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Wireless Association of South Hills

Picnic September 16th

Ye Olde WASH Picnic is almost upon us!

Sunday, September 16th, 2012

Harbor Grove in South Park (Picnic Grove #39, Corrigan Drive & Maple Drive, near the tennis courts)

The ceremonial lighting of the grill will occur shortly after the meeting, which starts at 2:00 pm (1400 local for the hardcore time zealots). Sacrificial burnings will commence shortly thereafter.

The club will supply the burgers, dogs and buns. Please RSVP the number from your clan, delegation, or social unit that will be attending. Additionally, each of the aforementioned should bring something absolutely wonderful and delicious to share with the multitudes.

If you have not already let Carol know that you're coming and how many are coming with you, please do so forthwith!



Carol's Comments

Time is moving so swiftly!

This month's meeting will not be on Thursday, but on Sunday, September 16th, 2 PM, at Harbor Grove in South Park.

Right after the meeting we will have our annual picnic. There is a lot to talk about and important decisions to be made. The Hamfest for one, Elections, QSL Manager, Management of the Sunday night net, 955, and more.

There are so many events coming up. Pa QSO Party, October 13th and 14th, Monessen ARC Hamfest September 30th, and the WACOM Hamfest November 4th, which by the way will be the last one for the year.

Then we have the Holidays, Halloween, Thanksgiving and of course Christmas & New Years. And before you know it, the 2 Meter Simplex Contest, and then **WASHFest**, February 24th, 2013.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Sunday picnic.



— 73. Carol Danko KB3GMN
President, Wireless Association of South Hills
N3SH / WA3SH / NP2SH

N3HKQ Update

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Next Meeting: September 16th, 2012

The next monthly meeting of the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC. will be on Sunday, September 16th, 2012, at the Harbor Grove, Corrigan Drive @ Maple Drive, South Park, starting at 2:00 PM.

There will be a Geocache & Foxhunt during the picnic part of the festivities. Contact Rick KB3IAC if you're interested in participating in these!

Talk-in on the 146.955(-) N3SH/R and 443.650(+) N3FB/R Repeaters (131.8 PL). All members, guests and interested parties invited!

"Seen" at the WASH August Meeting



Due to weather concerns, the meeting started off with a little GeoCache & Fox Hunt practice!



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WASH 2012 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Carol Danko KB3GMN
VP / Secretary	Glen Roberts KE7FD
VP / Treasurer	Mark Stabryla N3RDV

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT:

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Field Day 2012 Coordinators	Carol Danko KB3GMN
	Larry Comden K3VX
	Rick Bell KB3IAC

CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS, BEACONS, & DIGIPEATERS:

Mt. Lebanon	N3SH / R	146.955 MHz (-)	PL 131.8
Mt. Lebanon	W3SRL / R	442.550 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
Canonsburg	N3FB / R	443.650 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
St. Johns, VI	NP2SH / B	28.276 MHz	Propagation Beacon
Canonsburg	N3SH	144.390 MHz	APRS Digipeater

N3SH / WA3SH WASHNet, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Sunday Night, 9:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters. All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

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As always, special thanks to the owners of both the N3SH-W3SRL Repeater System and the N3FB/R Repeater System for permitting the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** and it's members to use their repeaters for club purposes.

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test September 12th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be **Wednesday, September 12th, 2012, 6:30 PM**, at the **North Strabane Township Building**, 1929 Route 519, Canonsburg, PA. Talk-in on the 146.955 MHz and 443.650 MHz repeaters. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Bud Plants N3TIR:

Telephone (724) 350-6745 or E-Mail: bud@n3tir.com

Please bring the following to your test session:

- Picture ID or other suitable identification (2 forms of ID required)
- Pen / Pencil / Calculator
- Original FCC license plus a copy of license (if upgrading)
- Original CSCE plus a copy of CSCE (if upgrading)
- Check or Cash in the amount of **\$15.00** (payable to: ARRL VEC)

Future test dates:

