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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's this weekend! June 27-28 is our annual Field Day with the Ford Amateur Radio League. The two clubs will be participating in this most hallowed event at Livonia Firehouse #6, at 37876 Plymouth Road, just west of Newburgh. Set up will begin on Saturday morning. It is a 24-our event, starting at 2:00pm Saturday and ending at 2pm on Sunday. Teardown will start directly after the end of the event. Everyone is welcome to stop by and operate, log or observe ham radio at its finest. Regardless of whether you consider it a contest, special event, or a club outing, plan on being there to set up, operate, log or tear down.

This year, John Mathey, K8AZT, and Bill Brezina, WA8HEA, are making plans for operating in the 3A category, with the third station being a digital/SSB station. Other stations will include the usual CW and SSB, as well as a GOTA and VHF/UHF/satellite operations. The area scout troops have been notified and so far, at least three have responded, so we may have a relatively active GOTA station this year.

This past Saturday, John and I met with the neighbors to the north of our Field Day site, and they have graciously allowed us to expand our SSB antennas into their back yard, allowing more separation and height.

John, KN8B, will have LARC/FARL Field Day tee shirts at the to June meeting for those who have ordered them. Please make sure to bring your check made

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MICHIGAN'S PRB-1—HR 2160

US House of Representatives bill HR 2160 is the first step toward the Board of Directors' goal of neutralizing anti-ham radio Codes, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&Rs) in private land usage contracts. The CC&Rs in question prevent amateurs from installing Amateur Radio antennas. The FCC has chosen not to extend its PRB-1 rule to cover CC&Rs.

If passed, HR 2160 would instruct the Department of Homeland Security to perform a study that would identify impediments to effective Amateur Radio

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out to John Dellinger for \$8.00 for up to XL size and \$10.00 for XXL. We will have extras on hand.

Speaking of scouts, I am now a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge counselor, and I am sponsored by Troop 732. I am beginning my venture into RMB this on Thursday at the troops' meeting. I've been contacted by other local troops who have also taken an interest in the Radio Merit Badge. One of those troops wants the LARC to demonstrate ham radio to them. Plans for these events are underway.

For the June meeting, we are planning on having Stan, K8SB, give a presentation on Radio Direction Finding, also known as foxhunting. This will be our last meeting of the summer.

Keep checking the bands for surprise openings and the much-anticipated (by your editor) Glorioso Island DXpedition (FT5GA) taking place during the month of July. We'll catch up on our radio exploits either at the September meeting or at our weekly Saturday breakfast at the Senate, on Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile Roads. Have a great summer.

73,
Mike, N8MR

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communication during disasters, using the ARRL as a resource. The study would be due to be completed within 180 days and its results reported to Congress for review and possible action.

What is needed at this time is to encourage as many US Representatives as possible to co-sponsor and to support HR 2160. This is where you come in.

We gathered a good number of letters at the ARRL Convention area of the Hamvention(r) this past weekend, but we need many more of these letters. The more letters, the greater the likelihood we will be successful.

Please use the following draft letter [ed: Page 4] as

a guide for your own letter. Personalize it with the name and address of your US Representative and your name, call sign and address, make any additional personalizing comments you feel appropriate and sign it.

Mail your letter -- not directly to the Representative -- to John Chwat, Chwat & Co., 625 Slaters Ln., Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314 (or FAX to 703-684-7594). Mr. Chwat heads the company that serves as the ARRL liaison with Congress. He will gather the letters he receives and deliver these personally to each Representative's office to add emphasis to the message contained in them.

Who is your Representative? If you are registered to use the Members Only page at www.arrl.org, go to it. When Members Only opens, the name and address of your US Representative will be there, on the left side of the page. If you have not signed up to use Members Only, you can do this easily. You will need to have your membership number (from the QST mailing label). You can also find your Representative by going to <https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>. Enter your state and ZIP code to find your Representative. In many cases, you will need to know your ZIP+4.

