



PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

ARRL MEMBERS ASKED TO COMMENT ON LICENSE RESTRUCTURING IDEAS

ARRL members are being invited to add their ideas, comments and recommendations to those of the ARRL WRC-99 Planning Committee, which has suggested sweeping—and potentially controversial—changes to the Amateur Radio licensing structure in the US. On the table for open discussion and debate are proposals that include:

- * elimination of the Novice license
- * creation of a new Intermediate license to replace the Technician Plus
- * expanded HF privileges for Intermediate licensees, including phone on 160, 75 and 15 meters
- * a 10-wpm General CW test (with more stringent testing standards for all CW exams)
- * expanded phone privileges for General-class and higher licensees

Details of the plan, discussed during the recent ARRL Board of Directors meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, will appear in March QST. The Board says it seeks comments from members to ensure that before any plan goes forward, it enjoys broad support from the amateur community. The Board will not act on the issue at least until its July meeting.

After its research revealed that as many as three Novices in four are inactive, the committee concluded that the Novice license is no longer useful. Although the committee would end the Novice license, its plan provides current Novices with an easy means to upgrade (via an open-book test) to the new Intermediate class license, which would replace the current Technician Plus. All present Tech Plus licensees would become Intermediate licensees. The Basic license would supplant the Technician license—now the hobby's most-popular entry-level ticket—with no changes in privileges. In addition, the committee's plan would phase out the current Novice and Tech Plus bands on 80, 40 and 15 meters, and replace them with new Intermediate-class allocations. The committee's consensus plan for Intermediate-class licensees calls for new CW bands on 80, 40 and 15 meters starting 25 kHz up from the lower band edge, digital and phone-band privileges on 75 and 15 meters and a 50-kHz phone or CW segment at the top end of 160 meters, plus expanded Novice and Tech Plus CW and phone allocations on 10 meters.

According to the proposal, Intermediate CW bands would be 3525 to 3700 kHz, 7025 to 7050 kHz, 21025 to 21150kHz and 28050 to 28300 kHz. Digital operation was

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suggested for 3600 to 3625, 21100 to 21125 and 28100 to 28189 kHz. Phone privileges would include 1950 to 2000, 3900 to 4000, 21350 to 21450, SSB from 28300 to 28500 and FM from 29500 to 29700 kHz. Transmitter power for Intermediate-class licensees would be limited to 200 W PEP output (other licensees using these bands would not be limited to 200 W, however).

General-class and higher amateurs also would benefit from the plan, if it's adopted according to the committee's outlines. General-class hams would get additional phone privileges 3800 to 3850, 7200 to 7225, and 21250 to 21300 kHz; Advanced-class hams would add 3725 to 3775, 7125 to 7150 and 21175 to 21225 kHz; Extra-class hams would also have 3700 to 3750, 7125 to 7150 and 21150 to 21200 kHz.

With the exception of 40 meters, where Novice and Tech Plus licensees already have privileges, the committee suggested no changes on the hobby's narrowest and most crowded bands—including 20 meters and the narrow WARC bands at 30, 17 and 12 meters.

The Intermediate CW test would be 5 words per minute (the same as the current Tech Plus requirement), but the committee proposed that the General class CW requirement be set at 10 wpm. There still would be no additional CW exam for the Advanced ticket, nor would there be any change in the 20-wpm requirement for the Extra. Exams for all classes would include a return to a sending test and the requirement for one minute of solid copy during a five-minute test—instead of the current method that tests on the content of the CW text.

Right now, these major changes are only in the talking stage. "Let us be very clear about this," said ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, who characterized the committee's proposals as a starting point for discussion, not a done deal. "The changes are not ARRL policy; nothing has been proposed to, or by, the FCC, and the ARRL Board is committed to making no decision before its July 1997 meeting." Sumner said there is no timetable to complete the process. Only after there is an opportunity for in-depth consideration and discussion by the membership will the ARRL Board consider taking the next step—to approach the FCC with a rulemaking proposal—a process that automatically invites additional comments and suggestions.

