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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the Club Dinner. Those of you that didn't make it missed a great time, and two great speakers. You also missed a wonderful meal.



I would also like to congratulate our new Ham of the Year, Bill McClaren KB8MNE. This is the fourth time Bill has received this award. He sure deserves it for all he does for the Club. Let's all congratulate Bill for his achievement.

Don't forget all the upcoming events such as field day which will be the weekend of June 24 and 25. You also need to mark July 15 on your calendar as we will be needing a few operators for the Lions Club 5K run which will start at about 9:00 A.M. We will need you to arrive at the Salem Community Center about 8:00 A.M. For the evening Grand Parade, we will need several operators as they are expecting about 200 units. This parade will pull out at 6:00 P.M., so we will need operators to show up about 5:00 P.M. to enable you to be placed around in the different locations. There will be more info to come as time gets closer.

Also you need to support our net which meets on the 147.255 machine every Tuesday evening at 9:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.

We would like to see you at the Club meetings if you can make it. Speakers coming up are: Ginger Grilli KC8ZFK will speak at our April meeting, on how they go about placing people in time of disaster, such as Hurricane Katrina. May 4; Jim Weaver K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director, will be our guest speaker; at our June meeting Bill KB8MNE, will talk about programming your radio.

Well I say 73's 'till next time, Dave N8GOB

WISE WORDS FROM OUR VP

Are You Ready?

One of the reasons that Amateur Radio is able to exist is that the F.C.C. expects us to be able to handle emergency communications whenever it is needed. It doesn't take a lot of thought to see that our weather patterns have been changing. Many severe storms have hit our country the past couple of years.

Many "Hams" have been called to action to aid in the aftermath of these storms. I have listened to many nets and they have been very well handled. We, in our area, have been blessed not to have been hit with the full force of any of these storms. I have heard many in our area say that it will never happen here. Is it possible that we will get one of these storms in our area? The way that the weather patterns have been changing, I feel that it is possible in any area of our country. It could happen here!

Should such an event happen here, just what are you as an Amateur Radio operator going to do? If we find our area without power some time, do you know how to hook up your equipment to a generator if someone brought one to you? If someone gave you a car battery can you connect your two-meter rig to it and make it work? If you find that all at once you had to be net control for a major power outage can you do it?

We need to ask ourselves these questions and maybe a few more, like how do I make an emergency antenna if mine is taken down in a wind storm? How long can I operate without electric? There are many more that I could add to the list. I think you have the idea as to what is needed if we have to go that way.

If you do not know the answers to some or all the questions that I just asked, then I would suggest that you get with other hams and start asking questions. We are here to help you. We are expected by our government to provide emergency communications when the need arises. If we want to keep the frequencies we now enjoy, we had better live up to what the government expects of us.

Please, if you do not feel that you can handle an emergency communication talk to one of us and we will do our best to help you. If we don't know the answer we will get someone who does. It is in the best interest of all of us to be ready "for it won't happen here."

73 Bill KB8MNE

SOS FOR A FADING SKILL

A PROPOSAL by the FCC to eliminate the Morse code requirement for gaining an amateur radio license is probably inevitable in the Internet age. Still, it marks another sad surrender to technological advance and a further step away from basic skills that stimulate the mind and improve the human condition.

The FCC is considering new rules that will no longer require applicants for a "Ham" radio permit to send and receive messages with the electronic dots and dashes developed by Samuel F.B. Morse for his patented telegraph nearly 170 years ago.

The change, likely to be adopted next year, is mostly an issue for some 600,000 radio amateurs in the U.S., who now must demonstrate their code proficiency at five words per minute along with written examinations on technical matters and radio procedure for various levels of licensing. Dedicated hams believe the code requirement is among the factors that have separated them from the comparative frivolity of "citizens band" radio.

But it's more than that. Dropping the code requirement further distances the radio operator from the basics of the craft. While it is certainly easier to simply speak into a microphone than tap out a message on a telegraph key, the fact that less skill is required is not necessarily an advance.

Learning Morse code once was considered valuable not only for simple communication but also because it sharpened the mind. Generations of Boy Scouts may have been bedeviled by code tests needed to advance in rank and earn merit badges, but they were better, more responsible individuals for the effort and experience.

Likewise, amateur radio operators who know and use Morse code are, in a sense, more in tune with themselves and others. With their battery-powered equipment, hams continue to play an important role in modern communications, as they demonstrated during Hurricane Katrina, when land lines fell to the storm and the failure of electric plants made cell phones and the Internet useless in the face of disaster.

While it is almost certain that the FCC will drop the code requirement for amateur radio licenses, we would do well to use the occasion to ponder one of life's fading lessons:

Just because something is hard doesn't mean it's useless and, conversely, just because something is easy doesn't mean it's good.

