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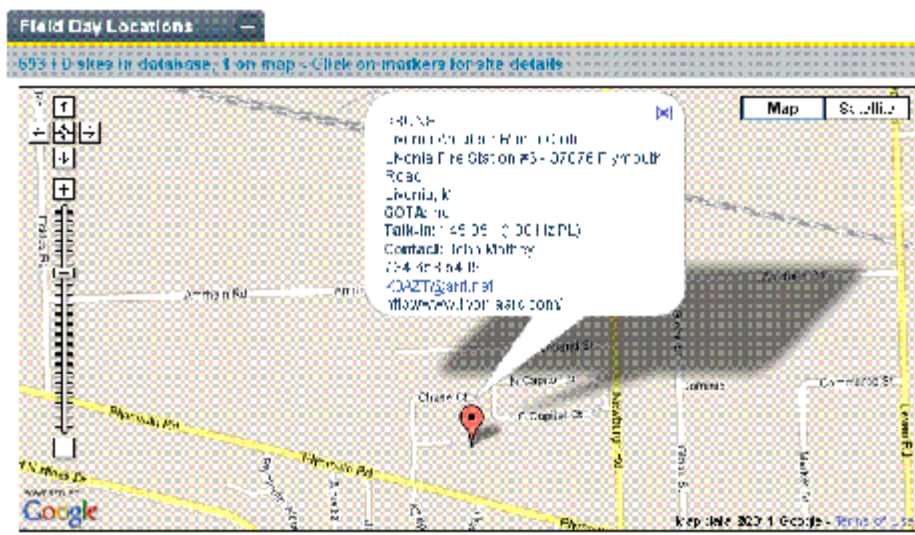


The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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President's Corner 1	<p>A few weeks ago, we received an invitation by Elizabeth Star from the Livonia American House, a senior living community, to do a general presentation about Amateur Radio for the residents. On May 12, I gave approximately 30 residents a 25-minute general presentation on our hobby. The age of the seniors attending went from very early 60s to the 90s. Surprisingly many paid good attention and asked some rather good questions at the end. American House representative Elizabeth was pleased with the presentation and the response from many of the older seniors reflected Elizabeth's thoughts. In all, I felt that it was a worthwhile and rewarding endeavor.</p> <p>This goes to show that people of all ages are interested in amateur radio and I feel that we, as a club, should be better prepared to introduce amateur radio to groups of people, big or small, and of any type. It would be a good idea to have some presentations ready for other types of groups such as Scouts, Elementary, Middle and High School, service organizations, or anyone else, might be something we should think about and discuss. Having some working show and tell equipment and visual aids would also be nice.</p> <p>Field day is five weekends away and the upcoming meeting is the last one before this, the biggest amateur radio event of the year. This year, John, K8AZT, is the Field Day Chairman and CW Station Captain, the Ford Amateur Radio League will be heading up the Main Phone station and Mike, N8MR will be in charge of the VHF/UHF/satellite station. We are still in need of a captain for the Visitors' Phone station.</p> <p>Also, we are pleased to announce that we will be adding a new feature to our Field Day lineup, and that is a dedicated digital mode station. The station will allow us to operate RTTY, PSK31 and other digital modes. Al, KD8NWE and myself will be heading up this effort and are in the process of debugging our setup.</p> <p>We will be setting up station tents and antennas on the Friday evening before Field Day. This worked out very well last year and it made setup on Saturday morning a breeze. Stop by and help us set up, operate or see how we're doing. Bring some friends or groups and show them what amateur radio is all about.</p> <p>Hope to see every one there.</p> <p>73 John, N8DXR</p>
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<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	
7:30 pm Monday May 23rd 2011 Livonia Civic Center Library East Wing Meeting Room TOPIC: Field Day 2011 Planning Meeting	

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

LARC/FARL Field Day 2011



When: From June 25th at 1800 UTC (2pm EDT) till June 26th at 1800 UTC (2pm EDT)

Where: Livonia Fire Station #6, 37876 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150

Callsign: K8UNS

Category: 4A (CW + Phone + Visitors' Phone 2 + Digital) plus VHF/UHF/Satellite

The Livonia Amateur Radio Club and Ford Amateur Radio League will team up for Field Day 2011. Besides the traditional modes of CW and Phone, this will be the first time we will be featuring a station dedicated to digital modes. As in the past two years, we will have a Visitors' Phone station, the primary purpose of which is to give visitor the opportunity to operate without having to deal with doing the logging themselves. We will also have a VHF/UHF station set up for 6-Meters through satellites.