2013 tentative dates & location to be scheduled

Saturday, August 25th saw the beginning of another summer day, with the season starting to wind down as everyone began to prepare for the upcoming Labor Day weekend and the start of the fall. What better time for **the WASH Breakfast Gang** to get together after another month at **The Beach House** in Finleyville. This month's assortment included W9UK, KB3GMN, KB3GMU, N3FB, AD3Q, KB3DCO, W3WH, N3IDH, WB4GCS, W3WN, and KB3YCX & Marie. Table conversation covered the Hawaii QSO Party, getting home from Skyview as routed by PennDOT's best orange cones, Ten Tec Omni V, repeater locations, 2013 Field Day locations, the WACOM Tech Class, Ten Tec Argonaut, couch surfing, seeing Elvins in Memphis, the Ten Tec hamfest, going to Greenland, flying into LaGuardia, breakfast at Suzie B's, old diners with tabletop jukeboxes, aka NuTone systems, custom made boilers, driving a stick, political spots on the radio, picnic at W3KWH, radio playlists, and more.

Our next get-together will be the first official one of the fall. Hope to see you all there... remember, we start ordering about 8, so try not to be late and miss the good times! Hope to see you on Saturday, September 29th at **The Beach House**, Library Road, Finleyville, just south of Trax Farm. See you there!

Correction: It was reported in the July **WASHRag** that Randy George N3ZK had been selected to supply plaques for the 2012 Pa QSO Party. We have since been informed that this information was released prematurely & is no longer accurate. Our understanding is that Randy is no longer involved in providing the official plaques. Our apologies to all concerned for the misunderstanding

NP2SH/B: If you haven't seen the announcement from Mike N3BSQ on the reflector, we received word shortly after Labor Day that the beacon is not only back on the air, at long last... but that it's being heard! Signal reports have come in already from South Carolina. Give a listen when the band is open on 28.275 MHz, see if you can hear it yourself! Thanks again to Mike N3BSQ for all of his hard work in getting the beacon back, and to Paul NP2JF for the final assembly & for hosting it.

146.955: Bill W3WH, Carol KB3GMN, Richie N3SBF & Larry K3VX met with Steve W3SRL met back on August 16th to go over the repeater situation. Steve is contacting the managers of the apartment building in Mt. Lebanon that once housed 955 to see if we can arrange to use the site again. Other details of possible changes were discussed as well.

Steve also indicated that he would like to relinquish his position as repeater trustee. More information on this will be forthcoming at the next club meeting.

WASHNet is back from it's summer hiatus. The net resumed on Labor Day weekend. NCS schedule for the rest of the year, subject to change of course, is posted on this page. Don't forget to set a few minutes aside on Sunday evenings at 9 PM local time, to check in and get the latest club news & information!

Changes or updates for the net are still in progress. Kevin N3HKQ has simply been occupied with other issues at present, but these are not forgotten; just delayed.

Stay tuned...

WACOM Hamfest: Ron W3WN is planning on having at least one table at the upcoming WACOM Hamfest. Anyone want to share table space, let him know. Only have an item or two? Let him know that too. "We can work it out, we can work it out...."

Picnic: Yes, we will be having a short business meeting at the picnic. There are a few items that need to be gone over that simply can't wait. We still need to nail down QSL managers for the calls and the beacon, details on **WASHFest 2013**, getting things ready for the 2 meter simplex contest, officer elections... you get the idea.

Hope to see you there!

This line intentionally left vague. And if you read this, then you actually do read the newsletter, don't you?

Congratulations to ARRL WPA Section Manager John Rodgers N3MSE. John ran un-opposed for re-election this year. Once the deadline for nominations had passed, he was declared the winner for another 2 year term.

"I thought I would escape losing my hair, but the last week of August, I began losing patches of hair.

I'm shedding worse than the cats I live with. (Did I ever mention that I don't like cats?). The hair on my head looked like hell so I decided what hair was left had to go.

I have to say it feels cold."

