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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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President's Corner 1	<p>Another LARC Swap & Shop has passed and from all accounts we did really well despite news regarding other local Hamfests not doing so well as of late. We had many customers and vendors comment that our swap was very nice and our swap staff was very courteous and helpful. Preliminary numbers show that we had almost exactly the same number of visitors as last year - 510 in 2011 vs. 515 in 2010. Our ARRL Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE, was present at our swap which was a real treat. And, like it was all meant to happen, as the last of the vendors and LARC members were leaving the Civic Park Senior's Center, the first of the 8+ inch snow started to fall.</p> <p>While the swap seemingly went along great, there are two areas that could have been handled better. First at Sam's Restaurant a large number of patrons, many from our event, overwhelmed his wait staff. He asked that we notify him of future swaps, so he can be better prepared. Secondly a Polish dance troupe had rented part of the building immediately after our swap. This was a scheduling discrepancy that was beyond our control. We are making a list of things that went well and things that need improvement. Let us know what you think, so that we can make the necessary improvements for next year. My thanks to the members of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club who made it possible for us to accomplish another successful swap: Ben & Jody, Bill & Robin Ward, James & Carla Keller, Bruno & Ceil Walczak, Pam, Doug Schwartz KD8HMA, Mike Best KD8GFB, Richard Gibson K6VEM, Bob Waite N8DBZ, Jerry W8WQU, John KD8NWD, Al KD8NWE, Bob WX8YZ, Tom N8LY, John K8AZT, Tas K8TAS, Doris KD8DXJ, Fred W8GKH and Lynette K8LCR. Mark your calendars now for the 2012 LARC Swap & Shop, which will be held next Feb 19th.</p> <p>Elections will be held at the general meeting on Monday, Feb. 28th. This is the time to nominate and vote for the people you want to run your club over the next 12 months. Please stop by and cast your vote. I should also remind you that you must have your 2011 dues paid in order to nominate or vote for any candidate. Our guest speaker will be John Stucka, N3JM, who will be telling us about Lightning. This is a very interesting topic and one that all hams should be aware.</p> <p>The Michigan QSO Party is April 16th from noon till 11:59PM. A QSO Party is a less-intense contest in which contestants in a given state or area (in this case, the state of Michigan) tries to work as many different counties in that area, as well as other states and DX. For the third year in a row, our club will partaking in the event, operating from the Livonia EOC which is located in the basement of the Police Department. Our objective is not only to use the event to practice passing traffic to local counties, but also the rest of the country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—Continued On Page 6—</p>
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National Exam Day Apr 23	
Dayton May 20	
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<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	
7:30 pm Monday February 28th 2011 Livonia Civic Center Library East Wing Meeting Room	

**LIVONIA REPEATER ▪ 145.35 PL 100HZ ▪ ECHOLINK W8WQU-R
LARC 2-METER NET EVERY THURSDAY 8:00PM LOCAL TIME**

Hamfests and Conventions

03/19/2011 | [Crossroads Hamfest](#)

Location: Marshall, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html>

04/02/2011 | [ARGYL Hamfest](#)

Location: Lowell, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (

Website: <http://www.argyl.org>

04/16/2011 | [Milford Swap and Shop](#)

Location: Highland, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk>

05/07/2011 | [Cadillac Hamfest](#)

Location: Cadillac, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Wexauke ARC

Website: <http://www.wexaukearc.org/index.html>

06/04/2011 | ["Good Old Days" Hamfest](#)

Location: Hudsonville, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association

Website: <http://w8ira.org>

06/05/2011 | [Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop](#)

Location: Chelsea, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://wd8iel.net>

06/19/2011 | [Monroe Hamfest](#)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Website: <http://www.mcrcra.org>

08/06/2011 | [UP Hamfest 2011](#)

Location: Escanaba, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.dcars.org/>

Elmer Hotline!

Starting out on a particular mode or stumped by technical problems with your equipment? Are you hesitant to bring up their problems at meetings or breakfasts? Bring your questions regarding a piece of equipment or a new mode to the Elmer Hotline: (President@livoniaarc.com). We will get you connected to someone who has the expertise you need.

