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WEAVER'S WORDS - SPECIAL EDITION

Sensing that the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the developing remainder of the tropical storm season is the right time to go on the offensive, New York Congressman and long-time friend of Amateur Radio Steve Israel has reintroduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876) into the US House. The act, if adopted, would essentially negate overly-restrictive clauses against antenna structures in codes, covenants and restrictions that are often written into real estate and home-owners organization contracts. Now is not yet the time to jump completely on the campaign trail to gain support for this bill, but be ready for the call to action. In the meantime, our Washington brain trust will begin activating certain Local Contacts in the ARRL Grassroots lobbying program in their phase of work with Congressmen/women. The thrust of the contacts will begin with key members of select House committees, move on to contacts with all members of key committees and then to all members of the House. Presumably, the drive to recruit Senate support will begin before too much longer.



Jim Weaver K8JE

Amateur Radio needs your help.

"Amateur Radio Antenna "CC&R Bill" Reintroduced in Congress (Sep 23, 2005) -- New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&R's) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876). ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, who attended Israel's public announcement of the bill September 19 on Long Island, pointed out the Amateur Radio volunteers always fill the gap after other communication systems fail in an emergency or disaster. He notes the bill's introduction comes in the immediate aftermath of positive media coverage of Amateur Radio's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster."

If you would like to become an integral part of the person-to-person phase of our Grassroots (Legislative Action) program in your state, please contact your State Legislative Action Coordinator to become a Local Contact with your Congressional Representative (or Senator). The State Legislative Action Coordinators are: Kentucky - Gregory Baize, Sr., KG4VJG, kg4vjc@arrl.net; Ohio - Jim Ashman, W8ASH, w8ash@arrl.net; and Michigan - Val Rose, N8EXV, n8evx@arrl.net. The Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chairman is Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT, w8ftq@arrl.org. I am very pleased to have introduced the motion that resulted in the creation of the ARRL Grassroots program.

Additional details of Congressman Israel's bill can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/23/?nc=1>.

I encourage you to become familiar with the overall need and value of this bill and to await specific instructions on how to proceed. By following a sound, coordinated approach, we have a good chance of getting this legislation enacted. If we pursue an uncoordinated, fractionalized effort, we are nearly certain to fail.

Jim Weaver, K8JE

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Ed - excerpts from his Sun, 2 Oct 2005 15:16:06 -0400 email

HUH?

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

--Al Gore, Vice President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It hardly seems like it's the end of the year almost and about time to get ready to start a new one.

The Club would like to congratulate those who have recently passed their Tech. test.: Jennifer Devault KD8CJI, Tony Constantino KD8CJJ, and Tim Spiker KD8CGF. We would like to congratulate them, as they all studied hard. I know they will be welcomed into the club and I'm sure they will be an asset.

At the January 5 meeting, we will be having Gary Williams, one of our County Commissioners, as our guest speaker. He will be talking about the new enhanced 911 system in Columbiana County. I also want everyone to know we will be having our elections that night. Come and make your voice known as to whom you would like to have as your next officers.

At the February 2 meeting, AI AB8AA will speak about what to pack in your jump-kit or grab-n-go bag for a short or a long stay if you get called out to assist during a disaster.

At the March 2 meeting, Bill KB8MNE will talk about proper procedures to use in Ham radio.

We will be having a Kielbasa & Kraut carry-out on January 1 from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at St. Paul's School Cafeteria. And on February 5 our Super Bowl Sunday meatball sub sale also at St. Paul's School Kitchen from 11:A.M. until 4:00 P.M.. We would like to thank Frank Zammarelli for assisting us with these two projects.

Don't forget our annual club dinner March 18 at 6:00 P.M. at the Memorial Bldg., in the red room.

73's for now - Dave N8GOB

WHY PACKET?

I find that a good many hams do not use packet. They ask why should we use packet? Well, why not? I have been told that it is too slow. Some feel that they are limited as to where they can go. I have also been told that no one uses packet anymore. They even say that the internet is a lot better.

Let's look at some of the benefits of packet. When one uses packet the background noise does not matter. You may play music or whatever and it is not re transmitted over the air. I can play our tapes, sing or whatever without a problem, as it will not be re transmitted over the packet system. I have connected to nodes, and have gone all over the world on just 5-watts without any fancy equipment or special antenna. I am using a vertical antenna up about 40 feet. For a couple of years I used a Radio Shack 202 for our packet radio and it worked well. Now I am using a Yaesu FT 2500M 2 meter mobile, and run 5-watts most of the time.

Another nice feature about packet is that one doesn't need to be concerned about getting a virus on their packet computer. I do not have any type of virus protection on our packet computer, and have never heard of anyone getting a virus via packet. While I suppose it could be done, the ones that do such stuff would only get one computer at a time, and it most likely would not be worth the effort. It would be easy to trace them as they leave their station ID whenever they connect to someone.

