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Monthly Meeting at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of US 19 and SR 98
Next meeting will be @ 19:30 EST, Thursday, February 15, 2007

Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association		Tuesday Night Net
N8FMD Repeater 147.210 Mhz with P/L tone of 103.5 hz		
Net Control Operator	Date	Call Sign
Bill Dick	February 13, 2007 February 20, 2007	KB8QIN K8TPH

New No Code Upgrades

No Code-Free Upgrades Available Until February 23: from W1AW Bulletin via the ARRL Website: <http://www.arrl.org/> on February 7, 2007

No Code-Free Upgrades Available Until February 23:
Code-free upgrades to General or Amateur Extra will not be available at volunteer examination sessions until the 5 WPM Morse code requirement disappears from the FCC's Amateur Radio Service rules on February 23. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, says that, judging from the questions he's been getting, many in the amateur community -- including some Volunteer Examiners (VEs) -- don't fully understand the new rules that resulted from the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the 'Morse code proceeding,' WT Docket 05-235. He stresses that VE teams may not accept upgrade applications in advance of February 23, then hold the paperwork. 'There will be no instant midnight upgrades February 23 for applicants

advancing to General or Amateur Extra,' Henderson explains. 'You must make application.' He further advises that a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) valid for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) credit does not confer any operating privileges and, lacking Morse code credit, is no good for an upgrade until the new rules become effective. 'Anyone holding or earning a valid CSCE for element credit must wait until February 23 to redeem it at a volunteer examination session,' he says. 'You may not operate as /AG or /AE until you have upgraded and have been issued a CSCE marked for upgrade.' A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, no exceptions. Henderson further emphasizes that those who qualified as Technician licensees under the examination regime in place from March 21, 1987, until April 15, 2000, do not get General class Element 3 credit on that basis. That's because the 'old' Element 3 is not the same as the current Element 3. Applicants upgrading at a test session on or after February 23 on the basis of a

valid CSCE must present the certificate for element credit, fill out an application and pay any applicable exam session fee, which most VECs charge. Between now and then, Henderson points out, upgrade applicants still have the option of passing the 5 WPM Element 1 Morse code test in addition to the General or Amateur Extra written tests. Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination automatically gain new privileges on February 23 without having to apply at an exam session.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its 'FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235' Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>.

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WV ARRL Exam Session
Database last updated on Tue 13-Feb-2007
Sessions are listed in date order.
11 found in WV

24-Feb-2007

Sponsor: CENTRAL ARA
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: PATRICK H SHEA
(304)269-3468
Email: PSHEA@CITYNET.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: BELINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT
301 WATKINS ST
BELINGTON, WV 26250

03-Mar-2007

Sponsor: WAYNE COUNTY ARC
Time: 3:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOEY SAMMONS
(304)417-1695
Email: AJOEY@YAHOO.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: OLD WAYNE ELEMENTARY GRADE
SCHOOL
900 NORFOLK AVE
WAYNE, WV 25570

04-Mar-2007

Sponsor: MOUNTAIN STATE VE TEAM
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: MAURICE G BROWN
(304)636-0147
Email: N8VA@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM

REED ST & GORMAN AVE

ALSO: AB8E@HOTMAIL.COM

ELKINS, WV 26241

17-Mar-2007

Sponsor: CHARLESTON AREA VE GROUP
Time: 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: TERRY P SANNER
(304)353-5710
Email: TERRY.SANNER@VERIZON.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
1700 COONSKIN DRIVE
MAY CALL NITES @ 304-744-8065
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

01-Apr-2007

Sponsor: MOUNTAIN STATE VE TEAM
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: MAURICE G BROWN
(304)636-0147
Email: N8VA@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM
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01-Apr-2007

Sponsor: NICHOLAS ARC
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM L COWELL
(304)846-6063
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: LIBRARY
WHITE AVENUE
RICHWOOD, WV 26261

14-Apr-2007

Sponsor: TRI STATE ARA (TARA)
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GARRY H RITCHIE
(304)733-1300
Email: W8OI@AOL.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: MUSEUM OF RADIO & TECHNOLOGY
1640 FLORENCE AVE
RE:2/10/07 SESSION CALL: DWIGHT
@ 304-522-7865
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701

26-Apr-2007

Sponsor: MONONGALIA WIRELESS ASSOC
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ALFRED L HECK
(304)296-5176
Email: ALH@AOL.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
1255 PINEVIEW DRIVE
MORGANTOWN, WV 26505

05-May-2007

Sponsor: WAYNE COUNTY ARC
Time: 3:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: OLD WAYNE ELEMENTARY GRADE
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900 NORFOLK AVE
WAYNE, WV 25570

03-Jun-2007

Sponsor: MOUNTAIN STATE VE TEAM
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: DAVIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD
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**ARRL Legislative Positions
for the 110th Congress**

The following legislative positions were developed to guide the efforts of ARRL volunteers and staff during the 110th Congress of the United States (2007-2008).