Between the time they receive March QST and May, members are asked to voice their opinions on the committee's suggestions to their directors, whose postal and e-mail addresses are listed on page 10 of QST. All suggestions and comments—positive and negative—are welcome. (from the ARRL Letter of 1/31/97)



CLUB REPEATER. The local 2-Meter repeater on 147.040+ (100.0 PL), is the official adopted repeater for the YARC. If you don't have PL, transmit on 147.040 after the repeater drops out. Many thanks to Bill Kafka-W2YAV for the upkeep and use of the repeater.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- ✓ 2/21 to 2/23 CQ WW 160m PHONE Contest
- ✓ 3/1 to 3/2 ARRL International DX Contest-PHONE
- ✓ 3/15 ARCA/Scottsdale ARC HAMFEST-Scottsdale Community College. Call (602)351-3988 for information (24-hour info line)
- ✓ 3/29-3/30 CQ WW WPX Contest-PHONE



JANUARY MEETING. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by President Bob Kane-K7KOL. Jerry Sager-KG7ZF intro-

duced the guests and members that haven't been to a meeting for a long time, Bob asked that everyone please sign the roster when they attend a meeting. The minutes of the December 1996 meeting were read by Secretary Bob Rosevear-WB7RRQ. With no corrections, the minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Judy Rosevear-KC7MTY, in the bank there is \$844.10 and in the refreshment fund there is \$89.50.

Old Business. We need to have a membership committee, Hal Tritel-N6OVE volunteered to be on the committee. No one else volunteered to help Hal.

A discussion ensued as to whether the club should hold meetings in Prescott Valley and Chino Valley occasionally during the year. The consensus was no. Keep the meetings in Prescott. A suggestion was made to have a telephone tree. Another alternative was to have carpools. Several members volunteered to drive members in from Prescott Valley for the meetings and several other members will make phone calls prior to the meetings to remind members of the meetings.

Are we satisfied the way the Wednesday evening net is running. Dale is used to the way it is at the moment with everyone just calling in their call letters rather than have a roster. A vote was taken and it will be kept the way it is at the moment.

Newsletter. The last newsletter was sent to six clubs in Yavapai County along with a letter from Bob Kane asking them to send a copy of their newsletter back to YARC. The cost of our newsletter has gone up significantly and John is going to investigate getting the cost down by either using smaller print, less pages, small paper.

Community Involvement. Do we want to be available at events in the summer months on weekends? We have a van available for our use. Yes, we will try this for a couple months. We could look for new members at the same time with flyers, information, a table set on a corner of the square, etc.

Do we want a Prescott local traffic net? No was the consensus.

Youth. Matt Strandberg-KJ7DX will put an ad in the newspaper at the high school regarding the radio club and getting licenses. At Mountain View School in Prescott Valley, a third grade teacher was selected to do the SAREX space shuttle communications with school children. Do we want to offer to help them? We will. Terry-KB7TRE, Lee-KC7CBK, and Bob-WB7RRQ will work on this.

What about signs on the highway coming into town about the frequency of the club? Bob-K7KOL will look into this by calling ADOT.

The monthly drawing was won by Leonard Beers-KB7FRV-the pot was \$17.00. A second drawing for a gift certificate to Castle Golf was won by Jerry-KG7ZF.

Field Day. We need a committee to work on organizing field day. Do we want a joint meeting with VVARA, a picnic, just field day. Nathan Burlongham, Jerry Sager, Glen Dechert, and Terry Pemberton will get a family picnic and field day set up. The consensus was not to have a combined field day with VVARA.

The Dewey autopatch is up and running again. The frequency is 146.560-simplex. The new procedure is to use *89 to connect and *8 to hang up.

NEW BUSINESS. Someone asked when is Fort Tuthill? The answer will be at the February meeting. Dale talked about a Prescott fellow involved in the Heard Island Expedition. YARC was formed six years ago, this month-January, 1991. AES of Las Vegas is not going bankrupt as rumored. AEA in Texas is.

Next month our guest speaker will be Mr. Donzel Worthington. We will be on the agenda first, and the business meeting will be second.

February 8th is the next testing date at the Blind Center. The fee is \$6.25. Call Dave-W9KRQ if anyone has specific requirements to take the test. Dale is getting an order for badges together. See Dale if you want to order one. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted by Bob Rosevear, Secretary.