2-METER NET NOTES

During the open discussion period of our 2-Meter Net on Thursdays is also a great time to contact someone that could help answer a question or give you a hand with a problem you might be having with your equipment.

Please remember to that Net Control Operators are always needed. Contact Dave KC8YWT to get your name on the list and for more information. It's fun and you will help maintain our 2-meter Net.

For those wanting to get an introduction to traffic handling tune into the SE Michigan Traffic Net 10:15 pm nightly on 146.760 Mhz The Spirit of 76 repeater.

Miscellaneous Notes

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Time To Plan Ahead

Now is the time to start planning for three big events that are coming this first part of 2011:

1. **Michigan QSO Party, April 16 and 17**
2. **The Hamvention in Dayton, May 20th to 22nd.**
3. **ARRL Field Day, June 25th to 27th.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

02/25/2011 | 90th Anniversary of The Festival of States

Feb

25-Mar 7, 0000Z-2359Z, W4F/K4O/ N4S, Saint Petersburg, FL. St Petersburg Amateur Radio Club. 28.450 14.250 7.080 3.050 . Certificate & QSL. St Petersburg Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2217, Saint Petersburg, FL 33731.

02/26/2011 | Lost Dutchman Gold Mine Legend

Feb 26-Feb 27, 1400Z-2359Z, W7W, Tempe, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club. 21.251 14.251 7.251 3.651. QSL. Steve Gurley, KY7W, 1104 E Campus Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282.

03/01/2011 | Peace Corps 50 Year Anniversary

Mar 1-Mar 5, 1600Z-2100Z, KA9NLX, Arlington Heights, IL. Peace Corps ARC and returned PC volunteers throughout the US. 21.375 14.325 7.283 10.133 Olivia possible 2 m . Certificate & QSL. John Paskevicz, 1423 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Honoring all Peace Corps Volunteers; promoting understanding of other

03/03/2011 | 80th anniversary of the adoption of the Star-Spangled Banner as the National Anthem

Mar 3-Mar 5, 1600Z-2300Z, W9SSB, Centralia, IL. Joe McNelly. 145.520 14.250 14.050 7.200. QSL. Joe McNelly, 529 S Sycamore, Centralia, IL 62801. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the Navy in 1889 and the President in 1916, and was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931

03/11/2011 | American Red Cross Month Special Event Station

Mar

11-Mar 12, 1700Z-2300Z, W8NVY, Muskegon, MI. American Red Cross Serving Muskegon Oceana and Newaygo Counties. 14.260 7.245 147.420 Simplex EchoLink: W8NVY, Node # 349350. Certificate & QSL. Karen Strait, KD8DHJ, 1479 Sullivan Rd, Ravenna, MI 49451. Times are daily

3/12/2011 | USS Wisconsin in the Wisconsin QSO Party

Mar 12-Mar 13, 1500Z-2130Z, N4WIS, Virginia Beach, VA. USS Wisconsin Radio Club. 14.264. QSL. N4WIS-USS Wisconsin Radio Club, PO Box 6682, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

03/19/2011 | Celebrating The Start of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the 108th Birthday of Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge

Mar 19, 1400Z-2100Z, W4OT, Vero Beach, FL. Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club. 28.450 21.350 14.240 7.255. Certificate. VBARC, PO Box 2082, Vero Beach, FL 32961. Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was the first.

03/20/2011 | Findlay Radio Club Celebrates 90 Years of Existence

Mar 19-Mar 20, 1300Z-0100Z, W8FT, Findlay, OH. Findlay Radio Club. 21.285 21.055 14.255 14.055 7.260 7.055 3.855 3.555. QSL. Findlay Radio Club, P O Box 587, Findlay, OH 45839.

03/27/2011 | Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon

Mar 27, 1000Z-2300Z, K5B, Las Cruces, NM. Mesilla Valley Radio Club. 21.337 14.330 7.225 3.893. QSL. Special Events Station K5B, c/o Mesilla Valley Radio Club, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004

03/29/2011 | Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the M1911 pistol.

