

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF:

'Tis a new year, barely mid-way through the month of January, and I've seen many around me giving up on the 2010 New Year resolutions (obviously made in haste during the proverbial 11th hour of New Years Eve) ... deciding instead to focus on things they can resolve to do in 2011. After all, there are fully 11 months, some number of days, and 23 ½ hours to come up with a few life changing activities to follow through on NEXT year. Am I wrong??????????

December's MCRCA meeting saw a cast of die hard enthusiasts enjoying the annual MCRCA holiday festivities. The food was wonderful (including an abundance of peanut butter fudge - thanks Carla!), and the gifts fantastic. The holiday music left a bit to be desired (unless you were sitting very close to someone with a fancy cell phone). The phones just don't pump out the audio us boom boxers are used to (or .. us boom boxers can no longer hear the subtle audio ??). We'll work that out for next year's celebration (hey perhaps some of us should get together to open gifts BEFORE the party in search of portable stereos????).

I must say that I was VERY THANKFUL for the opportunity to be there, AND for the company of those who were able celebrate along with me.

My THANKS go out to the MCRCA Board of Directors who made my 2009 term in office an enjoyable one. I sure had fun (well ... mostly), and I hope I was able to fulfill my #1 campaign promise of making the meetings (and the hobby in general) fun for all and someplace you WANT to be.

If you'd like to be a part of continuing that mission, please consider stepping forward to volunteer for a term in office or, at a minimum, volunteer to chair a committee or to spearhead an activity. You'll feel good about what can be accomplished.

In case you've forgotten, allow me to remind you of the rules for meeting attendance:

- 1) all tomatoes (and other such overripe fruit/veggies) MUST be checked at the door, and
- 2) all who are willing to have a good time are welcome.

I hope to see you all at the January Meeting.

Mike - N8KUF 2009 President - MCRCA

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MCRCA Minutes:

December 17, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm, by Mike N8KUF

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: no new members or upgrades, and 2 guests

PROGRAM: Christmas Party

BREAK

MINUTES: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Bill KC8KFY, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Wes KC8SKP, supported by Mike K8MLH, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P reported that the air has been very quiet.

HERTZIAN HERALD: Member questionnaires have been coming in slowly. Any articles you have will be greatly appreciated. Email them to me at ka8ebi@yahoo.com

CLASSES: **One Day class coming up in February 27th 2010.**

TESTING: Next session Saturday December 19th.

ARPSC: January meeting to be held at the Red Cross Jan. 14th.

RRRA: Dale announced that the squelch is loose and needs adjusting is why the repeater keeps keying up.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANOUNCEMENTS: Five or six Webelos Boy scouts and eight or ten parents from Temperance were introduced to Amateur Radio and shown a CW demonstration by Paul W8PI at the Red Cross Com. Center.

ADJOURNED: 7:53 pm

ATTENDANCE: 17

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH
Bernie	K8VLT	Fred	KA8EBI
Neil	KA8PQH	Brenda	KB8KQC
Bill	KC8KFY	Wes	KC8SKP
Tom	KG8P	Mike	N8KUF
Bob	N8WBG	Paul	W8PI
Dale	WA8EFK	Rita	WB8FBG
Sandra	KD8HYS	Sylvia	Jenkins
Yvonne	Hall		

Committees

Classes

Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

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DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Hertzian Herald

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Historian

Nick Peth AF8CS

Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

Eric Worstell KC8QAH

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

ARRL News

ARLB037 Amateur Radio Bill Passes Senate, Moves to the House

On Monday, December 14, S 1755 — The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 — passed the Senate by unanimous consent; the bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), S 1755, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications.

S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given — (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

Members of the Senate Homeland Security Committee considered S 1755 on December 10. After it passed through Committee, it was placed on the Senate's calendar to be voted on. "We are grateful to Committee Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins for sponsoring the bill and arranging for its swift consideration and passage by the Senate," said ARRL Chief Executive

David Sumner, K1ZZ. Similar in language to HR 2160 (also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee [D-TX-18]), S 1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes

law. The study shall include a review of the importance of furtherance of homeland security weather and other threats to lives and recommendations for enhancements in licenses in disaster and emergency and improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland

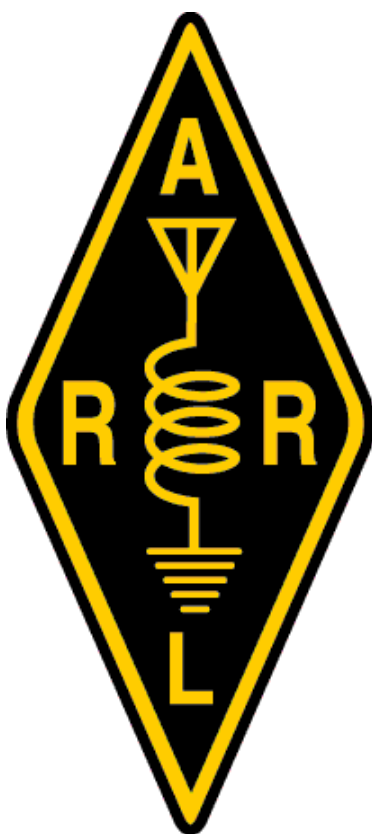
Security initiatives. Identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or residential antenna installations; and impediments for consideration by Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities."

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy — approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) — included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit."

The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.

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Become an Amateur Radio operator in one day

Saturday, February 27, 9 am to 3 pm

Bedford Township Government Center
8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI

The Monroe County Radio Communications Assn. will be holding a *one-day*, amateur radio license class Saturday, February 27, 2010. The class will begin at 9 am and last until 3 pm. Immediately after the class, you will take the Technician Class license exam.

Pre-study is encouraged! You don't need to be an electronics genius to get your ham radio license in one day, but you will increase your chances of passing the test if you read through our study guide beforehand. You can download a PDF file of the study guide for no charge (at www.kb6nu.com/2006techstudyguide.pdf). Printed versions of the study guide can be purchased for \$13 at www.booklocker.com/books/3408.html.

There is a license examination fee of \$15, payable when you take the test. Two forms of photo ID are also required to take the test.

For more information, or to register, contact: Rita Baker, WB8FBG,
734-289-2023 or wb8fbg@chartermi.net



On Saturday December 12th Five or six Webelos Boy scouts and eight or ten parents from Temperance were introduced to Amateur Radio. They were also shown a CW demonstration by Paul W8PI at the Red Cross Com. Center.

What a great picture, cool.

Get to know the club members questionnaire:

Jeff Brietner KA8NCR

History:

How did you first learn about Amateur Radio?

My father was WA8UHY in the 60's. I discovered his gear in the basement one hot summer and figured out how to work the receivers. I was hooked.

How old were you or in what year?

I started SWL'ing about 1976, was licensed in June of 1981 at the age of 15.

Who introduced you?

Dale gave me my novice exam. Earl Norris lent me my first HF radio, a HW-7 that put out 3 watts.

What were your first impressions? It was way too cool.

Which modes did you use?

CW only. I didn't own a microphone until 1984, nearly a year and a half after upgrading to general and six months after I had a new HF rig capable of SSB.

Did you build your own equipment? What kind?

I built several Heathkits, my own code practice oscillator, my own antenna switch and all my antennas.

Did you join any clubs? What were they like? Just the MCRCA.

Did you help anyone else get into AR?

I taught the club's novice classes with Fred Lux from 1989 through 1992.

Are they still active in AR? I think a few are.

When did you join the MCRCA? Wait, you have to "join"?

Have you ever been an officer of the club? Which and when?

Yes, I've been shamed, lassoed or otherwise roped into officer or other positions.

Have you held any other call signs? When? No.

Now:

How much time do you spend involved with AR? Doing What?

I'm usually on 20m or 40m PSK, or DXing on 20 CW. I also occasionally work the linear transponder satellites.

Which is your favorite mode of operation? Why?

PSK or CW. I've had great QSO's on PSK, and some cool contacts DX contacts with amateurs in Cuba, Colombia and Costa Rica.

Do you DX? Yes. I enjoy CW DXing.

Do you operate using CW? Yes.

Do you operate weak signal? No.

Do you work the satellites? Occasionally.

Do you use Log Book of the World or E-QSL? No.

Do you work QRP?

The first 18 months on the air was QRP. I worked a lot of DX on 15 meters with a couple watts.

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What was your most memorable QSO?

My brother Mike spent a number of years in Spain with the Air Force. Bob Keenan called my house one evening saying my brother was on 20 meters looking for me. I thought it was a joke, but Mike was operating EA1AA.

Do you have any other interesting DX stories?

