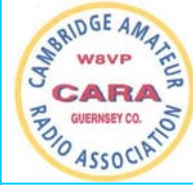


CARA COMMUNICATOR



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NAT'L PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September was national preparedness month, and CARA had two ARES® projects.

The first project was an ARES® display designed by Lyn Alfman, N8IMW, which was placed in the Crossroads Library Branch with the help of Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS. It explained the various aspects of preparedness that CARA is involved with: ARES®, SKYWARN®, NTS®, and RACES®. It also had a "go bag" and a list of its contents.



Pictured is Evelyn Barton in front of the display case.

For the second project, Sonny, W8FHF, and Lyn, N8IMW, Alfman manned an information table on September 3 on the lawn of the Guernsey County Courthouse for the kick-off of National Preparedness month sponsored by the Guernsey County Citizens Corp.



Pictured is Lyn Alfman, N8IMW, with the ARES® display at the Guernsey County Courthouse.

CARA ANNUAL PICNIC



Shown: Picture of picnic attendees minus the photographer.

CARA held its annual picnic on Sunday, September 27 at 2 PM in the Cambridge City Park. The club provided the meat, buns, and condiments; everyone brought covered dishes to share. The weather was good, and twenty-seven people stopped by for the picnic.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR



Shown checking out the amateur radio station that was set up at the Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Reservation for Jamboree On The Air (JOTA), are Tim Murphy, KC8TDS and CARA member Bill Dickson, WB8TRK.

Also on hand to assist interested Scouts to get on the air were District 9 District Emergency Coordinator and CARA President Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, and Muskingum County Emergency Coordinator Matt Murphy, KC8BEW.



OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR



Shown are Lyn, N8IMW, and Sonny, W8FHF, Alfman.

CARA participated in the Ohio State Parks On The Air contest on September 12. Larry Mason, N8RAF, operated from his home. Will Brown, KC8JTO, and John Taylor, N8FXL, operated from Salt Fork State Park. Russ, N8MWK, and Mary Jane, KD8EIR, Rhodes-Ellis operated from Burr Oak State Park. Josh, N8XAY, and Jamie, KD8GKK, Boyd operated from Muskingum River Park. Sonny, W8FHF, and Lyn, N8IMW, Alfman, along with Bruce Homer, N8JMK, operated from Blue Rock State Park, where Dick Clifton, KG8CZ, stopped by to check out the operation.



Shown is Bruce Homer, N8JMK.

Some of the participants operated as single operator stations, and others operated as multi-operator stations. Hopefully, we will place well as a club that activated several state parks.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

The annual Simulated Emergency Test (S. E. T.) exercise took place on Sunday, October 4. The ARES® group under the direction of EC Mark Jenei, KC8SBB assisted the Guernsey County Health Department's drive-thru flu inoculation clinic at Meadowbrook Middle School.

TECHNICIAN CRAM COURSE

Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, taught a one-day Technician Cram Courses. The first was on October 10, at SEORMC in Cambridge, where all five students got their licenses.

FUTURE CRAM COURSES

Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, will teach a Tech Course, December 12 at Muskingum County Emergency Operations Center in Zanesville. He tentatively plans to teach a General Course on February 6. Announcements will be made on the nets and via e-mail when a location has been secured.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Cambridge "A Child's Christmas Dream" Christmas Parade was a success. We received a mention at the beginning of the parade that the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association stages and provides communications for the annual parade to ensue that everything runs smoothly and has done so for about twenty years.

The following people helped with this year's parade: Bill Dickson, WB8TRK; Dwight Bonifield, W8TJT; Rob Cole, KB8PSR; Mark Jenei, KC8SBB; Sherri Hinnant, KD8JYQ; Gil Gilcher, K8BTD; Steven Bunn, KD8MFC and his wife Beverly; Fred, KB8MGI, and Evelyn, KA8NZS, Barton; Lyn, N8IMW, and Sonny, W8FHF, Alfman; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Larry Mason, N8RAF; Traci Graham, KD9KGI; Jim Houser, WA8JIM; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Carol Emerson, KD8KGGH; Bob Gray, KE8NI; and Dave Thompson, KC8OQW.