Mar 29-Mar 30, 1500Z-0000Z, K7GST, Prescott, AZ. Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. 21.335 14.250 14.055 7.250. QSL. Yavapai Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 11994, Prescott, AZ 86304. Operating from Gunsite Academy

03/31/2011 | 2011 Mule Days

Mar 31-Apr 2, 1400Z-0000Z, W4GGM, Columbia, TN. Maury Amateur Radio Club. 21.040 21.085 21.360 14.040 14.071 14.085 14.260 7.040 7.060 7.085 7.260 3.560 3.580 3.960. QSL. MARC, 205 Cowan St, Columbia, TN 38401. PSK31, RTTY, CW, SSTV & phone. Mule Days is a annual celebration of all things related to mules held in Columbia TN, "Mule Capital" of the world. It began in 1840 as "Breeder's Day," a meeting for mule breeders. It now attracts over 200,000 people and takes place over 4 days.

DX NEWS

UGANDA, 5X. Jack, NP2OR is QRV as 5X7JD from Masaka until May 25. He is active on 40 and 20 meters using SSB every day from 0500 to 1550z. QSL to home call.

ECUADOR, HC. Rick, NE8Z will be QRV as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Pichincha Province, HC1MD/HC1 from Mt. Pichincha and HC1MD/HC4 from Punta Blanca, Manabi Province from February 8 to 24. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via K8LJG.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been active on 40 and 17 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Nigel, G4KIU is QRV as E51SC from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, on a permanent basis. He is active on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via E51SC.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 9Y. Mickey, AK5Q will be QRV as 9Y4/AK5Q from Port of Spain in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band/Low Power entry on 20 meters. QSL to home call.

CUBA, CO. Juan, CO8TW will be QRV as a Single Op/Low Power/Single Band entry on 20 meters in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via HB9SVT.

HAITI, HH. Jan, K4QD and Don, AF4Z are QRV as HH4/home calls until March 5 while on work assignment in Saint-Louis-Du-Nord. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and possibly PSK as both time and electrical power permit. QSL direct to home calls.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. A group of operators will be QRV as HI3CC as a Multi/Single entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via ON4IQ.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Dave, G3TBK is QRV as J88DR until March 14.

Activity is on all HF bands, with a preference to the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes entries in the ARRL DX CW contest and the upcoming ARRL DX SSB and RSGB 74th Commonwealth contests. QSL to home call.

COSTA RICA, TI. A group of operators will be QRV as TI5KS in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via N3KS.

KALININGRAD, UA2. Members of the UA2 Contest Club will be QRV as UA2F in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. This also includes being a Multi/Op entry in the upcoming CQ 160-Meter SSB contest. QSL via DK4VW.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Jon, W5JON and Cathy, W5HAM are QRV as V47JA and V4/W5HAM, respectively, from Calypso Bay, IOTA NA-104, until March 30. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB. This includes entries in the upcoming ARRL DX SSB and CQ WPX SSB contests. QSL both calls via W5JON.

RODRIGUES ISLANDS, 3B9. Slavo, SP2JMB and Bogdan, SP2FUD are QRV as 3B9/homecalls and will be QRV in the CQ WPX RTTY contest. QSL to home calls.

KENYA, 5Z. Sig, NV7E is QRV as 5Z4EE for the next four years. He is active on 160 to 10 meters. This includes entries in all the major contests. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Roger, N4RR is QRV as PJ4/homecall. Activity is on 80 to 15 meters using RTTY. He will be active as PJ4R in the CQ WPX RTTY contest. QSL to home call.

GUATEMALA, TG. David, N6HD will be QRV as TG7/homecall from February 15 to March 7. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Torsten, DG7RO is QRV as V31TF until March 1. Activity is holiday style on 160 to 10 meters using SSB and RTTY with some CW. This includes possibly being active as V31GW in the CQ WPX RTTY contest, and the upcoming ARRL DX CW and CQ WW 160-Meter SSB contests. QSL via operator's instructions.