At this time, please write only to your US Representative. Do not write to your US Senator or to your State Legislators. Please remember to mail or FAX your letter to John Chwat at Chwat & Co. Please also send an e-mail copy of your letter to Division Legislative Action Coordinator John Meyers, NB4K at nb4k@arrl.org.

Thanks very much for your help. If you have questions or comments, please contact John or me.

Jim

[The draft letter is on Page 4 of The Repeater.]

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THIS MONTH ON THE AIR

Contests & Special Events

July 2009

RAC Canada Day Contest - 0000Z—2359Z, July 1

IARU HF World Championship - 1200Z, July 11 to 1200Z, July 12

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest - 1800Z July 18 to 2100Z July 19

North American QSO Party, RTTY - 1800Z July 18 to 0600Z July 19

August 2009

International Lighthouse/Lightship QSO Party — 0001 Aug 1 to 2359 Aug 9

10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB - 0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 2.

North American QSO Party, CW - 1800Z Aug 1 to 0600Z Aug 2.

ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z, Aug 1 to 1800Z, Aug 2.

WAE (Worked All Europe) DX Contest - 0000Z, Aug 8 to 2359Z, Aug 9.

SARTG WW RTTY Contest—0000Z, Aug 15 to 1600Z, Aug 16.

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend—0000Z Aug 15 to 2359Z Aug 16

ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest—0600 local, Aug 15 to 2400 local, Aug 16

North American QSO Party, SSB - 1800Z Aug 15 to 0600Z Aug 16.

New Jersey QSO Party - 2000Z, Aug 15 to 0200Z Aug 17

Ohio QSO Party - 1600Z, Aug 22 to 0600Z Aug 23

DX

5R8KD - Madagascar - July 4 to July 17 - CW, RTTY—QSL direct via W5KDJ, LoTW or eQSL

FT5GA - Glorioso Island - July 09 to July 28 - QSL via F5OGL

VK9NI - Norfolk Island - July 22 to July 29 - CW, SSB, RTTY - QSL via W3HMK

OH0 - Aland Island - July 26 to Aug 7 - CW, SSB RTTY - QSL direct or buro via CT1BWW

TF/IW4BLZ - Iceland - July 31 to Aug 11 - 80—6 Meters—100w and vertical antennas - QSL buro or direct via IW4BLZ

There's always more DX than those listed here.

UPCOMING SWAPS

July 18

NOARSFEST—Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society; Lorain County Community College, Elyria, OH—<http://www.noars.net>

Aug 9

Seaway Trunk Swap; Eastern Michigan ARC; Vantage Point Maritime Center, Port Huron, MI; Talk-In: 146.72

Aug 16

Lapeer County ARA; Lapeer County Center Building, Lapeer, MI; Talk-In: 146.62; <http://www.w8lap.com>

Aug 22

Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association
Baker College Welcome Center, Owosso, MI; Talk-In: 147.02; <http://www.w8qqq.org>

The PRB-1 draft letter:

The Honorable [Representative's Name]
United States House of Representatives
_____ House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman [Name]:

As a voter in your district and as one of the nearly 700,000 licensees across the nation, I ask for your support of H.R. 2160, the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009."

H.R. 2160 instructs the Secretary of Homeland Security to undertake a study, and report its findings to Congress within 180 days, on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio communications in emergencies and disaster relief. This study should:

- Include recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts;
- Include recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and in furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives;
- Identify unreasonable or unnecessary impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications, such as the effects of private land use regulations on residential antenna installations, and make recommendations regarding such impediments;
- Include an evaluation of section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996)); and recommend whether section 207 should be modified to prevent unreasonable private land use restrictions that impair the ability of amateurs to conduct, or prepare to conduct, emergency communications.

Amateur Radio operators across the US repeatedly demonstrate our commitment to public service and emergency communications. Through our work with Homeland Security activities, state and local Emergency Management offices, and with numerous private agencies, Amateur Radio operators make a difference. We need your support to help address the challenges facing us as we seek to improve our capabilities to serve.

Please consider becoming a cosponsor for H.R. 2160 and please support the bill as it works its way through committee and the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Federal Communications Commission Licensee XXXXX]
(Your Address]