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THE PREZ SAYS

Hi All,

It just doesn't seem as though summer is coming to an end, but here it is. As I sit here typing, it is coming up on Labor Day Weekend. I hope everyone had a great summer, and enjoyed the holiday.

Don't forget that we have a net every Tuesday evening at 9:00 P.M. on the 147.255 Machine. We would like to hear you all on the net.

At the time of this writing, I might mention that the Club has been given storage space at the new location of the Red Cross, which is located in the old Salem Middle School on North Lincoln Ave., just up from Kentucky Fried Chicken. We have also been offered a place in their board room for our meetings if we would like, and a location to setup a radio room. We will be needing some help to put an antenna on the building and setting up a radio room.

We will be having some exciting speakers at our upcoming meetings that you all might be interested in.

With September here, don't forget that dues will be coming due in January. SAARA dues are: \$15 Full membership; \$12 full membership-retired; \$10 for an Associate member; \$3 for a nonmember hard-copy newsletter.

Some upcoming Club activities are, the Christmas Parade communication on December 1, time to be announced, and the Kielbasa and Kraut sale at First Nite Out on December 31, held again at St. Paul's School Gym and Cafeteria. We would like to thank Frank Zmarelli ahead of time for helping us out with the kraut sale.

That's all for now, Dave N8GOB

THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS

We had some interesting programs last quarter. In July SAARA member Don Kemp, NN8B, talked about his stay in China. Don was sent to China by the company he was working for here in Salem. He was able to spend his off hours touring, and getting to know the people and their language. He talked about how friendly the people are. How eager they are to practice their English, what a beautiful country it is, and how wonderful the food was. He touched briefly on some of the places he visited, and brought some of his collection of jade purchased while working in China.

In August Robert Zehentbauer, Columbiana County Health Department, spoke about the Avian Flu virus, and the possible pandemic it could cause. There are many incidents of people catching the flu from infected birds throughout the world, primarily in Asia. There was one case locally involving 175 birds which had to be destroyed. No human to human incidents have been recorded. If human to human contacts were to happen, that could then set off the pandemic. It could possibly spread all over in as little as twelve hours, with a 50 to 60% mortality rate. For more information go to www.pandemicflu.gov/, www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/gen-info/facts.htm and www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/outbreaks/current.htm.

The following article was published in the Continued page 4

"There is nothing on the TV even though you have cable or satellite, its 10 o'clock at night and there is nothing to do, maybe it's time to Enjoy Ham Radio ... Again."



**SAARA MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE SALVATION ARMY
1249 N. ELLSWORTH AVE., SALEM, 7:00P.M.**



May 1987

WHAT IS A HAM?

Have you ever asked just what is a Ham? What is it that makes a Ham? I used to wonder what it was that made a Ham, a Ham. Now that I, R one, I still wonder what it is that I R. It goes way beyond one's ability to just squeeze a mic. and talk.

I guess it depends on one's point of view on what it is that really makes us what we are. I have been asked many times if we are not just a bunch of CB operators that have formed a club and get together to talk about what we are going to do next. Somehow that doesn't do much to our image. I feel that most of the general public has no idea what a Ham is. We are blessed to not live in an area that there is much of a need for Ham operators. We kind of take a back seat.

We need to take a close look at what a Ham is. A Ham is someone that has taken the time to study and take a test that the FCC requires. This test is to test one's understanding of the basics of radio and how it functions. One must also know the rules that are required to be able to talk on the radio. One may wonder if that is all a Ham is. NO, NO, and NO again. A true Ham is much more than that.

Let's take a closer look at a Ham. Now there are three classes of licenses that may be obtained. At one time there were six classes that were available to the Ham. In order to upgrade to the various classes one had to study and take a test for each class. Each class required more knowledge than the previous class. While the government has changed the structure of the license classes, the classes do take time and effort on the part of each operator that wants to upgrade.