We will be setting up tents and antennas the evening of Friday, June 24th, and continuing the setup the morning of Saturday, June 25th.

Our Field Day plans will be discussed in detail at the May 23rd meeting.

NLI Hams Meet with Rep. King regarding HR 607 – 70 cm is safe!!!

New York City Long Island Section (NLI) Website

<http://nli.arrl.org/nli-hams-meet-with-rep-king-regarding-hr-607-70-cm-is-safe.html>

May 19, 2011, Massapequa Park, NY – A delegation of Amateur Radio operators from the Long Island / New York City area met this morning with Congressman Peter T. King (R-NY) to discuss his recent proposed legislation, HR 607, and its impact on Amateur Radio.

Congressman King said that he fully understands and appreciates the importance of Amateur Radio and the service it provides to the community, and that he would see to the modification of the bill so that the 420 – 440 MHz band would be excluded from the spectrum to be auctioned. The delegation included Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, ARRL Section Manager for New York City / Long Island (NLI), Peter Portanova, WB2OQQ, NLI Local Government Liaison (LGL), George Tranos, N2GA, NLI State Government Liaison (SGL), and Jim Mezey, W2KFV, NLI ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC).

“The Congressman went on to explain that it was never his intention to remove the 70 centimeter band from Amateur use. He further asked us to ‘get the word out’ and inform the Amateur Radio community that 70 centimeters is not in jeopardy,” said Lisenco.

Lisenco, Mezey and Tranos spoke about the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications while Portanova, who is also the local AMSAT representative, addressed satellite and other amateur use of the 70 centimeter band.

The Congressman was very receptive to the group, who also extended an invitation to attend Field Day locations in his District.

We started this journey shortly after HR 607 was introduced in February. It seemed to me that a group of hams should be able to reach out to one of our local representatives to discuss amateur radio and the effect of a particular piece of legislation. But the reality is that with hundreds, if not thousands, of people vying for a few minutes of time with a popular and important legislator, getting in the door was more difficult than I imagined.

Doubtless all of you saw the emails I sent out to the Section asking for assistance and input. A number of you responded positively with offers of help. I am very grateful to all who did respond. In particular, two residents of the 3rd Congressional District stood heads-up above the rest. I’d like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them.

First, Mike Mazzola, KC2OLA, who is the Fire Commissioner for Massapequa Park, offered to make the initial phone calls as he knows the folks in the Congressman’s District Office and is active in the community. Those initial phone calls, and follow-up, brought us to the attention of the office and were extremely helpful. So to Mike I say “Thank You.” Unfortunately, Mike was unable to adjust his work schedule to attend the meeting.

Then there was/is Peter Portanova, WB2OQQ. His perseverance, fortitude, and never-say-die attitude was instrumental in getting this appointment set up. He spent countless hours on the phone with Congressman King’s District Office and his Washington D.C. office to get this appointment set in stone. Even after a major disappointment with one day being set-up and then cancelled at the last minute. Without him, there would not have been a meeting. And so to Peter I also say “Thank You.”

Jim Mezey, W2KFV and George Tranos, N2GA, were the icing on the cake. They were able to come to the meeting and with their expertise show the Congressman that we are truly professionals though called amateurs. Their knowledge and experience absolutely shined at the meeting. To both I also say “Thank You.”

I am very proud of the group we put together and what we were able to accomplish as a team. The lesson learned here is that we, hams, need to establish good, working relationships with our legislators so that we are not forgotten when laws are written and passed. We are a large group – over 9200 licenses on the FCC database in NLI. We are educated and we vote. And we really need to be proactive, not reactive. It’s never easy trying to play catch-up.

Let’s make a concerted effort to establish relationships.

Bob Heil, K9EID, to Headline New Internet Show

The ARRL Letter 05/18/2011

<http://www.arrl.org/news/bob-heil-k9eid-to-headline-new-internet-show>

On Tuesday, May 24, Bob Heil, K9EID -- owner of Heil Sound -- will premier a new netcast show on Leo Laporte's TwiT.tv website. Called HamNation, the show will focus on equipment, applications, tips and general information for the Amateur Radio operator. Heil's first guest will be rock star, friend and fellow radio amateur Joe Walsh, WB6ACU. Walsh also wrote the theme music for the show. The show will be broadcast each week over the Internet at TWiT.tv at no cost. TWiT.tv is also available in iTunes.

