



The Long Wire

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Did you renew your membership?

Huntsville Hamfest to be Streamed on the Internet

Sam Coffee, KC2LRC

From Tom Medlin, WA5KUB (the same gentleman who's been streaming the Dayton Hamvention with great success)

Many of you have watched us over the past 5 years broadcast the Dayton Hamvention and last year the Huntsville Hamfest.

We will be broadcasting again live video and audio of the 2007 Huntsville, AL hamfest this year via the internet. The live broadcast begins on Friday morning Aug 17 at 0800 cst as we depart Memphis, Tn and head for Huntsville. Just as we have done before, we will be broadcasting our drive live from the car. We expect hams to be taking part in the Huntsville hamfest from all over the world. Hams will be able to join in with a real time chat room while they are watching the video. Video quality should be many times better than past hamfests that we have broadcast as we have a new high speed cam uplink. Then from there, the video is streamed

on our high speed server which has unlimited bandwidth to our viewers. In addition to our live video page, you will also see a link that takes you to a page that shows a world map and on it you will see where all our visitors are located. Watch as the helmet cam takes you on a virtual tour of all the tables and booths there. Also watch many activities such as the ARRL activities and the Young Ham of The Year. If you can not be there in person go to <http://wa5kub.com> and join in all the fun.

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Council, Spectrum Enforcement Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau...

...Says "C'mon Amateur Radio-Lighten Up!"

Suggested by Walt Bordett, N2IK

Speech at this year's Dayton Hamfest:

"...What concerns me most is this: You still need to "lighten up." I said that last year but you need to take it to heart more. All of you can learn from each other. And you need to work together more and show a little more respect for your diverse interests and for the service as a whole. It isn't about you. It isn't

about enforcement. It's about Amateur radio.

Every time you get on the air, you need to decide what's most important to you ...the best interests of Amateur radio as a whole, or your own pride or ego or "rights". I realize I may be preaching to the choir here, but on the air you need to be more cooperative and less argumentative. And I need you to take this message with you when you go home.

Your homework assignment is to read Dave Sumner's article in May 2007 QST, page 9. I have a couple hundred copies for you and if you can't get one, contact me and I'll scan one to you.

In a nutshell, I have good news and bad news. The good news: nothing is wrong with Amateur radio. It is a good service that is showing its value to the public on a daily basis. Bad news is that there is an element of Amateur radio that too often reflects present society generally. Whatever the phenomenon behind Road Rage - whatever that is - that's what I am talking about. All of you need to work together and depend upon the FCC less to solve your operating problems. We live in a rude, discourteous, profane, hotheaded society that loves its rights, prefers not to hear about its responsibilities, and that spills over in to the Ham bands.

I can't really say it any better than Dave Sumner did in May 2007 QST-Page 9, and your homework assignment is to read it: "Most of the unpleasantness that erupts from time to time on the most popular HF bands can be avoided if we're willing to be flexible in our frequency selection."

I have some messages to all the groups along these lines. But before I get to that, I want to say that a little more kindness would go a long way in your service. Lots of you are like people in a parking lot arguing over a parking space when there are hundreds available. We are all ordinary people, and even on the best days, probably work and think at around 60% efficiency. We are not the greatest nation on earth. We think we are but we aren't and we aren't the greatest people. Look at the evening news for about a week if you don't realize that. And think about what the rest of the world sees going on in America.

What we ARE is this: "We are rude, self important, cell phone yapping, road raging, and stressed out monsters behind the wheel." And all too often behind the microphone. You are increasingly calling upon the FCC too much to solve your problems. Remember: "Most of the unpleasantness that erupts from time to time on the most popular HF bands can be avoided if we're willing to be flexible in our frequency selection."

The other day I was talking to one of the complainants about 14.275 and I asked why he insisted on going there. He said "Well, old (name deleted) likes to talk there and he doesn't have any other antennas". Well, that must be a hell of a precisely cut antenna to only operate on the 20 Meter frequency of 14.275! I heard an argument there the other afternoon and one operator was saying "I'm not going to be driven off the frequency. I got rights!"

-This is merely part of Hollingsworth's speech, provided in full at <http://www.aham.net/articles/16744> by Alan Jones (W4LGH) - a very good read!

Coming New York Hamfests:

August 4- TARC, Ithaca, NY

August 18- Rome Radio Club,
Westmoreland, NY

September 15- RAGS, Pompey, NY

September 29- Elmira/Horseheads

More info on all of these, and more, at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Updates on the State Fair Special Event Station

Jerry Monroe, KC2UT

Special Event call N2Y is authorized again for the Picnic and the duration of the NYS Fair.

