

SINE WAVES

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SJARA'S CONTEST WORKSHOP

At the last meeting of the SJARA we discussed the prospects of having a club social/training activity, which for lack of any other name we might call, a "Contest Workshop".

The idea was to gather for several hours at N8FMD's residence during an upcoming contest and use that contest as an opportunity to get SJARA member's feet wet in actively working HF radio contesting.

The primary goal is to get all non-HF contesting members experience in a non-competitive setting to try the techniques and procedures that make some contesters consistent winners. Our goal is not to enter and win the contest. The goal is to get everyone hands-on experience in dominating a frequency, learning to create and handle pile-ups, learn the talking script of contesting where you learn to pick out a partial call sign, control the crowd noise and focus on the selected station to make the exchange and then move on to the next station.

It will be an opportunity to break the ice and work HF with an experienced contesteer to guide and support your techniques. Learn the rhythm and tempo of working under and within congested band conditions.

We intend to have fun along the way. We should talk about taking cover dishes for food or do we want to cook out (no, I ain't buying the food this time). There will be plenty of time to grip and grin, and smoke and joke. But everyone works the radio for a little while.

SJARA and N8FMD will have to choose an appropriate contest event. We should discuss at the next meeting. Some candidates are:

CQ World-Wide SSB Contest Oct 28 – Oct 29

ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Nov 18 Nov 20

ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec 9 – Dec 10

North American QSO Party – need to find the date

There are many other smaller contests. If you have other ideas, bring them to the meeting with you.

'73, Paul KB8RIA

West Virginia State ARRL Convention

August 26, 2006

WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp

Weston, WV

Keynote Speaker - Allen Pitts, W1AGP, and ARRL Public Relations Manager.

ARRL Technical Forum - Ed Hare, W1RFI, ARRL Laboratory Manager.

VE Exams

ARRL/ARES/WV Nets/MARS/QCWA/DX Forums-Meetings.

AUCTION (amateur equipment/etc)

Royal Order Wouff Hong Ceremony

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next regular club will be on Aug 17th, 7:30 PM at St. Marks Lutheran Church near UHC Hospital.

CLUB WEB SITE

A reminder to all club members to check the club website at www.sjara.org for up to date info on all club activities.

NET CONTROLS

Net controls for the Tuesday night club net are as follows;

Aug 15 th	K8TPH	Dick Wilt
Aug 22 nd	K8WWW	Bill Williams
Aug 29 th	KB8QIN	Bill Snyder

The club net is held every Tuesday night at 9PM on the 147.210 repeater. This repeater requires a PL tone of 103.5. Club members and all Amateur Operators are encouraged to check in.

An up to date schedule of Net Controls is on the club web site.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 17 th	Club Meeting
August 26 & 27	West Virginia State Convention At Jackson's Mill
September 21 st	Club Meeting
October 19 th	Club Meeting