MEETING PROGRAMS.

HELP!

If you would like to make a presentation to the club, please contact Bob Kane-K7KOL the program chairman.



THE NEWSLETTER.

If any of you

have anything within the scope of the hobby or closely related subjects worth sharing, let us know. The deadline is the Friday before the monthly meeting. Submission by FAX/MODEM is possible and very easy! Updated club membership rosters will be included periodically.



Your Club Officers for 1997 are:

President - Bob Kane-K7KOL
 Vice President - Lloyd Helgunseth-WA6ZZJ
 Secretary - Bob Rosevear-WB7RRQ
 Treasurer - Judy Rosevear-KC7MTY
 Board Member-Past President - Matt Strandberg-KJ7DX
 Board Members - Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ, Terry Pemberton KB7TRE, and Frank Homeff WA6JBV

Several club members also function in capacities that serve to benefit the club, the membership and the community.

They are:
 Emergency Services Coordinator: Lloyd Helgunseth-WA6ZZJ
 Greeter: Jerry Sager-KG7ZF
 Membership Services: Bob Rosevear-WB7RRQ and Terry Pemberton-KB7TRE
 Newsletter: John-KM6BF Editor & Publisher
 NET Control: Dale-N7XFD
 Refreshments: Matt Strandberg-KJ7DX
 Programs & Entertainment: Bob Kane-K7KOL
 Publicity: Judy Rosevear-KC7MTY
 Training & Technology: Vern Gregory-AB7DY
 Volunteer Examiner Testing: John-KM6BF and Dave-W9KRQ



PRESIDENTS CORNER

ARE WE WORTHY?

That's what J.D. Conley of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Welcome Sign Committee wants to know. You may remember that Sig, WA9GOU asked about getting YARC's name and repeater frequency on the welcome signs leading into town. Mr. Conley wants a letter telling the committee just what service we provide Prescott, and how much we contribute to Prescott's coffers via fund raising activities.

I'm drafting a letter to him telling him about Precottonians interested in the safety of crew members of 'ISHI'; our newly formed and active



ARES net; our participation in the local schools; and our ability to connect far-flung family members via our traffic nets. What's our contribution in dollars? I don't know, but I hope the floods of '93 don't visit us again soon; I imagine that event's voluntary radio amateur man-hours would but a few signs!

CW IS CL IN FA

96 years after Marconi first sent Morse code across the Atlantic, French maritime radio has closed its CW station at Conquet. Last years traffic for the station numbered 100 messages sent, and fewer received.

By 1999, CW will be extinct for worldwide maritime use, having lost the linguistic battle to newer technology such as SATCOM. Except for some obscure commercial stations, and radio amateur stations, Morse code will join other magnificent languages such as Greek and Latin, enjoyed and exercised only by persons of polished literacy.

WHAT'S AN ISHI?

The sailboat "Ishi", that we will be asked to follow on its cruise from Mexico to Hawaii in April has an odd name and begged research.

Boats and ships are usually names for persons, planes, or events, and this sailboat is no different. Ishi was a name given by anthropologists in San Francisco to a man who wandered into Oroville in 1911. Ishi turned out to be the last surviving member of the Yahi tribe of Native Americans and part of the Yana nation. He lived in the shadow of Mt. Lassen for 51 years until hunger and fatigue drove him into Oroville where he was given protective custody by the local Sheriff until Anthropologists from UCSF accepted responsibility for him.

Ishi taught the professors of San Francisco how people of the stone age lived and survived long before the advantages of the automobile or radio. Ishi died of pneumonia in San Francisco on March 25, 1916, the last survivor of a very proud nation.

73, Bob-K7KOL



From the FAQ (Frequently Asked

Questions) files



"I'm going to be in the area and I'd like to visit the ARRL."

VISITING YOUR HEADQUARTERS. League Members and the general public are always welcome during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday). Tours of the Administrative Headquarters and the Maxim Memorial Station, W1AW, (two different buildings) are given on the hours of 9, 10, 11 A.M. and 1, 2 and 3 P.M., but special times can be arranged. Large groups should make arrangements, a week in advance, by writing to our address c/o the Membership Services Department or by calling 860-594-0200. Please give the date and time of arrival and the number of people who will be coming.



