hour for the janitor if needed. IC can't confirm the date until mid-august. KB9FBI will check of the Airport.

Election Committee - No Report

Field Day - IVARC is hosting this year. Briefly discussed equipment needed.

New Business

W9UFL will celebrate 50 years as a priest later this month.

KB9KRK - Thanked the club for the flowers

KB9KRK - Club dinner discussed. Set For Saturday May 15 at 6:30 PM, Ponderosa in Jacksonville.

KB9FBI - Discussed the need to adjust the quorum figure from 12 down to a lower number because of low turn out at meetings. N9PCT made the motion to change the quorum to 7. Motion was seconded by KB9KHQ. Motion Passed This change of the constitution has to be published in the newsletter and voted upon again at the next meeting for it to come in effect.

KD9UL - Will be holding a special event station to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing!! W3O will be the callsign and it will run from July 16 - 24. Operators are needed!!!

Contact KD9UL

Net Controls:

4/10 N9MAF 4/17 N9PCT 4/24 KB9KHP 5/1 KB9FBI

5/8 KB9KRK

Next Meeting May 13, 1999

50/50 winner is KB9KHS

There being no further business put forward, moved seconded and passed to Adjourn at 20:03

Illinois Repeater Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Illinois Repeater Association (IRA) was held in Bloomington, IL on Saturday April 17, 1999. As a director in the IRA I was in attendance and represented the JARS among a few other club/repeater owners as their delegate. At the meeting the main topic this year was a "Reduced-Spacing Agreement" that we are trying to sign with the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR). This agreement would allow for repeaters along the WI / IL border to be spaced closer together and allow for more efficient use of the spectrum. Repeaters that would fall under this agreement would have to meet certain restrictions such as antenna height and ERP.

The thing that has kept this from happening up to this date was the in-state policy of coordinating Reduced-Space Repeaters for the IRA did not match WAR's idea of what was acceptable. WAR wants the remote receive sites to be coordinated and did not want PL encode and decode on the repeater transmitter. On the other hand the IRA membership feels it is necessary to have the PL but did not think that coordinating remote receive sites would make any difference as far as interference to the other machine.

In December 1998, the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters membership approves all of the terms of our proposed agreement providing the IRA agrees to coordinate remote receive sites for cross-border reduced-spaced repeaters. The Wisconsin organization questions the need for mandatory PL encode and decode, but will accept this requirement if the IRA agrees to remote receive site coordination.

After a lengthy discussion, WD9DAU moved and WD9HSY seconded the motion to add the following paragraph to the reduced-spacing agreement:

"Remote receivers shall require coordination if they are located greater than one-third of the distance between reduced-spaced co-channel repeaters and they are located within twenty miles of the Illinois/Wisconsin State Line."

The motion carried by voice with five nay votes.

Hopefully this same agreement can be used with the other surrounding states as well and we won't have the Friday night marathon board meetings to try and piece together agreements with the four other states that border Illinois.

Tim, KB9FBI

FCC DROPS AMATEUR ENFORCEMENT LINE IN FAVOR OF E-MAIL, US MAIL

The FCC says it now wants Amateur Radio enforcement complaints via e-mail or US mail and has discontinued its Amateur Enforcement Line (202-418-1184). The FCC this week requested that amateur-related complaints be sent via e-mail to fccham@fcc.gov or via the US Postal Service to Compliance & Information Bureau, ATTN Amateur Radio Complaints, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

The FCC instituted the telephone service last fall when it beefed up amateur enforcement under the direction of Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. However, the FCC never intended to maintain the telephone service permanently.

The FCC said this week that complaints already filed on the telephone service will be acted upon, and anyone who has left a message will receive a return call from Commission staff.

FCC WARNS FLORIDA HAMS IN WAKE OF CUBAN COMPLAINTS

The FCC has followed up on malicious interference complaints from Cuban amateurs by sending Warning Notices to two Florida hams. The FCC letters, sent April 23 by Legal Advisor Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, refer to monitoring information indicating the US hams deliberately attempted to jam 40-meter SSB net operations in Cuba.

The Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC), the national amateur organization in Cuba, first complained nearly two years ago to the International Amateur Radio Union, Region 2, about ongoing intentional interference by South Florida hams to Cuban nets and emergency operations.

When the complaint was forwarded to the ARRL, Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, responded with an expression of regret and a request that the FRC share any information that would help identify the perpetrators. Earlier this month, FRC General Secretary Oscar Morales, CO2OJ, was able to supply information that assisted in tentatively identifying two individuals believed to be involved in causing the interference.

Morales said that the Cuban nets have even tried moving to get away from the QRM, but the interfering stations have followed, at one point even jamming two frequencies at the same time. Hollingsworth said he believes the interference has been on SSB by Spanish-speaking stations. The Cuban nets in question operate on frequencies that fall within the US Novice band, meaning that any US operation using more than 200 W PEP or operating SSB would be illegal. The US SSB subband begins at 7150 for Advanced and Extra class operators.

Hollingsworth has requested the two stations to respond to his letter within 20 days.

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From the WM7D website <http://www.wm7d.net/junk/whoswho2.html>

WHO'S WHO IN HAM RADIO

ADVANCED: Leaps tall buildings in a single bound; Is more powerful than a locomotive; Is faster than a speeding bullet; Walks on water, and gives policy to GOD.

GENERAL: Leaps short buildings in a single bound; Is more powerful than a switch engine; Is just as fast as a speeding bullet; Walks on water if the sea is calm; Talks with GOD.

CONDITIONAL: Leaps short buildings with a running jump AND favorable winds... Is almost as powerful as a switch engine; Is faster than a speeding BB; Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool; Talks with GOD if special request is approved.

TECHNICIAN (Old): Barely clears a quonset hut; Looses tug-of-war with a locomotive; Can fire a speeding bullet; Swims well; Is occasionally addressed by GOD.

TECH-PLUS: Runs into buildings; Recognizes locomotive two out of three times; Is not issued ammunition; Can stay afloat with a life preserver; Talks to walls.

NOVICE: Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap small buildings; Is run over by locomotive; Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury; Talks to animals.

TECH:
Falls over doorsteps when entering buildings; Says, "Look at the choo-choo"; Wets himself with a water pistol; Plays in mud puddles; Mumbles to himself.

AMATEUR EXTRA:

Lifts buildings and walks under them; Kicks locomotives off the track; Catches speeding bullets in their teeth AND EATS THEM; Freezes water with a single glance; THEY ARE GOD!

Author Unknown; But rumor has it, that he has been demoted to 11 meters and is now a CBer, he can occasionally be heard Eastbound and Down!

In addition...

NO CODE EXTRA: Flaunts honorary degree in "Tall Building Jumping"; Exhibits powerful ulterior "Loco Motives"; Attempts to avoid speeding bullets; Is able to "Pass Water", usually without difficulty Denys the existance of GOD; Cohort of CBers

Temporary Operating Suffixes

General - /AG

Advanced - /AA

Extra - /AE

No Code Extra - /AH