NEW ZEALAND, ZL. Members of the Papakura Radio Club Branch 65 in South Auckland are QRV using special event callsign ZL50VK until March 31 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club. QSL via ZL1VK.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Rwanda, 9X0SP, 2010 operation. If you had this operation rejected in a recent application, send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to have your record updated.. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Rwanda, 9X0SP, 2010 operation. If you had this operation rejected in a recent application, send a note to dxcc@arrl.org to have your record updated.

SKYWARN TRAINING SESSIONS

2/26 and 3/26 2011 Sat. 10:00 AM
The Maplewood Community Center
31735 Maplewood
Garden City, Michigan 48135

4/11/11 Monday 7:00 PM
Livonia Civic Center Library
32777 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154

5/6/11 Friday 7:00 PM
Westfield Center
2700 Westfield Rd.
Trenton, Michigan 48183

Wayne County SKYWARN Net Procedures
August 10, 2010

The power point presentation for SKYWARN is on the NWS web site for use as a refresher. This training course is updated every two years. To be qualified as a SKYWARN spotter you must take the course in a class room at minimum every two years. You may take it more often if you like. SPRING

Spotters who are ham radio operators in Wayne County can take part in our SKYWARN nets on our 2 meter repeaters. All other persons located in other counties or countries are to check into their respective nets. These other people are not to checkin on the Wayne County net.

The primary repeater is 145.33- MHz with 100 Hz PL and the secondary or backup repeater is 147.16+ MHz with 100Hz PL. If no net is in session or you cannot make it to a radio, use the 800 number from your spotter card to report a severe weather condition. This number is unpublished so do not repeat it on the air or post on anywhere on the web.

SKYWARN nets are CONTROLLED nets and no transmission is allowed without the permission of the Net Control Station. Please keep your transmissions short. Please organize your thoughts before transmitting.

You must first call the NCS and be recognized before you make a transmission. Use this method: Give your call sign phonetically and wait for the NCS to answer. The NCS may be busy making notes, checking radar, preparing another warning statement or talking with MICON. Speak slowly, pens don't write as fast as you can talk.

When checking in please give no other information than your callsign, name, city and major cross streets ONLY. Your SKYWARN spotter ID number is not needed.

Individual hams are never to make a report directly on the MICON net frequency during an active net. You may listen only. The MICON net is a CLOSED net. This net is in the 440 MHz band.

Always listen first to see what condition the SKYWARN net is in. There are three net conditions, Green, Yellow and Red.

Green - Under condition green, net control will accept check-ins, reports of approaching thunderstorms, heavy rain, gust front arrival, intense frequent lightning, pea size hail or larger, damaging winds, torrential rains, flooding over the curbs, wall clouds, funnel clouds, or tornadoes. Please keep your transmissions short, no transmissions are to be made without the approval of the Net Control Station. If you have a severe weather report to give, please feel free to call in.

Yellow – Under condition yellow, net control will NOT accept check-ins, and only wants reports of heavy, torrential, or horizontal rain, flooding over the curb 6 inches deep or more, damaging winds greater than 40 MPH, gust front arrivals, hail pea sized or larger, intense frequent lightning, wall clouds, funnel clouds, or tornadoes. Please keep your transmissions short, no transmissions are to be made without the approval of the Net Control Station. Any check-ins will be taken after the net is returned to condition green. If you have a severe weather report to give that meets this criteria, please feel free to call in.

Red - Under condition red, net control will not accept check-ins, and only wants reports of hail three quarters of an inch in diameter or larger, winds in EXCESS of 60 MPH, wall clouds, funnel clouds, or tornadoes. Please keep your transmissions short, no transmissions are to be made without the approval of the Net Control Station. Any check-ins will be taken after the net is returned to condition green. If you have a severe weather report that meets this criteria, please feel free to call in.

When reporting remember to use the T.E.L. System.

