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The publication deadline for the September 2004 issue of

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is August 14, 2004.



The President's Corner

By N5GG—Colin Buckup

Colin will be back next month with his normal column. He is currently enjoying a well deserved vacation in Brazil.

DARC Business Meeting Minutes July 2004

By WB5DX, Bill Chapman

Welcome

The July 2004 DARC Meeting was opened at approximately 7:00pm by Colin Buckup N5GG. Colin began with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a packed house with approximately 56 members and guests in attendance to-night at the Midway Point.

Visitors were recognized and included; Roy Rabey AD5KZ, Richard Nielson K5RN, Brad Davis NA5BD, Bobby Shulin KE5BEZ, Beth Girardi K5ILD, Gary (GG) Gardner KB5RKL, Christopher Haynie KD5YMC, Mark Berry (will be getting license soon), Mickey Ricketts KE5BSR, and a few others which could not quite be heard (they need to speak up and use phonetics!).

New Tickets/Upgrades

Mason Sarles KD5YHX (finally!!) has upgraded to general, and so has Rob Dittert N0QIX. Dave KD5RYM has also achieved general class along with Tom Reese KD5IPJ.

Programs

This evening's program featured Jim Haynie W5JBP. Jim brought the audience up to date on the latest happenings regarding the BPL front and a brief update on the upcoming changes in the licensing structure. Jim presented two videos. The first was professionally produced and showed a clear representation of what a BPL signal really causes. Later, Jim pointed out that there have been several official interference complaints filed with the FCC, and there has apparently been no action taken on behalf of the amateur filings. The UPLCA was noted as calling the amateur radio protests of BPL as "...armchair amateurs still using vacuum tubes...", and their statements show that the ARRL and other hams are starting to make a difference (it also shows the accuracy of their unsubstantiated claims). The second film featured a visual tour of the ARRL HQ and staff at Newington Connecticut. It was produced by a local ham club and was quite good for an informal documentary.

Treasurer

Mont O'Leary K0YCN reported that the clubs finances as essentially on track. He did have a membership application for Charles Pullen KE5BTC, which was unanimously approved. Mont also encouraged any of the members that may not be ARRL members to consider joining. The DARC just restored its designation as a Special Service Club and one of the requirements is to have a high percentage of the members as ARRL members. Mont also reported that he has received official confirmation from the IRS that our 501c3 designation has been restored, retrofitted to 1999.

Repeaters

Bernie Parker K5BP noted that we have no current maintenance issues..

Old/New Business

Bob Peters W1PE noted that one of our active members, Bill Dickerson K5ZZP, is moving to Paris (Texas – oh well!). Bill has been quite active in the club's involvement with the DeGolyer kids and numerous other activities.

73,

Bill Chapman, WB5DX

DARC Board Meeting Minutes July 2004

By WB5DX, Bill Chapman

This month's Board meeting was held immediately after the regular club meeting at the Midway Point. President Colin Buckup N5GG opened the meeting at approximately 9:10 pm. Those present included Mont O'Leary K0YCN, Bob Peters W1PE, Bernie Parker K5BP, Bill Chapman WB5DX, Karl Meyer N5UOI, Ron Wycoff WD0DZY, Joe Isabella N3JI, Tom Reese KD5IPJ, and John Carlson K9SQ, Richard Bartlett KE6LOU, and several visitors.

Membership

Don Murray W9VE was absent this evening and Colin relayed that there are no major changes to note.

Treasury

Mont provided an up to date profit/loss statement for all present. Mont pointed that we should review the budget at the next meeting the make some minor adjustments and/or focus on certain items. On the whole, the club is essentially on track.

Repeaters

Bernie Parker noted that the repeaters appear to be functioning properly. There are some minor issues with the 220 machine. We have not incurred any major expenses for the future upgrades and we have not yet heard from the Building Management regarding the site agreement.

Public Service

Richard Bartlett reminded all that the Red Hot Chili Pepper Bike Rally is coming up. All of the positions are nearly filled. The race coordination has added several requests for APRS positions. Mont suggested we get the van APRS ready.

Newsletter

John Carlson noted that the closing date for the upcoming newsletter is July 20th. Colin asked Joe to put together something for the club's Field Day activities.

