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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

16/February/2015

Net Control	Date
1. K8TPH.....	February 3, 2015
2. K8WWW.....	February 10, 2015
3. K8TPH.....	February 17, 2015
4. K8WWW.....	February 24, 2015
5. K8TPH.....	March 4, 2015

Minutes SJARA Meeting January 15, 2015

The January meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association was called to order by Vice President N8YPE AT 19:30. Nine members in attendance.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Secretary K8TPH and were accepted as read.

Treasurer KD8IZC presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1365.04. Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of K8TPH and 2nd by W3VG. Dues were collected from several members present and will be presented in the February SJARA meeting.

There was no old business since the last meeting was the Christmas Dinner.

There was no new business for this meeting.

A report was given by N8YPE covering the LEPC meeting which he attended in December. Nothing new from the County Commission at this time other than there will be possible spring exercise but no plans have been formed at this time. N9YPE will keep

the club informed if communications will be needed for any future exercise.

Fines by FCC

The FCC Enforcement Bureau has affirmed an \$11,500 fine against Brian Crow, K3VR, of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, for deliberately interfering with other Amateur Radio communications. The FCC had first proposed the fine last July in a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL)*, and it released a [Forfeiture Order](#) on January 13.

The FCC said it imposed the financial penalty because of Crow's "willful and repeated violation" of Section 333 of the Communications Act and of Sections 97.101(d) and 97.119(a) of the Amateur Service rules "by causing intentional interference to licensed radio operations and failing to transmit his assigned call sign."

The FCC said that Crow did not respond to the 2014 *NAL* and that, based on the information before the Commission, affirmed its proposed fine. On July 22, 2014, the FCC also issued a similarly worded [NAL](#) to Michael Guernsey, KZ8O (ex-ND8V),

of Parchment, Michigan, proposing to fine him \$22,000. In both cases, the FCC said the evidence indicated that the transmissions at issue were aimed at interfering with other radio amateurs with whom each licensee "had a long-standing and well-documented dispute" that had spilled out onto the air.

In both instances, the FCC said, it responded in March 2014 to "several complaints of intentional interference" on 14.313 MHz, and Commission agents used radio direction-finding techniques to pin down the transmission sources. According to the *NAL* issued to Crow, FCC agents monitored transmissions from his station for approximately 3 hours on March 14, 2014, and heard him transmit slow-scan television (SSTV) signals and "a pre-recorded voice transmission of another amateur station on the frequency."

Perfect Dad

Five year old Little Johnny was lost, so he went up to a policeman and said, "I've lost my dad!"

The policeman said, "What's he like?"

Little Johnny replied, "Beer and women!"

W4PWF

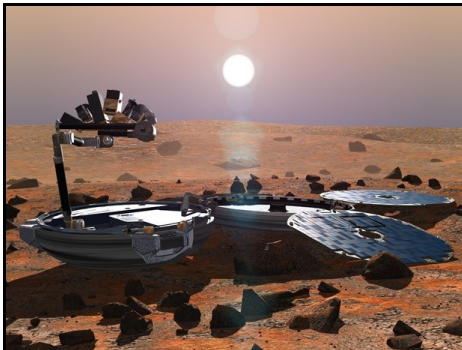
ARRL Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, has stepped down, and Vice Director Dr Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, has succeeded him. Bodson announced his retirement on January 16, before the official end of his term next January 1, at the Board of Directors' Annual Meeting in Windsor, Connecticut.

IARU Region 2 New Band Plan

International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU Region 2](#)) (the Americas) has published a revised IARU Region 2 Band Plan for all allocations from 137 kHz to 250 GHz, effective September 27, 2013. The member-societies of IARU Region 2 adopted the new plan during their triennial General Assembly in Cancun, Mexico, in late September. Delegates from 18 national Amateur Radio associations attended. Representing the ARRL were President Kay Craigie, N3KN, as the voting delegate; First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR; Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, and Technical Relations Specialist Jonathan Siverling, WB3ERA.

Beagle 2

A decade-long search for a lost Martian robot has finally discovered the UK-led mission's fate. The Beagle



2 Mars Lander apparently made it down to the red planet in one piece but

failed to fully deploy properly in order to make contact with mission controllers on Earth.

The discovery of the lost robot brings some measure of closure to UK and European Space Agency team members after Beagle 2's silence following its Christmas Day descent to the red planet in 2003. But the partial deployment of just two or three of Beagle 2's four solar panels likely blocked the robot's RF antenna and made it impossible for mission controllers to send a signal to revive the mission remotely.

Beagle 2 originally traveled to Mars aboard the European Space Agency's Mars Express mission. The robotic lander detached from Mars Express on Dec. 19, 2003 and descended to the Martian surface on Dec. 25 before it fell silent.

Fox 1A



AMSAT has announced that its Fox-1A satellite will launch on August 27 from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, on a United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 National Reconnaissance Office flight. Fox-1A will include an FM transponder with an uplink frequency of 435.180 MHz, and a downlink frequency of 145.980 MHz. The first phase of the Fox series 1-Unit CubeSats will allow simple ground stations using hand-held transceivers and simple dual-band antennas to make contacts. The Fox-1 CubeSats also will be able to transmit continuous telemetry during normal transponder operation. The satellites will feature 200 bps telemetry in the audio spectrum below 300 Hz.

