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Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club Newsletter

The President's Letter.....

Why would anyone join a ham radio club? There are many reasons to join, and attend meetings. First, most of the new amateurs are technician class and use local repeaters. There has always been a mindset that if you are using a repeater, or repeaters, you should help pay the cost. That would be by paying club dues. There are two clubs, the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, the Central Pa Repeater Association, as well as several individuals, who fork over money for rent, electricity, and maintenance of these repeaters in the Harrisburg area. If your repeaters are in another area, join the club associated with those repeaters. They should get your support. Besides that, you may see a need for repeaters in locations, or on other bands, that could benefit others. Your voice in a club could help direct that effort along. What about general class and higher, and others who do not regularly use repeaters? Being in a club allows you to interact with other amateurs, and learn from them, as well as pass along your knowledge on various subjects. There is a world of interesting facets of our chosen hobby. Join a club, or several, and let your voice be heard. Who knows, you may make some new friends, and learn something along the way.



At the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, December meetings always include a cookie exchange. Bring some of your favorite Christmas Cookies to share with the other members. We usually have some form of presentation at our club meetings, but in December, we eat cookies, and generally get a chance to talk with everyone. An "eyeball QSO", if you will. Meetings begin at 7:00pm, however, come early for a "Tech" session beginning at 6:30pm. We cover various subjects, and if you have questions on anything amateur radio related, just ask. No question is a bad one, because the idea is to share knowledge. We were all new at one time, and even an old guy like me still can't figure out that "Log Book of the World" thing... So, you're not alone.

Don't forget that we have a hamfest on January 19th. Be sure to come early and grab some mid-winter bargains. Directions and a map are included in this news letter.

73, and I will see you at the meeting,

Terry Snyder WB3BKN



November Meeting Minutes

The November 2012 meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Vice President Nick (AA3T) followed by introductions.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the September meeting were published in the newsletter. Doug (K3DRE) made a motion, seconded by Pete (KB3WIH), to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published. Motion PASSED

Treasurers Report

Joe (KQ3F) presented the treasurer's report. Doug (K3DRE) made a motion, Rick (K2RBT), to accept the report. Motion PASSED

VE Committee

Steve (KA3PDQ) reported the following items:

The next test session will is scheduled for Dec 15 at 0900. Location is DEMA, 911 Gibson Blvd. This will be our last test session at DEMA. Testing will be moved to HACC beginning in January 2013.

Trustee Report – No changes.

Repeater Committee – Nick (AA3T) brought up an item that Terry (WB3BKN) had asked to be discussed at the meeting. There was a power outage at the 146.760 repeater site during hurricane Sandy and the 145.110 repeater was down.

Nick (AA3T) asked if there was interest in researching and/or pursuing installation of some sort of back-up power system for the repeater site. After discussion of the increased maintenance burden this would create, the discussion ended.

The possibility of connecting to the back-up power system of one of the broadcast stations at the site was also discussed.

Membership Committee – Current membership is 83 with 65.5% membership in ARRL.

Newsletter – No update

Web Page - No update.

EMCOMM - Marty (KB3BAA) reported the following items:

Hurricane Sandy – workload was relatively low locally.

Hershey Half Marathon

Not much activity.

Cell phones were given to riders for tracking purposes but the net went down several times and amateur radio still worked, providing important information.

Hershey is looking to expand the scope of the race. Marty will approach Harrisburg about providing support.

TMI Drill – scheduled for April 2013. Exact dates have yet to be announced.



November Meeting Minutes, continued

DXCC – Cards will be sent out at the end of the year.

Entertainment – Nick will give a presentation on the Maidenhead grid system.

Winterfest

- Date: Jan 19, 2013
- Location: HACC Cooper Student Union cafeteria
- We will be able to access the facility at 0700 for set-up.
- There is a PA system in place. Doug (K3DRE) will make sure that it is turned on.
- The entrance fee will be \$3.00 and no extra charge for table space.

Tech Night -

Doug (K3DRE) did a demonstration of FLDIGI. He also offered to do another presentation next month. A Logbook Of The World (LOTW) presentation was also requested.

ARRL Atlantic Convention Webinar - There were a total of six attendees.

Election Committee – Since there were still no volunteers to serve on the nomination committee, Doug (K3DRE) made a motion, seconded by Marty (KB3BAA), to nominate the incumbents. Motion PASSED.

Old Business

- JOTA
 - The Camp Muckleratz event had approximately 50 scouts in attendance
 - The #1 area of interest was CW
 - The Rebuck event had approximately 25 scouts in attendance
 - Scouts worked on the electronics and radio merit badges
 - Approximately 12 contacts were made along the east coast and one with Spain.