Miscellaneous Items

Colin noted that Johnny Davis K5JD and others have requested we be a little more vigilant in regards to repeater etiquette. Several have overheard a few conversations that were bordering on inappropriate content, inadequate call sign ID's and other minor complaints. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

73,
Bill Chapman
WB5DX

Baby Has A New Set Of Shoes

On Friday, July 23rd, the DARC Van was fitted with a new set of 6 tires. The "old" tires were really trailer tires, bias ply tires that had a tendency to "walk". The new tires are Cooper "Dominador All-Season" tires, 10-ply rated steel belted radials, which are light truck tires. These tires are slightly larger than the old tires but not enough to alter the accuracy of the speedometer or odometer.

The tires are warranted for 45,000 miles and the purchase includes free flat repair and lifetime balancing. The new tires made a noticeable improvement in the ride and handling of the van.

Thanks to Ginger W5AAN and David Torres, Manager of Discount Tire at Plano Rd. & Forrest Lane, for providing the DARC a great price. Great job Ginger!

Dallas Amateur Radio Club, Inc. *Treasurer's Report* *Second Quarter 2004*

As the following statement indicates, the Club is on target to meet its income and expense targets for the year. The bulk of our membership income will occur in the fourth quarter when renewals occur.

Income	Year to Date	Budget
Campaign Income	881.00	0.00
Contributions	197.31	200.00
Membership Dues	1380.50	3500.00
Interest Earned (Griffith Fund)	<u>70.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	2529.00	3700.00
Expense		
Membership	18.97	75.00
Newsletter	371.99	700.00
Operations	924.81	925.00
Program Expense	100.00	300.00
Public Service	717.52	1300.00
Repeaters	<u>188.70</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>2350.84</u>	<u>3700.00</u>
Net Income	178.16	0.00

Following is our balance sheet as of the end of the first quarter.

Assets	
Checking	5129.23
Griffith Fund	<u>5916.80</u>
Total Assets	11046.73
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Net Equity	11046.73

Notes to financial statements:

Campaign Income includes 50-50 ticket sales, equipment resale, raffles, public service donations, and auction income. Membership expense includes postage and other expenses incurred in recruiting and retaining members. Operations expense includes bonds, general liability insurance, PO box rental, Supplies, Telephone, etc. Program expense includes Field Day and Youth Programs. Public Service expense includes DARC van operations and other public service expenses. The Griffith Fund is an endowment whose income is reserved solely for the costs associated with the Griffith Community Service Award.



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ARRL BOARD OKAYS VOLUNTEER GRASSROOTS LOBBYING EFFORT

The ARRL Letter, Vol. 23, No. 29

The ARRL Board of Directors has formalized a grassroots congressional lobbying program with an initial focus on BPL. Acting July 16 during its second meeting of 2004 in Windsor, Connecticut, the Board acknowledged the need to "immediately begin a BPL grassroots lobbying campaign." Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, who headed the Ad Hoc Committee on Grassroots Lobbying, sees the creation of a national "political machine" as a practical way to protect Amateur Radio spectrum.

"We're really, in essence, changing the culture of how we operate," Fallon said after the meeting. "We're going to use our members as constituents to talk to key legislators." While the campaign will zero in on BPL in the near term, it eventually could expand to support bills dealing with spectrum protection and with and deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) and their impact on amateur antennas.

"It can be more effective for two or three constituents to walk into a lawmaker's office to pitch their cause," Fallon said. Such contacts, he pointed out, also can pave the way for subsequent meetings between League officials and members of Congress or their staff members.

To establish a coordinating structure, the Board created the positions of Division Congressional Action Chair, Congressional Action Coordinator and Congressional Action Assistant. The Board authorized the League's 15 division directors to appoint qualified volunteers to these positions.

Under the plan the Board adopted, the Division Congressional Action Chair, one in each ARRL division, would be a cabinet-level volunteer with some experience in lobbying activities. There would be at least one Congressional Action Coordinator in each state, ideally selected in consultation with section managers. These volunteers also would be members of the director's cabinet. Working with the director, the Congressional Action Coordinator will designate and develop a number of Congressional Action Assistants to "accomplish the mission of getting the ARRL message to legislators," the ad hoc committee's report explained.

