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A Message from the President

It is Hamarama time again. That time when The Wood County Amateur Radio Club pulls together for our one and only fund raising event of the year. Saturday July 6 at 12:00 hours is setup day at the Jr. Fair Building. If everyone works together, we can complete this operation in just a few hours. We agreed to continue Hamarama some time back and try to get more members to participate in activities related to putting it together. It takes more than a few members to make this event a success without becoming a burden to a few dedicated members. We all benefit from the proceeds of the hamfest whether we help or not.

I trust the our members will turn out to help with both the setup on Saturday and the tear down on Sunday after the fest so that we all can enjoy the fruits of our labors.

See you Sat. July 6 at 12:00 hours.

73

Bob
WB8NQW

WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz

Next Meeting
Monday, June 10th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:30 pm

July Hamfests

July 7 WCARC Hamarama 8am to 1 pm
This is the big one!!! Wood County Fairgrounds

Jul 20 NOARS 8 am to 2 pm
Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH.
Contact Tom, W8KYZ, (440) 930-9115.

Jul 21 Van Wert ARC 8 am to 3 pm
Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert, OH.
Contact Bob, WD8LPY, (419) 238-1877.

Aug 3 Voice of Aladdin ARC 8am to 3 pm
Aladdin Shrine Complex, 3859 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH. Contact James, KB8KPJ, (614) 846-7790.

Aug 4 Northwest Ohio ARC 8am to 2 pm
Cairo, OH, Community Center, Church and Wall Sts. Contact Mike, W6MDN, (419) 641-5623.

Aug 4 Land O Lakes ARC 8 am to ?
Angola, IN. Contact Bill, WD9DSN, (260) 475-5897

Aug 10 Cascades ARC 8 am to ?
Jackson Community College, Jackson, MI. Contact Dennis, KC8IJZ, (517) 522-4058.

July Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of July includes the following:

Jun 29-30	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m SB
Venezuela SSB 'test		
Jul 1	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 2 m all modes
RAC Canada Day 'test		
Jul 6-7	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m SB
Venezuela 'test		
Jul 20	0000 to 2359 Z	80 to 10 m all modes
Columbian Independence Day		
Jul 20-21	1800 to 2100 Z	6m and 2 m all modes
CQ WW VHF		
Jul 20-21	1800 to 2359 Z	80 to 10 m all modes
Georgia QSO Party		
Jul 27-28	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m CW
Venezuela 'test		
Jul 27-28	1200 to 1200 Z	80 to 10 m all modes
Islands on the Air 'test		
Aug 3-4	1800 to 1800 Z	220 MHz up all modes
ARRL UHF 'test		

Brain Teasers

1. What is the entry level amateur radio license class?

- (a) Novice
- (b) Technician
- (c) General
- (d) Communicator

2. The inductance of an air core coil primarily depends on:

- (a) the wire diameter
- (b) the current
- (c) the volume enclosed
- (d) the dielectric spacer

3. A 1 H, 2 H and 3 H inductor are connected in series. What is the equivalent inductance?
 (a) 6 H (b) 1 H (c) 3 H (d) 0.55 H

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jul 2	N8QMV
Jul 9	AA8XS
Jul 16	KG8FH
Jul 23	WD8IC
Jul 30	N1RB
Aug 6	N8QMV

FLORIDA MAN CONVICTED OF DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE, UNLICENSED OPERATION

from ARRL Letter

A Florida CBer accused of jamming Amateur Radio operations and transmitting without a license was convicted in federal court June 19 on eight misdemeanor counts. William Flippo of Jupiter was found guilty of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. The jury deliberated about 30 minutes.

Federal District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley noted that, while the charges were misdemeanors, it was important that the amateur airwaves be free of interference in the event of an emergency. He ordered that Flippo, 60, remain in custody and undergo a psychiatric evaluation prior to sentencing.

The prosecutor in the case, Neil Karabdin, credited members of the Amateur Radio community with bringing Flippo to justice. The list included 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, who helped the FCC gather evidence in the case; Bert Morschi, AG4BV; Palm Beach County Emergency Coordinator Dave Messinger, N4QPM; and Chuck Mulligan, N4SDW.

"This is a very good day for Amateur Radio, and a very good day for justice," Petzolt said following the trial. "Let the word go out that we will not tolerate this sort of thing on our frequencies,

Answers to last Month's Brain Teasers:
 1 (b); 2 (b); 3 (d)

and you will be caught." Petzolt cited local amateurs and the efforts of the FCC, including Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth "and everyone else who kept the faith," for helping to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

"Never give up and never surrender," Petzolt advised those facing similar malicious interference situations. "If you do, they win."

According to Petzolt, who testified in the trial, Flippo primarily had targeted the Jupiter Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with amateur operations, especially on 10 and 2 meters, over an approximately three-year period. Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence.

Known as "Rabbit Ears" within the CB community, Flippo was arrested by federal authorities in July 2000. He already faces a \$20,000 fine levied in 1999 for unlicensed operation, willful and malicious interference to Amateur Radio communications, and failure to let the FCC inspect his radio equipment.

The six-and-a-half-day trial was anything but routine. A day after attempting to fire his court-appointed attorney, Robert Adler--who countered that Flippo was trying to undermine his own trial--Flippo, then still free on \$100,000 bond, drove himself to the hospital June 13 claiming he'd suffered a stroke. He was released the following day. Hurley recessed the trial but took the unusual step of revoking Flippo's bond June 17 after a physician told the judge that medical tests determined that Flippo had not had a stroke.

Hurley said he was concerned that Flippo might not return to court for his sentencing hearing and ordered him returned to jail. Flippo reportedly hung his head after the jury returned a guilty verdict on the second count. He had no comment for a reporter as he was led back to jail.

Sentencing could take place in about a month. According to the FCC, Flippo faces a maximum penalty of eight years in prison--one year on each count. He also could be fined up to \$80,000. ■

VE Exams at Hamarama

Many people often have questions about the VE license exams that are offered at the Hamarama. First, we require no preapplication---the exams are walk-in and we will seat as many people

as show up, provided they are present at 9:00 am sharp. The exam session is held on the second floor of the Fairgrounds Administration Bldg. Exams for all license elements are available Technician, General, and Extra Class. The exams are administered under the auspices of the ARRL VEC.

Any person who wants to sit for an exam must have a photo ID and a copy of a license or CSCE from a previous test if credit is claimed for any test element. The other thing a candidate must have is a \$10.00 application fee.

Fox Hunt Planned

The regular August meeting will include the annual fox hunt/picnic activities. The event is in the planning stages at the present time. Get your direction finding gear tuned up and see if you can be the first to find the fox! The ground rules are that the fox can pick his/her lair to be any location within Wood County, so that covers a lot of territory. Be prepared for both long and short distance snooping!

Tower Sections Available

I have 8 (I think) sections of 12" triangular tower (abandoned TV antenna towers)--- six straight sections and two tapered top sections.

Anyone may have any or all of them---free if you transport them. I can help load them into a pick up truck.

Steve, K8BBK (419) 352-3253

Help make this year's Hamarama a success!

Contact any Club officer for information.

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