

SINEWAVES

STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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March, 2007

Monthly Meeting at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of US 19 and SR 98
Next meeting will be **March 13, 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	March 20, 2007	K8WWW

Greetings to SJARA,
From the mic of the President

We are beginning to discuss plans for the SJARA Field Day event. As usual, that would be the fourth weekend in June. Make plans to participate at some level. It's ok to just come by around our cook-out and supper time hour if that's all the time you have.

We've had a lot of success last year. We came in FIRST in WV for our class and 19th in North America. If we can get a few more operators to 'spell' some of the others we can do better this year.

The meeting this Thursday will continue discussion of the proposal for the SJARA to conduct a special event station at the Jackson's Mill State Radio Convention in August. Dick, K8TPH attended the last state Radio Council meeting and will report on the response the council made to the SJARA proposal. Paul KB8RIA

Dues

If your dues are not paid for 2007 you will be removed from the Membership roles on April 1, 2007

Help Wanted! Botswana DXpedition - Operators Needed!

Frosty, K5LBU, reports that they have a good place to operate from in Botswana for this upcoming summer trip.

Daniel, ZS6JR, has found a operating place that is on a large game farm in Botswana about a 6 hour drive north of Johannesburg. He says there is room to put up all the antennas and the electricity is good. The food is also good.

However, Frosty is still looking for 2 more operators.

The dates will be to arrive at Johannesburg on July 4th and be at the operating site on the 5th. They plan to depart from Botswana on the 20th and fly home on July 21st.

If anyone would like to join them, Frosty will be at Visalia for the International DX Convention in April, so stop by and talk to him.

All you have to bring with you is your laptop for logging and your clothes. All antennas and radios are in Johannesburg.

Frosty states, "We will have a callsign just for the IARU Contest to use, and each person will have their own A2 callsign (I hope)."

Cushcraft Antenna is Sold!

Cushcraft, the well known US makers of Amateur Radio HF VHF and UHF antennas, have been bought by the United Kingdom based Laird Group PLC.

A press release quotes Martin Rapp, CEO of Laird Technologies as saying "The combination of the two companies uniquely positions Laird Technologies to grow the combined business in emerging markets of RFID and WiMax." There is no mention in the statement of plans for the Amateur Radio Antenna division.

Waltham's Polaris Venture Partners reports that Manchester, N.H.-based Cushcraft Corp. has been acquired for \$89.75 million by the United Kingdom-based Laird Group PLC, an electronics, security systems and distribution group.

The Cushcraft business and its management will be integrated with St. Louis-based Laird Technologies, company officials said.

LIVE WEB BROADCAST FROM THE DAYTON HAMVENTION

By Tom WA5KUB

You may have watched us the past couple years. We broadcast live streaming video and audio of the worlds largest hamradio convention. It is the

Dayton Hamvention in Dayton , Ohio. Hams from all over the world come to this each year. We are looking forward to broadcasting again in May. For now we have recorded video running on our website. There is also a chat room for hams all over the world to chat and have fun. We have been viewed in over 150 countries. The site is active now and you may check it out. The address is <http://wa5kub.com> . When we get close to hamvention we will switch over to live broadcast.

Also please note that our broadcast begins 2 days earlier than the hamvention. We actually broadcast our drive in the car

LIVE for the 550 miles that we drive from Memphis, Tennessee to Dayton, Ohio. We also have a "helmet cam" that we wear every where we go. That means you see us when we go to eat when we stop for gas or just about everything.

The broadcast is live 24 hours a day at hamvention as we set up outside in the fleamarket. If you cant go, have your ham friends come by our spaces 3350-3351 and wave back to you. It will be fun. I hope to see you at hamvention.

73, Tom WA5KUB

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOST FIRST RESPONDERS SUMMIT

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) today announced that the bureau will host the First Responders Summit: Interoperable and Reliable Public Safety Communications on Friday, April 20, 2007, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The summit will include expert panel discussions led by representatives from the public safety community, the communications industry and

government. In addition, the summit will close with an open roundtable forum for participants to raise key issues related to emergency preparedness and response.

The agenda will include three expert panel discussions:

Panel One: Government agencies and public safety initiatives;

Panel Two: Transition from Legacy to Future Architectures - Integration of Current Systems into IP-based Networks, Radio Bridging; and

Panel Three: Beyond Voice - Broadband Applications for First Responders.