One of the neat things also is that I have never had our packet computer lock up, but our online computer does that often. I have never had any spam or pop ups appear on packet, and feel sure that it never will happen. I have spent many happy hours on packet and have enjoyed it a lot. The computer that we are using now has been used for several years. It has just started to develop a problem. The fan on the power supply is getting to be very noisy, and will need to be replaced soon. The nice thing is we do not have to run the computer and monitor all the time. One may connect to me and leave a message in the mail box without the computer and monitor being turned on.

If anyone is interested, I am using an old Heath kit TNC with the PC Pakratt 232 program. It has worked very well, and we are happy with it. An old Bi-Link computer, with a built in monitor, has served us well these past few years.

73, Bill KB8MNE



CW Poll

The results are in from my poll asking what, if anything, ARRL ought to do in response to FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to abolish all Morse code testing for amateur licenses. A total of 523 of you participated. Thanks.

Overall, you appear to believe ARRL should fight the Commissions' proposal. This preference was expressed by 64% of the total of 523 responders (and by 43% of 213 non-CW ops and 58% of CW ops). Of these who said to fight to retain "a" CW test somewhere in the licensing structure, 20% thought we should engage in the battle but not drop everything else; whereas, 13% thought we ought to drop everything else to fight. Twenty two percent of CW users recommended we not fight FCC's plan to drop all code requirements while 56% of non-CW ops held the same opinion.

Of the total 523 responders, 36% said we ought not to fight the FCC NPRM, but that we should let the Commission do what it wants without protesting.

A couple of additional revelations of the poll were: 1. 3% of non-CW ops thought we should drop everything else and fight to keep Morse code testing, and 2. 40% of non-CW users thought we ought to fight a measured battle against the NPRM. In other words, 43% of non-code users believe FCC should maintain a CW testing requirement of some sort. Only 57% of non-code users feel there should be no Morse code requirements for amateur licenses.

In a poll I took two years ago, 5% of responders said we should fight to the bitter end to save CW testing, 5% of you said to fight to the bitter end to abolish this testing and 95% of you said to fight a measured battle to keep CW testing of some form.

Taken together, 327 of 522 total responders to the most recent poll say we should fight to keep code at some level in the Amateur Radio license structure. Only 185 responders said to do nothing to preserve some form of code requirement.

Weavers Words - 10/02/05

SKYWARN IS A YEAR-ROUND SERVICE

I think there are some people out there who think Skywarn is only used during spring and summer weather. Truth is that Skywarn is a year-round service. The Weather Service office needs to know about severe winter weather as well. Some examples might be: Ice-Storms; Freezing Drizzle; Freezing Rain, starting at ¼" to ½" increments; Snowfall 2",4",6",then 9",12",15",and so on; Heavy (Wet) Snow; Blowing and Drifting Snow; Thunder-Snow; winds in excess of 40+ MPH or any other severe weather conditions. Sub-zero Temperatures for sustained period of time should also be reported. If it would be needed, a Skywarn net would be brought up. During the net we would be looking for the items listed above.

If you would like additional information on winter weather, contact the National Weather Service 192 Shafer Road Moon Township, Pa. 15108 or go on line to: www.nws.noaa.gov/er/pit and request the "winter storms-a preparedness guide." While you are on the website, check out all of the information available to us. If all goes well, I hope to have some surprises at the next Skywarn Net Controllers meeting.

We are known as Columbiana County Skywarn and we are operating a training net on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 P.M. on the 146.805 MHZ (Lisbon) repeater. This net gives net control stations a chance to practice opening and operating and closing a net. The net for the most part is informal, however, the training script is the only formal part of the net. The net is first opened, then at the proper time check-ins listed. Training is conducted, then the net is informal for comments from the Skywarn Coordinator/Administrator, as well as club information, and any other Amateur Radio Topics of interest from the check-in roster. Any questions that are raised in the course of the net are answered (if possible), then the net is closed.

I hope this net, as well as an actual weather net, is what was expected. We will try to make these nets, as well as the paging system, the best they can be. Any suggestions will be taken under advisement to the monthly Skywarn NCS meeting.

The very best of 73's and a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, too all;

Ernie Greenisen; KC8QPH
Columbiana County Skywarn Coordinator and Administrator.