QRZ Logbook LoTW

QRZ Logbook now recognizes contact confirmations from ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW). QRZ Logbook users now can download their contacts from LoTW directly into their QRZ Logbook. Contacts that exist in LoTW but not in QRZ Logbook will be added to your QRZ Logbook. LoTW automatically puts contacts made under a previous call sign into a user's current call sign account. QRZ will automatically put contacts into the logbook associated with the call sign used when the contact was logged.

"Not only will this improve your confirmation rates, because you are receiving credit for your confirmations on LoTW, but it will also import records that exist on LoTW and not QRZ Logbook," QRZ.com said in announcing the new service. "Those QSOs may match another record on QRZ, resulting in even more confirmations."

In addition, all contact data in your LoTW database -- whether or not the contact is new to your QRZ account -- will include the LoTW QSL Received Date, as well as the LoTW Sent (Y/N) flag set in the QRZ Logbook. Contacts confirmed in LoTW, whether or not they are new to QRZ, will automatically be confirmed in your QRZ Logbook. Read more. -- Thanks to QRZ.com

The American Legion Magazine

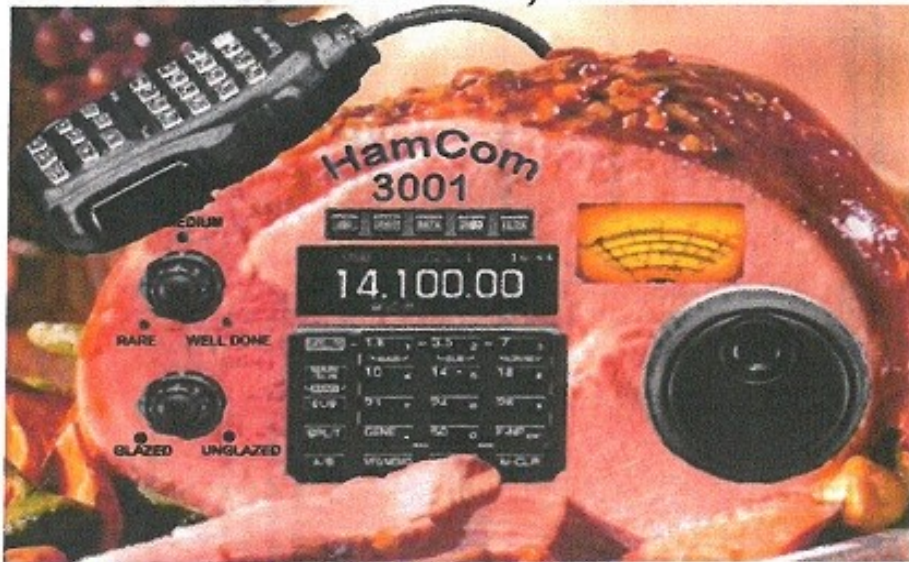
Amateur Radio will be featured in the March 2015 issue of The American Legion Magazine. The article, by best-selling author Don Keith, N4KC, will explain how ham radio remains exciting, important, and relevant, even after more than a century in existence and changes in technology. The article will also talk about the American Legion

Mon County Amateur Radio Club

"Morgantown's Elite Radio Club"

"HAMFEST"

APRIL 11, 2015



St. Mary's Church Social Hall

Star City, (Morgantown) West Virginia

8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Information: - Pre-Registration: 1-304-319-0412

GENERAL ADMISSION \$5.00

"Come Spend Your Dime; Rain OR Shine"

TAILGATING & TABLE RENTALS \$10.00+ GENERAL ADMISSION

50/50 Drawing- Door Prizes - **FREE** Parking Available

Refreshment - Serving Our "Famous" PULL PORK BBQ

VE Testing Starting at 11:00 AM

*Talk In & Direction Provided on 147.075MHz (+) Tone 103.5

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MON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Travel Instructions & Information

From I-79 South

Get off West Virginia University exit.

Bottom of ramp make a left and drive to the first Traffic Light; to your Right will be the entrance to University Towne Center.

Go to the next Traffic Light; Sheetz will be on your Right.

Go across the Star City Bridge to the next Traffic Light, but go onto the Left Hand Turn Lane at the end of the Bridge; on your Right is CVS & Golden Corral Restaurant.

Make the Left hand turn, go to the STOP sign, make a Right onto University Avenue.

You will pass on your Left, a Dollar Store and the Star City Volunteer Fire Department; start looking for Large HAMFest Banner on your left.

From I-79 North

Get off West Virginia University exit.

Stay on the exit Ramp veering to your Right and go to the First Traffic Light; to your Right is the entrance to the University Towne Center.

AT THIS POINT FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ABOVE

???LOST???

CHECK ON 147.075 MHz PL TONE 103.5

OR

ALLEN - 1.304.319.0412

ALEX - 1.304.288.4974