Need more information? Contact Jerry on the air, or at kc2radio@yahoo.com

Take Advantage of the Warm Weather for Outdoor Radio Ops and Maintenance

Lee Badman, KC2IYK

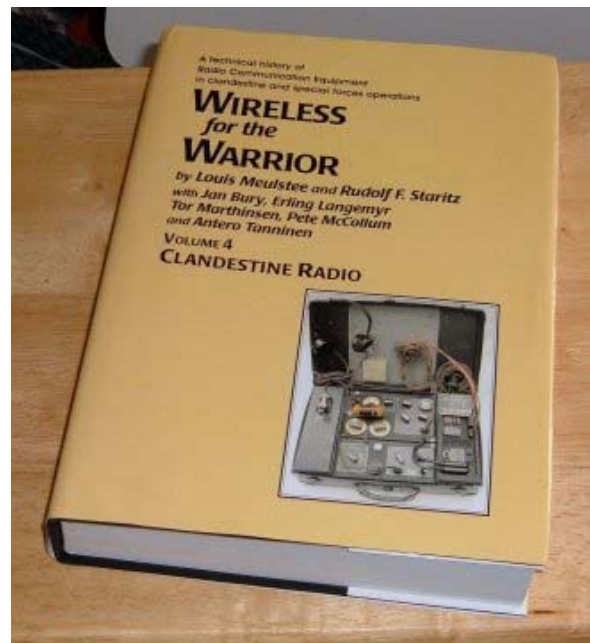
It's old advice, but is worth mentioning again- summer will be over before we know it, and it's a good bet that many of us could benefit from spending a bit of time with our gear outside. Whether it's grabbing some campground QRP HF ops, running bicycle mobile with the HT, or getting up on the roof and looking over the feed line going to the G5RV, this is the time of year to get outside. Is that Copper Cactus teetering? Better to

face the music now than when the roof has a layer of snow on it in a few months. Need an excuse to get outside? Take a simple AM/FM radio out after dark and do some AM DXing- in an hour you'll hear the likes of Toronto, Ithaca, maybe even Detroit, New Jersey, and Boston. Get a little more ambitious and set up the laptop on a picnic table and work some PSK31 at the park- you'll be glad you did once the snow starts falling. Been wanting to string a backup antenna in case Old Faithful takes a beating from November storms? The time is now!

Get outside, and get busy. Keep it simple- or go haywire... better to get a tan while doing it than cold feet!

Read a Good Book

Lee Badman, KC2IYK



Wireless for the Warrior

Featured at

**<http://www.militaryradio.com/spyradio/>
(hard to find, but fascinating)**

Pictures!!

WRVO Tour



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Carrie Williams, KC2OPF

Fred Vigeant, program director, gives a tour of the studios. In attendance: Dave Moon, N2RGU, Dave Brooks, KA2VEE, John Rockdashil, WB2DVE, Dan O'Shea-N2MRE, and Carrie Williams-KC2OPF. KA2VEE, WB2DVE, N2MRE, and KC2OPF had dinner and stimulating conversation at Rudy's on the lake afterward.

Fulton Radio Club- 50th Anniversary Special Event

Went off well- congratulations to the Fulton Club on turning 50- and thanks for keeping LARC "in the loop".

A lot of photos were taken- see the goings on at:

<http://fultonhamclub.org/specialevent/>

Courtesy of Pam Cantine, KC2PAM

Argentina- DX Abbreviation: LU

From Amir Findling, K9CHP: *This is where your calls are directed when you call for assistance for your new computer, and you get somebody in India that can't speak very good English. Maybe it's the wiring's fault... BPL, Anyone?*



Random Radio Links of Interest:

ARRL- www.arrl.org

Flying Pigs International QRP Club- <http://www.gentzow.com/fpgrp/>

Ten-Ten International- <http://www.ten-ten.org/>

Wireless Institute of Australia- <http://www.wia.org.au/>

Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society- <http://arlhs.com/>

East Coast Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club- <http://www.eastcoastmarc.org/>

Radio Amateurs of Canada- <http://www.rac.ca/>

Wi-Fi Alliance Home Page- <http://www.wi-fi.org/>

NASWA WWW Shortwave Listening Guide- <http://www.naswa.net/swlguide/>

Utility World- <http://www.ominous-valve.com/uteworld.html>

WBCQ- <http://www.wbcq.com/>

Popular Communications- <http://www.popular-communications.com/>

WRVO- <http://www.wrvo.fm/>



What is this? (LORAN C station, Ovid, NY)

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/Loran/default.htm>

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Camilus VE Session (KB2ERJ) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL UHF Contest • North American CW QSO Party • Tompkins County ARC Hamfest, Trumansburg (NE2T)
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL UHF Contest 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	9	10	11
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perseids Meteor Shower 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:00pm—Central District Emergency Net, 147.00R, (N2IK) 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—MOARC VE Session, Verona (KG2DI) 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rome ARC Hamfest, Westmoreland (WA2GBE) • ARRL National Convention • ARRL 10 GHz and UP Cumulative Contest • North American Phone QSO Party
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26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LARC Picnic, Onondaga Lake Park, Riverview Shelter (KC2UT) 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Weber's Restaurant (WB2PEM) 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Preparedness Month Begins

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Material may be submitted electronically to any of the club officers through the club web site. Articles may be on any subject of general interest to radio amateurs. The deadline is generally about the end of the month. This allows us to meet our goals of having the electronic edition to members by the end of the first week of the month with the hard copy edition following within a week.

The September deadline is August 31

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