New Business

Mike (N3HLK) received an application for the Keystone Award from the Homestead Radio Club of Philadelphia. The certificate will be signed and mailed ASAP.

There being no further business to conduct, Pete (KB3WIH) made a motion, seconded by Doug (K3DRE), to adjourn. Motion PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 2000 HRS.

Tim Lehman, KB3OZA

Secretary



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There will be a **ham radio testing session** held at **Winterfest** on January 19th at HACC – flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The test session will be at 10:00am

Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on the 146.76– repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is club meeting night.



The next **ham radio testing session** will be held on Saturday December 15th at 9:00 am at the Dauphin County Emergency Operations Center. Please arrive by 8:30 am

The address of the EOC is 911 Gibson Boulevard in Steelton.

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Starting in 2013, all testing sessions will be held at the HACC Shumaker Public Safety Center.

Tentative dates for 2013: February 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19 and December 21

HRAC to have new Digital/Data Net

With the approval of the HRAC, I will be setting up a new digital/data net, Harrisburg Area Data Net on Mondays at 1900 hrs on the 145.110 repeater with 123 hz tone. The emphasis of this net will be the use of FLMSG in conjunction with FLDIGI for sending and receiving messages in emergencies and other incident/exercise applications. This will compliment the other data nets offered weekly to amateur radio operators concerning the use of FLDIGI and related software. FLMSG offers communication options for ICS, HICS, Red Cross as well as general message handling. Net procedures for data nets will also be emphasized. As FLAMP and other technologies come along and stabilize they can also be incorporated. A yahoo group CPADIGITALHAMS has been established to support the net. You may apply for membership through yahoo or contacting kb3baa@arrl.net.

There is tremendous interest in south central PA in these applications. Another net will allow more practice with using these tools. The net will operate for approximately 50 minutes each Monday.

First net will be Monday, December 17th at 1900.

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NOD - - Special Event Station celebrating The End of the World!

That's right, the end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on December 21, 2012. To celebrate this literally once in a lifetime event, Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days) will be activated on 10-80 meters and on several satellite passes for three days during and after(?) the end of the world. December 20th is a celebration of the end of the world. December 21st, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible. December 22nd, that is a little iffy right now.

Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret, undisclosed location. Our operating schedule may be a little erratic as destruction rains down upon us and as long as our antennas hold out. Those who may be looking skyward for the end of the world, N0D will be operating on several satellite passes.

This will provide cosmic, maybe even intergalactic coverage for the end of the world as we know it. Our Doomsday Special Event has been picked up by the Amsat News Service and will be carried in a future bulletin.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting N0D directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as "Official Doomsday Station" followed by your Doomsday number.

QSL with SASE to KK5W. If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least. Check out our website for a preview of the N0D QSL card.

Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as "Official Doomsday Station" followed by your Doomsday number. Official Doomsday stations will receive the Doomsday Station Certificate.

It is not entirely clear exactly how it will happen. Will it be a cataclysmic shift in the earth's magnetic field, Global Warming on steroids, earthquakes, volcanoes floods, global thermonuclear war, meteor collision, the 10 plagues of Egypt, UFO invasion.... who knows? There are scientists, soothsayers and philosophers on both sides of the question. Either way it will be an event worth remembering.. . or maybe there will be no one left to remember it?

More information is available on the Official N0D website, www.nowzerodays.com

You can also e-mail the N0D team at N0D.Doomsday@gmail.com.