Cambridge Police Chief Dick Wayt, WD8SDH, is always in the parade and helps provide officers for traffic control. Thanks everyone who helped.

W8VP FIELD DAY RESULTS

This was the first year that W8VP has gone Class 4A for Field Day. According to the Field Day results in the December QST, we did very well in the standings. W8VP placed #38 out of the 130 participants in Class 4A. We also placed #5 out of 9 in Ohio; #7 out of 17 in "8" calls; and #7 out of 18 in the Great Lakes Division.

CHRISTMAS OTA/SANTA WATCH

Any member interested in participating in this Christmas Eve event should contact Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS, or Lyn Alfman, N8IMW.

Happy New Year!

OHIO SECTION NEWS

OHIO SECTION CONFERENCE



Shown are: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Gene Morris, N8MTO; District 9 Emergency Coordinator Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Guernsey Co. Asst. Emergency Coordinator Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Guernsey Co. Emergency Coordinator Mark Jenei, KC8SBB; and Noble Co. Emergency Coordinator Larry Mason, N8RAF attended the Ohio Section Conference.



Shown is SM Frank Piper, KI8GW.

Frank Piper, KI8GW, ARRL Ohio Section Manager presided over the conference held September 19, at the Educational Service Center in Columbus, and requested that all messages from the S.E.T. exercise to the SM or SEC include the message "Go Bucks!" in memory of the late SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE.



Shown is Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE.

Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, discussed "What is considered pay for services?" What it came down to is: (1) your organization

(or you) cannot ask for compensation for services, (2) your organization (or you) can accept donations for services (if not solicited), and (3) you cannot operate an amateur radio if you are getting paid at the time for your job.



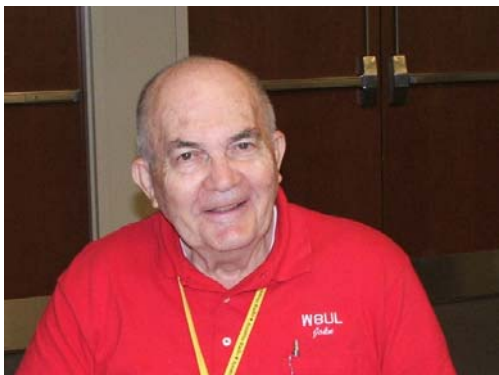
Shown is Nick Pittner, K8NAP, SGL.

Nick Pittner, K8NAP, Section Government Liaison, discussed Ohio H. B. 212 (similar to FCC's PRB-1 legislation requiring that local antenna requirements make reasonable accommodation for amateur radio antennas), which has been assigned to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. He also informed the audience about new proposed legislation H. B. 261, 262, 266, which were intended to be cell phone legislation but also says "mobile communication devices," whose wording does not exclude amateur radios.



Shown is Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, Ohio SEC

Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, our Section Emergency Coordinator discussed the use of NIMS ICS 213, which is a general message form adopted by many emergency communication agencies such as FEMA and EMA. Amateur Radio groups working with these agencies should be familiar with these forms because they will be used instead of the National Traffic System Radiograms for sending and receiving messages.



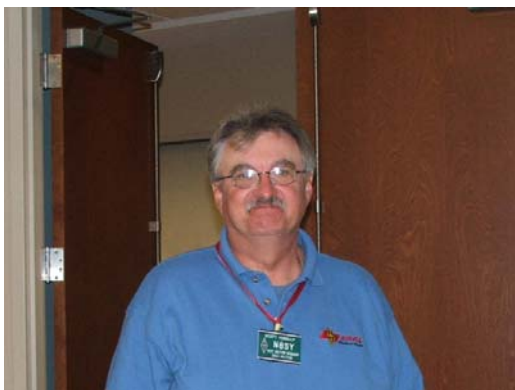
John Tipka, W8UL, Ohio Section Traffic Manager

Tipka discussed the days, times, and frequencies of various traffic nets. Also, he reminded us of the Ohio Traffic website: www.oharts.org, and suggested that the traffic nets be used to pass S.E.T. messages.



