

SINE WAVES

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday August 20th, 7:30 PM at St Marks Lutheran Church



CLUB WEBSITE

Don't forget to check the club website for the latest club news and happenings

www.sjara.org

Check-in on the club net which is held every Tuesday at 9:00 P. M. on the 147.210 repeater. This repeater requires a PL Tone of 103.5 for access.

[15 Year Old "Ham" Wins National Amateur Radio Award](#)

July 31, 2009, Newington, CT - Ham radio is far from dying out and definitely not just a hobby for old people if you listen to Jason Hatfield.

Hatfield, whose FCC radio license is KD8FDD, lives in Grafton, WV. He's just 15 and has been nationally recognized and is receiving the 2008 Hiram Percy Maxim Award from the ARRL – the national association for Amateur Radio. He is a Life Scout of Troop 40 of the Boy Scouts of

America, Bridgeport, WV. He serves as a mentor and instructor to his fellow Scouts to help them obtain their merit badge in Radio Communications (Jason has had the Radio Merit Badge since 2006) and is presently working toward his Eagle Scout pin. His project is to establish a local radio system to be dedicated as a part of the SKYWARN system in North Central West Virginia. He has helped equip and install antennas at the Boy Scout Winter Camp at Camp Mahonagan in Upshur County, WV.

Hatfield is also a member of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association. West

Virginia's ARRL Section Manager Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, also recommended Hatfield and submitted the nomination to ARRL – the national association for Amateur Radio. She noted that he had established the North Central West Virginia Traffic and Training Net and he has been a regular participant in volunteer work providing communications for public service events such as parades

The HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/hpm.html>" [Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award](#) is the ARRL's premier youth recognition. It is awarded annually to a radio amateur under age 21 in recognition of their accomplishments and contributions "of the most exemplary nature" to both Amateur Radio and their local community during the previous year.

Judging criteria includes:

Leadership in organizational affairs at the local or national level

Technical achievement in wireless communications

Participation in on-air activities

Recruitment and training of new amateurs

Public relations activities promoting Amateur Radio

The award is named after the ARRL's founder, H.P. Maxim. Nominations are made at the state and regional level by ARRL Section Managers and then voted on by the national level Board of Directors. The prize consists of a cash award of \$1500 and an engraved plaque.

There are over 650,000 Amateur Radio operators in the USA and approximately 2.5 million world-wide.

Arrangement are being made to present the award to Jason Hatfield, KD8FDD, at the West Virginia ARRL Convention being held at Jackson's Mill on August 22, 2009 by an ARRL representative.

SET - WEEKEND OF October 3-4, 2009.

Instructions and submission information below.....

Hello, Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators.

(This message is going to both the ARRL SM and ARRL SEC Reflectors)

The 2009 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test will be held once again this fall season. October 3 and 4, 2009, is the main focal-point weekend for the SET. As in past years, you and your fellow Section Leaders and Emergency Coordinators may conduct local and section-wide exercises throughout the fall season. The point, of course, is to have the most effective exercise whenever it is held.

During the month of September, the ARRL will be among dozens of organizations and agencies taking part in National Preparedness Month. "The Ready Campaign," produced by the Ad Council in partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is aimed at making citizen preparedness "a priority for every city, every neighborhood and every home" in the US. The ARRL encourages you to consider this year's Simulated Emergency Test and preparations for it as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's readiness and active participation in National Preparedness Month. <http://www.ready.gov/>, <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm09/index.html>.

The ARRL Web page now has the 2009 Simulated Emergency Test reporting forms available for download. You'll find links to the Emergency Coordinator SET Report, the Net Manager SET Report, and the Emergency Coordinator Annual Report when you click on http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/#ec_set

The guidelines for conducting a Simulated Emergency Test, along with details on how to report your SET results, may be found at this link: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html>

September QST will also have an article that announces the 2009 Simulated Emergency Test. Best wishes on planning and conducting your 2009 SET! Thank you.

JULY MEETING

The July 16th Meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association was called to order by the Club President, Dave Anderson, N8YPE. A motion to accept the minutes from the newsletter was made by Don Carroll, KD8HEG and seconded by Bill Reid, KA5NYN. Motion carried.

Next was a reading of the Treasurers Report by Dick Wilt, K8TPH. Dick reports that the balance of the last bank statement was \$1505.72. A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurers Report.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the clubs participation in the 2009 Field Day Event.

Dick Wilt gave a report on the W. Va. State Radio Council Meeting in Weston and on the upcoming Convention at Jackson Mill. Dick reports that those attending must have a blue ticket to attend any forum at the Mill. The club will not be running a special event station at the Mill this year. A motion to adjourn was made which carried.

10 Members present.