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Club

Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Its August, already, issue

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GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

To be certain we are all on the same page when it comes to the new Grassroots Congressional Action program the ARRL Board has approved, it appears a few additional words of explanation are in order.

Specifically, I have heard speculation that this project threatens the non-profit, US CFR 501(c)(3) tax status of the League. It is right to be concerned over such issues, but in this case, the concern is without foundation.

Club Meetings:

1st Thursday of
every month at
7:30 p.m. at the
Club House on State
Route 37 (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers
Field.

Radio Night:

Every Thursday
of every month
(Except 1st Thursday)
at the Clubhouse,
6:30 p.m.
to 8:30 p.m. on State
Route 37 (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers
Field.

Net:

Mondays 9 p.m.
147.030 MHz (+.6)
146.700 MHz (-.6)
Alternate Freq.
443.875 MHz (+5)

Club Packet BBS:

145.53 MHz
K8QIK-1 BBS
K8QIK-2: OHIO53
(Club Node)

The issue here is that we are openly planning to "lobby."

Many people erroneously believe that "lobbying" is prohibited to tax exempt organizations. It is true that tax-exempt organizations including ARRL are limited in what they can do to lobby, but it is incorrect to believe they cannot lobby. A variety of factors is involved in determining if the manner in which a tax-exempt organization lobbies is consistent with its tax status. These include the percent of receipts spent in lobbying, to whom the lobbying effort is directed, what the lobbying effort is and more.

Some people prefer to call the type of lobbying ARRL is allowed "advocacy" instead of lobbying. Regardless, a rose by any other name still smells the same. I prefer to call lobbying exactly what it is -- lobbying. Our ARRL General Counsel and our Congressional Public Relations (lobby) firm feel the same way.

One key factor concerning the propriety of ARRL lobbying is that we are asking only our members to take action. We are not and will not under the current laws ask non-members to follow our lead. If someone decides on their own that our plan is the way to go, they are free to do whatever it is they wish. If the whatever is the same thing we advocate, it is not our fault and we risk no penalty. We cannot, however, direct our lobbying efforts to non-members.

So, let's get ready to lobby-by! Lobbying is proper for us and will prove useful in protecting the legitimate needs of Amateur Radio. It has become the only viable way we have of getting our story across to critical decision makers.

THE LAST POLL

I didn't keep detailed statistics on the last poll, but I can report its results pretty well. You will recall I asked what you in the Great Lakes Division (GLD) felt about your contact (!) with ARRL HQ and 2) with the SMs and his staff, Vice Director Mondro and me. Here is where we came out with some 500 replies having been received:

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1. Feelings about HQ: ca 95% had excellent experiences, ca 5% had poor experiences.
2. Feelings about the Division: ca 90% had excellent experiences, ca 10% had poor experiences.

Looking at this further, the poor experiences reported for HQ related essentially to the perception that the HQ folks were disinterested in what the member had to say. Pretty much was true of the feelings of those who reported poor experiences within the Division.

Regarding HQ, the information you provided me served as the basis for an in-depth discussion at a committee meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting and again during a session of the Board meeting. Our conclusion is that the staff truly is interested in each member, but that on occasion of heavy load this interest sometimes appear to be hidden. Measures are being taken to make our good, responsive people at HQ even better.

As to perceptions within the Division, I forwarded comments to the proper SM for whatever action he sees appropriate. And, yes, there was an instance or two when I dropped the ball. All I can do is to apologize for these instances and try to avoid them in the future.

Tnx for sharing your comments with me.

REGULATING BAND SEGMENTS BY TRANSMITTED BANDWIDTH

The editorial in the September QST discusses the rationale behind regulation by bandwidth. I encourage you to read this and consider it carefully. At the same time or soon thereafter a synopsis of the proposal will be available to you to review. You will be asked to tell us if you see any problems that are likely to occur if the proposal would be implemented in the manner it is presented to you.

In the meantime, don't get bent out of shape thinking Regulating by Bandwidth will take us into a new ballgame. Simply stated, it won't. About the only thing that will change materially is the fact that putting newer forms of transmission into our bands will become simpler, quicker and more logical. All of your favorite modes of transmission (yes, AM included) will still be available.

All is good!

