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20TH ANIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, March 17



Bill McClaren KB8MNE presented Roger Thawley KC8CTV with the 2006 Ham of the Year Award.

Not to be out done, Mel presented Bill with a special award, the "Coffee Hound" award, for all the coffee he drinks at our meetings and elsewhere. He was also accused of causing us to gain weight, due to the donuts he insists on having with that coffee at our meetings.



Honorary Member Frank Zamarelli was presented with a special thank-you award for all the support he and his father has given SAARA over the years. He thanked the Club for the award, and said we were a valuable resource.



And thanked us for all the help we give the County. He also told us he was planning on getting his Ham license - well we'll see.

Our Speaker for the evening was Sam Palette, who has spent the last **Continued page 3**

Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It hardly seems like we've made it to March already.

I would like to thank everyone that helped out with the Kielbasa and Kraut, and the Meatball Sub Sales. Despite the bad temps for the Meatball Sub Sale, and the poor turnout for the Kraut Sale, we made out. We received a \$200 check from WalMart for our efforts. We would like to thank WalMart, Frank Zamarelli, St Pauls, along with Giant Eagle for all the support they have given us.



It has been decided that we will have our Kielbasa and Kraut sale at the First Nite Out celebration coming up on December 31, to see how things work out. This should work out better for us, as we will have people there to see the entertainment, and they won't have to bring in their eats from outside. Please put this date on your calendar. Please mark your calendar the upcoming meetings and speakers:

- April 5, Chief Robert Floor from Salem PD.
- May 3, Chief Walt Greenamyler Salem Fire Dept.
- June 7, Club Picnic @ Centennial Park 6:00 P.M.
- June 23-24, Field Day Waterworth Park Pavilion 8
- July 5, Don Kemp NN8B will speak on his stay in China
- August 2, Tentatively Bob Zehentbauer, Col. Co. Health Dept.

We will have a cookout for the June meeting which will start at 6:00 P.M. We would like to invite any young potential Hams to our get together so as they can see some of the things that go on in Ham radio.

We would like to thank Bob Tullis W8HZ for his coordination of classes and testing along with Ray Brandt for teaching the classes this year as they've done in past years. I would like to thank everyone for their support they've given me during my stint as president. Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events and Meetings

Dave Sprouse N8GOB
Your Prez.

NO CODE?

Well, I would guess that the big question on everyone's mind is, how is this going to work out. It appears to me that just about all that I have talked with about not having the code as a requirement seems to think that it will be the down fall of amateur radio - maybe yes, maybe no. It all depends on how one looks at it. Just because I had to learn the code doesn't mean that everyone else has to learn it. When I went to school

many years ago, we had to learn Latin. I have never used it after I got out of school. Does that mean that since I had to learn it, that all who go to school have to learn it also? I don't even think it is taught any more.

I have been told a lot of things as I was studying for my license. For an example, you cannot be an amateur radio operator unless you have a tube-type radio. One has to know how to dip the plate, and all that good stuff. My question is, really? Well I did get a tube-type radio, and I still do not know how it made me a better operator. Maybe someday I will understand that. I do not now have a tube-type radio, nor do I have a desire to own one. In my opinion, they are a pain to change bands or even to go from one end of a band to the other. I guess I am lazy or something as I like my newer rig. I don't have to re-tune to do that. To make a mistake means you buy new finals in the tube radio. If I make a mistake my radio cuts the power down and no damage is done.

I have to look at some of this stuff this way. In order to get a driver's license, one should know how to change a tire, check the oil and the radiator and, by all means, check the air in all the tires, including the spare, before you leave the driveway. When one can do that well, then you may drive only in town. Having mastered that, we will test your knowledge on the more important parts of the car. One must know, and understand, all about the engine, how it works, and why. A good working knowledge of the braking system is also needed. Knowing that, you may now drive on any two-lane road out of the city. I am still looking for a place to put the crank on our SUV. How can I ever drive without it? It was a must a few years ago.

Then when one has a good knowledge of automatic and manual transmissions, plus car design, how all the other things work, and pass a test, you may then drive anywhere it is legal to do so. Knowing all that, will not make you a good driver.

