

The Paper QSO



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Meetings

Set your calendar for Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

We will be doing some planning for our Special Event Station to be held on Saturday, July 20th.

The special event is the 70th anniversary of Zippo Manufacturing Company in Bradford.

We have planned on setting up a station on July 20th to commemorate Zippo's anniversary and at the same time have people from all over the world try to contact our club for a QSL card.

There will be plenty of things we need to do in order for this to be a success.

Dave Ondrejik K3NWS of the State College National Weather Service gave a Skywarn training class to our club members at our April meeting.

He brought some new pictures and

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materials with him so that we were able to learn more about severe storm spotting.

Now's the time that we'll be able to put some of our training into play.

Club News

Our club has been asked to provide communications for the Port Allegany Lion's Club Mountain Bike Race on Sunday, May 19th.

We will need around 8 ham operators with radios. People with hand-held radios and those with mobile radios will be needed to be able to adequately cover the course.

We are to meet at 11 am at the Canoe Place Inn in Port Allegany. Those people needing a ride over to Port Allegany, please let me know, and we'll arrange for transportation to and from.

Our services have been important in the past with several incidents of riders having fallen off of their bikes. In one incident we were needed to summon and direct an ambulance in for a rider who fell and broke her wrist on a wet log across the course.



The Lion's Club provides us with a t-shirt and with lunch for the afternoon.

This is a fun event for us to participate in as well as a great way to get practice for emergency communications!

Come check out the infamous Thrun's Highway!

VE Testing

The next ARRL VE session will be held on Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm at the American Red Cross Chapter at 302 Congress Street, Bradford, PA.

We will offer the Technician, General and Amateur Extra written exams and the 5 wpm Morse Code exam.



The exam is \$10.00.

Candidates will need to bring with them:

- Two forms of ID, one being a photo ID.
- Licensed hams will need to bring their original license with a copy of their license
- Those with Certificates of Successful Completion (CSCE) being used for credit will need to bring the original copy of each CSCE plus a copy of each CSCE being used for upgrading.
- Calculator for math problems
- Two pencils and a pen.

Although, we'd like people to let us know in advance that they plan on attending, walk-ins are certainly welcome.

Field Day Plans

One of the most favorite amateur radio events is coming upon us rapidly. The dates—June 23rd & 24th.

Chris KB3GGP is Field Day chairman and is looking for people to help out with various aspects for our club's Field Day event.

The public is invited to see what we do and how we do it. Our May meeting will be devoted to Field Day planning and discussion.

No matter what license class you have (or no license at all), you will be able to get on the air and operate on the HF frequencies. We will have enough operators acting as control operators and helping others in getting on the air.

This is without a doubt the “super bowl” of the amateur radio operating events. Plan on spending your weekend with us!

Atlantic Division Convention from May 31st through June 2nd

The ARRL Atlantic Division Convention is coming up soon. The dates are May 31st through June 2nd.

The Atlantic Division Convention is held at the Rochester Hamfest at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Henrietta, New York.

There are several new things for this year's hamfest:

- The convention hotel which used to be at the Marriott is now being held at the Holiday Inn Rochester South.

- The Rochester Hamfest was an amateur radio type event. This year the hamfest committee decided to have it hobby related as well.

Several types of hobbies will be represented :

- Flying
- Boating
- Models Trains
- Models cars
- Woodworking
- Photography

MCARC Club Info

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Club meetings are the third Thursday of each month at the Bradford Area Public Library on West Washington Street in Bradford, PA. Meetings start promptly at 7:00PM and end at 8:30PM.

VE testing held the 1st Wednesday of even months at the American Red Cross Chapterhouse at 302 Congress Street in Bradford. VE Sessions held promptly at 7:00PM.

Club repeater: 146.850 -

All interested people are cordially invited to our meetings.

**McKean County Amateur Radio Club - W3VV
Membership/Renewal Application**

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Please check the appropriate memberships

The McKean County Amateur Radio Club is an affiliated club of the ARRL. As a club member, you may join or renew your ARRL membership at a savings in price through our club.

Full Membership - An applicant must hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio License.

Associate Membership - Persons interested in amateur radio. Have all rights of club members except to vote and to hold office.

Please check where appropriate:

- Full McKean County Amateur Radio Club Membership.....\$13.00
- For additional non-student members in the same household10.00
- Students attending school through 12th grade.....8.00
- Associate Membership13.00
- Retired members10.00
- Initiation fee for new members, and reinstated members after lapsed membership.....8.00
- Newsletter only8.00
- Donation per household to Repeater Maintenance:.....15.00

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ARRL Log Checking for ARRL Contests Available On-line

The ARRL is pleased to announce the availability of Log Checking Reports (LCRs) for selected ARRL contests. ARRL members may access the available reports at: www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/lcr.html You must be registered in the Members-Only area of the ARRL Web in order to access your reports. Additional reports may be accessed, as contest results become available. If you were a single operator, your log-in username (callsign) must be the same as that which appears on the log that you submitted. If you were a guest operator at another station or part of a multioperator entry, you may access the LCR for that entry if your callsign appears in the Cabrillo header (summary) as an operator for that log. ARRL members without Internet access may request the LCR free of charge by sending a request and a SASE to the above address.



Non-ARRL members may obtain a copy of their LCR by sending a request along with \$3 and a SASE to: LCR Request, ARRL Contest Branch, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111. You must make a separate request

for each event (Phone and CW modes of the November Sweepstakes are separate events), and include the name and year of the contest, as well as the callsign of the entry for each contest. Each report incurs a separate \$3 fee.

