



Dial Radio Club



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Minutes of the September 21, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, W8GNV, KD8GXD, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ, W8LKU, KC8NHP, WD8NKJ, WA8PRA, WB8QEA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, W8WCQ & Ginny, KB8WKL & Barb, KA8WNF, KC8WOF, N8YFQ

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don, WA8DTU. Don welcomed Dick, W8GNV, one of our long-time members who has not been able to attend recent meetings.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by John, W8WCQ, and seconded by Ernie, N8EH. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay – same as last month.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported "I don't know – same stuff as last month", meaning the Monroe remote receiver site is still down due to waiting on the electrician to restore power. He has called for volunteers for a work party at the Monroe site to clean out the cabinet once power is restored. An email notification will be sent to organize the party.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, reminded those in attendance of the Dial intercom net on 146.61 is on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local.

Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, announced that the next exam will be on October 7th, a week before the new General Class starts. Beverley promised to get a schedule out to instructors soon. She also reported having 6 or 7 students in the Technician Class that are expected to examine on the 7th.

Old Business

Ron, N8QF, reported that the Dial trailer work has been completed, including the new racks built by Ed, KF8PD, to hold the poles for the shelter.

New Business

None.

Adjournment:

Lorie, W8LKU, moved and Ernie, N8EH, seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed with 1 nay (Frank was told that he could remain) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, at the Golden Corral

Mark Johnson WD8DFK, SK



Mark Johnson, 71, of Xenia, formerly of Middletown died Friday, October 2, 2009, at Hospice of Dayton. He was born in Erie, PA, on June 27, 1938 to parents Harry & Lela (Stone) Johnson. Mark was a member of Middletown Dial Radio Club, his call sign was WD8DFK, Jefferson Lodge #90 F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and Loyal Order Of Moose #501. Mr. Johnson is survived by his sons, Russell M.(Stephanie) Johnson and Randall M. Johnson; a daughter, Jodi L. Johnson , a brother; Lester (Carol) Johnson and grandchildren; Michael Green, Sierra Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Autumn Johnson, Irelyn Johnson; Monica Johnson and Hannah Cochran, great-grandchildren; Karlee Green; Shayla Johnson; Christian Johnson; and Harley Davis. Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Nancy Lou (Beam) Johnson in 2000.

DIAL Radio Club General Class and Test Session

Beginning October 14, 2009 and ending November 18th, the Dial Radio Club will offer a six-week class to prepare a candidate for taking the ARRL **General Class Exam**, with a testing session on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 For registration or additional information, contact K8CM k8cm@arrl.net) Carl Morgan 513-727-3456.

STATE QSO Parties

New York QSO Party	10/17-18
Illinois QSO Party	10/18-19
Iowa QSO Party	10/17-18

Three People Killed While Erecting Ham Antenna

At approximately 8:40 PM on Monday, October 12, a man, woman and their 15 year old son were killed while trying to erect a 50 foot vertical antenna at the home of the man's mother, Barbara Tenn, KJ4KFF, in Palm Bay, Florida. The deceased were not licensed amateurs.

"It happened in an instant," Palm Bay Fire Marshal Mike Couture said in a statement. "It is an unfortunate set of circumstances that led to the most tragic result."

According to police reports, Melville Braham, 55, Anna Braham, 49, and their 15 year old son Anthony were putting up an antenna -- Tenn's second -- at night when they lost control of the antenna and it crashed into nearby overhead power lines. The impact sent 13,000 volts of electricity through the

pole the three were holding. A family friend, a 17 year old boy, was on the roof at the time of the accident. He and the couple's daughter, who was in the house at the time, were not injured.

The mother was pronounced dead at the scene. When paramedics arrived, the father and son were not breathing; rescue crews immediately tried to resuscitate them. They were transported to a hospital where they later died.

Neighbor Jim Vallindingham told television station WFTV that he called 911 when he saw the fire in the backyard and then he ran over: "I had no idea it was electrical until we got over there and saw the three people laying on the ground. So I called 911 a second time to tell them there were casualties. You know, there were people on the ground. So [the 911

operator] told me that's electric, you back away don't touch anything."

Couture said that night was not the best time to be attempting to put up an antenna. "It wasn't the best time, meaning it was night time. Obviously, in darkness, and trying to do something like this and not being keenly aware of where the power line is in the backyard, [was not a good idea]," he said.

Neighbors said that Tenn, an ARRL member, used Amateur Radio to talk with her family in Jamaica. -- *Thanks to WFTV and Central Florida News 13 for the information-ARRL*

Keep this as a reminder to pay attention to your surroundings when hanging an antenna!

Senate Introduces Companion Bill To HR 2160

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ARLB031 Senate Introduces
Companion Bill to HR 2160

October 6, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), along with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), introduced Senate Bill 1755, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. Similar to HR 2160 -- also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18), the bill, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

"We are delighted to have the sponsorship of both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and especially to have the support of Senator Lieberman

from the ARRL's home state," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The bill could not have a better pedigree." Lieberman is the Chairman of the committee, while Collins is the Ranking Member.

Like HR 2160, S 1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes law. The study shall:

Include a review of the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts and improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives. Identify

impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other federal departments, agencies and Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities."

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy -- approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) -- included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of

government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit." The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.

ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI said that Amateur Radio operators in the State of Maine have "an outstanding relationship" with their Congressional representatives -- plus Governor John Baldacci is KB1NXP!" Both Connecticut and Maine are part of the League's New England Division

Frenaye said that Maine Section Manager Bill Woodhead, N1KAT, dropped off a letter at Senator Collins' office in Lewiston two weeks ago, asking for her support. "After that, we had amateurs in

Maine write the Senator," he said; more than 40 Maine hams wrote Senator Collins.

The Senate bill points out many positive things that Amateur Radio operators do, including "provid[ing] on a volunteer basis, a valuable public sector service to their communities, their States, and to the Nation, especially in the area of national and international disaster communications."

It mentions that amateurs provided emergency and disaster relief communications services during both natural and manmade disasters. "The Amateur Radio Service has formal agreements for the provision of volunteer emergency communications activities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, the National Communications System, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, as well as with disaster relief agencies, including the American National

Red Cross and the Salvation Army," the bill reads.

Right now, S 1755 has been read twice in the Senate chamber and referred to that body's Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. HR 2160 -- now with 27 sponsors -- is in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
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