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HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Program for our October Meeting Cellular Telephone Service

Our October meeting promises to be very exciting with a presentation about Cellular Phone Service. The little mobile phone that you so conveniently carry in you pocket has a lot more equipment behind the scenes to make it functional. The cellular tower is only one of those behind the scenes hardware necessary to provide service. Located at a remote site, maybe hundreds of miles away, is the magical digital switching system that samples the received signals from the cell site keeps track of all the signals being sent and received, determines which cell tower has the stronger signal and switches to the stronger signal when appropriate.

Frank Camposanno from the cellular industry will tell us all about it.

Dates to Remember

October 2	Regular Membership Meeting
October 6	Club Luncheon
October 20	Club Luncheon
October 29	Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Bill Haldane 10/09
 Ray Lauterbach 10/17
 Charlotte Militano 10/27
 Larry Puccio 10/09
 Don Smith 10/01
 Kathy Wagner 10/13



Anniversaries

Lee and Donna Kissel 10/23
 Joe and Charlotte Militano 10/04
 George and Polly Waked 10/31



The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



Hi to all. We are getting closer to the winter months so if there is any antenna work that needs to be completed best to schedule soon while you can still do it in mild weather.

Our Holiday party is coming up in December. Its time to prepare for this years event. The last two years we have had very successful parties and we need to prepare for this one to be just as good or better. We have had sit down hot buffet and desert parties. Both were well received. We had talked about an international sit down party after the last years party. The international flare would mean that each participant would bring a dish from their culture. I had done this at work one year and it worked very well with plenty of hot and cold dishes to sample. This would require a commitment from the member to bring in a special dish from your culture to be shared with the group. Please speak to your wives and discuss this possibility. If not an international theme maybe we could have a desert orgy. Once again a commitment to bring in various deserts that the group could share. The club would provide the coffee and tea, plates and all the condiments. We are open to all suggestions so please help us make this year another memorable holiday party. We will be looking for ideas at the October meeting.

This month in QST magazine an article addresses this past June Field Day activities and indicated that the participant entries could be found on the ARRL web site to verify that an entry was received. I verified our entry is there and they have all the necessary information to score our club. I believe we are going to come up higher in the listings than last year.

Last month the club recognized Norm Smith, W2PXE, for achieving 50 years of being a ham radio operator. Norm accepted the plaque and told us about the early days when he first got started. Like many other hams the second world war was raging and the FCC curtailed all ham operations.

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NEXT MEETING: October 2 2008
Thursday 7:00PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

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We all applauded Norm and wish him well and look forward to him making 60 years of ham radio operating.

This month we will again hold nominations and election for club officers and executive board positions. We have a vacancy in the Executive Board and the Presidency is also open for nomination. These are not difficult positions to fill and the previous officers are more than willing to support the new officer(s). The Executive Board position advises the club officers and participates in sub-committee meetings when needed. The President is responsible for running General Membership and Executive Board meetings. Give it some thought and volunteer.

Don't forget the Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM schedule, on the 146.880 repeater. We have had Lee Kissel, Mike Agostinello and Stan Stafiej come up on the repeater through Echo Link. Those of you that don't have HTs can also access the repeater the same way. Echo Link is a free download off the internet. Additionally, club members access the repeater each day at 10:00 AM for some good rag chew and technical discussion.

Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you at our October 2nd 2008 meeting where we will have a presentation about Cellular phone service.

73

Larry
K2QDY

Reprint from ARRL the ARES E-Letter August 26, 2008

Care Needed When Speaking to Public

While it doesn't seem to be a problem in true ARES situations, too many times in training exercises or public displays of Amateur Radio, the "spokesman" quoted in the media reports apparently has a death wish for ham radio.

As a member of the national ARRL PR Committee, I see far too many reports of people saying that ham radio is "dying out," is a "graying" hobby, we are "losing licensees," etc. The facts simply do not bear this out. Amateur Radio is as vibrant and living as the ham who is doing the talking. As a community, we are adding more licenses each year than are not being renewed, and this during the absolute bottom of the sunspot cycle.

Jeff Reinhart, AA6JR, coined the phrase, "Every ham is a Public Information Officer PIO," since every ham may be approached during an exercise. It is vital that everyone understand the licensing situation and be aware of what they say can and will be used in the paper or on TV.

The League's PR Committee is very aware of the situation and works hard to stay on top of the situations as they pop up, but if everyone would just use the knowledge that we are still growing and learning and serving, this misinformation would dwindle or stop.

I commend the ARES people who have, so far, kept this from being a topic of discussion. It is unfortunate that others have such a negative view of our wonderful hobby/service.

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Our VE Crew

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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required.

Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable Jan. 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$10.00

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 pm.

Location: Meeting Room #1 in the Holiday City South Clubhouse.

Directions: Go to Mule Rd. and to the corner of Santiago Drive. Turn into Santiago Dr., then into the parking lot in front of the pool. Enter bldg. on right.