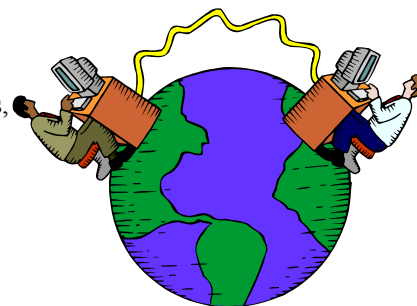
We recognize that it is useful to participants to review the errors found in their logs, allowing them to identify areas for improvement in their performance. In order to minimize additional manpower and avoid the inequities, we have established guidelines regarding how we will address queries.

Simply put, we will not enter into discussions or debates over individual QSOs. All electronic log data is checked using custom software. All logs are judged by the same

criteria. The log-checking software can and does perform a good job of impartially adjudicating the logs. Unique QSOs are not busted without substantial evidence. Audio tapes, wave files of particular QSOs, email confirmations from others, or other types of "documentation," while useful for a contesteer's research and learning, are not usually definitive and will not be considered. If a systemic problem is found, we will address the issue as appropriate.

There have been a few rare occurrences where log files were corrupted during transmission to the ARRL. If your report reflects an unusually large decrease in QSOs that you suspect may have resulted from a log file transmission error, we will be happy to investigate. The Cabrillo format Start-Of-Log and End-Of-Log statements are the means that we use to verify that the log arrived intact. We will deal with these problems as necessary.

LCRs will be available for selected events, commencing with the 2001 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes. Please keep in mind that the style and format for each report may differ between various contests, as the various contests are checked and processed by different software. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dan Henderson at contests@arrl.org or by phone at 860-594-0232.



Chris Mincemoyer appointed McKean County ARES EC

This past month, fellow club member Chris Mincemoyer KB3GGP was appointed as the McKean County ARES Emergency Coordinator.

Chris was appointed by Western Pennsylvania Section Manager, John Rodgers N3MSE, through a recommendation by our District Emergency Coordinator, Fred Siggins KA3UVC.

Chris will be working on



developing his team in the very near future and will be looking to update the McKean County ARES roster with the names of people who are willing to volunteer their time and talents.

In Western PA, ARES serves two main served agencies. In order of priority, they are: the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross.

Congratulations to Chris on his new appointment!

Order in the Court (con't)

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Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

A: Oral.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death..

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Two New Amateur Bands Proposed by the FCC

Good news for ham radio this week! FCC has proposed going along with ARRL's request for a new domestic (US-only), secondary HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.4 MHz. The FCC also is ready to permit operation on a 136-kHz "sliver band" in the low-frequency (LF) region. And, in response to a third ARRL request, the FCC has proposed elevating Amateur Radio to primary status at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

"I'm just as tickled as I can be," ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said upon hearing the news. "This is a classic example of our ARRL at work." The FCC voted unanimously May 2 to adopt the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket 02-98. The Commission released a Public Notice May 9, and the NPRM is expected to be released soon. A comment deadline will be announced as soon as it's available. The FCC said the new 5-MHz band would help amateurs "better match their choice of frequency to existing propagation conditions."

The band, if approved, would be the first new amateur HF allocation since World Administrative Radio Conference 1979 gave amateurs 30, 17 and 12 meters--the so-called "WARC Bands." Assuming the 5-MHz band eventually is authorized, it could be a few years before it actually becomes available. The League said its successful WA2XSY experiments demonstrated that amateurs can coexist with current users and that the band is very suitable for US-to-Caribbean paths. In comparisons with 80 and 40 meters, the WA2XSY operation also showed the 60-meter band to be the most reliable of the three. The ARRL also argued that a new 150-kHz allocation at 5 MHz could relieve periodic overcrowding on 80 and 40. If allocated to amateurs on a secondary basis, hams would have to avoid interfering with--and accept interference from--current

occupants of the spectrum, as they already do on 30 meters.

The band 5.250 to 5.450 MHz now is allocated to Fixed and Mobile services on a co-primary basis in all three ITU regions. The ARRL asked the FCC for two LF allocations in October 1998--135.7 to 137.8 kHz and 160 to 190 kHz. The FCC said its action on one part of that LF request proposes changes that would enhance the ability of amateur radio operators to conduct technical experiments, including propagation and antenna design experiments, in the 'low frequency' (LF) range of the radio spectrum." Several countries in Europe and elsewhere already have 136-kHz amateur allocations. The first amateur transatlantic contact on the band was recorded in February 2001. Hams would be secondary to the Fixed and Maritime Mobile services in the 136-kHz allocation. The League said its engineering surveys suggest that hams could operate without causing problems to power line carrier (PLC) systems already active in that vicinity or to government assignments. Unallocated Part 15 PLC systems are used by electric utilities to send control signals, data and voice. The FCC said its proposal to upgrade the Amateur Service allocation at 2400 to 2402 MHz to primary "seeks to protect current amateur use of this band."

Hams have shared their other 2.4 GHz spectrum on a secondary basis with government users. Amateurs already are primary at 2390 to 2400 and from 2402 to 2417 MHz. The ARRL has said primary status in the intervening spectrum slice was needed "to provide some assurances of future occupancy of the band segments for the next generation of amateur satellites." The ARRL has expressed its belief that hams can continue to accommodate Part 15 and Part 18 devices at 2.4 GHz. NNNN



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In This Issue...

Please don't forget to send your dues and renewal application in. Thanks!

Order in the Court

These are from a book called 'Disorder in the Court'. These are things people actually said in court - word-for-word - taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A: I forget.

Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

Q: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo or the occult?

A: We both do.

Q: Voodoo?

A: We do.

Q: You do?

A: Yes, voodoo.

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

A: Yes.

Q: And what were you doing at that time?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

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