"I have been a fan of Leo's for a long time and recently appeared on his Triangulation 8 show," Heil explained. "We had a blast, and much to my delight, he asked me to develop a show for and about ham radio. Since the early 1900s, much of the ham radio operators' focus has been on building and experimenting with their equipment. Many of today's radios are computer controlled, thus attracting new users to the hobby. Even in this day of instant Internet communications, ham radio is still the premier communication link, whether it's for storm spotters or talking to your friends around the globe. This new TWiT.tv show will bring the existing and new users together."

HamNation launches on May 24 at 8 PM (CDT) on TwiT.tv.

Hays Affinity Group to Provide ARRL Members with Equipment Protection, Club Liability Insurance

The ARRL Letter 05/02/2011

<http://www.arrl.org/news/hays-affinity-group-to-provide-arrrl-members-with-equipment-protection-club-liability-insurance-plans>

Effective May 1, 2011, the ARRL begins a new partnership to provide its ARRL-sponsored Equipment Insurance and Club Liability Insurance plans. The League has signed an agreement with Hays Affinity Group to serve as the program administrator to provide equipment insurance to its members who choose to elect coverage. In addition, Hays will also provide club liability insurance to ARRL Affiliated Clubs for those clubs that wish to take advantage of that program. Hays will be replacing Marsh Affinity Group Services as the program's administrator and will be introducing new policies for both plans, underwritten by the Hanover Insurance Company.

Not only is equipment protection coverage through Hays Affinity Group slightly less expensive than with Marsh, it's easier to enroll in the plans. You can sign up online and even schedule your equipment online, too. With Hays Affinity Group, you can have all your radio equipment covered, even the computers, hard drives and printers in your shack. You can also elect to have coverage for your towers and antennas, up to \$15,000 replacement cost. All losses are settled on the replacement cost value you have stated for your equipment. In addition, any newly acquired equipment during the policy term, up to a value of \$2,000, will be covered until your next policy renewal. All this -- and more -- with only a \$50 deductible (\$25 for repair claims).

Marsh has started sending letters to those ARRL members who have policies with them. Be assured, if you currently have equipment or club liability insurance provided through Marsh Affinity Group, your coverage will continue through the end of your current policy. But keep in mind that when your policy expires, your coverage will not automatically be switched over to Hays. In addition, beginning May 1, the ARRL will no longer be able to help you resolve any issues you may have with Marsh, the insurance company or their claims paying agent. Our contractual agreement with them has been terminated.

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To have your equipment covered under the new policy, you will have to enroll with Hays to continue coverage under an ARRL-sponsored plan. If you wish to switch to either of the new insurance policies now, you can either cancel your policy with Marsh and sign up with Hays, or wait until your policy with Marsh is due for renewal and then sign up with Hays for coverage. If you choose to cancel with Marsh before renewal, you will receive a pro-rated refund of any unused premium fees you have paid.

The ARRL has been providing opportunities for equipment insurance to its members for more than 25 years. By choosing to let Hays Affinity Group cover your equipment, you are helping to support the ARRL; a portion of each premium comes back to the League to help fund programs that enable you to enjoy your on-air privileges.

Livonia Amateur Radio Club Officers 2011

President - John Copeland, N8DXR

Vice President - John Mathey, K8AZT

Treasurer - Doris Kelterborn, KD8DXJ

Recording Secretary - Tas Foley, K8TAS

Public Information Officer - Mike Rudzki, N8MR

Other Functions

Repeater Trustee - Jerry Kaufka, W8WQU

2-Meter Net Manager - Dave Randall, KC8YWT

ARRL VE Liaison - Bruno Walczak, WA8DHP

Volunteer Examiners -

K1QD, K8LCR, K8LU, KD8NWE, KN8B, N8DXR, N8MR, WA8DHP

Hamfests and Conventions

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>

06/18/2011 | [Midland ARC Hamfest](#)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8kea.org/hamfest>

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

Location: Monroe, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Assoc.

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

08/14/2011 | [Lapeer Hamfest](#)

Location: Lapeer, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w8lap.com>

09/11/2011 | [Findlay Hamfest \(Great Lakes Division Convention\)](#)

Location: Findlay, OH

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8ft.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.

DX NEWSCONTESTS

TRINDADE AND MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS, PY0T. Junior, PY2ZA is QRV as PP0T from Trindade, IOTA SA-010, until sometime in June. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via EB7DX.

MACQUARIE ISLAND, VK0. Denis, ZL4DB is QRV as VK0M/ZL4DB/p for about three months. Activity is on the HF bands using only SSB. QSL via ZL4PW.

