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STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month, 1930 hrs at Saint Marks Lutheran Church RT19/98 Clarksburg

SJARA Tuesday Night Net

This net meets each Tuesday evening at 2100 hours utilizing the N8FMD Repeater on 147.210 Mhz with PL Tone of 103.5

17 February 2013

Net Control	Date
1. K8TPH.....	January 22, 2013
2. K8WWW.....	January 29, 2013
3. WD8NSC.....	February 5, 2013
4. K8TPH.....	February 12, 2013
5. KD8FDD.....	February 19, 2013

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Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013

Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association meeting was called to

Order by the Secretary, N8YPE at 7:40 PM at St. Marks Lutheran Church... Minutes of September meeting were read by N8YPE and accepted as read. Treasurer's, K8TPH, reporting a balance of \$1657.76 with \$1477.76 in the general fund and \$180.00 in the equipment fund. Old Business: K8TPH found that a separate bank account for the equipment fund would cost up \$10.00 a month unless me maintain a \$2000 balance. Therefore he will maintain one bank account but track the two funds separately. New business: N8YPE reported that there was a conflict in the first repeater frequencies submitted but that he will try again.

Net controls were assigned and the meeting was adjourned.

Please attend the next

Meeting February 21, 2013

29th Annual
Charleston Area
Hamfest
Saturday, March 16, 2013
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
COONSKIN ARMORY
1707 Coonskin Drive • Charleston, WV

TABLES: Only \$6!
Reserve Yours Early By Contacting
Dave Ellis WA8WV
wa8wv@aol.com

Setup: Friday March 15 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM
Saturday March 16 from 7:00 to 8:30 AM

FOR MORE INFO:
WRITE: Charleston Area Hamfest
PO Box 916
St. Albans, WV 25177
OR E-MAIL: n8trmw@arrl.net

TALK IN: Call W8CHF on 145.35 Repeater

GREAT FOOD!
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!

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BSA



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their

uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.



Last year, the BSA Awards and Insignia Committee introduced the Morse Code Interpreter Strip upon the recommendation of the BSA's National Radio Scouting Committee. The Boy Scouts are always looking for ways to promote Amateur Radio, both within Scouting and to the world. The National Radio

Scouting Committee thought this new Amateur Radio rating strip was a wonderful way to do exactly that, as it readily identifies to everyone that the wearer is a licensed radio amateur, prepared to be useful and to help others.



ARRL

[Join or Renew Today!](#) ARRL membership includes [QST](#), Amateur Radio's most popular and informative journal, delivered to your mailbox each month. A Amateur Radio Club must have more than 50% of their membership to remain an affiliated organization.

Dayton TopBand Dinner

Tim, K3LR, reports that the 2013 Dayton TopBand Dinner will be held on Friday evening May 17th, at the Crowne Plaza in the Presidential Ballroom - downtown Dayton, Ohio. Top Band Social hour is at 6:15 PM and Dinner starts at 7:15 PM. Noted Top Band enthusiast - Larry "Tree" Tyree, N6TR will give a program. Reservations are available online with credit cards and PayPal. Use the "contact us" information if you need to make other arrangements. All of the details are available here: <http://topbanddinner.com>

Scroll down to make your reservations.

FCC Ham Radio rules

The Codec2 project has developed [FreeDV](#), a program to encode digital voice on two-way radio in only 1.125 KHz of bandwidth. But FCC regulations aren't up-to-speed with the challenges of software-defined radio and Open Source. A 24 page [FCC filing](#) proposes that FCC allow all digital modulations and published digital codes on ham radio and switch to bandwidth-based regulation.



NTS National Traffic System

The National Traffic System

(NTS) is a structure that allows for rapid movement of traffic from origin to destination and training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets. These two objectives, which sometimes conflict with each other, are the underlying foundations of the NTS.

During disasters or other emergencies, radiograms are used to communicate information critical to saving lives or property, or to inquire about the health or welfare of a disaster victim. To get

involved with NTS, find your local NTS affiliate on the air via the ARRL on-line Net Directory

The National Traffic System is not dedicated specifically to any mode or to any type of emission, nor to the exclusion of any of them, but to the use of the best mode for whatever purpose is involved. The aim is to handle formal written traffic systematically, by whatever mode best suits the purpose at hand. Whether voice, CW, RTTY, AMTOR, packet or other digital mode is used for any specific purpose is up to the Net Manager or managers concerned and the dictates of logic. There is only one National Traffic System, not separate systems for each mode. Modes used should be in accordance with their respective merits, personnel availabilities and liaison practicalities. Whatever mode or modes are used, we all work together in a single and thoroughly integrated National Traffic System.



Start saving yur money. It is only a year away

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT – ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, has announced the organization's plan to hold its national Centennial Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, July 17-20, 2014. The Convenⁿ on will mark 100 years of the ARRL's founding in Harford. ARRL President Kay Craigie has also announced a theme for ARRL's [Centennial year](#): **Advancing**

the Art and Science of Radio -- since 1914.



There were three little boys visiting their grandparents. The oldest came out and asked his grandpa, "Can you make a sound like a frog, Grandpappy? Grandpa (being in a kind of ill mood) responds, "No, I don't really want to make the sound of a frog now." So, the second little boy comes out and asks his grandfather, "Will you please make a sound like a frog?" Grandpa again says, "No, not now. I don't really want to do that. I'm in a grumpy mood. Maybe later."

Then the third little boy comes out and says, "Grandpa, oh please... Please, please will you make a sound like a frog?"

"Why do all of you boys want me to make a sound like a frog?" Grandpa asked.

The little boy replied with a hopeful face, "Well, Mom said that when you croak we get to go to Disney World!"

Doctor! I have a serious problem, I can never remember what I just said. When did you first notice this problem? What problem?

Amateur Allocations are Secondary

In the United States, radio amateurs normally think of the

FCC as the agency which controls Amateur Radio allocations. While that is basically true, and Amateur Radio allocations in the U.S. are added, deleted or changed from time to time through FCC notice and comment rulemaking proceedings, it is important to remember that almost all Amateur allocations above 225 MHz are shared with the United States Government. In most cases, Amateur allocations are secondary to U.S. Government agency uses. For example, the entire 420-450 MHz (70 cm) band is allocated in the United States to government radiolocation on a primary basis and to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis.

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Sessions.....	5
Total check-ins.....	46
Total Time.....	90
Traffic.....	0

IRC

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has introduced the [newest model of the International Reply Coupon](#) (IRC): The Doha model -- so named for the 25th Universal Postal Congress that took place in Doha, Qatar in October 2012 will replace the current model, known as the [Nairobi model](#). Although the US Postal Service (USPS) [no longer sells IRCs](#), they are still available in other countries and post offices in the US are mandated to redeem them.

The Doha model IRC will go on sale on July 1, 2013. It is valid for exchange it until the end of 2017.



It's not to early to start planning

FCC Rule Change

In a Report & Order (R&O) -- FCC 13-15 -- released February 4, the FCC adopted numerous changes to its Experimental Radio Service (Part 5), revising and streamlining its rules. With the new rules, the FCC states that the Experimental Radio Service will have "a more flexible framework to keep pace with the speed of modern technological change, while continuing to provide an environment where creativity can thrive." The new rules will become effective 30 days after being published in the Federal Register. No date has yet been set for publication. [ARRL FCC rule change](#)