I was one of the first to work YVOAA Aves Island DX-pedition in the early 80's, on 15 CW. He was there, all by himself calling CQ U3 U3.I followed his directions and had him on the first try. I had no idea what kind of catch that was until I heard the pile-up grow insanely after my exchange. That QSL is one of my favorites.

Have you ever done RDF or Foxhunting?

I was part of Milt Coop's team of Fox Hunters. Our plan was to hang out at McDonald's and wait for the competition to come in to use the restroom, and then follow them.

Have you ever built an antenna or a kit?

Yes. Building antennas is one of the most enjoyable parts of the hobby.

Do you operate mobile? What bands? I do, but I don't have any gear in my car right now.

Do you have a station at home? What bands?

Yes, HF, 2 through 440 plus some S-band and 10 GHz stuff for satellites.

Were you on the air today? I was on last weekend working Latin America on PSK.

Do you go to hamfests? How often? A few times per year.

Do you have any family members that are AR operators? No.

Have you been involved in any public service during a disaster? When?

Lots of storms, too numerous to count. And let's not forget the Spook Patrol.

Do you have any interesting stories about your involvement in AR?

I met my wife because of amateur radio.

Thanks to Jeff for responding to my Questionnaire. I hope this will be a regular column for the Hertzian Herald. Next month will be Rita WB8FBG.

It's that time of year again...membership dues are due by January. Please check the web page or with the Treasurer to see if your dues are paid for 2010.

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Programs I'd like to see:

Yes, I would like to join the MCRCA. Regular dues \$10.00
Additional family members \$5.00 each. Amount paid: _____
I would also like to join the River Raisin Repeater Association
RRRA Dues \$20.00 each. Amount paid to RRRA: _____
Send to: MCRCA, PO Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161
RRRA form will be forwarded to RRRA.



DX Net, Tues. 8:30pm
Olimpio Varsogea
WB8SEZ



The editors of 425 DX News Mauro and Valeria Pregliasco (I1JQJ and IK1ADH) are the first Italian inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame (May 07)