— Kevin Smith N3HKQ



WASHNet 2012 NCS Schedule

09/02/2012	Sean N3NWR	11/04/2012	Bob AB3ED
09/09/2012	Bob AB3ED	11/11/2012	Kevin N3HKQ
09/16/2012	Kevin N3HKQ	11/18/2012	Dave N3IDH
09/23/2012	Dave N3IDH	11/25/2012	Sean N3NWR
09/30/2012	Sean N3NWR	12/02/2012	Dave N3DFK
10/07/2012	Dave N3DFK	12/09/2012	Glen KE7FD
10/14/2012	Glen KE7FD	12/16/2012	Harold K3HCR
10/21/2012	Harold K3HCR	12/23/2012	Carol KB3GMN
10/28/2012	Carol KB3GMN	12/30/2012	Bob AB3ED
		01/06/2013	Kevin N3HKQ

Join WASH or Renew your Membership for 2012 Today! Membership Application on Page 11!

Minutes, August 9th Meeting

Ron Notarius W3WN, Acting Secretary, WASH

Due to adverse weather forecast, Rick KB3IAC led the members on a Geocaching and Fox Hunt demo & test from 19:10 to 20:10 hours.

Bill W3WH, acting on behalf of Carol KB3GMN, called the meeting to order at 20:10 hours. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, followed by introductions.

A moment of silence was observed for recent silent keys and other deserving persons.

A motion was made by Ben KB3ERQ to waive reading of the June minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Larry K3VX and carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

Treasurer (N3RDV): A balance on the bank account was read & accepted.

Secretary (KE7FD): No report. (Glen left early due to a family emergency)

VE Report (N3ZEL): No report.

Repeaters (N3FB): They are repeating.

Net Report (N3HKQ): On summer hiatus

Contests (K3VX): Pa QSO is upcoming. A short discussion of the upcoming changes to the Ontario Section & resulting new multipliers followed.

Public Service (N3IDH): Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix was 2 weeks ago. Great Race is upcoming. There will be a half-marathon in Robinson on September 8th.

Newsletter (W3WN): Published.

President's Report (KB3GMN): Bill W3WH reported that Carol & Richie are at their camp working on antennas.

Old Business: Mark N3RDV reminded everyone that he will require an application for ALL new and renewal memberships in 2013, to make certain that his information is up to date.

Repeater Committee: Bill W3WH led a short discussion on the 955 repeater committee. A brief history of how the 955 & 550 machines got to their current location. Options include:

- Moving both machines back to Mt. Lebanon
- Add voting receivers to give 955 better coverage in the South Hills
- The cost to do everything at once could be in the \$3000 range.

General discussion on options followed, no consensus was reached.

Frank N3FB then discussed briefly the concerns with 443.50. The building is literally a shack that has some groundhog problems, which destroyed or damaged spare parts. The APRS system has been moved out for now. The copper grounding system has had some or all of it stolen for salvage. Some expenses will be coming up, including building repairs, tower painting, and general maintenance.

New Business:

- Gary KB3YCX discussed the upcoming Pittsburgh Maker Faire and proposed that the club do something for it. Short discussion followed. Gary & Ben KB3ERQ volunteered to go to the Faire to find out what it's about and gather more information for planning.
- Rick KB3IAC discussed that this is the 1 year anniversary of the new activities. Short discussion on what to do next year. Under consideration are a 20/40 Meter CW QRP transceiver kit, CW practice, and the long-term balloon launch project.

Good of the order: K3VX: Bamboo up to 20 feet long available from Larry for those needing it for antenna work.

Motion to Adjourn by Larry K3VX, second by Jan Eric K3SGT and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:10 hours.



WASH Spotlight: 5K R/W



WACOM and WASH members providing support for the Labor Day 5K Run/Walk in Washington PA. Left to right: Kevin N3HKQ, Bob KB3IN, Adam NZ3S, Dave N3IDH, Don KB3YLR, Bill NY9H, Frank KB3AAG, and John N3GHR. Also running in the race were Ken AA3GM and Melanie N9SOG. Photo courtesy of and ©Copyright 2012 Kevin Smith N3HKQ

Every month we're going to feature a WASH club member, something about them, something they're involved in or a club-related activity that we're involved in, in the WASH Spotlight. Submissions for the Spotlight should be sent to Ron W3WN at [newsletter at n3sh dot org](mailto:newsletter@n3sh.org)

Monthly WASH Breakfast

Please join us for the next WASH Breakfast! We usually get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, drink lots of coffee, and just have a good time!