REPEATER CORNER

Salem	KA8OEB	147.255 +600 Khz PL.156.7 444.675 +5Mhz PL 156.7
Emergency Patch 911 drop # (These machines are linked) (Weather Info)		
	KB8MFV	147.285 + PL 88.5
Lisbon	KC8ITV	146.805 -600Khz PL 162.2
	KD8XB	442.525
East Liverpool	K8BLP	146.700 -600Khz PL 162.2 442.175 +5Mhz
	KB8JNM	53.090 224.660
East Palestine	W8GMM	146.775 -600Khz
New Waterford	KB8SHE	53.630
Alliance	K8LTG	145.370+600Khz

NTS



Monday NETS at 8 PM local time. Repeaters are rotated. Columbiana County Emergency Training NET 146.700 146.77 146.805 147.255 147.285

LICENSE INFORMATION & Classes

If you have any questions related to classes, upgrading, testing or tutoring contact one of these fine 'HAMS' for ELMERING.

VE Testing Contact us to let us know if you are interested in testing. We need to know what test you are planning to take. Call 330-337-6544, 330-337-9975 or 330-222-1450. You can also send an email to n8gob@epohi.com.

Event Reminder:

Jan.1	Kielbasa & Kraut carry-out
Jan. 5	7 PM SAARA Meeting
Feb. 2	7 PM SAARA meeting
Feb. 5	Super Bowl Sunday meatball sub sale
Mar. 2	7 PM SAARA Meeting
Mar. 18	Annual SAARA dinner

S.A.A.R.A. Supporters:

ARRL Foundation
American Standard
AMVETS Post #45
Home Savings and Loan
Grande Parade Committee
Salem Computer Center
Firestone Sheet Metal
Zeigler's Trophies
Bennett Trailer Sales

And many others are making the Emergency Communications Trailer possible. Please let them know how much this support is appreciated.

Join SAARA

SAARA is a very active club with a high level of community involvement and we are always looking for new members.

Amateur Radio in the Salem Area needs your support in order to maintain a high level of activity. Uncle Sam may NEED You, we WANT you to join us. SAARA is a family oriented club with an emphasis on community service through amateur radio.

INTERESTING THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you consider that there have been an average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theater of operations during the last 22 months, and a total of 2112 deaths, that gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000. The rate in Washington D.C. is 80.6 per 100,000. That means that you are about 25% more likely to be shot and killed in our Nation's Capitol, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation, than you are in Iraq. Conclusion: We should immediately pull out of Washington D.C.

OCTOBER PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT

1. Nature of Activity: Special exercise
2. Activity Description: Salem Area High School Band Festival 2005 Communications were furnished for safety and operation of the event
3. Places or areas involved: The event was held at Reilly Stadium in Salem Ohio. Schools having bands present were: Salem High School, South Range High School, Leetonia High School, Lisbon High School, United High School, West Branch High School, and East Palestine High School
4. Number of amateurs participating: 3
5. Event start date/time: Oct 3, 2005 1745
6. Event end date/time Oct 3, 2005 2045
7. Duration of event (hours): 3
8. Total person-hours: 9
9. Number of repeaters used: 2
10. Estimated person-power cost: \$ 90
11. Estimated cost of equipment used: \$ 14500
12. Total estimated cost of service (10+11): \$ 14590
13. Nets and/or frequencies used: Salem Area Amateur Radio Association Club Call K8BTP 147.255/KA8OEB and 444.675/KA8OEB
14. Number of messages handled: 9
15. Names of agencies receiving communications support: Schools having bands present were:
Salem High School
South Range High School
Leetonia High School
Lisbon High School
United High School
West Branch High School
East Palestine High School
Salem Band Boosters
16. Call signs of major participants:
KC8QPH
KA8OEB
N8GOB
17. Other comments: Problems encountered:
Hams - None
Stadium - Poor PA system adjustment
Bands - None

Communications Summary:

Communications were needed for informing band directors of changes to the time that awards were to be given, to inform boosters that drawing results were needed and that PA system was not loud enough. No accidents or injuries occurred.

Halloween Parade - Oct 27, 6:00 PM

The event lasted about one hour. Three operators participated:

- KA8OEB
- KC8QPH
- N8GOB

Amateur Radio organization providing service: Salem Area Amateur Radio Association

Location: Salem, Ohio

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THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS

The Officers and I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season and wish you a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

If you missed December's Club meeting, you missed an excellent meeting. Anthony Trevena from Congressman Ted Strickland's office was our speaker. Not a formal talk, just a nice, informative round table discussion. Members asked questions of Anthony which he answered, then he asked some of his own of us. We tried to convince him he should become a Ham, but he declined expressing work and family obligations. We held nominations for next year's officers. The 2006 slate is:

- President: Dave N8GOB and Mel KA8OEB
- Vice-President: Bill KB8MNE and Ernie KC8QPH
- Secretary: Roger KC8CTV and Mel KA8OEB
- Treasurer: Lela KB8YPD unopposed
- Trustee: Ernie KC8QPH, Smitty KC8TJQ, and Dale KC8OCG - two to elect. The one with the most votes will hold the 2-year position. The one with the second most votes will hold the 1-year position.