Your tour will include a description of the services and operations of various departments: Field services, Membership Services, Technical, Production, Advertising, Circulation, Business Services, Educational Activities and Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. Highlights include the amateur radio museum, DXCC, QSL Bureau, the Lab, and of course, W1AW.

W1AW is open to visitors during normal operating hours: from 1:00 P.M. until 1 A.M. on Mondays, 9 A.M. until 1 A.M. Tuesday through Friday, and from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1-4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy. Special arrangements must be made for weekend operation; please call or write a week in advance.

Headquarters and W1AW are closed on New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the following Friday, and Christmas Day.

Public Transportation. Most commercial airlines serve Hartford, Connecticut, through Bradley International Airport. Many bus companies serve Hartford, Connecticut. Check with your local carriers. Amtrak provides rail service along a north-south line. Taxi service is available from a number of carriers including Yellow Cab at (860) 666-6666. Public bus transportation from Central Row in Hartford via the "New Britain P-line" brings you within 2 blocks of Headquarters at the intersection of Hartford Avenue and Main Street (Newington). Buses leave at 5 minutes of the hour and 25 minutes after the hour, Monday - Friday. Exact change is required. For more information call Connecticut Transit at (860) 525-9181.

FROM THE NORTH. Take Interstate 91 south through Hartford to exit 28, which brings you to Route 5/15 South. Continue to the Route 175 exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 175 (Cedar Street). In the center of Newington turn right onto Main Street, (Route 176). ARRL Hq is on the left just past the second light. Look for W1AW and the antenna farm.

FROM THE BOSTON AREA. Get to Interstate 84 west. In East Hartford, take exit 57, go over the Charter Oak Bridge to routes 5/15 south. Continue to the Route 175 exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 175 (Cedar Street). In the center of Newington turn right onto Main Street, (Route 176). ARRL Hq is on the left just past the second light. Look for W1AW and the antenna farm.

PAST PRESIDENTS FORUM.....

NEW AMATEUR ALLOCATIONS PROPOSED

NTIA REPORT BULLISH ON ADDITIONAL HF ALLOCATIONS High Frequency (3-30 MHz) Spectrum Planning Options, a planning document released December 13 by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, says the HF spectrum is flexible enough "to accommodate most, if not all," demands for additional HF spectrum, including new and bigger HF ham bands. The NTIA is an Executive Branch agency in the Department of Commerce that's responsible for developing telecommunications policy and advising the President on telecommunications matters. The NTIA's latest report is a follow-on to an NTIA study released in March 1995 (see QST, Jun 1995, p 75).

The Options report addresses spectrum availability and long-range planning options for services that were identified in the earlier report as needing additional HF spectrum—including Amateur Radio. The report cites a potential 900 kHz or so of expanded or upgraded allocations for Amateur Radio in the HF spectrum, including:

- * An exclusive, worldwide allocation at 3500 to 3800 kHz
- * A new band at 4945 to 4995 kHz (additional technical studies would be required)
- * An "aligned worldwide" allocation at 6900 to 7200 kHz (replacing the current band at 7000 to 7300 kHz for the US and the rest of Region 2)
- * Expanded worldwide, primary allocations at 10100 to 10350 and 14000 to 14400 kHz
- * Expanded allocations at 18068 to 18318, 24740-24890, and 28000 to 30000 kHz.

Some of the potential expansions proposed for amateurs and broadcasting are mutually exclusive or could involve sharing by the two services. These include the potential expansions at 30, 20 and 17 meters. According to the report, ham radio allocations account for 13.1% of the HF spectrum (3 to 30 MHz). "There are no current plans to auction any HF spectrum," the NTIA report states, but notes that additional allocations for ham radio would come at the expense of other services—primarily fixed, fixed-mobile and broadcasting. "The expansion and upgrading of amateur allocations in the 10 MHz, 14 MHz, 18 MHz, and 24 MHz [bands] appear acceptable; however, this will depend on future decrease of requirements for the aeronautical mobile (R) or the fixed services internationally," the report said. Changes in the 80 and 40-meter bands "will require the inclusion

of these proposals in US preparations for future WRCs," the report added. A requested allocation at 6900-7200 would serve "to reduce inter-regional sharing and interference from HF broadcasting in the 7100-7300 kHz band," the report said. The report called the requested upgraded allocation at 3500 to 3800 kHz "a good candidate for a common worldwide exclusive amateur allocation at the 3.5 MHz band." The additional allocation of 3800 to 4000 kHz to the Amateur Service in Region 2 would not be affected.