PERIOD	CALL	REF
till 10/01	GB1HF:	special event station (Northern Ireland)
till 11/01	CE0Y/YV5IAL:	Easter Island (SA-001) 967
till 14/01	VI2AJ2010:	special event station 973
till 25/01	8Q7CE:	Maldives (AS-013) 974
till 25/01	HS0ZGQ:	Thailand 973
till 26/01	P40C or P40CG:	Aruba (SA-036) 971
till 27/01	PC600P:	special event station 973
till 28/01	ST26ASC:	special callsign 972
till 31/01	EL8RI:	Liberia 974
till 31/01	IY2M:	special event callsign 955
till 31/01	OR4TN:	Antarctic base "Princess Elisabeth" 970
till 31/01	VG7W:	special callsign 963
till 08/02	A6/VE6LB:	United Arab Emirates 974
till 10/02	EA8/ON5JV and EA8/ON6AK:	Tenerife Island (AF-004) 961
till 12/02	J8/K2CM:	Bequia Island (NA-025) 972
till 20/02	KC4USV:	McMurdo Station, Ross Island (AN-011) 966
till 31/03	J79XBI:	Dominica (NA-101) 975
till March	FG/F6AUS and TO4D:	Guadeloupe (NA-102) 967
till March	VP6AL:	Pitcairn Island (OC-044) 968
till 30/04	C6ANM:	Bahamas (NA-001) 974
till April	T6AG:	Afghanistan 964
till May	VK9WBM:	Willis Island (OC-007) 970
till 30/06	3Z0FCH:	special event station (Poland) 975
till 30/06	GB50ATG:	special event callsign 957
till 12/07	ZS10WCS:	special callsign 956
till 31/12	3Z0RADIO:	special event callsign 974
till 31/01/11	DT8A:	King Sejong Base, South Shetlands (AN-010) 969
till March 2011	AT10BP:	Maitri Base, Antarctica 967
09/01-10/01	VK3SAT:	French Island (OC-136) National Park 974
10/01-27/03	PJ5NA:	St. Eustatius (NA-145) 974
10/01-15/01	R1ANL:	Leningradskaja Station, Antarctica 975
10/01-25/01	XR9JA:	South Shetlands (AN-010) 965
12/01-01/02	E51WWA:	Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks 975
12/01-01/02	HS0ZJF:	Thailand 975
14/01-18/01	7P8BA:	Lesotho 975
15/01-18/01	TC2010CCE, TC2010CCA, TC2010CCI:	sp. event stations
15/01-19/01	AA8LL/4:	Key Largo (NA-062) 975
15/01-31/01	HS0ZJF/8:	AS-101 975
15/01-31/03	6W2SC (Senegal) and J5UAP (Guinea-Bissau)	975
19/01-02/02	CE0Z/JA8BMK:	Juan Fernandez (SA-005) 971
20/01-15/02	JD1BMM:	Minami Torishima (OC-073) 971
21/01-20/03	5X1NH:	Uganda 975
21/01-05/02	H44MS:	Solomon Islands 974
21/01-29/01	VP8DMN and VP8DFK:	Falkland Islands (SA-002) 974
21/01-28/01	YJ0MM:	Vanuatu (OC-035) 972
23/01-03/02	PY2XB/PY0F and PQ0F:	Fernando de Noronha (SA-003)
26/01-09/02	6W/GM4FDM and 6W/PA3EWP:	Senegal 967
30/01-06/02	6W/HA0NAR:	Senegal (incl. AF-078) 975
January	HH2/HB9AMO:	Haiti 974
January	XX9TLX:	Coloane Island (AS-075) 975
January-March	PJ4/PE1MAE:	Bonaire (SA-006) 973
01/02-31/03	VG7G:	special callsign 963
02/02-15/02	XU7AFU:	Cambodia 975
03/02-15/02	E5:	Manihiki (OC-014), North Cooks * by AD7AF 975
05/02-10/02	C6AWS:	Grand Bahama (NA-080) 975
05/02-07/02	VI2BI:	Broughton Island (OC-212) 971
06/02-19/02	H40FN:	Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu 969
06/02-19/02	H40MS:	Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu 974
06/02-14/02	JD1BMV and JD1BNB:	Ogasawara (AS-031) 975
06/02-14/02	JM1YGG/JD1 and JA2ZL/JD1:	Ogasawara (AS-031) 975
07/02-13/02	J5NAR:	Guinea-Bissau (incl. AF-093) 975
09/02-24/02	TX4T:	Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia 975
12/02-25/02	5Z0H:	Kenya (incl. AF-067 and AF-040) 975
16/02-08/03	HS0ZJF:	Thailand 975
17/02-20/02	E51WWA:	Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks 975
20/02-20/04	H44MS:	Solomon Islands 974
20/02-27/02	VK9X/G6AY:	Christmas Island (OC-002) 963
21/02-25/02	S21DX:	St Martin's Island (AS-127) 969
22/02-03/03	V88/DL7JAN:	Brunei (OC-088) 973
24/02-17/03	SV5/DJ7RJ:	Dodecanese (EU-001) 975
28/02-13/03	VP2MPR:	Montserrat (NA-103) 973
02/03-11/03	J68JA:	St. Lucia (NA-108) 971
03/03-11/03	VP2MPL:	Montserrat (NA-103) 973
05/03-24/03	C56KR:	The Gambia 971
12/03-23/03	ZL4TY and ZL4M:	Stewart Island (OC-203) 971
26/03-31/02	VY0V:	East Pen Island (NA-231) 975
31/03-07/04	MJ/OP9X/p:	Les Minquiers (EU-099) 973
03/04-11/04	YI9PSE:	Iraq 973
10/04-18/04	3W6C:	Con Co Island (AS-185) 959
01/05-28/05	PC600P:	special event station 973
18/06-21/06	MS0INT:	Flannan Isles (EU-118) 969
July-August	KL7RRC:	Chirikof Island (NA-235) 973
July-August	N6PYN/KL7:	Seal Islands (NA-239) 973
01/09-28/09	PC600P:	special event station 973
30/09-03/10	ZK3:	Tokelau (OC-048) 945
05/10-10/10	T31:	Central Kiribati (OC-043) 945
12/10-14/10	FW:	Wallis Island (OC-054) 945



Thanks to Mike N8KUF for this picture ask him why.

Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3rd Saturday of every even numbered month at:

American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48161

Walk-ins are always welcome.

February session will be at a different location.

2010 Schedule:

February 27	April 17
June 19	August 21
October 16	December 18

TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

Applicants are expected to have all forms filled out and be ready to take tests at that time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 8:30 AM. For more information or to make reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

Join us at the next meeting

January 21st at 7:30 pm
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Local Nets

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 9:00pm.

DX Net - Every Tuesday evening on '72-Monroe starting at 8:30pm.