After one obtains a license, they have to buy their own radio and the equipment that goes with it. It doesn't come with the license as some may think. One may spend a couple hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars for radios, antennas and a lot of other equipment to be able to get on the air. One may be able to find a good used hand-held radio for less than a hundred dollars and be able to get on the air. In either case, it costs them something. That something may or may not come easy to them.

A Ham builds good will. Whenever they get on the air, they never know for sure where that signal will go or who is listening. Whenever a Ham talks to someone in a foreign country, they have the chance to build international goodwill. They also build goodwill with whomever they make contact. There have been many good friendships made over the years with other Hams in many other states and countries. These friendships can last a life time. Hams have a desire to build friendships whenever they meet on the air. They are a close-knit group until someone else comes along, and then they are welcomed into the group. Hams welcome newcomers at all times.

Whenever things get so bad, to a point that all the backup systems that the public safety forces cannot communicate with each other, they call on the Ham radio operators. We are blessed around here that it does not happen very often. The Ham is ready at all times to handle emergency communications when called upon. This sets us apart from other types of emergency personnel. Hams have helped in all types of emergency operations. They work in rain, snow, floods, wind, or any other type of condition that they are called upon to do. Many a time they have to make a makeshift antenna, or do whatever is needed at the time, with a minimum of material they have at hand.

Most of the time the Ham may not get even a simple thank-you, or an atta-boy, when they have finished their job. They just pick up their equipment and go home. They go home with the joy of knowing they have done what they learned in the lessons they had to study, and the test they had to pass, to be able to help in a time of need. There are a lot of qualities that make up a Ham. I find that all Hams, which I have come across, seem to have two outstanding characteristics about them. They have a desire to help their fellow man, and they are friendly.

Hope that this will give one an idea as to what a Ham is. A Ham is just not an ordinary person, and I must say, I am happy I R one.

73 to all, Bill KB8MNE

MENTORING ACTIVITY IS ACTIVE MENTORING

Amateur Radio has always been an activity of exploration and discovery as well as personal growth and social interaction. The people who often receive the most satisfaction from Amateur Radio are those who have spent time developing skills. They have made a commitment to increase their knowledge of the subject and who have become a part of the fabric of the amateur community. Obtaining a license and purchasing a radio does not make you a radio amateur any more than purchasing a tennis racket makes you a tennis player. If I may carry this analogy a step further, mentoring in ham radio is like coaching in sports; it is ineffective unless there is an effort from the participant.

"Without involvement, there is no commitment. Mark it down, asterisk it, circle it, underline it. No involvement, no commitment." – Stephen Covey

Too often time and energy is wasted by well-meaning amateurs who want to help people discover Amateur Radio. Fueled by their good intentions, these disciples of Amateur Radio try to spoon-feed information to apathetic newcomers who somehow meandered through the door to ham radio or have found themselves handcuffed to ham radio either through school, career or family involvement. License mills that systematically churn out call signs and don't offer any follow up training are not the least bit beneficial to the Amateur Radio Service. One new ham who gets involved in a local club and is active on the air will have far more impact on Amateur Radio than a hundred call signs who may never even purchase a radio let alone get on the air. Unfortunately the dormant call signs will clutter the census of Amateur Radio for up to ten years, misleading the actual number of active hams. New hams should already have that wide-eyed zeal of any person who has willingly embarked on a new hobby or venture. The enthusiasm of new hams is often contagious and this can have a positive effect on a club by invoking renewed excitement to the group.

A recent example of this wide-eyed enthusiasm happened at our club's Filed Day event when I met a newcomer to Amateur Radio who had only been licensed about six weeks at the time. I could instantly see in the eager but curious way that he immersed himself in the weekend's activities that this person had the potential to be an asset to our club and to Amateur Radio. Soon after Filed Day, the novice operator had a General class license manual in his hand but, more importantly, he was in my shack experiencing DX, SSB, digital and CW operating. Soon after that, I had him in the chair participating in the IARU contest. Immediately after his inoculation of on-the-air operation, my new protégé was planning his first wire antenna and the layout of his shack. He even designed a QSL card to confirm future contacts with other radio amateurs. By the time this newsletter is released I am certain that he will probably have upgraded to General and started logging contacts from his own station.

