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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

June is finally here and you know what that means, **FIELD DAY** is just around the corner. This year we are doing some things differently then we have in the past years. For one we have someone who volunteered to be Chairman, and that was **John Mathey K8AZT** and for that I am so grateful that he stepped up. Next we have post cards that will be going out to some of the radio amateur's in the area, and also we are inviting some City and State Officials. I am hoping that I see the members come out, not only to operate but to help set up and tear down. If we have enough out to help, we can have it done within an hour. John will have signup sheets at our next meeting, and that also will be our final meeting for the summer.

Next is the **Hot Dog and Corn Roast on August 10 from 12:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. at Doris and Taz's place.** They have a huge yard, with a big shade tree if it's hot out. The address is **37255 Eureka**, and it's really easy to find. Take 275 South to the Eureka Exit. Turn right and go up about half a mile. The house is on the left you can't miss it easy to find. Please bring chairs if you have them. That would be a great help.

I want to wish a Belated Birthday to the following members, Fred DesChenes May 1, Dawn Benbow May 3, James Keller May 13, and Dan Fuson May 17. Hope that you all had a Great Day.

Birthday's for June are Bruno Walczak June 5 hey that is the same day as mine, Sharon Keller June 5, Stuart Benbow June 9, Mike Best June 21, and Rodney Deyo June 23. Hope that all of your Birthday Wishes Come True. Happy Birthday ALL!!!!!!

We will have a short movie at the General Membership meeting on, June 23 @ 7:30 what it will be about is Field Day what else. We will be meeting in **Room A** and I hope to see you there. And if you can't make the meeting, please come out and do your part and work one of the stations for at least an hour on Field Day. I hope to make this our Best Field Day Yet.

TECHNICAL SECTION:

Legislative Action Assistant (LAA)

Taken from: ARRL Legislative Action Program Management Manual

The number of LAAs in a state depends upon the number of US Senators and US Representatives for the state. LAAs work in teams of two or three members to visit local Federal legislators. Their activities are coordinated by the LAC. LAAs are the front line troops who will make the all-important contacts in congressional districts. In the case of key legislative districts, you may wish to identify five or six members to form two LAA teams. These teams will be able to share the task of making all important visits to their local legislators to put a face to the Amateur Radio issues with which the Legislative Action Program is concerned. While only two or three should be the number making the visit, potential scheduling problems may dictate the wisdom of recruiting a larger than necessary for a group. But avoid allowing more than one team to make visits to a legislator on the same legislative issue. Visits by multiple teams may create confusion during visits and may result in the Congressman receiving a confused message about ARRL legislative goals.

Important Considerations for LAAs:

- 1) Must be a current member of ARRL.
- 2) Must be a registered voter who has voted in recent elections.
- 3) Must be readily accessible by both phone and e-mail.
- 4) Must be familiar with the workings of the program.
(Please have them read the material previously provided by the Legislative Action Committee so they will understand their place and function.)
- 5) Must have the skills necessary to work in a two or three person team.
- 6) Must be reasonably articulate and presentable.
- 7) Must be willing, when needed, to help recruit additional registered voters who are also ARRL members living and voting in the Congressional district.
- 8) Must be willing to coordinate receipt of material and training needs to fulfill the mission of the Program.
- 9) Must be willing to speak to local clubs about the ARRL Legislative Action Program
- 10) Must clearly understand their mission, as LAAs during meetings with legislators or their aides, is to discuss only Amateur Radio legislative issues selected to be supported or opposed through the Legislative Action Program. As private citizens, LAAs may wish to support or oppose other hot-button issues of their choosing, but they must avoid appearing to do this in the name of ARRL. These personal hot-button issues should be discussed in meetings separate from meetings held on behalf of the Legislative Action Program.

Primary Responsibilities of the LAA:

- 1) Schedule face-to-face meetings with local legislative staff and members of the US House of Representatives or US Senate.
- 2) Make follow up visits and stay in contact with the Congressional office over a long period of time to keep the Legislator current about Amateur Radio issues important to ARRL.
- 3) Request Congressmen support or oppose certain bills or resolutions.
- 4) Explain the legitimacy of the ARRL position on Federal legislation.
- 5) Work in a coordinated team of ARRL members in the local area who desire to make the ARRL Legislative Action Program a success.

Skills and Knowledge of use to the LAA:

- 1) Be a personal acquaintance with or be motivated to become acquainted with local Federal legislative staff and elected officials.
- 2) Have the ability to work with other local ARRL members to coordinate a team to participate effectively in the Program.

Does this interest you? If so, and you're in Michigan contact Lou Gembolis, KG8Nk at kg8nk@arrl.net, in Ohio contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ at wd8pnz@arrl.net and in Kentucky contact Patrick Thrush, N4PRT at n4prt@arrl.net or to me at nb4k@arrl.org.

I hope to see you'll consider this position and help us protect the future of our hobby.

John D. Meyers, NB4K
Division Legislative Action Coordinator

BUDGET BASEMENT:

I make personalized address labels, simple business cards or QSL cards. There are 30 address labels to a sheet, 10 business cards to a sheet or 4 QSL cards to a sheet. The charge is \$1.00 a sheet (mix or match) with a 3 sheet minimum (\$3.00). I have many graphics to choose from. **Contact Doris (KD8DXJ) at 734-941-5043 or Dorimae492@yahoo.com for more information.**

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2.5 Bath

2 car garage

30x40 Pole Barn with separate driveway and 200 amp service

5000 watt generator with switch kit included

All appliances stay with house

Stocked fish pond.

3 Rohn 25 towers

35 ft 40 ft 100 ft

Antennas included:

TH6DXX @ 100 ft

4 ele 6 mtr @ 90 ft

7 ele 222 @ 85 ft

8 ele 144 @ 90 ft

4 ele 146 @ 100 ft

222 Ringo @ 105 ft

Full size 160 mrt inverted V @ 90 ft

G5RV @ 80 ft

Par 17 end fed @ 65 ft

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WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

Local Hams in your Neighborhood

<http://www.vanityhg.com/maps/enterzip.html>

National Weather Service Detroit

<http://www.orh.noaa.gov/dtx>

Logging Programs

<http://www.n3fjp.com>

R A D A R

<http://www.qsl.net/wr8dar>

Antennas

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/bc.htm>

<http://www.cebik.com/radio.html>

Contests And DX

<http://cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/>

International Call Look-Up

http://www.book.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcallexe

Mega ConverterWeb Page

<http://www.megaconverter.com/mega2>

Aurora Activity Map

<http://sec.noaa.gov/pmap>

Here is a list of repeater frequencies charts, coast to coast for those of you that will be traveling buy car this year. <http://www.geocities.com/usrepeaters/>

AREA EXAMS & SWAPS:

Monroe Hamfest

June 15, 2008

Monroe County Fair Grounds

Gerstacker Bldg

6905 Eastman Ave

Talk-in 147.00 (PL 103.5)

Meeting Rooms for this year

June 23, 2008 Room A

No Meetings July and August but the Board Does Meet. Hot Dog and Corn Roast In August.

September 22, 2008 Room B

October 27, 2008 Room A

November 24, 2008 Room A

December there is no meeting, because of our LARC Christmas Party.

Please make a note of these meeting rooms.