Check our website for the latest updates. www.nowzerodays.com

Submitted by Terry Snyder, WB3BKN

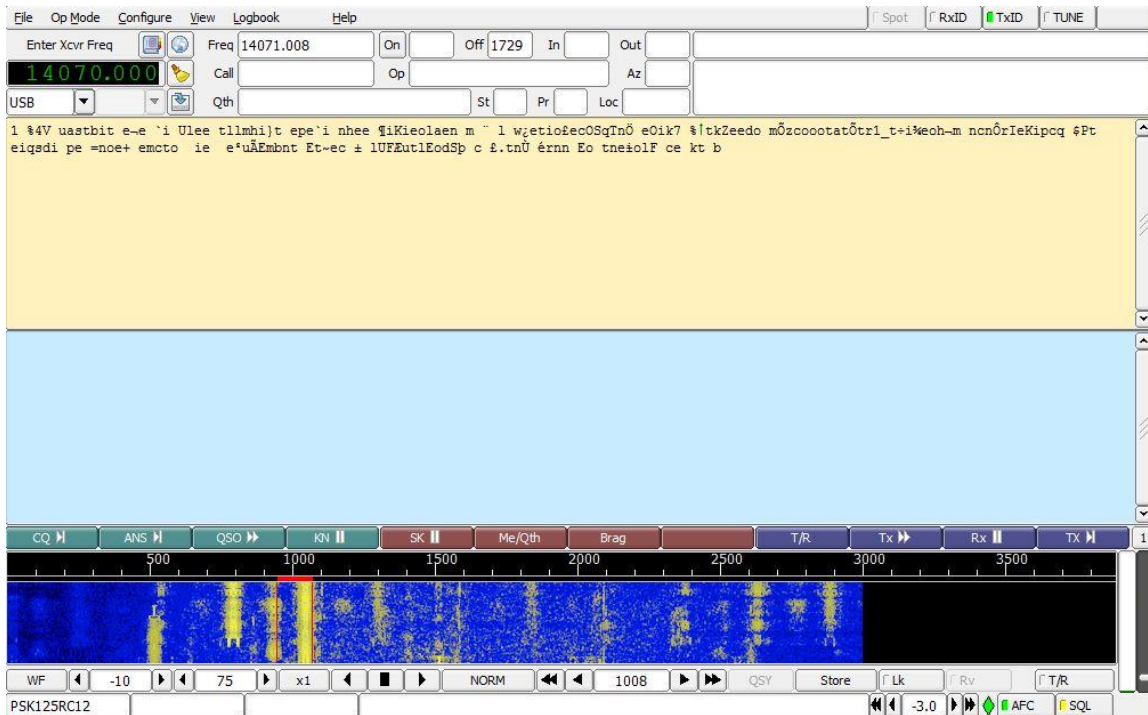


FIRST TECH NIGHT at HRAC Meeting

Notes from Doug Evans, K3DRE.....

At the November 14 meeting we did our first pre-meeting tech talk. I set-up my FT897d with my Signal Link, all feed to the classroom video. This let us all look at the FLDIGI operating window in real time.

We started at the top "File" and went through the various functions of the program and the configurations. As more people came in we did a little backtracking to help people get up to speed. There is so much in this program, doing it in small batches may help us all learn.



Above is a screen shot of the FLDIGI main screen.....

At the time we should be starting the regular meeting, we had gotten through about half of the functions. If my schedule holds I will be there this month to cover more of the functions. I will arrive and set-up at 6pm to let early birds come in and catch up or ask questions of what we did last month.

As we progress, at some point we will set-up a second station and let people see some actual messages and file transfers in real time.

If you want, anyone can download FLDIGI, it's free. Go to <http://www.w1hkj.com/Fldigi.html> and read up on the software. There is a download page link on the main page, where you can get the current operating version. Pick the download for your operating system (Windows?). The software is improved almost weekly so check back often if you are actually going to use it.

There is also an "alpha" experimental version available. I can give you the page link if you would like. But I would say, play with the mature version for a while before you try the experimental versions. They tend to have some bugs, that's why they are experimental versions.

I will be happy to help with any questions. Email me at dougevans@comcast.net.

Doug Evans, K3DRE

Times Up!

Well this will most likely be my last article. Over the past year I have tried to alert my fellow Amateurs to the upcoming cataclysm. Recent emails forwarded to me indicate that NASA has determined that the world will not end on December 21st. What else would they say! We have to keep the citizens of this world calm and collected so as not to create worldwide panic!

As most of your neighbors go about their daily lives getting ready for the holidays that will never come, you still have time to top off your supplies. Once the truth is uncovered there will be NO last minute stocking up as there will be panic in the streets and store shelves will quickly empty.

So again stock up now while there is still some time.

Make sure you are able to attend the December Club meeting besides the usual Christmas Cookie extravaganza we will be sampling the latest in MREs and other food items made for long storage as well as other sustainable food products.

Those of you who have the proper remittance (gold and silver with coins being preferred) can confirm their reservations for the highly secret compound located in upper Dauphin County.

Terry reminds us that we need to bring our own provisions with us including but not limited to: Food, Water, Guns, Ammunition, Tents, Missile Launchers, First aid equipment, Gasoline, Batteries, Uranium, Amateur Radio Equipment and of course QSL cards. While there we will be contacting the End of Days special event station. These could be our last contacts with the civilized world. Terry says that included in your one price many tiered admission plan will be seminars on a wide variety of survival tactics. These will include zombie identification, the famous DOUBLE TAP, moonshine production (for fuel use only) and the always in demand Klingon language course. Terry also advises that the more survival items you can bring with you the better as the surplus items can always be used to barter with! Those hardy souls (clowns).

Whoever will try to shelter in place can obtain the super secret radio frequencies that will be monitored by the base camp? However you should be advised that RESCUE will probably NOT be possible depending on the degree of devastation!