GLD CONVENTION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 18. This is the date of the second, biannual Great Lakes Division Convention. It will be held in Greater Toledo this year on the day before the Toledo Hamfest (March 19)). Our friend, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH of FCC Enforcement fame will be the banquet speaker Saturday evening. In the planning stages at this moment are a meeting of Letter Sorters of the 8th District Incoming QSL Bureau and a DX forum with some heavy shooters -- i.e., Big Guns -- to discuss how to get things done. The list of remaining top-class seminars is being firmed as we speak.

OHIO QSO PARTY

Start-Finish:1600Z - 0400Z, Weekend of August 28th 2004. Frequencies:CW 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3850, 7225, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz.

Categories: SO, MM, and Mobile, Rover. Exchange: Serial Number and state or province, DX stations send "DX." (Ohio stations exchange serial number and county.) QSO Points: CW--2 pts, SSB--1 pt. Score: QSO points x OH counties (OH station count states, provinces and OH counties). Mults count once per mode.

For complete rules: <http://www.oqp.us/rules> Submit paper logs within 30 days of the contest to: Ohio QSO Party, c/o Jim Stahl, K8MR, 30499 Jackson Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-1730

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GLD STUDENTS

The following GLD students received scholarships through the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) at the recent meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. Their names, residences and scholarship names are:

QCWA SILENT KEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert C. Mate, KB8VXJ, No. Olmstead, OH David R. Parmiter, KC8IHT, Roseville, OH Stephen M. Sciarini, KC8IDJ, Dover, OH

LAWRENCE E. AND THELMA J. NORRIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Therese G. Long, KC8PEZ, Imlay City, MI
10-10 INTERNATIONAL NET SCHOLARSHIP Joshua J. Long, N8CFS, Imlay City, MI

ROBERT E. TRUE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Justin R. Rigling, KC8OIO, Hamilton, OH

Fifty five scholarships were awarded. Each scholarship carried a financial award with it. Congratulations to all of the winners. If one of these is in your area, why not invite him/her to a club meeting or activity. Make them at home in the club. Praise their accomplishment.

ENFORCEMENT

Over the years, I've received questions and heard comments that indicate many hams do not understand how FCC and International rules that govern Amateur Radio are enforced. Here it is in a nut shell.

1. ARRL does not have and does not want powers and authority to enforce Amateur Radio regulations. Enforcement is the job of the FCC in this country.

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2. ARRL gets involved in enforcement only to the extent of sponsoring the Official Observer Corps which is trained to gather and document information on poor operating practices. OOs typically provide a gentle reminder of good operating practices to operators who slide off the path of good operating. These reminders typically are enough to bring a mild transgressor back to the straight line. In instances in which someone insists upon violating legal practices on a routine basis, OOs are trained in gathering and documenting occurrences of bad operating and forwarding these to ARRL HQ.

3. At HQ, evidence of bad operating are reviewed. Consistent with instructions from the FCC this forwarded to the FCC enforcement bureau.

4. FCC may judge the information they receive to be inadequate to take strong disciplinary action. In these cases, more evidence is usually developed by FCC. Considering that some FCC enforcement actions are likely to be argued in court, the rules of evidence in these cases require that evidence be irrefutable. It takes time to gather irrefutable evidence in most cases.

5. Action upon information that is considered to be fully legitimate and dictate enforcement action may still take quite a bit of additional time. FCC may feel a need to gather its own data. In addition, any enforcement action by FCC requires having it approved by FCC attorneys. I have to say from years of experience with attorneys and litigation, the only one of them I've ever seen move swiftly is our League General Counsel, Chris Imlay, W3KD. This means, enforcement action approval is likely to take awhile.

Bottom line: It may happen, but it won't happen fast.

'Nuf for now. 73, GL,

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SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

September 1ST. At 4:30 p.m.
Meet at the festival grounds in Millersport
Charge your HT's and be there

AUGUST BIRTH- DAYS

AA8JH Clifford Anderson
KC8FUO Michael Stutske
W8QCO Richard Harrison
W8FZ Fred Stutske
KB8IOW Charles Kinser
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

VE TESTING

SUNDAY AUGUST 15
9:30 A.M. AT L.F.C.A.R.C.
CLUB HOUSE

**Drop in and see us on Radio Night,
Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.**



Check out our Club Web Site at: www.qsl.net/k8qik

CENTRAL OHIO CW LEARNING NET

The CW Learning Net is Every Friday night at 8:00 P.M. on the W8CMH repeater 145.490 (-). Portion of 2 hour net is devoted to letter learning and the balance to QSO designed to promote speed development. Carl, AA8YY is Net Control.