To help satisfy demand for additional HF spectrum access, the report suggests more efficient use of current allocations, moving current HF spectrum users to other portions of the HF spectrum, use of other non-spectrum technologies and use of higher frequencies. The report also said sharing—and removal of some "exclusive" allocations—might be another option.

Calling ham radio "the oldest radio service" and one that "pre-dates regulation," the NTIA report casts the hobby in a favorable light. "Radio amateurs have made significant contributions to the field of radio propagation, HF single-sideband radio, HF data communications systems, packet radio protocols and communications satellite design." The report goes on to say that ham radio "continues to play an important role in disaster-relief communications, where amateurs provide radio communications independent of the telephone network or other radio services." (From the ARRL Letter of 12/20/96)



73 to all, Matt-KJ7DX



PACKET RACKET.

Leonard Beers (KB7FRV) has a unique telephone access system for packet serving the local area. If you are interested in gaining access to his system, give Leonard a call at 445-1841.

The Reverend's Wife Tells About Her Day: The other day I went to the local religious book store where I saw a Honk if you love Jesus bumper sticker. I bought it and put it on the back bumper of my car and I'm really glad I did. What an uplifting experience followed!

I was stopped at the light of a busy intersection, just lost in thought about The Lord, and didn't notice that the light had changed. That bumper sticker really worked! I found lots of people who love Jesus. Why, the guy behind me started to honk like crazy. He must really love

The Lord because pretty soon he leaned out of his window and yelled, "Jesus Christ!" as loud as he could. It was like a football game with him shouting, "Go! Jesus Christ. Go! Everyone else started honking too, so I leaned out of my window and waved and smiled to all those loving people. There must have been a guy from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach and I saw him waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I had recently asked my kids what that meant. They kind of squirmed, looked at each other, giggled, and told me that it was the Hawaiian good luck sign. So I leaned out of the window and gave him the good luck sign back. A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and were walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray, but just then I noticed that the light had changed and I stepped on the gas. It's a good thing I did because I was the only car to get across the intersection. I looked back at them standing there. I leaned out the window, gave them a big smile, and held up the Hawaiian good luck sign as I drove away. Praise The Lord for such wonderful folks!

73 DE LEONARD

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." St. Francis of Assisi

ARRL VEC



VE TESTING.

At the test session on February 8, 16 applicants were administered 25 elements. There was a 43.7% passing rate with 1-Novice, 1-Tech, 2-General, and 3-Advanced upgrades.

The tentative remaining schedule for 1997 testing will be (all Saturday's) May 10, August 9, and November 8.

Special test sessions may be accommodated according to demands, as needed. The test fee for 1997 is \$6.25. Further information can be obtained by contacting John Wilson-KM6BF at 636-1228 or Dave Rutledge-W9KRQ at 772-8539.

YOUR LOCAL PRESCOTT AREA VE's

AB7DY Vern Gregory	AB7KE Joan Tremper
AB7KF Bob Nichols	AB7KN Mary Miraldi
K7KOL Bob Kane	KA7NGK Don Broadston
KB7FRV Leonard Beers	KC7AGL Don Muller
KC7HAV Ginger LeGendre	KC7KRM Billy Peters
KG7OL David Miller	KI7EB Bill Thrift
KI7MA John Dawson	KJ7KL Pen Brown
KM6BF John Wilson	W2YAV Bill Kafka
W6HDP Bill Jackson	W9KRQ Dave Rutledge
WA6QQO Jim Perrone	WF7J Walt Loesche



ARES NET. The Prescott Area ARES NET is conducted every Wednesday night after the YARC NET on the 147.040+ repeater. A PL tone of 100.0 Hz is needed. If you don't have PL, transmit on 147.040 simplex, after the repeater drops out. For further information about ARES, contact Lloyd, WA6ZZJ



NEWS of INTEREST

by Pen Brown-KJ7KL and Jerry Brandt-KB7YVX

ARRL MEMBERSHIP UP IN 1996!