Of course all this may be unnecessary if the guy jumps through the worm hole at the right second to reset the clock or those who live in the center of the hollow earth come to our rescue!

Steven, KA3PDQ



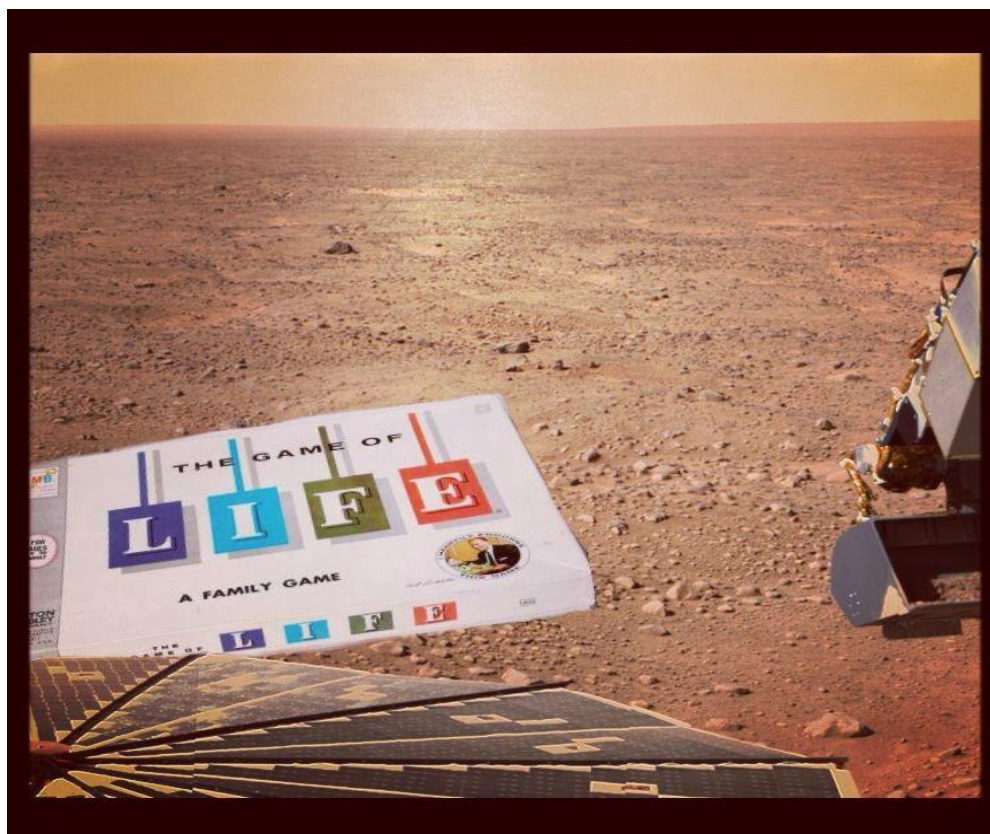
Local Repeater Information

- 146.76 (100) W3UU Blue Mountain
- 147.075 (123) W3UU Ellendale (Dauphin County)
- 146.79 (114.8) KB3TWW Reeser's Summit
- 145.11 (123) W3ND Ellendale
- 145.29 (123) W3ND IRLP NODE 7060 Blue Mountain
- 145.47 (123) W3ND Blue Mountain
- 224.18 (123) KA3RKW Blue Mountain (Halifax Radio Club)
- 444.45 (123) W3ND Blue Mountain
- 444.55 (123) W3ND Newport
- 446.425 (123) W3ND Reeser's Summit
- 448.075 (123) W3ND Ellendale
- 147.24 (123) KB3VDL Elizabethville (Berry Mountain Amateur Radio Club)



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Life on Mars.....



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Long Delayed Echoes.....

Looking back through the rich history of the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club

By Mark Robinson (WB3JIS)

First, remember last month's bonus question from the Field Day photos? What is the make and model of the very popular transceiver in front of Dick, K3AM? While formal documentation is unavailable, from all appearances it is a Kenwood TS-520 transceiver. It was a very popular tube and solid state rig introduced in the 1970's. To me it is a particularly special rig because the gentleman who administered my Novice test had me sit down in front of his to prove I could copy CW off the air one hot summer evening in 1977.

This month's feature is a newspaper photo from 1957 when the Pennsylvania Keystone Award was created. Harold L. German, W3IMN, was the first Award Manager and likely the creator of the award program. More about the history of the PKA award in future installments of Long Delayed Echoes.