There were donuts and coffee or juice at the break with some good conversations.

Don't miss January's meeting where you'll get to choose your officers for the coming year and have an enjoyable evening. The first quarter of 2006 looks very busy. We have some very good speakers planned, see the President's column on page 1 for details. We will also be having two fund raisers. Please, if you can, volunteer to help out. The Kielbasa & Kraut carry-out in January, and the Super Bowl Sunday meatball sub sale in February. And March 18 will be our annual SAARA dinner, which will be held again at the Memorial Building, in the red room. Dinner starts at 6:00 P.M. cost is only \$10.00 per person. (Make reservations with one of your Officers.) David Stratten from the Salem Historical Society will be our speaker. He will be speaking about Salem's Bicentennial.

The Mahoning County EMA will repeat the Ham classes in January, it held in October. They will be held January 14 and 21. If you are interested, please contact Diane at the Mahoning County EMA Office (330-740-2200) to register. January 6, 2006 is the deadline.

A warning to my friends - Those "phisers" will try anything to get you to bite. But the feds really take a dim view of this sort of thing! Please read on: **IRS CSIRC Bulletin - 11282005-001 Tax Refund Phishing E-Mails** - On November 28, 2005, the IRS was made aware of a new Internet Phishing scam targeting taxpayers. The goal of the scam is to obtain personal and financial information via a fake IRS website. The attacker sends an email to individuals posing as an IRS representative informing them of a tax refund. In this attempt you are directed to a website that requests personal information including Social Security Numbers (SSN) and Credit Card information. This website may also attempt to infect your system with malicious code. It is not the practice of the IRS to request this type of information via email.

Last year, the IRS shut down a scheme in which perpetrators used e-mail to announce to taxpayers that they were "under audit" and could set matters right by divulging sensitive financial information on an official-looking Web site. Taxpayers should note the IRS does not use e-mail to contact them concerning issues related to their accounts.

If taxpayers have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, they can call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

SAARA Members

Name	Call	Don	NN8B	Chris	KC8ZUU
Allan	AB8AA	Dale	KC8OCG	Lisa	KD8AAN
Jane	K8JAA	Elizabeth	KB3DZS	Brian	KC8ZFJ
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Tony	KD8CJJ	Melissa	KB3DZR	Dave	N8GOB
George	KB8UDA	Mel	KA8OEB	Dan	VE3DT
Jennifer	KD8CJI	Larry	W8LWL	Roger	KC8CTV
John	KC8SYF	Bill	KB8MNE	Kenneth	KC8TQJ
Steve	KC8SOY	Lela	KB8YPD	Bob	W8HZ
Mike	KB8WWQ	Linda	KB8SXQ	Dave	KB8NYS
Ernest	KC8QPH	Tom	KB8DUX	Jack	W8GUO
Virginia	KC8ZFK	Mike	W8MMN	Frank Zamarelli	Honorary Member

2005 OFFICERS

President	Dave Sprouse	N8GOB
Vice President	Bill McClaren	KB8MNE
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Trustee's

1 Yr.	Ernie Greenisen	KB8DUX
1 Yr.	Bill McClaren	KB8MNE
2 Yr.	Ginger Grilli	KC8ZFK

Club Dues Structure

Full Membership	\$15.00/Year
	(Includes immediate family members)
Full Retired	\$12.00/Year
Associate Member	\$10.00/Year
Non-Member Newsletter	\$ 3.00/Year

Join the ARRL through your local ARRL affiliate club. When you do, the club gets \$15.00 for new members. A great way to support our club and have privileges that come with ARRL membership.

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NEWSLETTER Articles and Submittals

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All submittals for SAARA Speaks must be received by the Editor (k8jaa@arrl.net) or hand delivered no later than December 10, March 10, June 10 or September 10 enabling the newsletters to be mailed and received prior to the months covered by them.

Advertisements for equipment for sale must also adhere to the same schedule. Newsletters are emailed to current members who have email addresses, and mailed to other subscribers, clubs that send newsletters to SAARA and to selected officials.



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For information contact: Gary Green K82FN
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 Directions: Exit 87 off I-77 to SR 205
 Open: 6:A.M. setup - 8AM - 2:30 P.M. public
 Parking: FREE - close parking available in rear

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

One Nation Under God

*Holiday greetings
 from All your
 Officers*

Columbiana County NETS

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County	(see note)	Columbiana County Emergency Training NET(ARES)
	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
	9:00 P.M. Alliance	145.370	Alliance ARC NET

Note: CCET NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.