Amateur Radio has a wide variety of things to offer but the fact remains that in this post 911 and post-Katrina world, many people have been attracted to Amateur Radio through the emergency communications feature of the service. It is wonderful that these new people are using the EmComm portal to come into the exciting world of Amateur Radio however, if the intention is to get an entry level license, buy a hand-held radio and keep it in a box only to be used for emergencies. All of the spoon feeding in the world is not going to enable these people to become good operators and effective communicators.

Active radio operators are effective communicators and are essential to "maintaining a reservoir of trained communicators," as stated in FCC Part 97 as the basis and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service. Not only do active hams make good communicators, active hams "enhance international goodwill" which is also part of the FCC's basis and purpose of the service. Effective mentoring in ham radio requires coaching, teaching and above all, encouragement. The mentor who is a cheerleader and promotes activity on and off the air gives new hams a purpose and lets them learn by doing. Activity introduces new hams to other operators and offers opportunities for new friendships and resources that can help develop communication skills.

Contests and awards are not just for collecting certificates and other wallpaper. Operating events are fun and they can be used as mentoring tools to encourage new operators to set goals and get involved. More time spent on-the-air with other hams not only increases an operator's ability to be able to pass information, but it cultivates

good listening skills, creates a familiarity and comfort level in using the equipment, and it helps to understand complex topics like propagation.

Proficiency comes by doing, and as one becomes more proficient at something, the more enjoyment there is to be derived from it. People who enjoy what they are doing are more likely to share their avocation with others who show an interest. Mentors who promote activity kick start the machine that generates momentum in a club. Active hams are enthusiastic hams, and enthusiastic hams create commotion that others want to be a part of. As the passion for ham radio activity grows, soon the students become the teachers who mentor a new group of excited wide-eyed novices.

Radio amateurs have many opportunities to be recognized for their operating achievements and mentors ought to be using these programs as training aids. ARRL sponsors or supports many events and awards programs that are designed to get hams on the air. In fact, the very first tab on the ARRL Web page < www.arrl.org > is "Operating Activities." Along with contests and awards, there are many special event operating activities. On any given weekend there are operating events that hams can participate in. Besides the structured events and activities mentioned we can always sit down with a new ham and call CQ. Effective mentoring comes not from spoon feeding, but by setting a buffet table full of activity and inviting new hams to join in the feast.

Resources:

Checklist for a quality mentor program:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/mentor/check-list.html>

ARRL Club News for August 2007

Silent keys

SAARA lost two former members last quarter. The Officers and members would like to express their sympathy to their families.

Dean H. Ritchie, 77, of Salem, Ohio, died at 3:30 am, Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Alliance Community Care Center. He was born in Sebring, Ohio, on December 19, 1929.

Mr. Ritchie was a graduate of Beloit High School, Class of '47, and a member of the Westville Community Bible Church. He was a salesman for Loudon Lincoln-Mercury in Salem; and a former employee of Witte's Lincoln-Mercury in Alliance.

Mr. Ritchie was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, a Master Mason in the Blue Lodge of Sebring F&AM #626, a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite of Youngstown, an Al Koran Shriner, and a member of Sebring VFW #6730. Dean was also an Amateur Radio operator (KA86RC) and a member of the Alliance and Salem radio clubs. He held a General class license.

fromThe Alliance Review

Russell E. Graber KA8GRC, 80, died at 4:20 A.M., Thursday, July 19, 2007, at the Blossom Nursing and Rehab Center.

He was born Feb. 4, 1927 in Salem. Russell resided in Salem and North Carolina.

Russell was a 1945 graduate of Salem High School and attended the Salem Trades School.