When I took my novice test, I had to pass a five-word per-minute code test. As of now, I still do not see how that made me a better operator. Having listened and talked on all the bands, knowing the code did not do anything to improve what I do on phone. Yes, I have used CW, but I do not like it, and most likely will never use it again. It is slow, and I like fast things. I have always been surprised at how many operators do not follow the rules. I guess that by knowing the code one does not have to identify every ten minutes, as most that use the code seem not to do. I sometimes wonder if maybe it takes longer than ten minutes to key out a simple sentence and they forget how, or it takes longer than ten minutes to dit and da their IDs.

I don't remember having to take a test on how well, or how clearly, I speak to get an amateur radio license. Why not? I have listened to some that speak so fast that it is almost impossible to make out their call. In a lot of cases, I could not make out the call at all. On some bands, I would think that a bar of soap is needed. Knowing the code did not change that, as most of them have had a license a long time.

I am still wondering why there are not more questions on the tests on operating procedure, and the proper way to use a radio. After all, we have no idea where that signal is going when we transmit. Who will be out there listening? We have no idea. What kind of impression are we making on those who may be listening? Did I have to pass a test demonstrating that I can speak a good declarative sentence? No, should I know how to? You be the judge. Just don't forget, we do not know who all is listening out there.

I know that the code has stopped a lot of Hams from upgrading. Now they will be able to do so. There is an old saying that if I can do it you can do it. That is not true. If that were true, we would all be equal in everything. Amateur radio doesn't have the **Continued page 2**

PANELISTS CALL FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MANDATE

By Chris Stroh, Congress Daily

Members of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee and a panel of national security experts criticized the Homeland Security Department Tuesday for not doing enough to ensure that state and local governments have interoperable communications equipment, adding that Congress should mandate new standards.

"If we can't solve this ... then you really question where we are in the department," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who serves on the House Homeland Security Committee. "I don't want to place blame [but] we cannot, as the United States of America, get this done."

She said Congress has passed legislation since 2003 aimed at getting the department to improve the ability of public safety agencies to communicate, but problems persist. Former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., who co-chaired the National Commission on Terrorism, said Congress should mandate what kind of communications equipment states should buy and set standards governing what radio frequencies they should use. "Why it hasn't been done better than it's been done is just frankly beyond me," he said. Full story:

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35987&dcn=e_hsw

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appeal that it did awhile ago. We need to police the bands and instruct those who are not following the rules on proper operating procedure. There are a lot of extra class people that cannot program a radio, but they know the code. In my opinion, the radio clubs have not been instructing new operators in the things they should know. That is our fault. Most do not know what CCTSS is, for example. They have no idea what DSP is either.

While listening to the emergency frequencies, I did not hear any CW going on. One of the reasons I was given for having CW was that in an emergency it would get through. Why was it not used in an emergency? Some of the things I listened to, it became apparent that by the time one would send out a message in CW asking for help, it would have been too late.

It doesn't matter what one may think about the code, it is no longer a requirement by the FCC. I feel that knowing the code is not the salvation of amateur radio. Amateur radio is now in a time that it has to go forward. It will be the survival of the fittest. The code will not make us fit. What will make us the fittest? This is a very good question for sure. I believe it is possible to cut down the size of antennas to begin with. I have been told that it cannot be done. Really? I was told, when I was still in school, that it would be impossible for one to go to the moon. It would take 60 years to go one way. Well, with that kind of thinking not much in space travel would ever happen. We need to start rethinking some of the things that are impossible and make them possible. Think about an antenna for 160 meters the size of a rubber duck or smaller. Impossible? Really? When we first got a telephone it had batteries on the floor and a crank. Now we have cell phones. No wires for a telephone? Impossible? Really!

Amateur radio must take on the mind set of going forward with new, and better things. Stop thinking that it is impossible to improve on what we have. While the art of amateur radio has improved a lot in the past few years, it needs to go on at a faster pace. We need to start thinking of doing the impossible starting now. There just may be someone out there that would never be able to pass the code that may reinvent the antenna so we can have 160 meters on a rubber duck. Who knows? I don't think we can afford to leave them out of the hobby. Who knows what inventive mind is out there waiting to improve the hobby. Like it or not, the code is no longer a requirement to get a license.

73 Bill KB8MNE

It's Winter in Ohio

It's winter here in Ohio and the gentle breezes blow Seventy miles an hour at only twenty-five below.