Join us this month at **The Beach House**, on Route 88 in Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms and adjacent to Mineral Beach. Start time is about 8 AM until ????? Monitor 146.955 & 443.650 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

All are welcome, WASH members or not, amateurs or not!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

AB3ED	KC4WTT	N3UE	WASH FL	WASH VI	Silent Keys
AB3EN	KE7FD	N3YJJ	KA3UPY/M	NP2JF	
AB3KA	KJ3D	N3ZK	W4ZE		
AC4KU	N2QIV	N3ZNI	WASH GA		
AE3DL	N3AWF	W3LE	K3OL		
K3HCR	N3CZZ	W3RWS	KB3JX		
K3SGT	N3DFK	W3VFA	WASH NE		
K3VX	N3FB	W3WH	NØPEU		
KØLIN	N3FPF	W3WN	WASH OH		
KA3TWI	N3HKQ	WA3BOJ	N8DPW		
KB3DCO	N3IDH	WA4ONC	WASH SC		
KB3ERQ	N3KFD	WB4GCS	N3RNX		
KB3GMN	N3NWR	WO3Z	WASH TN		
KB3GMP	N3OVO	Darryn	KE3XB		
KB3GMU	N3RDV	Sleeman	N3YPB		
KB3IAC	N3RHT		WASH TX		
KB3IVX	N3SBF		K3LGM		
KB3MHM	N3TIR		Jane Wagner		
KB3SPD					
KB3SPE					
KB3SRC					
KB3TOA					
KB3WRO					
KB3YCX					

Through July 19TH, 2012

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

2012 WASH Upcoming Events Calendar

Meeting Topics & Other Significant Club Events — Subject to Change

September 8 th -10 th	ARRL VHF Contest	http://www.arrl.org
September 9 th	BCARA Butler SwapFest	Unionville Fire Department, Butler PA
September 16 th	<i>WASH</i> Annual Picnic Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
September 30 th	Monesson ARC MARCfest	http://www.w3csl.org/
October 13 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
October 6 th & 7 th	California QSO Party	http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html
October 13 th & 14 th	Pennsylvania QSO Party	http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html
October 15 th & 19 th	ARRL School Roundup	http://www.arrl.org
October 27 th & 28 th	CQ World Wide DX Contest SSB	http://www.cqww.com/
November 3 rd & 4 th	ARRL Sweepstakes CW	http://www.arrl.org
November 4 th	WACOM Hamfest	http://www.wacomarc.org/hamfest.html
November 8 th	<i>WASH</i> Meeting	@ Crossroad Ministries Church
November 17 th & 18 th	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	http://www.arrl.org
November 24 th & 25 th	CQ World Wide DX Contest CW	http://www.cqww.com/
Nov 30 th —Dec 2 nd	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	http://www.arrl.org
December 8 th & 9 th	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	http://www.arrl.org
December 16 th	ARRL Rookie Roundup CW	http://www.arrl.org
February 24 th	<i>WASH</i> fest 2013	http://www.n3sh.org

Bob Cox K3EST, has retired as Director of the CQ World Wide DX Contest and as CQ's Director of Contesting, it was announced September 4th by CQ Publisher Dick Ross K2MGA. Cox has been at the helm of the CQWW for 35 years, guiding the contest through massive changes in technology - both on and off the air - and CQWW's growth to become the world's most popular amateur radio contest.