—Evening News Photo

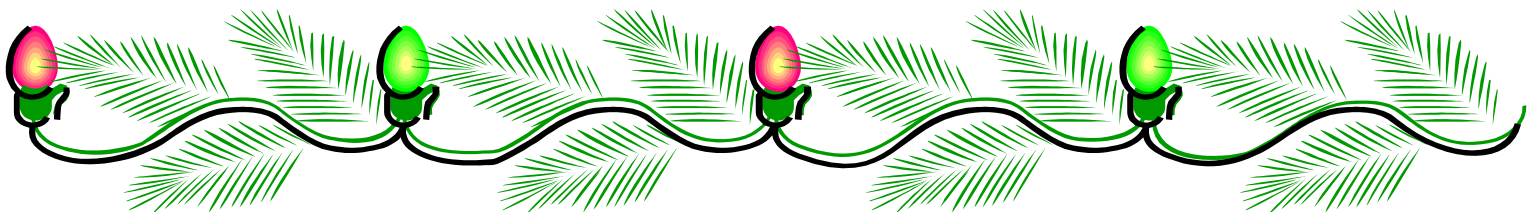
CALLING ALL AMATEURS—Showing a new award to be offered by the Harrisburg Radio Club are, from left, Gilbert L. Crossley, American Radio Relay League; Lt. Robert J. Miller, Civil Air Patrol; Harold L. German, club member, and Edward D. Crossley, club president. The award was announced at a meeting in the Dutch Pantry Restaurant.

Monthly Ham Radio Lunch

The last Thursday of each month there is a Ham Radio Lunch at the "Old Country Buffet" at noon (unless it is a major holiday).

This restaurant is located on Route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, K-Mart and Home Depot.

It's a great way to meet new people!



Ham Radio Nets

Adams County Amateur Radio Society
Tuesday 7:30 145.35 PL 103.5 except club meeting nights.

Appalachian Amateur Radio Group
Sunday 8 PM 146.64 PL 82.5 and echolink 149493
Thursday 8PM 146.64 PL 82.5 NTS traffic net

Berry Mountain Amateur Radio Club
Tuesday 9PM 147.24 PL 123.0

Cumberland Amateur Radio Club
Wednesday 9 PM 28.440

Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club
Sunday 9 PM 147.12

Ephrata Area Repeater Society
Monday 9 PM 145.45 PL 100.0
Friday 9PM 146.61 PL 131.0 Digital Net

Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club
Wednesday 8 PM on the 146.76– repeater
Except for the second Wednesday of the month, which is club meeting night

Keystone VHF Club of York
Monday 8:30 PM 146.97 PL 123.0
Tuesday 8 PM 146.97 PL 123.0 Keystone Digital Net
Wednesday 9PM 146.97 PL 123.0 QCWA net

Lancaster Radio Transmitting Society
Thursday 9 PM 147.015 PL 118.8

Lebanon Valley Society of Radio Amateurs
Tuesday 8 PM 147.315 PL 82.5

PennMar Radio Club
Tuesday 8 PM 147.33 PL 123.0
Sunday 8:30 28.450 Dew Drop Inn net
Friday 8 PM 28.495 South Central PA net
Thursday 8:30 146.55 Tri-State Simplex net

Red Rose Repeater Association
Wednesday 9PM PL 118.8

South Mountain Repeater Association
Monday 8 PM 146.46 PL 67.0 Capitol Area Traffic net
Monday 9 PM 145.43 PL 67.0

Tuscarora Amateur Radio Association
Sunday 8 PM 147.045 PL 146.2

If you know of a ham radio net not listed please e-mail the information to shelbyminier@gmail.com

We will keep adding to the list.



Thanks to Dave, N3PRO for compiling the list!

Reprint from W5YI.....Indecency, Profanity, the Law

The FCC has ruled in the past that the communications indecency rules that apply to broadcast programming also applies to Amateur Radio transmissions. This is because many youngsters participate in ham radio and the government has an interest in protecting them from what it considers harmful indecent material.

Indecency, obscenity, profanity ...and the law

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is part of the Bill of Rights. The amendment prohibits the making of any law ...infringing on the freedom of speech or the press. Traditionally, print publications have the highest degree of First Amendment protection. It is basically legal to print anything. Over-the-air broadcasts enjoy the least. Broadcasters are subject to restrictions barring the transmission of indecent or profane material over the airwaves.

The FCC's power to regulate language content comes from the U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18, Section 1464. The statute was originally in Section 503(b) of the Communications Act and was moved to the Criminal Code in 1948. Section 1464 states: "Whoever utters any obscene, indecent, or profane language by means of radio communication shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both." A subsequent statute and court case prohibited the broadcast of indecent material from 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The law covering subscription TV broadcasting is different. It only holds that obscene material is illegal. Section 1468 states: "Whoever knowingly utters any obscene language or distributes any obscene matter by means of cable television or subscription services on television, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or by a fine in accordance with this title, or both."