NEPAL, 9N. Sam, K0YAK is QRV as 9N7AK until July 4 while on work assignment at the US Embassy in Kathmandu. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using SSB and PSK31 in his spare time. QSL to home call.

BULGARIA, LZ. Members of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs are QRV with special event station LZ2011KM until May 31 to celebrate national St. Kiril and Methodius Day, the creators of the Cyrillic alphabet. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LZ1BJ.

CZECH REPUBLIC, OL. Members of the OK1KWM radio club are QRV using special event station OL950CHEB during May to celebrate the 950th anniversary of the city of Cheb. QSL via bureau.

POLAND, SP. Special event station SQ100MSC is QRV until July 31 to commemorate Maria Skodowska-Curie, the very first woman to win a Nobel prize in 1911 for chemistry. QSL direct via SP5XSL.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Special event station R1945HS is QRV until May 31 to mark 66 years since World War II. QSL direct to RW6HS.

CANADA, VE. Special event station VC2CQ85 is QRV till the end of May to mark the 85 years of the Club Radio Amateur de Quebec. QSL to VE2CQ.

ISRAEL, 4X. Special event stations 4X13AR and 4Z13AR are QRV until May 26 during the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via 4Z5NS.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Vlad, RA9LR will be QRV as 9M2/RA9LR from Langkawi Island, IOTA AS-058, from the middle of May until the middle of July. He plans to be active on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via UA9LP.

MIDWAY ISLAND, KH4. Joe, W5FJG will soon be QRV as KH4/W5FJG and is here for at least one year while working as Chief Communications Officer. Activity will be in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters, and possibly 80 meters, using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via operator's instructions.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. P29ZL, Tim, is an electronics technician at the translation and literacy operation in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea for the next several years. Activity is typically during his evenings and weekends on SSB and PSK31. QSL cards should now go via W1YRC.

SEYCHELLES, S7. David, S79DF is QRV from Saint Anne Island, IOTA AF-024, for several months. He is active generally in his spare time on 20 meters, although he may be active on 17 to 10 meters soon. QSL via IV3TDM.

CRETE, SV9. Operators OK1AMM, OK1HH and OK2BOB will be QRV as SV9/home call/p from Agia Marina from May 17 to 28. Activity will be on all bands but mainly on 17, 12, 10 and 6 meters using CW and SSB. This includes some activity from either Gramvousa or Gavdos Island, both IOTA EU-187. QSL to home calls.

TUVALU, T2. Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as T2XG from May 17 to 24. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

CAMEROON, TJ. Henri, TJ3AY is QRV as TJ3IC until May 30 in celebration of the 51st anniversary of Cameroon. QSL via F5NBU.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Operators Hans, PA0VHA, Steef, PA2A and Wim, PA2AM will be QRV as OY/homecalls from Streymoy Island, IOTA EU-018, from May 22 to Jun 3. Activity will be on all HF bands, including 6 and 2 meters, using CW and RTTY. Look for OY/PA2AM to be QRV on Satellite AO-51. QSL to home calls.

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW - 0000Z, May 28 to 2359Z, May 29

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest - 0000Z, Jun 4 to 2400Z, Jun 5

Maritimes QSO Party - 1200Z, Jun 4 to 0300Z, Jun 5

SEANET Contest - 1200Z, Jun 4 to 1200Z, Jun 5

Alabama QSO Party - 1600Z, Jun 4 to 0400Z, Jun 5

DRCG Long Distance Contest, RTTY - 0000Z-0759Z, Jun 11 and 1600Z-2359Z, Jun 11 and 0800Z-1559Z, Jun 12

VK Shires Contest - 0600Z, Jun 11 to 0600Z, Jun 12

ARRL June VHF QSO Party - 1800Z, Jun 11 to 0259Z, Jun 13

All Asian DX Contest, CW - 0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19

Stew Perry Topband Challenge - 1500Z, Jun 18 to 1500Z, Jun 19

West Virginia QSO Party - 1600Z, Jun 18 to 0200Z, Jun 19

Kid's Day Contest - 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 18

Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest - 1200Z, Jun 25 to 1200Z, Jun 26

RAC Canada Day Contest - 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

DL-DX RTTY Contest - 1100Z, Jul 2 to 1059Z, Jul 3

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest - 1100Z-1700Z, Jul 3

FISTS Summer Sprint - 0000Z-0400Z, Jul 9

IARU HF World Championship - 1200Z, Jul 9 to 1200Z, Jul 10

North American QSO Party - RTTY - 1800Z, Jul 16 to 0600Z, Jul 17

North American QSO Party, CW - 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend - 0001Z, Aug 20 to 2359Z, Aug 21