Cox first took the reins of the CQWW in January, 1977, along with Larry Brockman WA6EPQ (now N6AR), who worked with Bob until March, 1994. In making his announcement to members of the CQ World Wide Contest Committee, Bob said, "35 years encompasses almost the entire history of modern contesting. All the way from paper logs to today's need for instant answers. During that time a framework was created that made the CQWW the innovator of almost everything used in contesting today including log checking." He added, "With that in mind...I am tired and wish to move on with other interests. "

Ross said the association had been long and fruitful, telling Cox "it has been an honor to have worked with you for these many decades. Your contributions to the art and sport of amateur radio contesting have been enormous. "

Cox's retirement is effective immediately. A successor has not yet been named



Labor Day 5K Run/Walk

Photos courtesy of and © Copyright 2012 Kevin Smith N3HKQ



First two male walkers leaving Washington Park



First runners leaving Washington Park



First female walker leaving Washington Park



Last runners leaving Washington Park

Lost & Found

Jim Emmert WBØURW courtesy of the [American Radio Relay League web site](http://www.americanradiorelay.com)

The Challenge: To find the owner of a Yaesu VX-7R handheld transceiver that has no identification and no alphanumeric programmed into it.

Day 1

I was sitting in the ham shack, late one evening, when the phone rang. I checked the caller ID and saw that it was a local paramedic. I assumed he wanted me to cover his shift for the rest of the evening. I was still anticipating his request when he tells me that a friend of his was bicycling north of town when he noticed something on the side of the road. It was a handheld radio with a "very long antenna and a whole bunch of frequencies that did not look familiar." He thought it might be a ham radio and knowing I was a ham, he informed me he had turned it over to the local police department. I thanked him for the information and immediately called the police dispatcher and after she confirmed that a radio had indeed been turned in, I told her I would be right over.

Upon arrival at the police department, the dispatcher hands me a Yaesu VX-7R with a 16 inch whip on it. This will be easy, I thought. All I need to do is turn it on and read the call sign on the boot-up display. To my dismay, it was a default boot-up. I told the dispatcher that it was indeed a ham radio and asked if I could have it. Without hesitation, she gave it to me.

I took the handheld home, all the while pondering how I would feel if I had been the one to lose it. I knew of nobody in our area who owned this model radio. There were no markings on it and none of the alphanumeric features, which might give an indication of the owner, were used. I decided to take on the challenge of finding this unknown ham.

Day 2

I sat down at my computer, brought up the Iowa Repeater Council and opened a list of all the repeaters. I started with channel 1 on the handheld and documented all the repeaters that had been programmed into it. A pattern started to emerge and it appeared that the owner lived in the area of Cedar Rapids, over 100 miles away.

I then searched for a local club and found the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club. On their website I found Bob Klaus NØYWB, who is in charge of membership and promotion. I sent him an e-mail, detailing my dilemma, never mentioning the type, make or model of the radio. He responded the next day and said he would make an announcement about the radio at that night's club meeting and also post the information on his e-mail reflector.

Looking for another avenue, I also e-mailed ARRL® Iowa Section Manager Tom Brehmer NØLOH, who also distributed the information.

Day 3

Next, I went to the "How Can We Help?" section of the Yaesu website. In the hope that the owner registered his radio and might be traced via its serial number. A quick reply from the Yaesu customer service manager indicated they do not have that information, but they were able to tell me R&L Electronics in Hamilton, Ohio sold the radio. A web search produced an 800 number and with a quick call I requested R&L Electronics to contact the owner and have the owner contact me via e-mail, should they have the information.

A short time later, an e-mail from R&L Electronics indicated that they located the ham they sold the radio to, but he had sold it on eBay "several years ago" and had no idea of the purchaser's name.

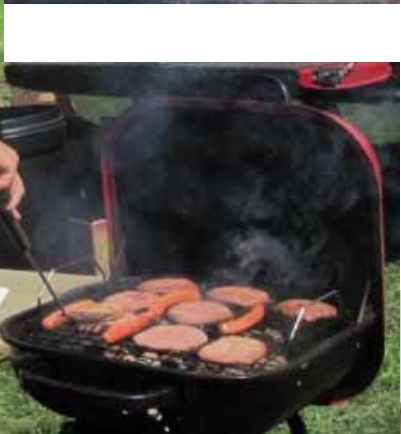
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"Seen" at the 2012 Steel City ARC Corn Roast

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New W3KWH call letters on the SCARC club house installed by Randy N3ZK



Help Save Tesla's Lab

Jeff "DashToons" Murray K1NSS

Perhaps you've heard, perhaps not, of the amazing fund raiser now in progress to save Tesla's Wardencllyffe Laboratory in Shoreham NY.