The FCC prohibits highly offensive curse words from being broadcast between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. local time when children could be listening. The Supreme Court has upheld the FCC's rule banning questionable material when there is a "reasonable risk that children will be in the audience".

The so-called "safe harbor" refers to the time period between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., local time. During this time period, a local broadcast station may air indecent material. But due to ham radio's reach, and the fact that Amateur Radio communications frequently spans many time zones, the safe harbor constraints generally do not apply to ham radio communications.

There is also a constitutional issue involved. The FCC must be mindful of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 326 of the Communications Act, which prohibit the FCC from censoring material, or interfering with the public's free speech rights.

What makes material "obscene?"

According to Supreme Court, unlike indecency, which is constitutionally permitted, obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment. There is no "safe harbor" for the broadcast of obscene material and it may not be broadcast at any time.

According to the U.S. Supreme Court, to be obscene, material must meet a three-prong test: (1) an average person, applying contemporary community standards, must find that the material, as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest (i.e., material having a tendency to excite lustful or erotic thoughts); (2) the material must depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct; and (3) the material, taken as a whole, must lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

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What makes material "indecent?"

Indecent material contains sexual or excretory material that does not rise to the level of obscenity. For this reason, the courts have held that indecent material is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned entirely.

Material is indecent if, in context, it depicts or describes sexual or excretory organs or activities in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium. In each case, the FCC must determine whether the material describes or depicts sexual or excretory organs or activities and, if so, whether the material is "patently offensive."

To be "patently offensive," context is critical. The FCC looks at three primary factors when analyzing broadcast material: (1) whether the description or depiction is explicit or graphic; (2) whether the material dwells on or repeats at length descriptions or depictions of sexual or excretory organs; and (3) whether the material appears to pander or is used to titillate or shock. No single factor determines the decision. The FCC weighs and balances these factors because each case presents its own mix of these, and possibly other, factors.

"Profane language" includes those words that are so highly offensive that their mere utterance in the context presented may, in legal terms, amount to a "nuisance."

Regulation of indecency

The FCC did not begin to spell out a policy on what the word "indecent" meant until 1975. It did so then in response to a complaint from a father who had heard a monologue on a New York radio station (owned by Pacifica) by comedian George Carlin, titled "Filthy Words."

The post-Pacifica policy stood until March 2004, when the agency changed its direction. Thereafter, it said, even a single use of "the F-Word" on the air would be treated as illegal if it occurred between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The FCC also made it clear that, among other single banned words, the four-letter word meaning excrement was also banned.

Indecency on the Internet and subscription television

Congress attempted to expand indecency regulation to the Internet with the Communications Decency Act (CDA) of 1996. The law was passed as part of that year's Telecommunications Act overhaul. It sought to impose criminal penalties on anyone who:

(A) uses an interactive computer service to send to a specific person or persons under 18 years of age, or (B) uses any interactive computer service to display in a manner available to a person under 18 years of age, any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards, sexual or excretory activities or organs.

Upon passage, the ACLU, American Library Association and others challenged the constitutionality of the CDA. They claimed that it violated the public's constitutionally protected speech (namely speech that is deemed indecent or "patently offensive"). The court struck down what it termed a "blanket restriction on speech" and ruled that, "The Internet is entitled to the full protection given to media such as the print press. It said that the special factors justifying government regulation of broadcast media do not apply." A subsequent high court decision (2000) extended similar protection to subscription television.

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Despite the differences between regulating broadcasting – but not the Internet and cable television -- Congress continued to support a system of increased fines on broadcasters.

In 2006, Congress passed the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act, increasing the maximum fines to "\$325,000 for each violation or day of such violation, to a maximum of \$3 million for any single act or failure to act." But on June 4, 2007, a the Second Circuit Court of Appeals held that fines for so called "fleeting expletives" could no longer be collected from companies.

FCC's Indecency policy struck down

The agency changed its indecency approach after getting many complaints about two TV broadcasts. At the Billboard Music Awards in 2002, Cher unexpectedly blurted out the "F-word" and Nicole Richie said the "S-word." And Rock singer Bono used a variation of "the F-Word" on the NBC-TV 2003 broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards.

In reaction to the complaints, the FCC on March 15, 2006 issued what it called an "omnibus order" that dealt with about fifty indecency violations ...including those of a single "fleeting" usage of a curse word. The fines totaled more than \$4 million. Joined by other broadcasters, Fox TV sued the FCC for what they said was a constitutionally questionable and unevenly enforced indecency policy. The matter eventually ended up at the Supreme Court.