The ability of the Amateur Radio Service to maintain and expand its benefits to the public rests on two key elements of public policy: adequate access to the radio spectrum and the ability to install and operate effective Amateur Radio stations. Frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service are the technological equivalent of a "national park," where all may enjoy a natural resource for the purpose of experimentation, education and voluntary emergency communications,

provided they demonstrate, through testing, that they are responsible users.

Like allocations to other radio communication services, the allocations to the Amateur Radio Service offer protection against interference from other services as well as from unlicensed emitters.

The ARRL supports measures that preserve and protect access to existing Amateur Radio Service and Amateur Satellite Service frequencies as a natural resource for the enjoyment of all properly licensed individuals, and protect against interference from unlicensed emitters. An Amateur Radio station is only as effective as its antenna. Increasingly pervasive private land use regulations (covenants, conditions and restrictions) limit radio amateurs' housing choices to such an extent that in many parts of the country it is not possible to install an effective Amateur Radio antenna in a residential area. The ARRL supports the right of federally licensed radio amateurs to be able to install reasonable antennas on their own homes.

To implement these two key elements of public policy in the 110th Congress and to serve the public interest, the ARRL has adopted the following legislative objectives.

Objective #1: The ARRL seeks legislation to extend the requirement for "reasonable accommodation" of Amateur Radio station antennas (a requirement that now applies to state and local regulations) to all forms of land use regulation.

This could be achieved by amending Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to add the phrase, "...or that preclude or otherwise do not reasonably accommodate communications by stations federally licensed in the Amateur Radio Service."

Objective #2: The ARRL seeks legislation requiring the FCC to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the interference potential of broadband over power line (BPL) systems to public safety radio services and other licensed radio communication services. Further, the ARRL seeks Congressional instruction to the FCC, based on this evaluation, to adopt improved rules to prevent the deployment of BPL systems having a potential to cause destructive interference to radio communication systems.

Objective #3: The ARRL opposes legislation that would diminish the

rights of federal licensees in favor of unlicensed emitters, especially unintentional emitters.

Objective #4: The ARRL seeks recognition of the unique resources, capabilities, and expertise of the Amateur Radio Service in any legislation addressing communications issues related to emergencies, disasters, or homeland security.

Objective #5: The ARRL supports the complementary legislative objectives of other radiocommunication services, particularly the public safety and scientific services that require spectrum access and protection from interference for noncommercial purposes that benefit the public.

Major March 2007 Contests

ARRL International DX Contest -- Phone, 0000Z Mar 3-2400Z Mar 4 (see Dec 2006 QST, p 99 or www.arrl.org/contests).

CQ WW WPX Contest -- SSB, sponsored by CQ Magazine from 0000Z Mar 24-2400Z Mar 25 (CW is May 26-27). Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB, SOSB, SO-Assisted, -HP, LP and -QRP, MS (10 minute rule), M/2, MM, SO-Rookie, SO-Tribander-and-Single-Wire. SO operate 36 hours max with off times at least 60 minutes. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number. QSO points: different continents -- 3points (14-28 MHz) and 6 points (1.8-7 MHz); with North America -- 2 points (14-28 MHz) and 4 points (1.8- 7 MHz); with own country -- 1 point. Score: QSO points x prefixes worked (for example N8, KA1, HG73, JD1) counted only once. For more information: www.cqwpw.com. Logs due May 1 (CW, Jul 1) to ssb@cqwpw.com (cw@cqwpw.com).

FCC RULES UPDATE SHEET

The following HF operating privileges are available to all Technician Class licensees, effective February 24, 2007

80 mtrs 3.525-3.600 Mhz CW only 200W
40 mtrs 7.025-7.125 Mhz CW only 200W
15 mtrs 21.025-21.200 Mhz CW only 200W
10 mtrs 28.100-28.300 Mhz CW only 200W
10 mtrs 28.300-28.500 Mhz CW/SSB 200W
VHF/UHF Bands All Freqs. All modes 1500W

All Technician Class licensees now have identical operating privileges regardless of when they earned their license, or whether their examination included a Morse code examination.

Technician Class licensees who have not previously passed an Element 3 examination can upgrade to a general Class license by successfully passing Element 3 (35 questions, Passing grade is 74%. Or 26 correct answers)

General Class hams can upgrade to Extra Class by passing Element 4 (50 questions. Passing grade 74% or 37 correct answers).

Technician licensees who hold valid CSCES for either Element 3 or Element 4 may upgrade to the appropriate license class by bringing their CSCES to a VE session - after the new rules take effect - paying the test fee and upgrading on the spot.

The above information update provided courtesy of CQ Magazine