Rick Swain, KK8O, Ohio Official Observer Coordinator

Swain discussed the role of the Official Observer (OO) and noted that not all notices sent out are for infractions of the rules. Some are sent out to encourage the good operating skills observed. Swain also discussed the need for more OOs in Ohio, noted the requirements, and how to apply for the position.



Scott Yonally, N8SY, Ohio Section Webmaster

Webmaster Yonally stated that the best tool an Amateur Radio organization can have is a website, but only if it is kept up to date. He noted

that the Ohio Section has its own website: www.arrlohio.org. This website will be the future host to the Ohio ARES news and home to the Ohio Section Journal, which has gone totally electronic.

Yonally presented the winners of the Ohio Section Newsletter Contest their prizes in the absence of Emily Wells, KC8RAL. First place went to Editor Carl Rimmer, W8KRF, for the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society's *NOARS Log*. Second place went to Editor John Myers, KD8MQ, the Alliance Amateur Radio Club's *Zero Beat*. Third place went to Editor Dennis Wells, K1DRW, of the Butler VHF Association's *The Log Sheet*.



Donna Phillips, Joe Phillips, K8QOE's widow

The late Joe Phillips, K8QOE, was the recipient of the 2009 Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award, which is given to an Ohio section member for a lifetime achievement of promoting and embodying Amateur Radio. SM Frank Piper, KI8GW, presented Joe's widow, Donna, with the plaque.

Of course, everyone enjoyed the free pizza lunch and social hour. It is a great time to talk to old friends and to make new ones.

It was also discussed that due to the rental costs for these conferences, the Ohio ARES Conference and the Ohio Section Conference will be a combined event in 2010. The date, time, place, and agenda for the event will be announced as soon as the arrangements can be made. Stay tuned!

TRIVIA QUESTION

In what year did an Amateur Radio operator confirm contacts with all the continents?

- (1) 1924; (2) 1926; (3) 1934; or (4) 1949

DIVISION NEWS

DIVISION AWARD WINNERS

Major awards were presented to members in the Great Lakes Division, September 12 in Findlay.

The awards and winning nominations are:

(1) The George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI, Award - Presented to James "Mike" Wagoner, KB4VKS of Covington, KY for continued lifetime excellence as a radio amateur as a role model and helper for other amateurs. In his service to other amateurs and the public he exemplified the spirit of former GLD Director and ARRL President George Wilson, III, W4OYI.

(2) The Amateur of the Year Award -- Presented to James J. Aylward, KC8PD of Ravenna, OH for outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio.

(3) DX Achievement Award -- Presented to Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW of Strongsville, OH for his exemplary record of lifetime achievement in promoting DX operations, and for dedicating his time, talents and service to the art and science of Amateur Radio.

(4) The Young Radio Amateur of the Year Award: Presented to Joseph J. Lipa, N8OY of Saline, MI. The award was in recognition demonstrating the spirit of Amateur Radio through guiding other young people into Amateur Radio and through his accomplishments in academic, extracurricular and community life. Joe comes from a ham family.

(5) A Director's award for Outstanding Achievement was presented to Thomas J. Mansfield, Jr., KG4TND of Lexington Kentucky for outstanding achievement in managing an ARES unit in the face of external difficulties.

(6) A Vice Director's award was presented to Bill Kelsey, N8ET for his effort in organizing the Symposium.

Congratulations to the award recipients. Thanks to Scott Yonally, N8SY for his fine job of designing and printing the award certificates.

My thanks go to Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA for his job as Symposium chairman.

From Weaver's Words, October 3, 2009

NATIONAL NEWS

FCC CLARIFIES PART 97.113 R

FCC Issued Public Notice DA 09-2259 on October 20 to resolve the confusion concerning 47CFR97.113 of its rules governing Amateur Radio. There are two aspects of this Public Notice as I see it. The first is that the wording of 47 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 97.113 says precisely what the FCC has said it says all along. In today's phraseology, "read my lips."