Oh, how I love my dear Ohio when the snow's up to your butt
You take a deep breath of winter and your nose soon freezes shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave good ole' Ohio Cause I'm frozen to the ground!

ARRL MARKS TRANSITION TO NEW AMATEUR SERVICE RULES

A new Amateur Radio Service regime now is in place. The requirement to demonstrate Morse code proficiency to gain HF privileges officially disappeared from the FCC's Part 97 rules February 23 at one minute past midnight Eastern Time. At the same time, some 200,000 Technician licensees without Morse code exam credit acquired HF privileges equivalent to those available to Novice licensees. The League is marking the occasion with a W1AW special event aimed at welcoming newcomers to the HF bands. The "W1AW HF Open House" has included exam sessions under both old and new rules. ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, points to the still-growing number of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL VEC) test sessions now on the schedule across the US as evidence that the rule changes will provide a shot in the arm to Amateur Radio.

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports some 175 ARRL VEC test sessions were on the schedule through the February 23-25 period, "and these are just the ones that have registered with us," she added. Two dozen applicants showed up at League Headquarters, either to sit for an exam or apply for license upgrades.

Somma says her department now is bracing for an anticipated application avalanche as paperwork from initial sessions shows up. She and Kramer predict test demand will surge even further in the days and weeks ahead. Not only has the number of test sessions increased dramatically, Kramer pointed out, the number of applicants at each session is up as well. To keep up with demand, ARRL VEC has hired additional help. Staffers from other HQ departments also have been lending a hand.

"The FCC's decision to eliminate the Morse code examination as a licensing requirement opens the door to HF for all amateur licensees," ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ points out.

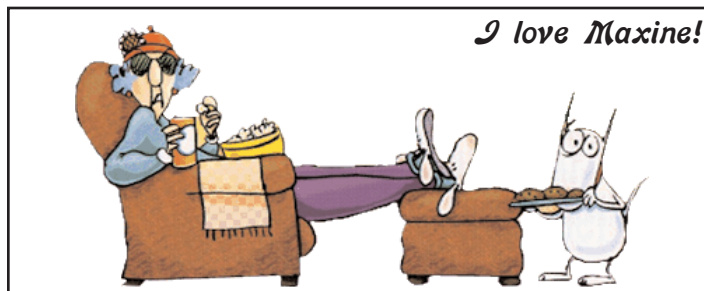
The new rules seem to be driving greater enthusiasm for ham radio in general. There's been an uptick in ARRL publication sales, particularly in licensing manuals and licensing guides, and enrollment in the online ARRL Ham Radio License Course (EC-010) <http://www.arrl.org/cce/Tech.html> is at an all-time high.

Taken in part from The ARRL Letter, Vol. 26, No. 08, February 23, 2007.

Fifteen area Hams took advantage of the FCC test session held at the Mahoning County EMA offices on the evening of February 23, to upgrade or obtain their FCC licenses now that CW is no longer required for HF privileges.

Of the fifteen who took part - There were six Hams who had previously passed their General theory exams, did a paper upgrade to receive their General class licenses. One Ham, having previously passed both the General and Extra theory exams, did a paper upgrade to Extra from a Technician Class license.

Eight Hams took their exams the same night. Two Hams took their Technician theory exams, five took their General theory exams, and one took the Extra theory exam.



Everyone concentrates on the problems we're having in this country lately; illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, wild animals attacking humans in Florida .

Not me. I concentrate on solutions to problems. The result is a win-win-win situation:

- + Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border*
- + Use the dirt to raise the levies in New Orleans*
- + Put the Florida alligators in the moat.*

Any other problems you would like for me to solve today?

NOW HERE IS MARCH TWENTY-NINTH'S LITTLE KNOWN FACTS STORY!

OK. I have a quick question for you. Which state was the 48th state admitted to the union? Yeah, I know that you know that Alaska and Hawaii were our 49th and 50th, but which one was number 48? I didn't know. I thought I did, but I had to look it up - and boy was I surprised. Care to venture a guess as yet?

Actually this one can be a good party stumper, so you might want to stick around another minute or so. Now you might know the answer to this if you were alive and paying attention in 1953, that is. Actually I was alive, but at age five, I wasn't paying that much attention to the status of statehood. OK, so I'm just a kid.