Over half a million bucks raised in a few days, mostly small contributions it seems. The Tesla Center group is shooting for \$850,000 or more to get matching funds from NY state to buy the property, a former Agfa film processing plant.

It's the same location that Paul W1GUH, Hamilton KDØFNR and I "activated" from its busted up guard shack last fall as W3T special ops.

Here's the link: <http://www.indiegogo.com/teslamuseum>.

There's perks like mugs and tshirts and more for higher rollers, but I like the idea of lotsa smallbucks and love to think of Nikola Tesla as the first ham.



Editor's Note: Since this article was submitted, you can find a further update on the progress of the fund raiser at <http://www.npr.org/2012/08/24/159925435/web-cartoonist-raises-1-million-for-tesla-museum>



DX News Briefs

Conway Reef will be QRV as **3D2C** 26 September — 5 October. The team of 19 operators plan to be QRV on 1.8 to 144 MHz including 60 and 6 meters. QSL via YT1AD; OQRS will be available after the DXpedition returns. More information on their website at <http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html> — YT1AD



WBØVGI plans activity as **5H3NP** 8 October 8 —15 December. QRV on HF bands. QSL via home call — WBØVGI

OH2NNE will be QRV as **5H2DK** 2—17 October. He may also be sporadically QRV with a portable setup from different locations from 18—27 October. QRV on SSB only. QSL via home call — OH2NNE

K7QI has been issued the first Z8 call from **Southern Sudan** & is now QRV as **Z8AAA**. He will be home for a "couple of weeks" on 25 Sept, and hopes to be QRV after he returns in October. QSL via K7GSE — K7GSE

F6ICX will once again be QRV as **5R8IC** 10 November 9 December from Saint Marie island, AF-090. Holiday style operation, with no online log during activity. CW RTTY and PSK-63. QSL via home call — F6ICX

A group of Chinese operators plan to be QRV as **BY1WXD/0** for 10 days from the Tibet Autonomous Region, 27 September to 7 October, 40 - 6 meters. The ops say that this is "the first officially announced DXpedition activity in **Tibet Autonomous Region** of China by Chinese hams and they sincerely welcome DX chasers all of the the world to work us" QSL via BY1WXD club station — WC6DX.

The **CYØ** DXpedition for 8 - 17 October plans to be "highly focused on 10, 12 & 15 meters where the most demand for CY0 exists" Half of their equipment is in storage at the Maritime Air Charger facility in Halifax, NS, with the other half to follow. Weather will determine if they make their plans to start operating from the island at 2300 Z on 8 Oct. More info at <http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/>. QSL via WA4DAN — WA4DAN & AA4VK

The **ZL9HR Campbell Island** DXpedition, 28 November - 9 December, is "coming together". They should have all of their equipment packed into four containers, and shipped to New Zealand, by the "end of the month". More info at <http://www.campbell2012.com/> —Team ZL9HR

3D2ZY should be QRV OC-016 11 - 15 Oct. QSL via PY7ZY -- PY7ZY

KK6EK reports that the March 2013 **TX5 Clipperton Island** DXpedition "is in the final stages of assembling the team". Additional operators are being sought. Expected operating dates have yet to be announced. More information at <http://www.cordell.org/CI/> -- KK6EK

ZL2KBR plans to be QRV from Rarotonga OC-013 as **E51KBR** 12—19 November, holiday-style, 10—20m, SSB, RTTY & PSK-31. QSL via ZL2KBR —ZL2BKR