Weather Spotter Net

146.76 repeater
with 123htz. tone
Every Tuesday at
7:30 p.m.
Alt. Freq 147.240

SLOW SCAN TV NET

The COSSTV (Central Ohio Slow Scan TV), <http://www.qsl.net/n8tut/sstv>, Net is the first Sunday of every Month at 7:00 PM. The group meets on the W8CMH repeater 145.490(-). All you need is a 2m radio, a computer with a sound card, and the W95SSTV software. The Software is available on the internet at <http://www.siliconpixels.com/W95SSTV/W95dload.htm>.

- Meeting called to order by the Vice President
- Pledge of Allegiance - Tom Moore
- Applications - None
- Secretary's Report
 - Jon read report
 - Bob motioned to accept, Richard seconded.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Ed read the finances.
 - Bob motioned, Mr. Gaffney seconded.
- Vice President (Tom Moore) - Nothing
- Activities Manager (Connie Snoke) - Nothing
- Station Engineer (John Hillard)
 - Need to go paint. Next Thursday, the twelfth at seven.
 - Antennas and repeater are ready to go. Needs to be mounted on the fifth floor. Maybe later on this month.
 - LMR-400 600 low loss cable. Several rolls of it and connectors. Jon might have the stuff at work to do this.
 - Want to try and get this stuff out of the way, getting the firehouses done, and the hostpital.
- VE Testing
 - Fifteenth, couple generals and three technicians.
- Net
 - Nets going rather well. Many checkins.
- Ragchewer
 - Next Thursday
 - Please email Bob so any articles can be put in.
- Emergency Coordinator (Ed Campbell Snr)
 - Sweet Corn Festival in September.
 - Matt Keefe with the EMA wants an article in the paper for what we do.
 - Harry Vollmer may look into it, needs to be done by September.
- Old Buisness
 - EMA training session. Tom Mo was really counting on the club in an emergency.
 - Possible tree diagrams to see if we can get people to come to an emergency situation for EMA.
- New Buisness
 - Ohio QSO party on the twenty eighth of this month. SO, MM, Mobile, and Rover categories. Exchange serial number, state, DX, county.
- Refreshments
 - Harry will provide refreshments for next meeting.
- Closing
 - Bob motioned to accept.
 - Hollywood seconded.

UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials

▶ ALINCO

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	67
#1596	DJ-596T	219.95		219.95	67
#0107	DJ-C7T	169.95	Expected 08/20/04	169.95	
#3610	DJ-X10T	329.95		329.95	21
#2020	DJ-X2000T	769.95		499.95	21
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#4236	DR-135TP	269.95		269.95	62
#3621	DR-605TQ	339.95		339.95	
#0620	DR-620T	369.95		338.95	62

▶ AOR

AOR promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3705	AR5000A+3B*	2499.95		\$2499.95	22
#0083	AR8200Mk3B	589.95	Free SWL book #2984	589.95	23
#1860	AR8600Mk2B	889.95	Free SWL book #2984	889.95	22

▶ DRAKE

Drake promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0082	R8B	\$1469.95	Free Cal. & Book	\$1469.95	16

▶ GRUNDIG

Grundig promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0800	Satellit 800	\$499.95	Sale + Free book #2984	\$449.99	6
#3500	S350	99.95	Free SWL book #2984	99.95	6
#0400	YB-400PE	149.95	Free SWL book #2984	149.95	6
#0550	YB-550PE	99.95	Free SWL book #2984	99.95	7

▶ ICOM

ICOM promotion ends 08/31/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0208	208H	\$319.95	Sale!	\$309.99	61
#0703	703 Plus-15	569.95	Free Icom Hat	569.95	58
#2703	703-18	449.95	Free Icom Hat	449.95	58
#3450	706Mk2-g	799.95	Free RMK706	769.95	58
#0718	718	599.95	Free UT106 DSP	599.95	58
#0074	746 Pro	1649.99	\$200 Cpn.+Hat +PS125	1449.99	58
#1756	756 Pro II		\$200 Cpn.+Hat +PS125	2349.99	58
#1910	910H	1289.95	Free Icom Hat	1289.95	61
#2100	2100H-25N	179.95	Sale!	164.98	61
#0102	2200H	229.95	New!	229.95	61
#0272	2720H	379.95		379.95	61
#0041	7800	10599.90	Free Jacket & Hat	10599.90	57
#1002	PCR1000-02BON	479.95	Free SWL book & Chart	399.99	17
#3333	R 3-26	369.95	Free Spectrum Chart	369.95	18
#0005	R 5-06	199.95	Free Spectrum Chart	199.95	18
#3550	R10-05	299.95	Free Spectrum Chart	299.95	19
#0020	R20-06	499.95	Free Spectrum Chart	499.95	19
#0175	R75	549.95	\$50 Cpn +UT106 + Book	499.95	11
#1850	R8500-02	1499.95	Free book #2984 +Hat	1499.95	17
#4429	T2H Sport	99.95	Free Metal Flashlight	99.95	64
#3052	T7H	189.95	Free Metal Flashlight	189.95	64
#0690	T90A	259.95	Free Metal Flashlight	259.95	64
#0088	V8	129.95	Free Metal Flashlight	129.95	64
#4080	V8000	199.95		199.95	61
#0838	W32A	269.95	Free Metal Flashlight	269.95	64