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BREAKFAST WITH K8QOE

On Tuesday, March 14, a group of Hams from Mahoning County had an impromptu breakfast with the Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, at Eat "N Park in Boardman. Joe has family in this area, and when he visits them, some of us get together to just chat over breakfast.

He had nothing earth shaking to report, and maybe that is not so good for those who have passed the theory classes to upgrade to General and/or Extra, hoping for the elimination of the Code requirement.

He had no insight on when the FCC might decide to eliminate the Code requirement or even if they will. That issue is still up in the air. He said, FIST has a powerful lobby for keeping 5-wpm code for at least the Extra Class License. We will have to wait this one out a little longer.

And may I suggest - Start studying the code!

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time, and this should help get you started.

A visitor to a mental asylum asked the Director what the criteria was that defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub; then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed by the wall or near the window?"

JARC REQUESTS HAM'S HELP

Fellow Amateurs,

The Jefferson Amateur Radio Club has been active in community service in Southeast Louisiana since its inception in February, 1956. We are a tax exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Service regulations 501(c)3. We were chartered in the State of Louisiana on July 6, 1956, and restated our Articles of Incorporation on February 14, 1994. The Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, (JARC), domiciled in Jefferson Parish serves 11 parishes in Southeast Louisiana. Formal agreements with Jefferson Parish state that should the need arise, we will provide emergency communications to the Parish, as well as provide, education, community service and support. Many of our members are active in the New Orleans Office of Emergency Preparedness, Community Emergency Response Team, and are trained in FEMA Emergency Response Preparedness. Some are command officers in that organization.

We were activated for Hurricane Katrina and were located in the City of New Orleans Emergency Operations Center until its operations were shut down due to safety concerns post Katrina.

We have been an ARRL Special Service Club for several years. Of our 76 active members, many have held ARRL leadership positions over the years. We regularly participate in operating events to maintain our operating proficiency in the event we are called to serve our community.

Hurricane Katrina has severely affected our organization. All of the equipment and buildings were lost in Hurricane Katrina. The building, a 20 foot by 40 foot structure, and a container were flooded with 6 ½ feet of water. Pictures of this facility and the damage can be seen at our website, www.w5gad.org. We contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance and were directed to the Louisiana State Office of Emergency Preparedness for further assistance. Efforts toward this solution have to date proved fruitless. We have received an email from the State OEP stating that we are to contact FEMA.

We are preparing to rebuild our facility. In order to do so, we have learned that we must raise the building to the new flood elevation determined by FEMA, and provide access per the Americans with Disabilities Act. We are starting from scratch. This is why we approach you for assistance.

We will need a minimum of \$100,000 in order to get our facility back to a condition where we can continue to support our mission of providing emergency communications to Southeastern Louisiana. In addition, our losses in equipment total over \$30,000. We have League sponsored insurance, which will cover approximately \$13,000 of our equipment. We must obtain equipment so that we can be ready for the 2006 hurricane season, in less than 6 months. We are committed to start the next 50 years of service to our community as our founders did in 1956.

Please consider asking your organization to send a donation toward our rebuilding fund. **If your members wish to contribute on an individual basis, their donation is tax deductible.** If employers offer matching funds for charitable contributions, we hope that you consider presenting your gift information to them so that a matching donation can be made on their behalf. If there are organizations in your community that look for worthy causes to donate to, we ask that you approach them on our behalf and suggest a donation to the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club. **Contributions to the JARC Katrina Recovery Assistance Fund should be sent to P.O. Box 2194, Harvey, LA 70059.**

Once the reconstruction is complete, we will air a special event station commemorating the rebirth of Amateur Radio in the New Orleans area. A certificate and QSL cards will be available and any organization with donations of \$250.00 or more will be recognized with a copy of their club logo placed on those documents. Donors will also be recognized on our web site and in our newsletter during our 50th anniversary celebration.

Thank you for your consideration and contribution to the rebirth of Amateur Radio in the Greater New Orleans, Southeastern Louisiana Area.

73, Chris Vincent, W6CTV
Chairman, JARC Rebuilding Committee

This request was received by 20/9 and I thought I'd share it with SAARA - ed.

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.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Salem Grand Parade and Lions Club 5k on July 15
Part of Salem's Bicentennial Celebration

FAMILY

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

RADIO CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF VOICES



Newington, CT Mar 17, 2006 -- "Hello!" - the first spoken word to be heard over the radio a century ago. The ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, is celebrating 100 years of voice over the airwaves in 2006.

As a boy, Reginald Fessenden heard his uncle describe Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. The 10 year-old asked, "Why do they need wires?" He then spent much of his life trying to figure it out.

His early attempts at voice transmission were unintelligible. Then, on December 23, 1900, he was able to pass a voice message by radio to his assistant. His first word was "Hello."

