

The Monitor

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Presidents Message

It's that time of year again when we look at the club leadership. If you would like to be a part of shaping the club please contact the nominating committee to put your name in. They will be presenting the proposed slate at this month's meeting.

Field Day is fast approaching and we still don't have anyone to chair the planning committee. If you are interested please let one of the club officers know.

Also Rex AA1KL needs some more help with the Audrey Prouty in July. Please contact him if you can lend a hand.

We have been asked to put on a demo for a local scout group. If you would like to lead this and/or help out please let me know.

See you at the meeting this Saturday.

Verne N5IEP

Upcoming Events

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| TSRC Meeting | May 10, 2003, 9:00am
Ramada Inn, WRJ, VT |
| TSRC Meeting | June 14, 2003, 9:00am
Ramada Inn, WRJ, VT |
| Boy Scout Demo | To be announced |

Armed Forces Day

The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will cosponsor the annual military/Amateur Radio crossband communications tests May 10-11. The event will mark the 53rd celebration of Armed Forces Day. Although Armed Forces Day actually is Saturday, May 17, the Armed Forces Day Amateur Radio event is held a week earlier to avoid conflicting with Hamvention <http://www.hamvention.org>.

The event features a military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice test and the Secretary of Defense message receiving test. During the crossband test, 14 military stations will listen on amateur frequencies and transmit on selected MARS frequencies. Most military stations will commence operation at 1200 UTC on May 10.

Amateurs are asked to limit contacts to two minutes or less. Eight military stations will transmit the Secretary of Defense's Armed Forces Day message at stated intervals via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, CLOVER and MT63.

QSLs and certificates are available. More information is available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/af-day/armdfrcs-2003.html>.

Reminder

We will be voting on the Constitution and By-laws changes at this meeting. This vote was postponed from last month because we didn't have enough voting members present. If you are a voting member and your dues are paid, please plan to attend.

**You can still pay your dues!
It's not too late!**

ARRL WILL FIGHT INTRUDERS AGGRESSIVELY

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, urged those attending the annual conference of the Southeastern VHF Society <http://www.svhfs.org/> April 26-27 to continue to occupy the microwave bands. The ARRL official also encouraged the group to develop new and innovative communication techniques—such as IEEE 802.11 high-speed wireless—to expand Amateur Radio's presence on its microwave allocations.

Imlay told some 70 amateurs attending the SVHFS event in Huntsville that amateurs were being asked to share their VHF and UHF bands with more and higher-powered unlicensed Part 15 devices, and he pledged the League's aggressive defense against these intruders. "The FCC seems to want the amateur community to accept higher and higher 'interference temperatures,'" Imlay said, referring to higher noise levels caused by increased band occupancy. "We will fight that!"

Imlay also presented an overview of the current regulatory climate in Washington and a detailed, band-by-band outline of the threats <http://www.arrl.org/news/bandthreat/> to Amateur Radio frequencies from commercial interests.

He noted ARRL's strong opposition to an FCC proposal to agree with a 2001 request from SAVI Technology that would allow operation of advanced RF identification (RFID) devices between 425 and 435 MHz. The ARRL contends that the RFID proposal is contrary to the philosophy of FCC Part 15 rules and could result in significant interference to amateur operations.

During the gathering, the SVHFS donated \$300 to the ARRL Defense of Frequencies Fund and another \$300 to AMSAT-NA.

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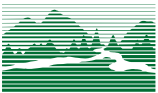
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