He was last employed with the Foamex Company in North Carolina as an electrician and was previously employed at the Deming Company in Salem. He was a veteran of the United States Army with the 21st Air Service Group during World War II. He held a General class license.

fromThe Salem News

Russell is the brother of our Treasurer Lela McClaren KB8YPD.



I was thinking the other day about getting inactive amateur radio operators back on the air and this popped into my head, "You studied hard to pass your amateur radio exam, you were on the air talking to people from all over, now you sit in your recliner watch TV, isn't it time to Enjoy Ham Radio.....Again?"

73 de Ryan KC0QNB

From the PIO Reflector.

FCC TO LOWER VANITY CALL SIGN FEES SEPTEMBER 17

The FCC will reduce the regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting September 17. In a Report & Order (R&O) released August 6, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007," in MD Docket 07-81, the Commission will cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. This marks the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 11 years of the current program -- from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50. The FCC says it anticipates some 14,700 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$171,990 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal last year. Call signs issued prior to 1996 are not considered vanity call signs, even if the holder was able to request a specific call sign.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/application-filing-faq.htm> l>. The FCC's forms page <<http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>> also offers the required forms.

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ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

OHIO SECTION ARES HF NET IS COMING BACK!

I've been getting a lot of requests to bring this net back. So after speaking to DEC Karl Erbland K8ARL at the District 6 picnic last week, we decided to give it a try. The net will meet on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at 5:00pm local time. The frequency will be 3875.0 khz (+/- QRM). K8ARL will be our Net Control Station starting out, then we hope to rotate the duty as we progress.

In the OSERP, the frequency 3875.0 kHz has been listed for Section wide ARES administration purposes. The net will allow those ARES stations to test their equipment, ensure communications across the Section, and to update other ARES groups on their areas operations, and other topics related to ARES business. This net will not be a traffic net. Any and all traffic is to still be passed via the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN), or any other CW traffic nets in the Ohio Section.

Basic EmComm practices indicate the purpose to have a frequency for administrative purposes, and a frequency for message handling. The Ohio ARES Net will fulfill the administrative side of a full working EmComm system in the Ohio Section. Please plan to join us!

*Frank Piper, K18GW - Ohio SEC
August 14, 2007*

Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

EDUCATOR ASTRONAUT BARBARA MORGAN, KD5VNP, LAUNCHES INTO SPACE

On Wednesday, August 8, the space shuttle Endeavour (STS-118) launched yet again on an 11-day mission into space, the "final frontier." One member of the seven-member crew, Mission Specialist Barbara Morgan, KD5VNP, said she let forth a loud "Woo-hoo!" during the launch. The astronauts assigned to the mission include a Canadian doctor, a chemist who knows sign language and is a former competitive sprinter and long jumper, as well as a commander whose identical twin brother is also a shuttle pilot.

Morgan is the mission's Educator Astronaut. She was selected for the astronaut corps 22 years after first being selected as Christa McAuliffe's backup in the Teacher in Space Project. McAuliffe and the rest of the seven-member crew on board the space shuttle Challenger (STS-51-L) perished on January 28, 1986, a mere 73 seconds after launch.

While in space, Morgan plans to answer questions from school-children. She received her Amateur Radio license in March 2003.

Like all shuttle missions, STS-118 is about the future: putting the International Space Station (ISS) a step closer to completion and gathering experience that will help people return to the moon and go on to Mars. "The mission has lots of angles," Matt Abbott, lead shuttle flight director, said. "There's a little bit of assembly; there's some resupply; there's some repairs. And there are some high-visibility education and public affairs events. It's a little bit of everything."

"I'm really excited about going up and doing our jobs and doing them well," Morgan said. "I'm excited about experiencing the whole spaceflight, seeing Earth from space for the very first time and experiencing weightlessness and what that's all about. I am excited about seeing what it's like living and working onboard the International Space Station."