The second aspect of the Public Notice adds a new wrinkle to the issue. This is simply that FCC recognizes there may be individual instances when it may be appropriate for employees with Amateur Radio licenses to use Amateur Radio to communicate on behalf of their employers during drills. The critical learning here is that these instances relate to government-sponsored drills and the use of employee ham operators is to be cleared on a case-by-case basis through a waiver process the Commission has instituted.

In other words, one does not decide a day or two before a drill that employee amateurs can be used or that the employer-employee relationship is OK to operate on a continuing basis.

Everything stated in "Words" last month as well as everything stated in the position statement we ARRL Directors issued about the commercialization of Amateur Radio applies today as much as it did 20 years ago. The only difference between what we discussed is FCC's addition of the waiver process for occasional government-sponsored drills.

The bottom line as this Director sees it is:
- Under no circumstances may Amateur Radio operators conduct communication via Amateur Radio on behalf of their employers on a continuing basis. As just one example, an Emergency Management Director may not use Amateur Radio to communicate with employees who are licensed amateurs in the conduct of the routine business of the emergency management department. Regular conduct of weather training nets by employees of the NWS or an EM Department as part of their duties would appear to represent another form of prohibited activity--period, end of discussion per the FCC Public Notice.

- Any use of Amateur Radio by an employer to communicate with employees occur during individual, government-sponsored drills and only then if prior waiver for this communication has been obtained in writing from the FCC. The drill may not be repeated without repeating the waiver process. In addition, the drill may not be a continuing operation, again, period, end of discussion per the FCC Public Notice.

To beat a dead horse, FCC rules regarding this issue have not changed for many years. As proof of this, all one needs to do is to read the Public Notice

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2259A1.pdf and Part 97.113. Focusing on the current issue, Part 97.113 reads:

"(a) No amateur station shall transmit:

"(2) Communications for hire or for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised;

"(3) Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. Amateur operators may, however, notify other amateur operators of the availability for sale or trade of apparatus normally used in an amateur station, provided that such activity is not conducted on a regular basis;

"(5) Communications, on a regular basis, which could reasonably be furnished alternatively through other radio services."

Whether you or I agree with an FCC rule does not change the fact that it is the current rule with full, legal status. It applies regardless of any well-meaning rationalization anyone may try to use to justify ignoring it.

While I'm in the opinion-offering mood, let me suggest that the FCC has done everything it can do to get Amateur Radio and us out of a thorny, community relation, rock-and-hard-spot with served agencies. Giving copies of Part 97.113, the new FCC Public Notice and the ARRL Commercialization of Amateur Radio discussion should give any sincere manager at a served agency a clear understanding of what can and cannot be done using Amateur Radio. Add to this a discussion by a knowledgeable member of your ARES, club or other ham group on how you can fit in to emergency plans and the picture of how you can assist our communities should come into focus.

Instead of telling an agency, we do what you

want, try saying, "Federal regulations do not permit us to do exactly what you have requested, but here is what we can do to help"

Discussing the situation openly and honestly should then be useful.

Keep in mind that this discussion relates to drills. The FCC rules (47CFR97.403) still also state "No provision of these rules prevents the use by an amateur station of any means of radio communication at its disposal to provide essential communication needs in connection with the immediate safety of human life and immediate protection of property when normal communication systems are not available." Training for such an eventuality by employees of served agencies must be done following FCC rules, however.

FCC rules and regulations are published for anyone to study. Don't have a copy? You can go to

<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=&words=fcc+\&SearchWords.x=13&SearchWords.y=8>.

They are also posted on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/newspart97/>.

Incidentally, "except as otherwise provided in these rules" in (2), above, refers to the ruling that allows operators of WIAW and certain other stations to be paid for transmitting material such as relevant news bulletins, propagation information, code practice on the ham bands to amateurs.