Time – The local time of the effect, when it actually happened. This helps the NWS track the storm effects on radar and if and where they might need to issue an updated warning.

Effect – Describe the effect as accurately and in as simple of terms as possible. Use standards when describing. State if wind speeds are measured or estimated.

Location – The city and the closest MAIN cross streets that would be found on a metro Detroit map. GPS over the radio takes too much time and there is too much margin for error.

We will no longer use a pre-net check-in period. You can check in after the net or when the net condition is reduced to green. When the net is in condition Yellow or Red, do not call net control to report you are leaving the area or the net.

Damage reports should be sent on the web via eSpotter or called in after the storm has left the 17 county area that the White Lake office is responsible for. Other areas may still be in condition yellow or red. If any county is in condition red or yellow, MICON will be under condition red or yellow. Do not use the 800 number when the bad weather is still in the area for damage reports.

Occasionally we will have an untrained operator make a report. We will try and confirm this report with a trained spotter. If no confirmation is made, we will pass the information onto the NWS with the qualification that the information came from an untrained spotter. If you are untrained and make a report, please inform the NCS when making the report.

Never make a second hand report or “good weather report” on the net. Only report bad weather you actually witness. Remember, the National Weather Service has a better radar feed than you or any other web source.

NEVER self deploy to an affected area. You may be walking right into a hazardous chemical spill, downed power lines, or flooded and washed out roads then become another victim. If you are sent to an area you will be given directions for safe entry.

Remember your personal safety and the safety of your family comes first.

Shanon Herron KA8SPW
Wayne County EC/RO

NWS Detroit: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/> WCARPSC: <http://www.wa8eoc.org/>

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The Livonia Police Department and the city emergency management have been 100% behind our exercise and look forward to our event each year. It allows us to demonstrate our communications abilities under emergency situations. While this may all sound rigorous, it's actually a lot of fun. We need volunteers to help set up on Friday afternoon at the Livonia EOC as well as operators (both Phone and CW) on Saturday. Also we will be needing help getting the antenna off the roof on either Sunday or Monday.

ARRL National Exam Day is April 23rd and we are in the process of setting up an exam session. If you are a VE, let us know if you are available in the late morning to early afternoon. And if you're not a VE, ask us how you can join us.

It's not too early to think about Field Day. Reserve the weekend of June 25th - 26th and join us in the biggest ham radio event of the year. John Mathey, K8AZT, has graciously volunteered to be the event chair and we will be teaming up with the Ford Amateur Radio League (Tin Lizzy Club). The event will take place in the field behind the fire station on Plymouth Road, west of Newburgh Road. More details to follow. 73 Mike, N8MR

Spectrum Management Bill Threatens Amateur Frequencies

On February 10, Representative Peter King (R-NY-3), Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, introduced HR 607, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011. The bill has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which handles telecommunications legislation. HR 607 addresses certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. As part of that network, the bill provides for the allocation of the so-called D-Block of spectrum in the 700 MHz range for Public Safety use.

The D-Block consists of two, 5-megahertz-wide segments of spectrum (758-763 and 788-793 MHz) that became available when the FCC ended analog television broadcasts in June 2009 and reallocated the 698-806 MHz band for Public Safety and commercial broadband. It was anticipated that the D-Block would be auctioned for commercial use. There are several bills in Congress providing for the allocation of the D-Block for Public Safety use, and HR 607 is one of those. But HR 607 uniquely provides for the reallocation of other spectrum for auction to commercial users, in order to offset the loss of revenue that would occur as the result of the allocation of the D-Block to Public Safety instead of commercial auction. HR 607 lists the paired bands of 420-440 MHz and 450-470 MHz among the bands to be reallocated for commercial auction within 10 years of its passage.

Of serious concern to the ARRL is the inclusion of the 420-440 MHz amateur allocation in the list of frequencies to be cleared for auction, said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. The ARRL and the Amateur Radio community certainly support the work of public safety agencies and understand their desire for an interoperable network; however, the inclusion of most of the amateur 70 cm spectrum as one of the replacement bands is illogical and unacceptable. The 420-440 MHz band is not Public Safety spectrum and should never have been included in any spectrum swap of Public Safety allocations.