The high court remanded the case back to the New York-based Second Circuit Court of Appeals to consider the constitutionality of the policy. The appellant court heard the case again.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2010, the three judge panel unanimously struck down the FCC's indecency policy which calls for heavy fines. In a 32-page ruling, the court said it "now holds that the FCC's policy violates the First Amendment because it is unconstitutionally vague, creating a chilling effect that goes far beyond the fleeting expletives" heard over-the-air. The FCC's order and the Commission's underlying indecency policy was vacated.

The appellate court's decision was a major victory for broadcasters who have long complained the FCC's indecency rules violated First Amendment rights. In the past, the FCC has levied fines on scripted expletives but had been more lenient about accidental profanities uttered during live shows.

FCC commissioner Michael Copps said in a statement that the court's decision was "anti-family." The federal court's ruling affects radio and TV broadcasting, but not cable, satellite, wireline or print media. It probably also impacts language used on-the-air by ham radio operators. Copps believes the FCC's policy is "constitutional and enforceable," and he called on the commission to "move forward immediately to clarify and strengthen its indecency framework."

The Fox Network was "extremely pleased" with the Second Court's decision. "We have always felt that the government's position on fleeting expletives was unconstitutional," Fox said in a statement, adding "the inherent challenges broadcasters face with live television ...must allow for the unfortunate isolated instances where inappropriate language slips through."

In the end, it seemed that the Federal Communications Commission may have to try again to explain why it thinks single fleeting utterances of the "F-word" and the "S-word" are unlawful communications at times when children may see and hear. The problem may be how, in legal terms, the Commission might fashion a ruling with that result.

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The Second Circuit will undoubtedly not have the final word on this. The constitutional debate may again wind up back at the Supreme Court if the FCC appeals the decision. It appears that only another Supreme Court decision will provide a definitive answer to the problem of regulating over-the-air broadcast indecency.

Amateur Radioand indecency

The Part 97 amateur service rules used to prohibit the transmission of "...obscene, indecent or profane words or meaning." For some unknown reason, the word "profane" was dropped from Section 113(d) in 1993 even though the criminal law (18 U.S.C. § 1464) and the FCC's website still mentions all three.

The new rewrite of Section 113(a)4 now only prohibits "...obscene or indecent words or language." The FCC has in the past held that the indecency rules applying to TV and radio broadcasting also apply to Amateur Radio transmissions. In making obscenity or indecency determinations, the FCC staff analyzes what was actually transmitted.

If the FCC determines that the curse words were obscene or indecent, it can issue a Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL), which is a preliminary finding that the law or the FCC's rules have been violated. Subsequently, this preliminary finding may be confirmed, reduced, or rescinded when the FCC issues a Forfeiture Order.

The fact remains, however, that the FCC has never issued a citation or NAL to a ham radio operator for solely violating its obscenity or indecency rules. The violation notice always mentions other accompanying offenses which can easily be proved ...and don't involve controversial first amendment issues.

Submitted by Terry Snyder, WB3BKN (Reprint from W5YI)



At last, the mystery of the Mayan calendar revealed.

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MEETING!**

W3UU - **Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club** – WinterFest

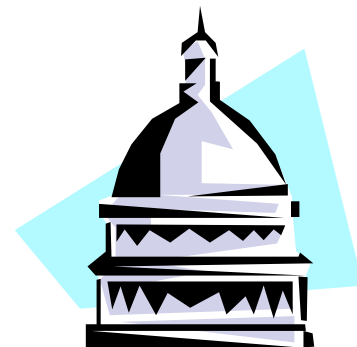


JANUARY 19th 2013

(Saturday)

WINTER FEST

H A M F E S T



“A Harrisburg PA Hamfest”

Cooper Student Union, South Hall

1 HACC Drive

Harrisburg, Pa 17110

N 40.29623 W 76.88805 (parking lot)

(HACC Campus Follow Signs)

8:00 am to Noon

TALK-IN 146.76 (PL 100 hz)

- ◆ Admission, **\$3.00** per person.
- ◆ **No extra charge for table space!**
- ◆ Food and drinks available
- ◆ DXCC/WAS/VUCC QSL Card checking on site
- ◆ Amateur radio testing at 10:00 am
- ◆ Please, be courteous to your fellow hams by using reasonable table space (based on demand)

No reserved table space; Unloading can be done through doors, and then move vehicle to parking area.