Morgan trained side by side with McAuliffe and witnessed the 1986 Challenger accident in which McAuliffe and her six fellow crew members died. The Teacher in Space Project was suspended then, but Morgan held on to her NASA ties. In the months following that tragedy, she went on the visits McAuliffe would have made, talking to children and teachers all over the country. When she was selected in 1998 to become a full-fledged astronaut, she jumped at the opportunity.

In reminiscing about McAuliffe, Morgan said, "Christa's legacy was open-ended, and is open-ended. Any teacher's legacy is open-ended. I hope, and I know that people will be thinking about Christa and the Challenger crew and that's a good thing and they'll be thinking about many, many teachers and others who have worked very, very hard for 20 years to continue Christa's and the rest of the Challenger crew's work. I am just the next teacher of many to come, we've got three in training right now, and there will be more in the future, teachers who will fly as astronauts, so just, just one of a long step that will continue well into the future."

In 2002, Morgan was chosen as the first educator to become a mission specialist astronaut. The Educator Astronaut Project evolved from the Teacher in Space Project. Both aimed to engage and attract students to explore the excitement and wonder of spaceflight and to inspire and support educators. Morgan's primary duty is the same as it is for the entire crew - to accomplish the planned objectives of the station assembly mission, as well as taking part in several education-related activities. "The educator astronaut is also a fully trained astronaut who does the jobs, does the duties that an astronaut does. Astronauts and teachers learn and share; they explore; they discover and then they go learn and share some more. And that's what this is all about." - Some information from NASA.

More about Endeavor's mission can be found at the NASA Web site <http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/sts118/index.html>

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**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS
MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2007**

9 MILLION TOYS RECALLED - THREAT TO NATION'S CHILDREN - IMPORTED FROM CHINA - LEAD & OTHER HAZARDS

Consumers should immediately take these products away from children and contact Mattel to arrange return and to receive a voucher for a replacement toy of the consumer's choice, up to the value of the returned product. (888) 597-6597 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Mattel are working in cooperation with other regulatory agencies worldwide. Mattel is also working with retailers worldwide to identify and remove affected products from retail shelves. Polly Pocket, Barbie and Tanner Magnetic, Doggie Day Care, Sarge Die Cast Toy Cars, Batman, and One Piece Action Figure Sets

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., August 14, 2007 - Mattel, Inc. announced today that the company has voluntarily recalled one toy from the "CARS" die-cast vehicle line ("Sarge" character), manufactured between May 2007 and July 2007, containing impermissible levels of lead. The recalled vehicles include 436,000 total toys, including 253,000 in the U.S. and 183,000 outside of the U.S.

The recall of the Sarge toy results from Mattel's increased investigation and ongoing testing procedures following the recall of select Fisher-Price toys on August 1, 2007. The toy was produced by Early Light Industrial Co., Ltd (Early Light), one of Mattel's contract manufacturing facilities in China, which subcontracted the painting of parts of the toy to another vendor, Hong Li Da (HLD), also in China. While the painting subcontractor, HLD, was required to utilize paint supplied directly from Early Light, it instead violated Mattel's standards and utilized paint from a non-authorized third-party supplier.

"We have immediately implemented a strengthened three-point check system: First, we're requiring that only paint from certified suppliers be used and requiring every single batch of paint at every single vendor to be tested. If it doesn't pass, it doesn't get used. Second, we are tightening controls throughout the production process at vendor facilities and increasing unannounced random inspections. Third, we're testing every production run of finished toys to ensure compliance before they reach our customers. We've met with vendors to ensure they understand our tightened procedures and our absolute requirement of strict adherence to them," said Jim Walter, senior vice president of Worldwide Quality Assurance, Mattel.

Additionally, Mattel announced the voluntary recall of 63 magnetic toys manufactured between January 2002 and January 31, 2007, including certain dolls, figures, play sets and accessories that may release small, powerful magnets. The recall expands upon Mattel's voluntary recall of eight toys in November 2006 and is based on a thorough internal review of all Mattel's brands. Mattel is recalling 18.2 million magnetic toys globally (9.5 million in the U.S.); however, the majority of the toys are no longer at retail. Beginning in January 2007, Mattel implemented enhanced magnet retention systems in its toys across all brands.