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Any hobby is like a garden: You must tend it to keep the weeds away and let it grow. We are the stewards of Amateur Radio and must look out of the seed bed. -- Jim McDonald, KB9LEI, ARRL PR Committee, Muncie, Indiana Public Information Officer. When All Else Fails...Amateur Radio. Please visit: <<http://www.emergency-radio.org>>

How's DX By Russ Young WA2VQV

Here is the DX worked by HCARC members from August 15th through September 14th, 2008:

Russ Young, WA2VQV worked:

30 METER CW: KH6MB Hawaii.

20 METER CW: 7X4AN Algeria, AO7AJR Spain, E73TW, E79D Bosnia, FO/N6JA French Polynesia, IQ3WW Italy, MJ/OE5OHO Jersey, OL1908D Czech Republic, YU05SRT, YU1DW Serbia.

20 METER PSK31: AO4WT, AO08OK/H, EC2UQ Spain, CT/PA1ALG/P Portugal, EA6BH Balearic Islands, EA8AOC Canary Islands, F/DM1DZ/P, F5GSD France, I12AC, I5DUK Italy, OK1DIB, OK1ACF Czech Republic, TG9AHM Guatemala.

20 METER PSK63: EA8IY Canary Islands.

17 METER CW: CT3FQ Madeira.

Joe Militano KC2QLA

On 40 METERS: SSB: VE1SKY Canada

On 20 METERS SSB: CT/DJ0AL Portugal, CO7PH Cuba, KH7XS Hawaii, F6HKA France, OE6MBG Austria, LY2IJ Lithuania, DR1A Germany, S50A Slovenia, SN9D Poland, RU1A European Russia, LX7I Luxemburg, ES5TV Estonia, M6T England, YL3FT Latvia, 4O3A Serbia, HG1S Hungary.

Larry Puccio K2QDY

20 METERS CW: F5KEE France, KP2B St. Croix, UA6GR Russia, HB9TNW Switzerland,

20 METERS SSB: BT1ON China, IK0PHY Italy,

30 METERS CW: EA2PA Spain, EA6UN Spain, UA9MC Russia, IK0FUX Italy, HB9CVQ Switzerland, MD0CCE England, DL1DXA Germany,

40 METERS CW: FM5LD Martinique, OX3XR Greenland.

John Hann K2JWH Worked:

On 20 METERS SSB : EA1AAW Spain, EA5FV Spain, S57RTH Slovenia

Stan Stafiej KB2PD Worked:

On 20 METERS CW: RA3EG Russia, UT2XQ Ukraine, US5XD Ukraine, EA2IF Spain, SP6JIU Poland, E76AQ Bosnia-Herzegovina, 9A2N Croatia

On 20 METERS SSB: RZ6AQB Russia, SB6A Sweden, LY1TR Lithuania

On 30 METERS CW: ZB2FK Gibraltar, HA7PF Hungary, GS8R Scotland, PR7AR Brazil

On 40 METERS CW: EZ7XZ Turkmenistan (new On 40 M)

This is a good showing of what people can do even with the sunspots as low as they are and less than optimum antennas.

73 and good hunting, de Russ, WA2VQV

THIRD ANNUAL ARRL ON-LINE AUCTION SET FOR OCTOBER

This is a reprint from the ARRL News Letter

The Third Annual ARRL On-Line Auction kicks off October 23, running until November 1 on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/auction>. This is your chance to pick up one-of-a-kind Amateur Radio items. To see what the Auction will offer this year, be sure to check out the Auction preview that begins October 16. Last year, the Auction attracted more than 3000 registered bidders from more than 40 countries. While the majority of buyers were from the USA, Canada and the UK, there were buyers from Australia, Malaysia, Grenada, Vietnam and Tanzania.

According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "Last year's on-line auction -- our second -- proved to be a successful and enjoyable event for both hams and ARRL staff members alike. When the bidding ended, we realized that we had sold 162 items and raised just over \$50,000." Proceeds from the auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as creating instructional materials.

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This year's auction will again include many transceivers and other items that have appeared in the QST Product Review column and have thus been thoroughly tested by the ARRL Lab. There will be many vintage items offered, as well. Also, returning by popular demand will be four ARRL Lab unique "junque" boxes. These boxes have a starting bid of \$50 and have almost anything you could ever possibly imagine in them. No one --except the ARRL Lab staff -- knows what exactly is inside each box, but each is guaranteed to be full of things that the Lab staff consider valuable (but keep in mind that they collect just about anything).

Jahnke said that due to many requests last year, "all product review items in the On-Line Auction include a link to a PDF file of the actual Product Review, as well as a reference to the QST issue that the review appeared in."

Wanted and For Sale

John Roberts KQ4WR

I could use a more powerful 2-meter transceiver. If there is someone out there with one that runs more than 20 watts I would like to buy it.

John Hann K2JWH

I have a Kenwood T599 transmitter that needs a good home. I don't know if it is working at this time. I can bring it to the club meeting or we can make an arrangement for its adoption.

Hamfests

Don't forget OMARC October 4, 2008

Wanted and For Sale

John Roberts is looking for a 2-Meter transceiver capable of 20 or more watts.

John Hann has a T599 Transmitter available for free.

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