General Admission: 8:00 AM

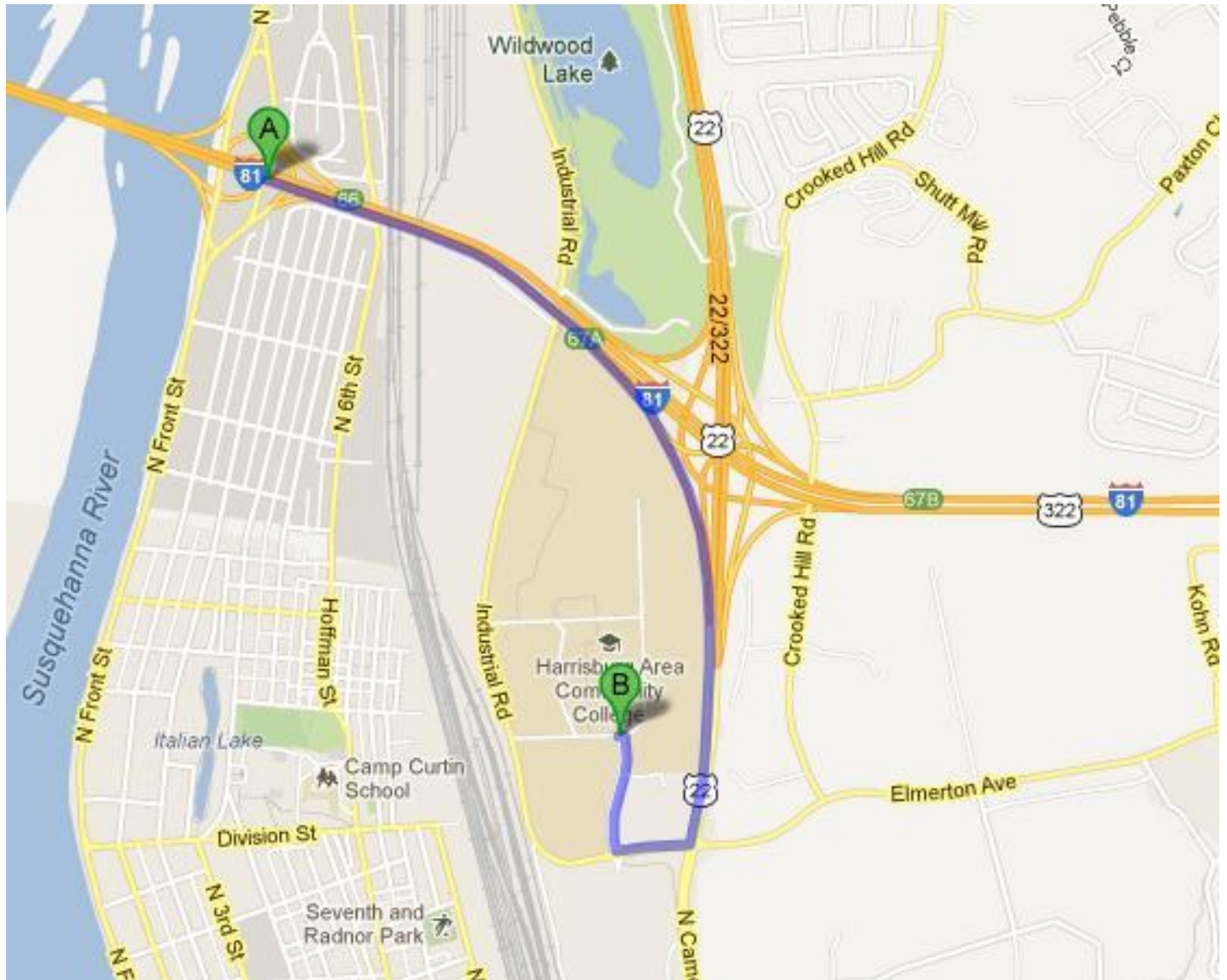
Web Site: www.w3uu.org

For further information or questions contact:

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Driving directions to Harrisburg Area Community College

- A** I-81 N
- 1. Head east on I-81 N toward Exit 67A 0.7 mi
- 2. Take exit 67A to merge onto US-22 E toward PA-230/Harrisburg/Cameron St 1.1 mi
- 3. Turn right onto Wildwood Park Dr 0.2 mi
- 4. Turn right onto Hacc Dr 0.2 mi
- 5. Turn left onto Alumni Dr 56 ft
- B** Harrisburg Area Community College
1 Hacc Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Parking lot coordinates Willow lot:

N40.29623

W76.88805

Upon entering HACC campus, turn Left and follow signs.

Vendors: After turning left, vendors will turn Right onto a service road and follow signs to Cooper Student building.

Buyers: After turning Left, proceed over small bridge, and turn Right into Willow parking area. Go until you see a foot bridge on the right, and find a parking spot. Get out of car and walk across the foot bridge to Cooper Building.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:
Tim Lehman (KB3OZA)
PO Box 453
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0453
717-982-8550

Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 62) per year.
Dues end December 31st.

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARRL Member: Y _____ N _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.