The ARRL ended 1996 with its largest membership in history, by a very healthy margin. The grand total was 175,023--up 1,461 from the previous month as the result of a membership promotion mailed in November. This is an increase of 3,574--or approximately 2.1%--from a year earlier. ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, called the statistics "not bad for the worst business year for Amateur Radio in recent memory." For purposes of comparison, in 1995 League membership showed a decline of about 0.6%.

Full Membership is up by even more--a bit more than 3.1%--reflecting the second year of the League's effort to identify Associate Members who have earned licenses and therefore are entitled to be Full Members. The figures that follow are based on total membership.

The Southeastern Division is now the largest ARRL division, overtaking the Atlantic Division for the first time. The Rocky Mountain Division posted the largest percentage increase for the fifth time in the past six years.--Dave Sumner, K1ZZ

HAM RADIO AND MORE

The six year old Ham Radio and More talk radio program hosted by Len Winkler, KB7LPW, may be canceled at the end of March. Winkler says that the shows owner, KFNN AM in Phoenix, Arizona, is claiming that the program is not producing enough advertising revenue to warrant keeping it on the air. If ad profits to the station do not climb substantially, the show will disappear after its March 30th broadcast. (Via KB7LPW)



ATTENTION ARRL MEMBERS. The YARC is an ARRL affiliated club. If you are a YARC member and your ARRL dues are coming up, you can submit your renewal through the club and we get to keep a couple of bucks. Send your ARRL renewals to the club treasurer with your check made payable to the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club



AREA REPEATERS

Several area repeaters are accessible from the area:

- Mt. Union(-500khz) 52.560- 100.0pl Bypass
(Now linked to California)
- Wildflower Mtn 145.350-
- Towers Mtn 145.370-
- Squaw Pk.(Camp Verde)145.470- 94.8pl
(linked to Phoenix)
- Bill Williams Mtn 146.780- 91.5pl
- Mt. Francis 146.880- 100.0pl
- Flagstaff 146.980- 100.0pl
- Mingus Mtn. 147.000+ 100.0pl
- Prescott 147.040+ 100.0pl
- Mt. Eldon-Flagstaff 147.140+ 162.2pl
(Linked to 147.360+ Mt. Ord)
- Mingus Mtn. 147.220+

- Mt. Francis(Prescott) 223.960- 127.3pl
(Linked to Kingman and California)

- Mingus Mtn.(NorthLink) 442.150+ 100.0pl
- Towers Mtn. 448.575-
- Towers Mtn.(NorthLink) 449.175- 100.0pl

- With a higher power base station and a good antenna, many of you may also be able to access these other repeaters, out of the area:

- Greens Pk.(-1 Mhz) 53.410- 100.0pl
- Mt. Ord 146.660-
- Smith Pk(ARA) 146.680- 162.2pl
- White Tanks(ZIA) 146.700- 162.2pl
- Kingman 146.760- 131.8pl ✓ REVD
- Mt. Ord(ARA) 146.920- 162.2pl
(linked to 147.240+ Phoenix)
- White Tanks(ARA) 146.940- 162.2pl
- Grand Canyon 147.320+
- Mt. Ord 147.360+ 162.2pl
(linked to 147.140+ Flagstaff)

- Kingman(CONDOR) 224.880- 156.7pl
(linked to many sites in Calif.)

- White Tanks(ARA) 441.725+ 162.2pl
- Mt. Eldon(Flagstaff) 448.475- 100.0pl
- Mt. Eldon(Flagstaff) 448.875- 100.0pl
(Northlink)



SAT WHAT? FROM THE "I CAN'T BELIEVE I HEARD IT ON AMATEUR RADIO" files:

Every once in a while, we hear something so precious, we have to share it with others:

"I've got a directional hand-held with a rubber duck!"

