



Hi All,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Hard to believe that winter is almost here. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Want to mention that SAARA has been talking about purchasing the 146.865 repeater that used to be up 600FT. on th 45/49 tower west of Salem. We have received an OK from Salem Community Hospital to do what we need to do to locate the repeater at their site.

As of the SAARA Meeting this month, we were advised we could apply for a grant which we are going to go ahead with. Make sure you come to the next SAARA Meeting which will be January sixth at the Salem Public Library at 6:30 P.M. Please note the time. We will be discussing and answering any questions you may need to know to be informed for the vote in February if it doesn't happen in January as that is the date set for the final vote. The February meeting will be on the third.

Remember dues are due to be able to vote before the election in January. Come to the January meeting and nominate and vote on those you'd like to have as your officers for the coming year. If you would like to look at the proposed tower site drive on Pershing (back side of hospital and look at the rear antennas on that side of the building.)

Everyone have a great Christmas
Dave N8GOB
Trustee

*Mark your Calendars
SAARA's Annual Club Dinner
at the Salem
Memorial Building Red Room
usually the Third Saturday in March
Cost \$12 or \$15 not firm
You must be a member in good standing to vote
for SAARA's Ham of the Year*

THE AMATEUR

I think it is time that we look at the amateur as maybe our equipment looks at us. Is it possible for our equipment to have an opinion about each one of us? After all, it cannot think or talk. Or can it? It is possible that we just are not listening or looking at what it is telling us. I asked myself "self, how is the best way to do this?" Well, believe it or not, self came up with an answer. All I have to do is interview the equipment. That is easy enough, so here I go interviewing some radio equipment.

My first interview was with a two-meter handheld radio. As I gently picked it up, and looked it all over, it was easy to tell that it had a few hard times. The rubber duck antenna was bent. The case was scuffed some. The belt clip was missing. The battery case did not fit very well, but it was useable. This looked like a good piece of equipment to interview. While space will not allow me to reproduce the whole interview here, so I'll just hit the most important parts.

While holding it carefully in my hand, I asked it what it would like to be called. "HT" came the cheerful reply. Well, I said, "it appears that you may have been in some exciting times in your lifetime so far." "Yes, I have" came the excited reply. "What would you like to hear about first?" "Well," I said, "one couldn't help but notice that your rubber duck is bent." "Oh yes" HT exclaimed. "The ham that owns me is careless about a lot of things. He would clip me on the side of his pants, and the rubber duck would run against his side. This did not feel so good as it put a BIG strain on my antenna connector. Oh, how that would pull on my insides. My circuit board did not like it at all."

HT goes on to tell me that after a few times he decided to call his owner short circuit. He now knew why they were called amateur radio operators. Any professional operator would know better. HT went on to explain that he did not bend the rubber duck, but it got bent when short circuit clipped me to his back side, and walked around as a net control, nevertheless walking in circles with his front side facing the repeater, and not thinking that the signal would have to pass his body to get to MY antenna, and I was not receiving as well as I should. Short circuit just could not figure that out at all. Well, he got tired and figured it was time to sit down. "Where was I?" HT asked. "I was clipped to his backside. Now, picture what happened next when he sat down with his back on a wooden chair." "Ouch," I cried with a loud voice, and my duck bent under the strain. "My circuit board was in a lot of pain also. Did short circuit ease up any? NO WAY. Not only was he complaining that I was not doing a good job of receiving and transmitting as we were fairly close to the repeater."

"Just because we were inside a steel building had nothing to do with it." HT goes on to say that under the conditions that he was forced to operate, he figured he was doing a really good job. Inside a steel building plus short circuit's body was between the rubber duck and the repeater, and it was being crushed and bent at the same time, what did he think would

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*Pictures provided by
Ginger KC8ZFK
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**SAARA MEETS THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
1/6, 2/3, 3/3 & 4/7
7:00 P.M.
AT THE SALEM LIBRARY
821 EAST STATE ST., SALEM**

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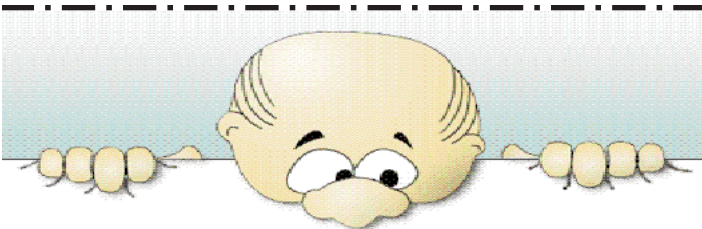
happen?