▶ JAPAN RADIO CO.

JRC promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1545	NRD-545DSP	1799.95	Free JRC ST-3	\$1799.95	12

▶ KENWOOD

Kenwood promotion ends 08/31/04

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4211	TH-D7Ag	\$349.95	\$20 Coupon	\$329.95	63
#2222	TH-K2AT	149.95	\$20 Coupon	129.95	63
#3496	TH-K2AT K2	109.95	New Version!	109.95	63
#0066	TH-F6A	329.95	\$20 Coupon	309.95	63
#3699	TH-G71A[H]	239.95	\$20 Coupon	219.95	60
#0271	TM-271A	179.95	\$15 Coupon	164.95	60
#4116	TM-D700A	499.95	\$20 Coupon	479.95	60
#1621	TM-G707A	279.95		279.95	60
#3565	TM-V7A	399.95	\$50 Coupon	349.95	60
#0480	TS-480SAT	1199.95	\$200 Coupon	999.95	54
#2480	TS-480HX	1299.95	\$200 Coupon	1099.95	54
#0570	TS-570D[G]	964.95	\$50 Coupon +Logbook	914.95	54
#2519	TS-570S[G]	1124.95	\$50 Coupon +Logbook	1074.95	54
#1978	TS-2000	1749.95	\$150 Coupon +Mousepad	1599.95	54
#2797	TS-2000X	2249.95	\$150 Coupon +Mousepad	2099.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	1549.95	\$150 Coupon +Mousepad	1399.95	54

▶ SANGEAN

Sangean promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3505	ATS-505P	\$119.95	Free Propo book #0027	\$119.95	8
#1069	ATS-818ACS	199.95	Free SWL book #2984	199.95	8
#1909	ATS-909	239.95	Free SR25V AM/FM/TV	239.95	8
#1080	PT-80	159.95	Free SWL book #2984	159.95	8

▶ TEN-TEC

Ten-Tec promotion ends 09/30/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0321	RX-320D	\$328.95	Free SWL book #2984	\$328.95	13
#0340	RX-340	3950.00	Free Wall Clock #4614	3950.00	15
#0350	RX-350	1199.00	Free Wall Clock #4614	1199.00	14

▶ YAESU

Yaesu promotion ends 08/31/04.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2786	FRG-100B	\$599.95	Free SWL book #2984	\$599.95	13
#0060	FT-60R	194.95	Expected 08/20/04	194.95	
#1817	FT-817ND	629.95	New version +RefCard	629.95	56
#2319	FT-840	599.95		599.95	56
#1467	FT-847	1799.95		1799.95	56
#1857	FT-857D	779.95	New version	779.95	56
#1897	FT-897D	889.95	New version	889.95	56
#2360	FT-1000MPv	2089.99	Free Yaesu Hat	2089.99	56
#2633	FT-1000Field	1799.95	Free Yaesu Hat	1799.95	56
#2800	FT-2800M	159.95		159.95	62
#3780	FT-7800R	269.95		269.95	62
#0080	FT-8800R	369.95		369.95	62
#0890	FT-8900R	429.95		429.95	62
#3120	VR-120D	199.95		199.95	20
#0500	VR-500	299.95		299.95	20
#0050	VR-5000	599.95	Free SWL book #2984	599.95	20
#0176	VX-2R	179.95		179.95	66
#1795	VX-5R BLACK	229.99		229.99	66
#4430	VX-5RS SILVER	229.99		229.99	66
#0777	VX-7R SILVER	329.99		329.99	66
#0778	VX-7RB BLACK	328.99		328.99	66
#3187	VX-150/64B	129.99		129.99	65



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