Later, while working to improve wireless Morse code type communication between land stations and ships at sea, he continued his voice experiments. Working in secrecy, he planned a surprise for a 9 p.m. broadcast on Christmas Eve in 1906. Shipboard radio operators had been tipped to listen for something special during the December 24 transmission, but no one could have anticipated what happened. At the appointed hour, radio operators across the North Atlantic were surprised to hear, not the expected Morse code tapping, but a voice coming from their radios, calling "CQ, CQ". It was Fessenden beginning the very first "radio program." After a brief introduction, he played music. The planned Bible readings by Mrs. Fessenden and his secretary had to be quickly covered by the inventor as the first cases of microphone fright occurred when both women froze.

While commercial broadcasting didn't begin for another 14 years after Fessenden's historic first broadcast in 1906, thousands of inquisitive amateur hobbyists began to experiment with this new fangled technology. They were, and are still, called "Amateur Radio" operators. They labored in attics, barns, garages and cellars to perfect what we now call radio. In the USA, they formed the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

These Amateur Radio operators, also known as "hams", continue to be at the forefront of developing technologies years in advance of when they are rolled out to the public. FM, television, and even our small mobile telephones were all used by Amateur Radio operators many years ahead of the public.

You can find Amateur Radio groups in your area at <http://www.hello-radio.org>. Visit one and say, "Hello!"

Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Media and Public Relations Manager
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**NASA HONORS TV JOURNALIST, ANCHOR
WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD,**

for his coverage of the US space program. Cronkite, who has narrated two ARRL Amateur Radio videos, received the Ambassador of Exploration Award February 28. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in announcing the award. NASA is presenting the Ambassador of Exploration Award to the 38 astronauts and other key individuals who participated in the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space programs for realizing America's vision of space exploration from 1961 to 1972. Cronkite is the first non-astronaut and only NASA outsider to receive the award, which consists of a small, encased sample of lunar material mounted for public display. Cronkite is the best-remembered journalist for his commentary and enthusiastic coverage of the historic progression of missions from the early Mercury launches, through the ground-breaking Gemini missions, to the Apollo 11 and subsequent moon landings.

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THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS

At the January meeting, Bob Emmons stood in for Commissioner Gary Williams, who at the time, was recovering from an unexpected surgery. We hope Commissioner Williams had a speedy and complete recovery.

Bob Emmons was in the area to help implement the new enhanced 911 system in Columbiana County. In Ohio, there are only three counties without this service. The enhanced 911 system has been in the planning stage since the mid 1990's and finally received the needed funding last year. Columbiana County voters had to pass a fifty-cent fee for each wire phone per month. This fee will give the County \$250,000 per year to operate this system. Funding also came from a SBC fine and a grant. Sometime in May/June 2006 time frame, the 911 system is expected to be fully implemented and finally turned on. There will be a main dispatch at the EMA with 4-5 satellite dispatch stations throughout Columbiana County.

Bob also talked about a wireless 911 system that will be implemented sometime in the future. A wireless 911 system poses some unique problems which have to be resolved, and there will, of course, be a lot more funding required. Ohio was the forty-eighth state in the nation to implement this service. Ohio is quickly catching up. If you have any questions about the new 911 system, you can contact Bob at 330-429-4911.

In February, SAARA member Allan AB8AA talked about what should be in your grab-'n-go bag besides your radio and batteries, for your comfort as well as what else you'll need if you're called out.

At our March meeting, we met the new Columbiana County EC, Walter Kernaich N8PIK. Walter spoke about Why is there Amateur Radio and the five principles that describe the basis and purpose of the Amateur service. They are:

1. Recognition and enhancement of the value of the Amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
2. Continuation and extension of the Amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio arts,
3. Encouragement and improvement of the Amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
4. Expansion of the existing reservoir within the Amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians and electronics experts.
5. Continuation and extension of the Amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Walter resides in Calcutta OH. He is the President of the Triangle Amateur Radio Club. He is also a VE and an OO. He was just recently appointed the Columbiana County EC, and is looking for volunteers he can count on in case of an emergency. Help him fill his database with willing volunteers by agreeing to help. Walter can be reached by email at n8pic@comcast.net

The Speakers at the SAARA dinner were David Stratton and Janice Leshner from the Salem Historical Society.

David and Janice had a lot of information about the upcoming Bicentennial and the activities associated with that event. The activities all sound exciting - digging up the time capsule and replacing it with a new one, parade, a 5K run, antique car parade, and much more.

Visit the Historical Society's web site at <http://www.salemohio.com/historicalsociety/> for more information about the society. They can be contacted by email at, historicalsociety@salemohio.com for more information on the Bicentennial activities.



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Frank Zamarelli	- Honorary Member

2006 Dues are due.

If your name is missing from this list, check to be sure they've been paid.

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1 Yr.	Bill McClaren	KB8MNE
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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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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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One Nation Under God

Columbiana County NETS

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County		Columbiana County Emergency Training NET(ARES)
This NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.			
	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
Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net