From Weaver's Words, October 3, 2009

RF CONCEPTS LLC ACQUIRES ALPHA RADIO

A newly formed company, RF Concepts, LLC, has acquired all the assets of Alpha Radio Products. RF Concepts will manufacture the world-class amplifiers and other products that Alpha Radio has produced for more than 40 years. The 3CX1500A7 triode-based Alpha 9500 Amplifier, dual 4CX1000 tetrode-based Alpha 8410 Amplifier, legal-limit Model 2100 Dummy Load/Wattmeter combo, and line of 4500 Wattmeters will continue to be handmade in the Boulder Colorado factory.

Effective September 1, 2009, prices were lowered on all Alpha products:

- The Alpha 9500 Amplifier will be reduced from \$10,150 to \$7,950.
- The Alpha 8410 Amplifier will be reduced from

\$5,895 to \$4,995.

- The Alpha 2100 Dummy load with its integrated wattmeter will be reduced from \$1,950 to \$1,495.
- The Alpha 4520 Wattmeter will be reduced from \$1,195 to \$995, the Alpha 4510 Wattmeter will be reduced from \$1,095 to \$945; its front-panel-less computer-connected cousins, the Alpha 4505 and 4515, will be reduced to \$545 and \$595 respectively.
- All customers who have orders pending with Alpha Radio Products will receive their new Alpha amplifiers from RF Concepts at the new, lower price. Any deposits made at Alpha Radio Products will be applied as discounts to your RF Concepts invoice. For instance, if you ordered an Alpha 9500 at \$10,150 and sent Alpha Radio Products a \$5,000 deposit, RF Concepts will deliver your Alpha 9500 for \$7,950 – \$5,000 = \$2,950, plus any applicable shipping and taxes.

If you're the original owner who received an Alpha amplifier from the factory during the period between March 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009, RF Concepts will give you a credit equal to the difference between your original purchase price and our new price. This effectively retroactively reduces the price you paid for the amp you've already received to match our new, lower price. This non-transferable credit can be applied toward any RF Concepts product (including any Alpha-branded product), through August 31, 2010. Use it today to buy anything in our product line, or save it and use it later on one of our upcoming products. Please understand that the credit can be redeemed only at RF Concepts and has no cash value.

We will focus on shipping our backlog of Alpha amplifiers and building sufficient product to ship from stock. No more waiting for delivery while your amp is being built. When you're ready to place an Alpha amp at your operating position, give us a call.

We will continue to operate from the existing Boulder, Colorado factory, use the same phone number 303-472-9232, and retain the www.alpharadioproducts.com URL along with the new www.rfconcepts.com URL. We will honor our existing customer commitments including warranties, customer and technical support, and repairs, and keep our extensive parts inventories to support the more than 10,000 Alpha amplifiers in the market.

Michael Seedman, AA6DY, Chairman, RF Concepts, LLC
From the CQ Newsroom...Sept. 16, 2009

SPONSORSHIP GROWING

The number of US Representatives signed-on to co-sponsor HR-2160 continues to grow. As Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC) John Meyers, NB4K announced, "There are two new co-sponsors from the Great Lakes Division." These are Geoff Davis, KY-4 and Michael Turner, OH-3. This brings the total of co-sponsors to 23.

This bill is the first step toward overcoming Codes, Covenants & Restrictions (CC&Rs) in private contracts that ban effective amateur antennas.

Keep in mind that the FCC concluded CC&R be improper that it issued a rule requiring TV antennas to be allowed in spite of the contractual restrictions. In addition, some states (Ohio included) have passed laws that nullify contract restrictions that had existed against flagpoles!

From Weaver's Words, October 3, 2009

COMPANION BILL INTRODUCED

October 6, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), along with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), introduced Senate Bill 1755, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. Similar to HR 2160 -- also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18), the bill, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities."

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to

Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy -- approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) -- included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit." The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.

The Senate bill points out many positive things that Amateur Radio operators do, including "provid[ing] on a volunteer basis, a valuable public sector service to their communities, their States, and to the Nation, especially in the area of national and international disaster communications."