Fallon said the grassroots lobbying effort will fold into a comprehensive broadband over power line strategy, which the Board discussed at length but did not make public. The Board expressed the hope that the lobbying effort could be up and running by fall.

UTILITY CUTS SHORT BPL TRIAL THAT WAS TARGET OF AMATEUR COMPLAINTS

The ARRL Letter, Vol. 23, No. 27

Alliant Energy has called an early end to its broadband over power line (BPL) pilot project in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The "evaluation system" went live March 30, and plans called for keeping it active until August or September. Alliant shut it down June 25. Ongoing, unresolved HF interference from the system to retired engineer Jim Spencer, W0SR, and other amateurs prompted the ARRL to file a complaint to the FCC on Spencer's behalf demanding it be shut down and the utility fined.

Alliant Energy's BPL Project Leader Dan Hinz says the ARRL complaint "certainly was a factor" in the utility's decision to pull the plug prematurely but "not the overriding factor." The main reason, he said, was that Alliant accomplished most of its objectives ahead of schedule. The primary purpose of the Cedar Rapids evaluation was to gain an understanding of BPL technology and what issues might be involved in a real-world deployment, Hinz explained. But, he added, regulatory uncertainty and other unspecified technical issues also factored into the choice to end the pilot early.

Hinz said Alliant is "mashing the data" to compile a written evaluation of the Cedar Rapids pilot, but the company has no plans at this point to move forward with BPL. Alliant did not partner with a broadband services provider, and it has no other BPL test systems in operation. The system used Amperion BPL equipment.

According to Spencer, five fixed Amateur Radio stations within proximity of the BPL evaluation system and two mobile stations formally reported BPL interference on HF. "The radio amateurs and Alliant Energy cooperated by sharing interference information," he said. "Alliant Energy turned the BPL evaluation system off twice to allow collection of extensive BPL frequency and signal level data—with and without BPL." He said Alliant and Amperion tried various "notching" schemes to rid amateur frequencies of the BPL interference with only limited success.

The system included both overhead and underground BPL links to feed 2.4 GHz wireless "hot spots" for end user access. Hinz said the area's topography presented some challenges, especially with the wireless links. "I think in the end, we actually over-challenged ourselves with this specific pilot location," he said. And, despite "substantial progress" in mitigating interference, Alliant decided at this point that "it wasn't worth the extra effort" to resolve the thornier technical issues, Hinz added.

As for any broader implications, Hinz says he's always viewed BPL as a "strategic deployment technology," not one a company could roll out just anywhere and expect to be competitive with existing broadband services such as cable and DSL. "At least that's how we were looking at it," he said. "You have to find the right areas with the right topography

with the right concentration of certain types of customers," he said.

"It's never been in my mind that BPL has to compete with the speeds of cable today," Hinz added. "It has to compete with the speeds of cable and the next best thing tomorrow as well, if it's going to be usable well into the future." He hinted that Alliant might want to take another look at BPL once the FCC has put BPL rules and regulations into place, and the technology has further evolved.

The ARRL's formal complaint to FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief David H.

Solomon called on the Commission not only to close down Alliant's BPL field trial system but to fine the utility \$10,000 for violating the Communications Act of 1934 and FCC Part 15 rules. Commenting on the termination of the Cedar Rapids BPL trial, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, pointed out that Alliant had tried for more than 12 weeks to fix the interference problem to a station 600 feet from its installation.

"In the end," Sumner said, "the interference was not eliminated except by shutting down the BPL system. Could the case against BPL deployment be any clearer?"

Spencer said he was happy with Alliant's decision, and he was gracious in expressing appreciation to the utility for working with him. "And thanks also to the ARRL and the Cedar Rapids BPL Steering Committee for their knowledge and efforts in making a truly professional evaluation," he added.

Still outstanding are some chronic power line noise problems Spencer has experienced.

For additional information, visit the "Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) and Amateur Radio" page on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/bpl>>. To support the League's efforts in this area, visit the ARRL's secure BPL Web site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/>>.

ARRL SEEKS TO FUND NEW EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM INITIATIVES

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The ARRL is seeking donations to equip ARRL Education and Technology Program (ETP) teachers to more effectively instruct students in wireless technology and to furnish them with activity kits that convey basic concepts. Instituted in 2001 as "The Big Project," the ETP now boasts nearly 100 participating schools, thanks to the generous support of ARRL members. In his travels around the US meeting with educators, Program Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME, has learned that Amateur Radio as a catalyst for teaching wireless technology works best in an after-school setting. He's also discovered that many teachers have been trained to teach science but not wireless technology.