North American QSO Party - SSB - 1800Z, Aug 20 to 0600Z, Aug 21

SPECIAL EVENTS

100th Indy 500 Anniversary

May 13-May 29, 1500Z-2200Z, W9IMS, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. Certificate & QSL. W9IMS, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. SASE for QSL. \$4 for certificate. Must work all three races in one year to qualify for certificate. www.qrz.com/db/w9ims

Commemorating Memorial Day

May 28-May 30, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50704. t-mc-nulty@msn.com

Memorial Day

May 30, 1500Z-2245Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge and USS Kidd Amateur Radio Clubs. Gen class bands CW in QRP freqs 20 m SSB 40 m CW preferred other bands possible. QSL. W5KID, 305 S River Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. lsu.edu/brarc/uss_kidd.htm

D-Day Commemoration

Jun 4-Jun 11, 1400Z-2200Z, W2W, Baltimore, MD. National Electronics Museum ARC. 7.187 14.241 7.041 14.041. Certificate & QSL. ARCNEM / K3NEM, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. Primary operations on June 4 and 5, 1400-2200Z. Operations throughout the week will be sporadic. QSL and certificate information will be posted on the club web site. k3nem.org

Museum Ships Weekend Event

Jun 4-Jun 5, 0000Z-2359Z, NJ2BB, Camden, NJ. Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. 14.262 14.030 7.262 7.030. QSL. Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR, 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. nj2bb.org

Badin Bomber Crash 1944

Jun 4, 1400Z-1800Z, NC4MC, Badin, NC. Montgomery Amateur Radio Society. 14.250. Certificate. Don Grady, 120 Woodline Dr., Troy, NC 27371.

International Museum Ships Radio Weekend, D-Day Normandy 1944, Navy Hospital Corps Established 1898

Jun 4-Jun 5, 1600Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Radio Operations Room. 14.320 7.250 PSK31 14.070 D-STAR 012C and 2 m/70 cm SOCAL rpters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. kk6fz@arrl.net

USS Silversides (Submarine) Museum Ship

Jun 4-Jun 5, 1224Z-1224Z, W9AB, Muskegon, MI. Michiana Amateur Radio Club . 14.260 14.039 7.260 7.039. QSL. Michiana Amateur Radio Club, 3220 E Jefferson Blvd, South Bend, IN 46615. community.michiana.org/marcsite

WW II Submarine "USS Cobia" AGSS-245

Jun 4-Jun 5, 1400Z-2100Z, NB9QV, Manitowoc, WI. USS Cobia Amateur Radio Club. 21.300 14.260 7.250. Certificate & QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. QSL #10 SASE to W6BSF; certificate \$1 to K0EFV www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv

151st Anniversary of the Pony Express Reride

Jun 11, 1400Z-2200Z, W0KY, Kearney, NE. Midway Amateur Radio Club. 14.270 7.280. Certificate. Midway ARC, PO Box 1231, Kearney, NE 68848.

Moberly's 6th Annual Railroad Day Celebration

Jun 11, 1700Z-2359Z, K0MOB, Moberly, MO. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club. 14.255 +/- QRM 7.195 +/- QRM. Certificate. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 341, Moberly, MO 65270. timr2007@yahoo.com

NARLFEST

Jun 18, 0800Z-1400Z, NA1RL, Newington, CT. Newington Amateur Radio League. 28.450 14.250 7.250 24.950. QSL. Richard Lawrence, KB1DMX, 335 Lloyd St, Newington, CT 06111. www.narl.net

Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven Fly-In

Jun 21-Jun 25, 1400Z-2000Z, K3J, Lock Haven, PA. Bald Eagle Repeater Association. 21.330 14.330 7.230 3.933. QSL. K3J Sentimental Journey, C/O Bald Eagle Repeater Assoc, PO Box 3393, Williamsport, PA 17701. www.baldeaglerepeater.org/k3j.html

Custer Battle Reenactment

Jun 24-Jun 26, 1200Z-1700Z, K7C, Hardin, MT. Yellowstone Radio Club. 15m-21.375 20m-14.250 40m-7.230 80m-3.880. QSL. Yellowstone Radio Club, PO Box 883, Billings, MT 59103. At the Custer battle reenactments site. YRC members will transmit and receive all radio messages. www.k7efa.net