It mentions that amateurs provided emergency and disaster relief communications services during both natural and manmade disasters. "The Amateur Radio Service has formal agreements for the provision of volunteer emergency communications activities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, the National Communications System, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, as well as with disaster relief agencies, including the American National Red Cross and the Salvation Army," the bill reads.

Right now, S 1755 has been read twice in the Senate chamber and referred to that body's Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. HR 2160 -- now with 27 sponsors -- is in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

From ARRL Bulletin 31, October 7, 2009

S. 1755 UPDATED

The US Senate version of The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 was reported by voice vote from the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee. The next stop is the Senate floor.

Stand by for information on how you can help move this bill forward through the full Senate. S. 1755 and companion bill HR 2160 in the US House are the first steps toward overcoming excessively-restrictive codes, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs) in real estate contracts. These CC&Rs ban amateurs from erecting antennas in ever-increasing numbers of private housing developments in the US.

HR 2160 still needs our support. Please write to your representative in the US House of Representatives urging him to support this bill.

From Weaver's Words, November 28, 2009

INTERNATIONAL NEWS CQ ADDS KIT-BUILDING COLUMN

CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced the new column, "Kit-Building," will be anchored by Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, of Lincoln, Nebraska. It replaces "The Weekender," a small-project column that had been without a regular columnist since the departure of Phil Salas, AD5X, at the end of 2008. Eisenberg, a ham for more than 40 years, has been building kits and leading kit-building forums at hamfests and conventions for many years. "Kits have been with us since the beginning of our hobby," writes Joe in his debut column in the November issue of CQ, adding, "With a bag full of parts and a circuit board, we can create things that we cannot only use, but learn from and even improve on." The column will mix kit-building tips and techniques with close-up looks at building a variety of currently-available kits. Joe may be reached by e-mail at <k0neb@cq-amateur-radio.com>.

From the CQ Newsroom...September 29, 2009

CANADIAN MOBILES MUST BECOME HANDS FREE

According to an alert from the Radio Amateurs of Canada (the Canadian National organization), a new law in the Province of Ontario requires all two-way radios in nearly all vehicles on Canadian roadways to be hands free. The requirement applies to all commercial, CB and amateur equipment. The only exception to the rule is gear in emergency response vehicles.

We can only assume at this time that the law applies to vehicles operated by visitors from the

US as well as Canadian amateurs. The new law became effective October 26. Tickets for infractions will begin to be issued effective February 1.

From Weaver's Words, October 22, 2009

VK9 C, L, M, N, W & X DELETED FROM DX EQUATION

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) have decided to discontinue the use of a VK9 callsign suffix letter to denote each of the six Australian external territories, each a DX entity.

The long-standing prefixes included VK9C for Cocos (Keeling) Island, VK9L Lord Howe Island, VK9M Mellish Reef, VK9N Norfolk Island, VK9W Willis Island and VK9X Christmas Island.

The Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA), under its role of providing ham license examinations and issuing amateur certificates of proficiency, also recommends each and every amateur callsign issued by the ACMA.

On taking on new roles earlier this year it began to query the practices in relation to VK9 callsigns, then consulted the amateur radio community and came to the view that it could not support having a suffix letter as a geographic identifier in VK9 callsigns.

From 1 November, callsigns for the VK9 DX entities will fall in line with the practice for issuing callsigns for all other VK call areas, with the suffix only to denoting the class of license issued – Advanced, Standard or Foundation.

Licenses with a VK9 callsign issued to visiting overseas radio amateurs will only be for a short-term if requested or for a maximum 12 months period, and not be automatically renewed. A VK ham or visiting radio amateur does not necessarily require a VK9 callsign, although most do for DXing, contesting or QSLing purposes.

Under the provisions of the Amateur License Conditions Determination, portable operation is permitted with a radio amateur using their home callsign /VK9 and stating their location.

(Jim Linton VK3PC) Submitted by Arvadmin
From the CQ Newsroom October 23, 2009

Happy Holidays!

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS DUES AND ELECTIONS

Dues are due by February 1, 2010. In order to run for office, your dues must be paid before the start of January's (30th) business meeting.