QSL Routes

6OØCW via I2YSB — 6OØCW	J2ØRR via I2YSB - KG4W
6V7S via RK4FF — JA1HGY	J28AA via K2PF — NKØS
6V7Z via RA9FW — KG4W	J52HF via I3LDP — JA1HGY
9K2/SP4R via SP7DQR — KG4W	KHØ/WE8A via JF3MYU — KG4W
9M2TO via JAØDMV — JQ2GYU	NHØJ via JJ2VLY — JF1LZQ
9M6XRO via MØURX — KG4W	NHØZ via JJ2VLY — KG4W
A41MX via EB7DX — KG4W	PJ7DX via I8NHJ — KG4W
CO7EH via AD4C — KG4W	PPØT via ED7DX — NKØS
CP4BT via EA5KB — K6UM	R11ANF via RK1PWA — W3UR
CX7CO via WB3CDX — KG4W	T32TX via KB8TXZ — JA1HGY
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KT3E Sues School District Over An Antenna

According to an article in the September 7th issue of the *Daily American*, Richard Gibbs KT3E is suing the Somerset Area School District to put up an antenna back up.

The news account indicates that 16 years ago, KT3E sold 11 acres of his property to the district so that they could build a new elementary school. The sale included an easement that was to protect "existing utility or aerial transmission lines." An existing antenna should have remained on the property, but was removed by the contractor building the school & it was never replaced.

The school district now says that too much time has passed & that it has insufficient information.

The full story can be found at http://articles.dailyamerican.com/2012-09-07/news/33684882_1_ham-radio-somerset-area-school-district-easement

FCC News

ARRL Web Extra courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

Newington, CT, August 23rd, 2012 — On August 20th -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.



This report contains the FCC's "review of the importance of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the federal government." It also required "that the study identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and provide recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."

"There are many positive things included in the FCC report to Congress," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "We are pleased that the Commission highlighted the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure to provide disaster and time-critical communications. They also recognized the flexibility of the Amateur Service in working with federal, state, local and tribal emergency service agencies to supplement existing communications. The affirmation of the value that Amateur Radio brings to the communities across the country is underscored by the suggestion that 'DHS work with state, local, and tribal authorities so they may develop disaster area access or credentialing policies for trained amateur operators, including a means for documenting their qualifications...'"

While the FCC did hold Amateur Radio in a positive light in its discussion of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications, the FCC report was not as favorable in the portion of the study that addressed impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications. In the comments provided to the FCC as they prepared the study, the ARRL -- as well as numerous individuals -- cited the proliferation of specific land-use restrictions, such as deed restrictions and homeowners associations covenants, that prohibit the erection of even modest Amateur Radio antennas.

The ARRL cited that such restrictions now apply to tens of millions of homes and condominiums. In communities across every state, these restrictions make finding suitable living arrangements that would also allow amateurs to participate effectively in providing support communications nearly impossible to find. The FCC disagreed with that assessment stating "...our review of the record does not indicate that amateur operators are unable to find homes that are not subject to such restrictions. Therefore, at this time, we do not see a compelling reason for the Commission to revisit its previous determinations that preemption should not be expanded to CC&Rs."

When considering any current rules that serve as impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, the report did agree with the ARRL's position, stating that "Commission rules that may be an impediment to enhanced Amateur Service emergency communications can, as the ARRL notes, be considered through the Commission's rulemaking process. Consequently, we do not believe that Congressional action is necessary to address any of these issues."

In the report, the FCC recommended that "DHS consult with the public safety, emergency management and Amateur Radio emergency communications associations and groups to identify training opportunities that will support better utilization of Amateur Radio operators for emergency communications, and to solicit views on how Amateur Radio capabilities could be further incorporated into response plans or initiatives. We also recommend that OEC include these recommendations in the NECP."

Henderson noted that it is significant "that the FCC recommends efforts be continued by DHS to facilitate the training and utilization of Amateur Radio across the emergency and disaster response spectrum -- from the public sector through to the various groups and organizations which provide support communications via the Amateur Service, including ARES, RACES, MARS or locally organized support groups. When served agencies and amateur groups plan and train cooperatively, it only enhances our abilities to serve our communities and the public."