Get your burger every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at the Amateur Radio Luncheon, Club Schmitz, 9661 Denton Drive, Dallas. (Harry Hines at the Webb Chapel extension). Everyone welcome!

In a June appeal, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, explained that a lot of science teachers "are excited about what students can learn from Amateur Radio, but they are intimidated by this new world of wireless electronics. They want to learn how to teach wireless communications."

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, puts it another way. "For some schools," she said, "it's a giant leap to go from zero to ham radio station."

The League has a two-pronged strategy to address the challenge. The first is to debut a pilot ARRL Teachers Institute in August. The week-long seminar will immerse teachers in a curriculum that will have them studying electronics, learning the basics of Amateur Radio and building projects.

While generous donations have provided some funding for this initiative, Hobart says the program still needs additional money to make the Teachers Institute a reality. She hopes the ETP can find sufficient funding to keep the institute and the program itself operating through 2005, "so the progress to date doesn't go to waste."

The second part of the plan is to provide participating teachers and schools with simple electronic activity kits that will give students hands-on experience as a stepping stone to deeper involvement in Amateur Radio and wireless technology. Each electronic project kit averages \$350, and more than 60 of them have gone out to 30 teachers and schools. Up until now, their cost has been subsidized by donations from the Newington Amateur Radio League, the ARRL Foundation and individual donors. The project kits, Hobart says, have captured the imaginations of the students and teachers alike.

"Next to defending our spectrum," she declared, "inspiring young people is supremely important to the future of Amateur Radio."

Contributions can be made via the ARRL's secure donation Web site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/education/index.html>>.

For more information, contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH, 860-594-0397.



It's a must! YakMaster Breakfast.
9 a.m. Saturday, July 17th, at
Golden Coral in front of Fry's on
Northwest Hwy.

CONTACT KEY TO GETTING HAM RADIO ON CONGRESSIONAL RADAR SCREEN

The ARRL Letter, Vol. 23, No. 26

If radio amateurs want to get their concerns on the congressional radar screen, they need to let their elected senators and representatives know about them, says the US Senate sponsor of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003. Idaho Republican Michael Crapo notes that the hundreds of topics lawmakers face each day—from the Iraq war to the budget and health care—already make it an uphill battle to get ham radio matters noticed. Amateurs, he suggests, have to take a little initiative.

"It's not Mount Everest, but it's very difficult to get the attention of a senator or congressmen these days, unless their constituency engages them on it," Crapo said. "Every Senator and every Member of Congress focuses on those issues which their constituency tells them are of importance to them." In turn, when radio amateurs write, e-mail or call their elected officials, Crapo pointed out, it makes it a lot easier for him to gain attention for Amateur Radio issues.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says he couldn't agree more. He maintains that a high level of membership constituent contact not only puts ham radio on the map for lawmakers but paves the way for League officials to follow up during their periodic visits on Capitol Hill.

Contacting Congress on Amateur Radio measures such as the Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 and the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003—HR 1478, the so-called CC&R bill—may not pay off now, Haynie says. But, increased awareness of Amateur Radio in general could prove important down the road.

"There are other issues that we have to deal with and other issues that will come up in the future," Haynie said. "The better visibility we have in Congress, the easier it will be to deal with them." That includes broadband over power line (BPL). Haynie cautioned that if BPL deployment becomes a major problem for amateurs, "we're going to have to have a lot of muscle on the Hill and try to influence the FCC in other ways."

Taking 10 minutes to write a letter or e-mail or even to send a QSL card that includes a brief message can go a long way toward lifting Amateur Radio out of the noise level for senators and representatives, Haynie said.

So far, 103 House members have signed on as HR 713 cosponsors. The Senate version, S 537, has eight cosponsors. The CC&R bill, HR 1478, has 35 cosponsors.

Sample letters and additional information—including the bills' texts and information on how to write members of Congress—is on the ARRL's "The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>> and on the "HR 1478, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr1478/>>. The sample letters cite Amateur Radio's role in public safety and emergency communication, but the League encourages members to adapt the substance of the sample letters to their own style and emphasis.