"Since our November 2006 magnet-related recall, we have implemented more robust magnet retention systems and more rigorous testing. We are exercising caution and have expanded the list of recalled magnetic toys due to potential safety risks associated with toys that might have loose magnets," said Walter.

"The safety of children is our primary concern, and we are deeply apologetic to everyone affected," said Robert A. Eckert, chairman and chief executive officer, Mattel. "Mattel has rigorous procedures, and we will continue to be vigilant and unforgiving in enforcing quality and safety. We don't want to have recalls, but we don't hesitate to take quick and effective action to correct issues as soon as we've identified them to ensure the safety of our products and the safety of children."

Details of the recall are as follows:

Mattel voluntarily recalled 63 magnetic toys sold at retail prior to January 2007. Magnetic toys recalled within the U.S. include 44 Polly Pocket toys, 11 Doggie Day Care toys, 4 Batman toys, 1 One Piece toy, and the accessory part of 2 Barbie toys. For additional information regarding the magnetic toy recall, contact Mattel at (888) 597-6597, or visit the company's Web site at www.service.mattel.com.

The Sarge toy from the "CARS" die-cast vehicle line was manufactured between May 2007 and August 2007. For additional information regarding the Sarge toy recall, contact Mattel at (800) 916-4997

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West Coast Amateur Radio Club's September newsletter, the INTERMOD (Some food for thought.) **Use it or Lose it**

A while ago Hams learned the hard way that Politicians listen to big money. The lower part of the 220 band was used for remote control of Repeaters and other stuff. The frequency hungry corporations showed the politicians that Hams were "not using" (that is, talking on) " those frequencies. So they obviously don't need them." They persuaded the bureaucrats in the FCC to take those frequencies away. We lost them and had to change our control frequencies.

The same thing can happen with our other bands. YOU are the only ones who can make the difference. We need to get on the air and have fun talking to other people. We also need to educate our politicians, in simple terms, how the bands are being used. We also need to support the ARRL, and others who are trying to defend our bands. It is simply a matter of *USE IT OR LOSE IT*.

73, Cam KI6WK, President of WCARC

The following article has been published many times

over the years by many amateur radio news sheets. This message, I hope, will not only be thought provoking but will invoke a little self-criticism where needed.

The structure of an organization is made up of four kinds of bones. There are Wishbones, who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do something about this, or something about that. There are the Jawbones, who do all the talking, but very little of anything else. Next comes the Knucklebones, who knock everything that others are trying to do. Finally, there are the Backbones, who get under the load and do the work. What part of the organization's structure are you? If you are a Wishbone, Jawbone, Knucklebone, or Backbone. What kind of a Ham are you? Are you happy?

Take a good look at the Backbones in your radio club. These people are not always the board members, but they certainly are the "doers" in the club. I can well imagine that the Backbones also have happy family lives, because it seems that hard work and self-confidence seem to extend into family and working partnerships as well. What constantly amazes me is the number of Backbones who spend long hours representing or working for the club. They seem to never tire making the Club's activities successful.

We hear a lot about getting involved. Take it from one who knows, getting involved is the best therapy there is for adjusting to the life of a Ham. You'll see a change for the better not only in yourself, but in your hobby and your club. You'll suddenly find people are friendlier. There is no spare time to wonder how to fill as there is work to do for each and every one of us in the club. But, most important of all, you will suddenly realize what you are doing for others. What a beautiful example to set for your children.

So why don't you take a personal inventory? If you are honest with yourself and find you are a Wishbone, Jawbone or Knucklebone, there is no time like the present to make the change so you too, can become a Backbone. The dedicated, hard-working Backbones will welcome you joining them. Only in this way can the Club continue to serve amateur radio and the community.