I just had to ask HT what happened to his belt clip? "Well," exclaimed HT, "wouldn't you know someone did explain how to use it properly. What did he do, but remove it from my person. He acted as if that would solve all his problems. I felt naked without it," HT exclaimed,

"But, I soon got used to not having it. After a few times of trying to use me without the belt clip things got worse." HT went on to say, "I then changed his name to blanked out, as we are not allowed to use those names." HT was a little upset, as I could tell it in his voice. "What this so-called amateur," HT continued to say, "would do, was to try and clip me to his side and no belt clip. Well, he dropped me several times, and messed up my battery case and scuffed up my case. He even dropped me into a water puddle a few times. Some people just never learn." HT told me.

I had to ask HT if all this amateur treatment affected him as to how he went about performing his job? "NO," HT replied, "he would do his best until his dying day. He would not let the way he was handled stop him from doing his job. He was designed to do a job, and he was going to do it no matter what happened to him in the performance of his duties." HT and I said our goodbys and went our separate ways. I miss the little guy.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Bill KB8MNE*



ELECTION 2011

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| President - | Mel KA8OEB, maybe Ginger KC8ZFK |
| Vice President - | Ernie KC8QPH, maybe Dave N8GOB |
| Secretary - | Roger KC8CTV |
| Treasurer - | Maybe Lela KB8YPD |
| Trustee - | Dave N8GOB, we need another name |
| here | |

You must be up to date with your dues to run for office and to vote. This incomplete Ballot doesn't look very good to me. - Please consider running for an office



*Technician classes will be held
from 6:30-9:00 P.M.*

*Mondays: January 17, 24, 31,
February 7, 21, and 28*

Cost: \$20.00 for books & Materials

*Most classes at the Salem Public Library, 821 East
State Street*

*Testing will be on the final evening. The test costs
\$15 and must be paid that night.*

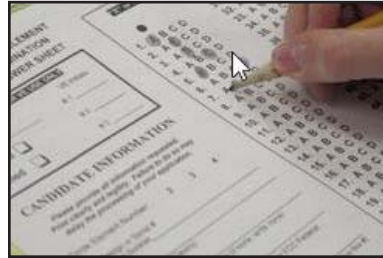
*If there is enough interest, a General Class will be
held starting after the first of the year.*

Dates and location

will be announced at the Tech Class

*Contact Al 330-549-3051 or Ginger 330-337-7225
To register*

**EXAMS: NCVEC RELEASES NEW GENERAL
CLASS QUESTION POOL**



The new General class question pool is valid from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiners (NCVEC) released the new General

class (Element 3) question pool on Tuesday, December 7. This new question pool -- including graphics and diagrams -- will become effective for all General class examinations administered on or after July 1, 2011; it will remain valid until June 30, 2015. The current General question pool that became effective July 1, 2007 will expire June 30, 2011. The new General pool contains 457 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 3 examination. The current Technician class question pool that was effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The current Amateur Extra class pool that was effective July 1, 2008 is valid until June 30, 2012.

More questions and a much more difficult question pool. Take advantage of the upcoming General class.



MEMBER KC8ZFK WROTE THE REQUEST



On November 10, 2010, Ginger KC8ZFK, former President of SAARA, wrote a very informative letter to Mr. Jerry Wheeler of Salem Community Hospital spelling out in detail what it would take to put a repeater on the Hospital property.

The letter spoke what the repeater would look like, how much room it would need, its possible location at the hospital, cost to the Hospital, mode of operation, security, benefit to the hospital, our responsibility, their responsibility, and so much more.


It is my understanding from Dave N8GOB, the hospital has agreed to the well written proposal.

It is also my understanding that Ginger not only wrote the proposal to use space at the hospital, but she is also writing for a Grant to help fund the project. While Al and I had no input for either of these requests, we fully support all the hard work that Ginger, Dave and Don NN8B did and are doing to bring the repeater project to completion.

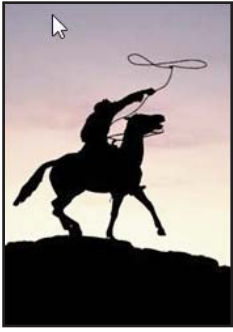
Now it's our turn to get involved. There will be a vote at either the January or February meeting to complete this project. Be sure to pay your dues so you have the right to vote on this very important issue.

Late breaking news from Dave N8GOB - Just want to let you know Ginger is turning the Grant request in early next week, when it should be approved or not. We should know something by the sixteenth.

**When was Toys for Tots instituted?
In 1947, Toys for Tots started making the
holidays a little happier for children by
organizing its first Christmas toy drive for
needy youngsters.**



ON THE AIR: SADDLE UP FOR THE 2010 ARRL CW ROOKIE ROUNDUP!