In order to vote in the election, your dues must be paid before the start of the February meeting.

MEETING DATES

Saturday, January 30 at 10 AM;
Saturday, February 27 at 10 AM;
Monday, March 29, 7 PM.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Community Healthlink Building at this time.

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

December—3rd-Doris Brown, KB8OLG; and 22nd-Traci Graham

January—12th-Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; 18th- Alan Day, K8AL; and 25th-Dick Wayt, WD8SDH.

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

December—29th-Sonny, W8FHF, & Lyn, N8IMW, Alfman; 29th-Myron "Gil", K8BTD, & Helen Gilcher.

HAMFESTS

January 17—SCARF Hamfest, Tri-County Vocational School, Nelsonville. Talk-in: 147.150 or 147.225

January 31—TUSCO ARC Hamfest, Wallick Auction House, Strasburg. Talk-in: 146.730

February 7—NOARS Winter Hamfest, Gargus Hall, Lorain. Walk-in: 146.70 (open)

February 14—Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest & Computer Show, Richland Co. Fairgrounds, Mansfield. Talk-in: 146.940 PL 71.9

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 5-7—Various museum ships will be on the air for Pearl Harbor Day.

December 18-20—Wheeling, WV, NPARC, W8ZQ, Festival of Lights, Oglebay Park. 57, 40, 20 meters--General Bands. Certificate.

Happy New Year!

2009 ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF

Vice President: Bruce Homer, N8JMK

Secretary: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS

Treasurer: Jamie Boyd, KD8GKK

Newsletter Editor: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW

PIO: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW

Activities Chair: Dick Wayt, WD8SDH

Program Chair: Josh Boyd, N8XAY

Trustees: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Alan Day, K8AL; and Bob Gray, KE8NI

MCC Representative: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; and Bruce Homer

2009 APPOINTED POSITIONS

Webmaster: Dave Dilbeck, W8ACE

Historian: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS

District 9 DEC: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF

Guernsey CO. EC Mark Jenei, KC8SBB

Guernsey CO AECs: Bruce Homer, N8JMK; and Dick Wayt, WD8SHD

LOCAL WEBSITES

CAMBRIDGE ARA
www.w8vp.org

ZANESVILLE ARC
<http://zarc.eqth.info>

NEWARK AR A
<http://nara.eqth.info>

COSHOCTON ARA
www.w8cca.org

TUSCO ARC
www.tuscoarc.org

MUSKINGUM VALLEY HAM RC
www.n8hr.bravehost.com

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SSB TRAFFIC NET FREQUENCIES

OH 3.9725 MHz – 1030, 1615, 1830 Local Time

WPA 3.983 MHz – 1815 Local Time

WV 3.865 MHz – 1815 Local Time

LOCAL NETS

Sunday 9 PM 147.045 MHz CCARA

Monday 8 PM 146.730 MHz TUSCO
9 PM 145.230 MHz CCARA.

Tuesday 7:30 PM 146.610 MHz MCARES
8 PM 146.850 MHz CARA
8:15 PM 146.850 MHz CARA
9 PM 146.880 MHz NARA

Wednesday 9 PM 146.610 MHz ZARC

Thursday 9 PM 51.135 MHz ZARC
9 PM 145.230 MHz CCARA

Friday 9 PM 28.450 MHz CCARA

Saturday 8 PM 146.820 MHz PARC
9 PM 146.610 MHz MCC

TRADING POST

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If you have an item that you would like to purchase, sell, or trade, feel free to send it to me to be included in the next newsletter. (Newsletter publication dates are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1).

CLUB CLOTHING

Carolyn Poland, KA8UJA of Bluebird Embroidery, does custom embroidering and imprinting of t-shirts, hats, and other crafts.
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ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

#2 is correct. In 1926, Brandon Wentworth, 6OI, achieved confirmation for working all of the continents.



FROM THE EDITOR

Please let me know what you would like to find in your newsletter. You may contact me at lynalfman@aol.com or call (740) 872-3888.

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