2007 Simulated Emergency Test

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 6 -7, local and section-wide exercises may be held throughout the fall season.

To participate in this year's emergency test, contact your local ARRL emergency coordinator or net manager to find out the details for your area.

Allen G Pitts, W1AGP, Media & PR ManagerARRL

OHIO SECTION CONFERENCE HAS A NEW LOCATION BUT SAME TIME, SAME DAY IN SEPTEMBER

The Ohio Section Conference, which annually draws nearly a hundred Buckeye hams, will be held in a new location but the same time - 9 a.m. the Saturday after Findlay Hamfest - or September 15th for you calendar buffs.

This year the Section Conference, with the famous PIZZA LUNCH, has been moved to the Ohio State Fire Academy, 8895 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. It is on old Ohio US 40 east of town - just east of Columbus. And about three miles from the Interstate 70 exit 118.

The conference is exactly one week before the Great Lakes Division Convention - which is September 22 in Cleveland.

The Fire Academy auditorium is only a year old and the lunch-room facilities are very comfortable for Ohio Section's Social Event of the year - PIZZA LUNCH.

A tentative agenda is currently listed on the Ohio Section web site (www.iarc.ws/ohio and click on the 2007 Section Conference). Our agenda is called tentative, because if you have an item you want addressed, contact the Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE (513-874-0006 or jphillips@arrl.org) with your request.

Check it out. Remember that PIZZA LUNCH is Ohio Section's biggest social event of the year in any year. See you September 15 in Reynoldsburg.

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AMSAT AWARD WINNER WILL GIVE SEMINAR AT CLEVELAND CONVENTION

The upcoming Great Lakes Division Convention, September 22 in Cleveland will feature Jim Sanford, WB4GCS, currently serving as the Project Manager for the OSCAR Eagle project. He will be part of the all-star line up of seminar speakers.

The Division Convention, the day before the Cleveland Hamfest, will also feature an all-star cast for ham radio's DX and Contesting Community.

Mr. Sanford, WB4GCS, who won the ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement Award winner, heads Eagle which is the next generation high earth orbit satellite under construction now by AMSAT North America. It is a can't miss seminar which will open the day.

Numerous other seminars, hospitality rooms, sponsor displays, evening banquet and Wouff Hong makes this an event not to be missed.

The Division Convention, held at the Sheraton Independence Hotel, is presented in conjunction with the next day Cleveland Hamfest. For complete information, visit www.2007glcd.org.

Advanced tickets for all daytime seminars and evening banquet are \$50 (\$45 if you also book a hotel room at the Sheraton). Partial ticket plans are also available. Order online with a credit card by visiting www.2007glcd.org.

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Just in case some of you young whippersnappers (and some older ones) didn't know this. It's easy to check out, if you don't believe it. Be sure and show it to your kids. They need a little history lesson on what's what.

Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program. He promised:

1. That participation in the Program would be Completely voluntary,
2. That the participants would only have to pay 1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the Program,
3. That the money the participants elected to put into the Program would be deductible from Their income for tax purposes each year,
4. That the money the participants put into the independent "Trust Fund" rather than into the General Operating Fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other government program, and,
5. That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income.

Since many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month -- and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal Government to "put -away" -- you may be interested in the following:

Q: Which Political Party took Social Security from the independent "Trust Fund" and put it into the General Fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democratically Controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which Political Party eliminated the income tax deduction for Social Security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democratic Party.

Q: Which Political Party started taxing Social Security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the "tie-breaking" deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President of the US

Q: Which Political Party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

A: That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive Social Security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it!

Then, after violating the original contract (FICA), the Democrats turn around and tell you that the Republicans want to take your Social Security away!

And the worst part about it is, uninformed citizens believe it! If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe changes will evolve. Maybe not, some Democrats are awfully sure of what isn't so.

Actions speak louder than bumper stickers

"A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug."

--Patricia Neal

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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