An official summit agenda will be released by the PSHSB. The summit will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. A live audiocast will be available at www.fcc.gov. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register by contacting Sue Gilgenbach at (202) 418-0639 or by e-mail: sue.gilgenbach@fcc.gov. Email: robert.kenny@fcc.gov Robert Kenny: (202) 418-2668

EXAM SCHEDULE

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

24-Mar-2007

Sponsor: WACOM
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JACQUELINE Y GOSSELIN
(724)746-9235
Email: N3ZEL@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER-
LEVEL C
100 WEST BEAU STREET
WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDING
NOTICE APPRECIATED!

WASHINGTON, PA 15301

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
REED ST & GORMAN AVE
ALSO: AB8E@HOTMAIL.COM
ELKINS, WV 26241

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

22-Apr-2007

Sponsor: WACOM
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JACQUELINE Y GOSSELIN
(724)746-9235
Email: N3ZEL@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER-
LEVEL C
100 WEST BEAU STREET
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WASHINGTON, PA 15301

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

29-Apr-2007

Sponsor: TWO RIVERS ARC HAMFEST
Time: TBA (No walk-ins)
Contact: ROBERT L QUINN
(412)678-1206
Email: W3SYR@VERIZON.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: THE BOSTON SPECTRUM
6001 SMITHFIELD ST

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE
BOSTON, PA 15135

06-May-2007

Sponsor: UNIONTOWN ARC INC W3PIE

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LEONARD F BARON

(724)438-7470

Email: SCOTLAND@CHARTERPA.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: UNIONTOWN ARC W3PIE CLUBHOUSE

433 OLD PITTSBURGH RD

UNIONTOWN, PA 15401

03-Jun-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

01-Jul-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

HAMFESTS

17 March 2007

Charleston Area Hamfest & Computer Show

Charleston Hamfest Committee

<http://www.karc.wvhamradio.com>

Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 91.5)

Contact: Jim Damron, N8TMW

4607 Baxter Drive

Charleston, WV 25302

Phone: 304-965-5349

Fax: 304-965-7753

Email: n8tmw@arrl.net

6 May 2007

Jackson Co. Amateur Radio 29th Annual Hamfest

Jackson Co. Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 146.67 mhz, 107.2 hz if used

Contact: Charles Hampton, ka8jvx

326 Westview Dr.,

Ripley, WV 25271

Phone: 304-372-3044

Fax: none

Email: hampton@wvnet.edu

8 July 2007

22nd Annual Hamfest

North Hills Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.nharc.pgh.pa.us>

Talk-In: 147.09 (PL 88.5)

Contact: John Gorman, N3RQD

162 Home Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Phone: 412-487-9254

Email: n3rqd@earthlink.net

25 August 2007

West Virginia State Convention

West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council

<http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc>

Talk-In: 145.39 (Alt. 147.33)

Contact: Patrick Shea, N8MIN

28 Jackson Street

Weston, WV 26452-1513

Phone: 304-269-3468

Fax: 304-472-2187

Email: pshea@citynet.net

Auto Rally

Elkins, WV

The auto rally is scheduled for August 4 and will be an all day event.

We need hams for communications. Besides 2 meter fone they want to utilize packet this year as well.

Last year, the feed us pizza, and subs at the end of the day and had a drawing for the hams and gave away some prizes. 1st was a yeasu ft 1802, then there were 3 antenna given away.

Contact Shane for more information @

Shane Harper KB8BMX

dharper@centuryeng.com

Special Events Station
Aug 25-Aug 26 1400Z-0200Z)

Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association will sponsor a Special Events Station at the West Virginia State Radio Council ARRL WV Convention on August 25, 2007 from 0900 (1400 UTC) to 2100 (0200 UTC 26 August) from Jackson's Mill the boyhood home of General Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson.

QSL card with SASE to SJARA PO Box 790, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or Certificate with SASE (9 1/2 x 12) to above address. Frequency of operation will be 20, 40, 80 meters SSB/CW Call: **W8WVA**
www.sjara.org



This is the proposed QSL card to be used for the Special Events Station at the ARRL WV State Radio Convention at Jackson's Mill. The WVSARC has an ample supply and I can modify them as noted in the above picture.

I have three sample QSL Certificates and will present them for consideration at the next SJARA Club meeting on March 15.Dick K8TPH