Actually the Congress approved the state's official boundaries way back in 1803. And its first delegation of senators and representatives was seated in Washington, D.C. soon thereafter. A formal bill was introduced in Congress by Representative George Bender, but somehow Congress never got around to voting on a formal resolution to admit the state into the Union (which is necessary, by the way, to make the whole thing nice and legal).

Until they did that, it was officially just part of the Northwest Territories, and not an officially sanctioned state at all. It wasn't until this great state started to proudly celebrate what they felt was their 150th anniversary, that someone discovered a worm in the apple. Officially, they were not a state! Well, we can't have that, now can we?

So an emergency resolution was drawn up, presented to Congress, passed by both houses of Congress, and on August 7th, 1953, was signed by President Dwight Eisenhower. Finally they were a state.

Now the funny part is that the representatives from this state, throughout those 150 years, voted on such momentous measures as the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II. And that's not to mention numerous laws, such as the abolishment of slavery, instituted and repealed prohibition and women's suffrage, and even several amendments to the constitution. Yeah, they voted and sometimes in a vote so close that one or two votes could have changed history. But it's a Little Known Fact that by constitutional law, those representatives were not allowed to vote on such measures, nor was the Congress allowed to count their votes. Interesting huh! But it's true.

So have you figured out which state it is yet? I'll give you one more hint. When Congress did finally vote to admit them to the Union, they recognized them as our 17th state. But, legally, they are our 48th. Tell you what, I won't tell if you won't. I've been there, it's a great state, full of great people, so let's just leave them as our 17th state. Welcome to the union, all you Buckeyes! We love having Ohio as part of our great country, regardless of when you officially arrived.

<http://www.littleknownfactsshow.com/>

FDA ALERTS CONSUMERS TO UNSAFE, MISREPRESENTED DRUGS PURCHASED OVER THE INTERNET . . .

20 Feb 2007- FDA reissues Internet Drug Warning

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has become aware that a number of Americans who placed orders for specific drug products over the Internet (Ambien, Xanax, Lexapro, and Ativan), instead received a product that, according to preliminary analysis, contains haloperidol, a powerful anti-psychotic drug. To read more go to: <http://www.emergencyemail.org/newsemergency/anmviewer.asp?a=176&z=1>

via The Emergency Email & Wireless Network www.emergencyemail.org

THIS AND THAT

Daylight-Savings Time (DST) Changes - Starting Spring, 2007, the start and end dates for daylight-saving time will change in the United States. This change is part of the United States Energy Policy Act of 2005.

New daylight-saving time START date beginning 2007 WAS First Sunday of April (4-1.) NOW Second Sunday of March (3-11-07.) END was Last Sunday of October (10-28) NOW First Sunday of November (11-4.)

ARRL releases statement on Red Cross background check policy (Mar 9, 2007) -- ARRL -- the National Association for Amateur Radio, has released a position statement regarding the implementation of a background check procedure by the American Red Cross. The statement was released to address ARRL members' concerns prior to a March 31, 2007, compliance deadline the Red Cross has set. The application of the background check policy to Amateur Radio operators providing communication services to the Red Cross -- either as Red Cross volunteers or as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members -- is the subject of continuing discussions between the ARRL and the Red Cross. Therefore, the position statement is subject to change. The ARRL will announce any such revisions and updates on their Web site.

Allen G Pitts, W1AGP
Media & PR Manager

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20-years with Beaver Valley Power. He spoke about the history of nuclear power; the plant in Beaver County PA, how it effects three counties in three states: PA; Hancock County, WVA; and Columbiana County, OH, and the levels of emergencies that can be issued if something happens. He also touched on what our role would be if there was a disaster, as part of our county is within the 10-mile evacuation zone of the plant. He said the plant has two nuclear reactors, and explained



how they are maintained. He said the reactors are the most unstable when they are being brought up or down during maintenance.

Mel KA8OEB did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies. He kept the program moving along.

There were about thirty members and guests that attended. It was so nice to see the spouses of our members. We only see them at special events like this one. The food was out-of-this-world, if you didn't attend you missed a fantastic meal, and a good time.

Just a few more pictures of the dinner guests and the cake.



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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

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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