Those writing their lawmakers on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail <specbill03@arrl.org>. Those writing on behalf of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act, HR 1478, are asked to copy their correspondence to <ccr-bill@arrl.org>.

FCC TURNING BLIND EYE IN BPL PROCEEDING, ARRL CHARGES

The ARRL Letter, Vol. 23, No. 26

The ARRL says the FCC apparently has already made up its mind about broadband over power line (BPL) and "wants no bad news" about the technology. In reply comments filed June 22 on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket 03-47, the League called on the Commission to take "a fresh look" at BPL before enabling its deployment.

Again asking the FCC to put the proceeding on hold for a year, the League recommended that the Commission in the meantime require BPL providers to conduct FCC-monitored interference testing with all stakeholders. The ARRL charged that while an overwhelming majority of comments oppose BPL due to interference concerns, the FCC continues to rely on what the League called "vacuous assurances that BPL would not cause harmful interference." Test data and a growing record of unresolved complaints indicate otherwise, the ARRL said.

"ARRL is of the view that this proceeding has been prejudged and will, in the end, be decided not on the technical issues that should control the outcome of this proceeding, but on the politics of the matter," the League commented. "Given the evidence on the Commission's table, it cannot now authorize BPL at the radiated emission levels proposed, and without substantial restrictions."

Among those restrictions, the League recommended keeping BPL altogether away from all Amateur Radio allocations, should the FCC decide to authorize BPL under its proposed rules. As an alternative, the FCC should guarantee that an interfering BPL system can be shut down immediately in the face of a valid complaint, "not after a BPL provider has taken months to discover that the interference cannot be resolved."

To date, the ARRL contended, the FCC has seemingly ignored the League's BPL technical studies as well as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Phase 1 BPL study that clearly demonstrate BPL's interference potential. Five additional technical evaluations accompanied the ARRL's reply comments.

"The Commission is obligated by the Administrative Procedure Act to look for fire where it is shown a good deal of smoke," the League said. "Here there is far more than smoke in the record." Any decision in the BPL proceeding "must be supported by substantial evidence," the ARRL asserted.

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The League said the results of both its studies and the NTIA's "are entirely consistent." Referring to the NTIA Phase 1 analysis, the ARRL said it's "quite reasonable to assume that the interference potential of BPL systems to fixed HF Amateur Radio stations is on the order of 460 meters (approximately 1509 feet) from the nearest BPL device." No proposals address BPL interference mitigation for mobile stations, the ARRL noted.

While commenting extensively on--and in some instances agreeing with--the NTIA's late-filed comments, however, the League said they depict an agency that must "balance dual and, in this case, conflicting roles" as the White House telecommunications policy advocate. The League questioned the NTIA's contention that BPL is a "win-win" situation and its deployment would lead to lower power line noise.

"Not so," the ARRL countered. "Licensed radio services operating in the sensitive HF environment should not have foist upon them a substantial interference risk from unlicensed devices or systems whatsoever." The League said replacing one interference source with another in the same bands is "not in any way beneficial."

The ARRL also faulted the FCC for neglecting to acknowledge or respond to a mounting number of interference complaints, most from amateur licensees living in BPL field trials areas. "The Commission has, as of this writing, adjudicated not a single one and has ignored repeated requests from licensed radio amateurs for even a confirmation of receipt of their complaints!" the ARRL emphasized. The League also expressed little confidence in utilities that have failed to resolve power line noise complaints to do any better with BPL complaints.

Earlier this month, the ARRL filed a well-documented and supported complaint on behalf of Jim Spencer, W0SR, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The League suggested such BPL complaints deserved careful analysis, but not the Commission's cold shoulder.

"What ARRL is unwilling to tolerate is the continuation of the Commission's sweeping of these complaints 'under the rug,' which is exactly what has happened in this proceeding," the League commented. The Commission must put its zeal over BPL aside and "take a fair look at them before any action is taken in this proceeding."

"The Commission has not proposed any rules which would predictably and reliably protect HF and low-band VHF radio systems from interference,"

ARRL concluded. "The interference resolution mechanisms that are adopted should be real, rather than merely illusory."

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