Saying that the ARRL Washington team has already begun meeting with key Congressional staff on Capitol Hill, Henderson noted that Amateur Radio already shares the 70 cm band on a secondary basis with the governmental radiolocation services, such as the PAVE PAWS radar systems: The 70 cm band is a critical and irreplaceable resource for Amateur Radio public service and emergency communications. The specification of the 420-440 MHz band in this legislation is ill-conceived. To be sure, the ARRL will vigorously oppose this legislation in its present form. It is, as evidenced by other legislation, completely unnecessary to the creation of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network or the use by Public Safety of the D-Block for that purpose. The role of the Amateur Service as a partner to Public Safety in the provision of public service and emergency communications necessitates the retention of full access to the entire 420-440 MHz band.

HR 607 is presently cosponsored by the Homeland Security Committee's Ranking Member, Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2) as well as Representatives Shelley Berkley (D-NV-1), Yvette Clarke (D-NY-11), Billy Long (R-MO-7), Candice S. Miller (R-MI-10), Laura Richardson (D-CA-37), Mike Rogers (R-AL-3), and Michael Grimm (R-NY-13).

As we continue to track the progress of HR 607, I urge ARRL members to watch for further information about the bill on the ARRL website, Henderson said. When that additional information is released, it will include a request to contact your representative and express opposition to HR 607, as long as it includes a provision to auction off any Amateur Radio spectrum for commercial use. ARRL members may also sign up for the ARRL Legislative Update Newsletter and automatically receive information as it becomes available. Sign up by logging onto the ARRL website and select the 'Edit Your Profile' link located at the top of each page. Once on that page, select the 'Edit Email Subscriptions' tab and click on the box for ARRL Legislative Update. The ARRL Legislative Update is prepared on an as needed basis to those who have opted-in to receive it. A new edition addressing HR 607 will be forthcoming soon.

The ARRL is asking its members to contact their US representatives in opposition to the sections of HR 607 that could affect the Amateur Radio Service allocation at 420-440 MHz. HR 607, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011, would address certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. It was introduced into the US House of Representatives February 10.

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, clarified that the League opposes HR 607 in its present form. We do not oppose the concept of dedicated spectrum for the development of a Public Safety infrastructure and wire-

less network. We object to the bill because of the inclusion of 420-440 MHz as part of the spectrum to be swapped and auctioned to commercial users.

You can find a sample letter, how to find your Representative and the contact information for ARRL's legislative consultant, Chwat & Co, at <http://www.arrl.org/sample>

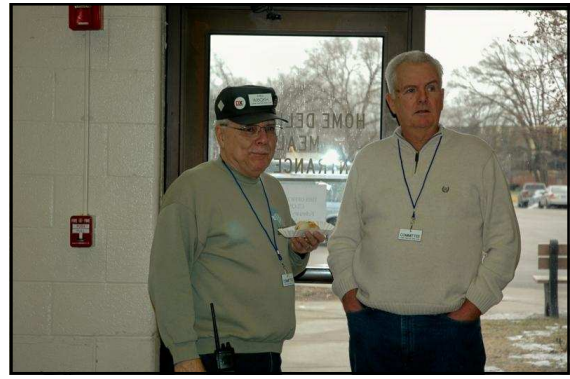
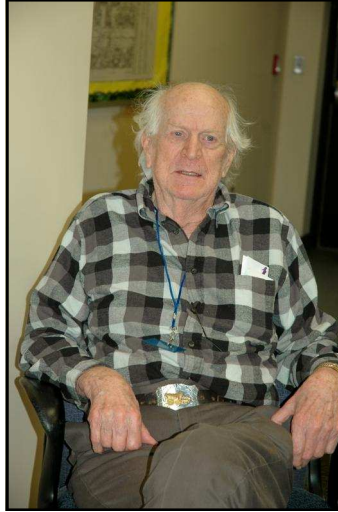
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