"I like working 10-meters. I guess I should upgrade!"

"Why should I use simplex, the repeater works fine."

"My neighbors don't like all my antennas, so I got a dog that barks a lot!"

"I'm waiting for a local contest!"

"Can you send pictures on Packet?"

"Someday you'll be able to take your tests on the Internet!" (probably not far from the truth)

"I'm linked to you on the repeater."

"I've got to turn my antenna around for Packet!"

Overheard on simplex: "This is just like being on the repeater, except for the offset!"

"I'm going to buy one of those full-mode rigs!"

(If you have any more, send 'em in and we'll print 'em!)

SLOW NEWS MONTH?

You think things heard on amateur radio are bad? Just get a load of these questions actually asked at some of our National Parks:

ZION NATIONAL PARK: "What is your best parking area?"

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK: "Where's the road to the summit?"

INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL SEASHORE: "Don't you think the polluted sky makes a much prettier sunset?"

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK:

"Was this man-made?"

"Do you light it up at night?"

"I bought tickets for the elevator to the bottom. Where is it?"

"Is the mule train air-conditioned?"

"So where are the faces of the presidents?"

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK:

"Are the alligators real?"

"Are the baby alligators for sale?"

"Where are all the rides?"

"What time does the two o'clock bus leave?"

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK:

"Did people build this, or did Indians?"

"Why did they build the ruins so close to the road?"

"Do you know of any undiscovered ruins?"

"What do they worship in the kivas--their own made-up religion?"

"Why did the Indians decide to live in Colorado?"

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK:

"How much of the cave is underground?"

"So what's in the unexplored part of the cave?"

"Does it ever rain in here?"

"How many ping-pong balls would it take to fill this place up?"

"So what is this--just a hole in the ground?"

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK:

"Where are the cages for the animals?"

"What time of year do you turn on Yosemite Falls?"

"What happened to the other half of 'Half-Dome'?"

"Can I get my picture taken with the carving of President Clinton?"

DENALI NATIONAL PARK:

"What time do you feed the bears?"

"What's so wonderful about Wonder Lake?"

"Can you show me where the yeti lives?"

"How often do you mow the tundra?"

"How much does Mt. McKinley weigh?"

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK:

"Does Old Faithful erupt at night?"

"When do you turn it on?"

"When does the guy who turns it on get to sleep?"

"We had no trouble finding the park entrance, but where are the exits?"

Yes folks, were not the only ones!



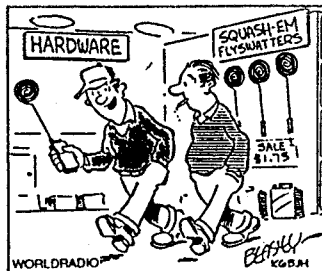
DONT FORGET! **WEEKLY NET** - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM 147.040+ (100.0 PL) IF YOU DON'T HAVE PL, TRANSMIT ON 147.040 WHEN THE REPEATER DROPS OUT.

MONTHLY MEETING - 3rd THURSDAY @ GRANITE MTN MIDDLE SCHOOL 7:00PM NEXT MEETING THURS. MARCH 20, 1997 @7:00pm

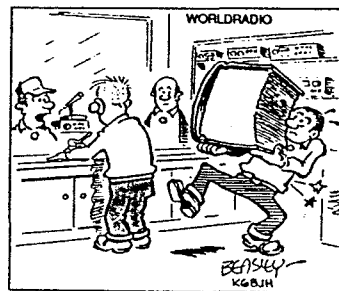


Wednesday Morning Breakfast-Iron Horse Cafe in Chino Valley. 7:00am. Informal-All are invited. Come and see Lloyd-N7QZQ pour coffee for everyone. Lloyd says, "My wrist hurts, again!"

Thursday Morning Breakfast-Micheal's Restaurant in the Safeway Shopping Center, Prescott Valley. 8:00am. All are invited.



SOME GUY AT THE SWAMP SOLD ME A GAINJ ANTENNA FOR MY HANDHELD FOR ONLY TEN BUUCKS!



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