The ARRL's newest on-the-air operating event is designed to help newly licensed amateurs build their operating skills on HF. Three Rookie Roundups -- one each for SSB, RTTY and CW -- are held each calendar year. The CW running of the Rookie Roundup will take place Sunday, December 19 from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC. This is a contest specifically for those new to Amateur Radio, similar to the ARRL Novice Roundup that ran from 1952 until 1995. The Rookie Roundup combines a competitive event with some on-the-air training, bringing the fun and

Elmering of the old Novice Roundup into the 21st century. The Rookie Roundup is a single-operator event only. Stations are allowed a maximum of 100 W. Elmering is encouraged and use of spotting networks is allowed.

Date: Tue, 23 Nov 2010 07:47:33 -0500 (EST)

The following comes from Ron West, N8OD, Net Manager of the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN):

Due to propagation changes, the OSSBN has rescheduled their evening sessions to 6:00PM Local Time, effective immediately. The net frequency remains the same (3972.5 kHz).

The morning and afternoon sessions will still be held at 10:30AM and 4:15PM, respectively. This net runs 365 days per year (and 366 days per leap year).

If any further time/frequency changes are required, a notice will be issued ASAP.

73, Frank Piper K18GW

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as it used to be.*

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as it used to be.*

SPECTRUM DEFENSE MATTERS

A Note from the Chief Executive Officer As we put this final issue of ARRL Spectrum Defense Matters for 2010 to bed, the end of the year is just a few weeks away. If you have not done so already I hope you will consider making a contribution to the Spectrum Defense Fund before flipping the calendar over to 2011. At this point we are well short of our 2010 goal for the Defense Fund. Please help us close the gap.

Will the ARRL cut back on its spectrum defense program if you don't contribute? Of course not. We will do what's necessary, no matter what. And we will continue to be careful stewards of the funds you make available to us, either through your membership dues or additional voluntary contributions. We don't spend money on this or any other program just because it's there.

So, why should you contribute? To tell us you agree that defending your access to the radio spectrum is as important to you as we

think it is. To be a part of a team that includes volunteers in dozens of countries who work through the IARU to protect and even expand your operating privileges. To relieve the stress on other parts of the ARRL's operating budget that may not be as key to the survival of Amateur Radio but that are essential to the richness of our experience and our ability to serve the public. Perhaps most important, to pay back the investment that previous generations of ARRL members made in securing the frequency privileges you enjoy today.

The coming year will see the completion of preparations for the next World Radio communication Conference, to be held in Geneva in January and February 2012. We hope for favorable outcomes on the agenda items we care about—but that will not be the end of it. This WRC will recommend an agenda for the next one, later in the decade. Will that agenda pose serious threats to amateur spectrum? Will it include the possibility of new or expanded amateur allocations? The answers will depend in part on work being done on your behalf today, in Geneva and within regional telecommunications organizations that cover the globe.

Be part of the solution. Contribute today. Thanks for your consideration and support.

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Chief Executive Officer
SPECTRUM DEFENSE FUNDARRL 2010

THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Dave would like me to mention there will be testing on January 15 at the EMA in Lisbon with registration at 1:00 P.M. The address is 215 S. Market St., Lisbon. If you can help, or you are interested in taking a test, please just show up.

I have been unable to attend the last few SAARA meetings because I had surgery on my back the end of October. All the information in this newsletter came from Bill, Dave, Ginger, and Lela. They are always willing to help when SAARA has an event, and they always are available to help me with the newsletter. Thank you never seems enough. These four all deserve Ham of the Year, which will be awarded in March at the annual dinner. They are all running for one office or another this time, and they always have SAARA's best interests at heart. Some have held office for years. I wish more members would run for office. Actually I wish more members would come to meetings and support the club. This club is tiny compared to other clubs in the area, but large when you think of all the good they do for the community. It needs more input from our members. You run out of ideas after a time. It's not easy to come up with fresh ideas on how to run a club, or put a newsletter together. This time the articles and information just came pouring in - so THANKS TO THE FOUR OF YOU.

SAARA is putting on a Tech class in January. So far, no one has signed up. Al is an excellent teacher, and the material is the same no matter where you go to learn it. It is always nice when a club such as SAARA takes the time to mentor a new Tech. There is so much more to learn after you first get your license. You might have an idea what an Amateur does, but after getting that first ticket, you realize just how much more there is to being one.



73, K8JAA

*The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate
of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.*

C.S. Lewis

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1 Yr.	Bob Tullis	W8HZ
1 Yr.	Dave Sprouse	N8GOB
2 Yr.	Bill McClaren	KB8MNE

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

SAARA claims no liability for articles published in this newsletter. The viewpoints in the articles are not considered the viewpoints of SAARA membership.

All submittals for SAARA Speaks must be received by the Editor (k8jaa@arrrl.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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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