With the delivery of the FCC's report to Congress, the ARRL will determine its next step in its efforts to find relief for amateurs who live under unduly restrictive private land-use regulations.

Has Roadway found the tower yet?

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"Seen" at the 2012 BCARA Swapfest

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Lost & Found

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Meanwhile, I had received a couple of e-mails from hams who have had their radios stolen and who checked in with me seeking their radios. I was saddened to reply with negatives.

Day 4

Being gone for most of the day, I came home to a phone message from another ham in my home town who believed I had found her son's handheld. She requested that I contact her son and left his phone number, which was in Cedar Rapids.

When I called, I soon realized I was talking to an old student of mine (yes, I'm a school teacher) and he immediately identified the make, model, frequencies and antenna, all in one breath. I had to stop him from continuing the description!

As it turned out, he was visiting family in my town. While packing the car, he set the handheld on the roof and did not miss it until several miles down the road. The radio traveled about 2 miles before sliding off. The important thing is that the radio and owner will be reunited on his next visit to his mother.

Lessons Learned

To make life easier for honest people and more difficult for dishonest people, program your call sign into the start-up window. Also, in case the battery goes dead, I recommend writing your call sign, with a permanent sharpie pen, inside the battery compartment. Most importantly — the thrill of finding the owner of a lost rig is greater than owning a new found radio.

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"Our review of the FCC report shows that there is a lot to be done if amateurs living in deed-restricted properties are to receive even the limited relief they enjoy under the Commission's PRB-1 ruling or the limited relief given to deed-restricted properties given by the FCC's OTARD ruling," Henderson said. "This means continuing ARRL's efforts on Capitol Hill and continuing to seek a Congressional directive to the Commission to extend those limited preemptions to include prohibition of effective Amateur Radio antennas and support structure that are imposed by private land use restrictions. The FCC report to Congress is not the final action in this fight. It merely lays the groundwork for the next steps to be taken by the ARRL," he concluded.

The complete FCC report can be found at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0820/DA-12-1342A1.pdf



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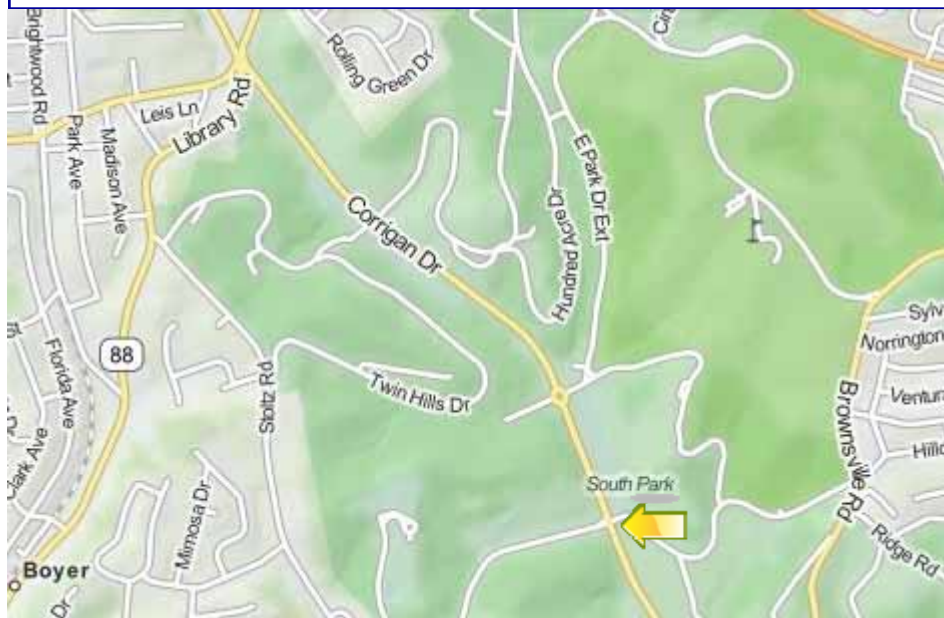
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73, Rick KB3IAC

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