

# SINEWAVES

STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION  
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April, 2007

Monthly Meeting at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of US 19 and SR 98  
Next meeting will be April 19, 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
Dick Wilt	April 17, 2007	K8TPH
Dave Morris	April 24, 2007	WD8NSC
Bill Williams	May 1, 2007	K8WWW
Bill Snyder	May 8, 2007	KB8QIN
Tom Bell	May 15, 2007	KB8WRZ
Dick Wilt	May 22, 2007	K8TPH

The following articles were sent to me for inclusion in the newsletter by K8TPH

## ARRL NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

### Memorandum of Agreement

ARRL and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) <<http://www.npstc.org/>> have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). The League is an NPSTC member organization, and the MoA culminates efforts begun in 2003 to formalize the relationship between the two organizations.

"This agreement promotes the concept of strength in unity," the MoA says. "Speaking with one unified voice provides a clear and strong message from the public safety community." The MoA also aims "to promote a consensus input decision-making process." The NPSTC has been among the organizations that have asked the FCC to thoroughly explore the

potential of broadband over power line (BPL) technology to interfere with public safety and other licensed radio systems.

A federation of public safety organizations, NPSTC serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information for effective public safety telecommunications in the US and abroad.

Under the ARRL-NPSTC pact the ARRL designated Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, to be its primary representative to the Council (ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, is the alternate representative). Rinaldo will participate in NPSTC meetings and serve on committees and working groups. The League also has agreed to provide "other expertise, advice and resources" to further the goals of the MoA and in support of the NPSTC Charter and to promote NPSTC as "the collective voice of public safety telecommunications."

NPSTC agrees to provide a National Support Office that will, among other things, coordinate its outreach activities and provide "national level

technical assistance to the public safety telecommunications community."

In addition to the ARRL, the Council's 13 member organizations include the American Red Cross, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials -- International (APCO), the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors.

NPSTC celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The Council will mark "10 Years of Progress" during its Committee & Governing Board Meetings June 11-13 in Denver, Colorado.

### Red Cross backs down on checks

A New consent form that eliminates all references to credit checks and mode of living will be developed.

The Red Cross will not run future credit checks or mode of living checks on anyone who has signed the previous consent form. The Red Cross will consider that consent form null and void as to the credit check and mode of living authorizations, and Promises not to conduct a credit check on individuals unless they obtain a second consent form from them authorizing those checks. Mode of living checks will not be conducted under any circumstances.

In an effort to establish and maintain consistency across the organization, Jane Gilbert, Senior Vice President, Service Area Support, will convene a working group to establish an ongoing credit policy that will define which positions require a credit in the future and how to evaluate credit checks for those positions.



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  - 4X-Large #1057-4XL

The last day for payment and order must be to the Treasurer by the May meeting. (only \$12 shipping within the US for T shirt orders over \$75) If we have an order of more than \$75.00 the shipping for each shirt will only be \$1.00 per shirt making the total for one shirt of \$13.95,each.

### MARCH 2007 MEETING

The March 15th meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association was called to order by the President KB8RIA Paul Howe. The Secretaries report was given by WD8NSC Dave Morris and a motion to accept the minutes was made by KB8QIN - motion carried. Next the Treasurers



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Report was presented by K8TPH and a motion to accept the report was made by KB8WRZ, motion carried.

Next a discussion was about dues for the year that haven't been paid and dropping from the membership those whose dues are tardy.

Next bills due by the club was brought up and a motion to pay 3W Logic for the club website and also to pay the clubs insurance was made by N8FMD Dick Fowler, motion carried.

Dick Wilt K8TPH gave a talk about the club operating a special event station at the state convention in August at Jackson's Mill.

A short discussion about Field Day was held before a motion to adjourn was made.

13 members present

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