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President's Corner

This past year has been has flown by very quickly. It usually does when your having fun. Our club has been very active, thanks to the hard work and dedication to all of the members. To review; We had another safe and successful field day. Our longest standing member " The Generator" once again showed up on time and performed tirelessly, without any complaints, or desire for recognition.

Many other members have acted just as the "Generator" has, with dedication and hard work, without the expectation of any praise or recognition. At this time of the year we take a moment and look back at the year past and heap some praise and recognition on some of those members who have helped this club to succeed.

Their are too many to thank and too many that deserve a lot of credit. At the October meeting we will be nominating and voting for those who are most deserving of some special recognition. Your continued active participation in the club is needed and as I've said before, "We need a lot of people doing a little bit, a lot of times throughout the year", rather than a few doing most of the work all of the time.

Last year we had too many "Committees of one", which is not fair to the person or the club. Next year we hope to have "Committee Chairpersons" with other members serving on those committees. Please volunteer.

Once again, thanks to everyone who has participated in supporting the club this year in any way they can.

I will miss you for this months meeting as we will be in New Mexico for our sons wedding. Thanks to all,

73
Jim KA9SFW



Secretary's Column

I've cut my column short this month to allow an article about the BPL threat to be used. This is a VERY serious matter that we all need to address and make our views known. Please take to time to read and respond.

It's not too late to renew your membership. I've send applications in the last 2 newsletters and this will be the last newsletter you will receive if you've not renewed. Applications will be available at the next meeting or I'll be happy to E-Mail one to you.

73's for this month

Don - N9VJV

Last Months Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 19:30 hours by KA9SFW (Jim), President. Introductions followed. Officers present were: NW9V (Phil), KB9JLB (Barb), and N9VJV (Don). Also present at the meeting were:

WD9AYR	AB9EF	KA9J
KB9JLB	NW9V	KB9OEX
WB9PDD	N9LJY	KA9SFW
AB9EE	KB9LMK	WD9AKO
KA9ZJJ	N9OZD	WG9L
W9KHX	KC9BST	KB5TZX

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last month's issue of CQ BARS was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti) and seconded by AB9EF (Bob). The motion was carried.

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The Treasurer's report was presented by KB9JLB (Barb). A motion to accept the report as presented was made by N9LJY (Tom), seconded by KB9LMK (Dale), and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2_meter: KA9J (Frank) reported that the repeater was working file.

220/440: KA9SFW (Jim) reported that the repeater was working file

Net Control: No Report

Hamfest: N9LJY (Tom) reported that 70 tables had been sold. He expressed his thanks to all who helped. The response from dealers and others was very positive. KA9SFW (Jim) expressed his thanks to Tom for a job well done. Next years date will be either 8/22 or 8/29.

Education: NW9V (Phil) reported that we still need volunteers to administer the video course that we purchased. The cost to the students will be \$29.95 for the book which also includes a CD. The course consists of 3 videos...A volunteer is needed to conduct the classes.. He has a Commodore 64 code course that he will get running and available. The DuPage club is planning an Extra Class. See WD9AYR for more info.

VE: W9KHX (Dale) reported that 2 Techs, s grandfathered Generals, 1 tested General, and 2 Extras resulted from the Hamfest VE testing. Next session will be 10/18 at Station 5 9 AM to noon.

Field Day: No Report.

Public Relations: KB9OEX (Elden) will try to get a copy of the Field Day video.

Skywarn: NW9V (Phil) reported that the NWS station had been active for 163 hours this past season.

Misc.: KB9JLB (Barb) reported that the South Bend Hamfest would be 10/5. She also reported that Mayor Claar had send a donation of \$100 to the club. N9VJV (Don) will send him a thank you note..

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations were continued for club officers. A motion to close nominations for President was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti), seconded by KB9LMK (Dale) and carried/ NW9V and WG9L were nominated for Vide President. A motion to close nominations for Vice President was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti), seconded by N9LJY (Tom) and carried. A motion to close nominations for Secretary was made by KA9ZJJ (Marti), seconded by N9LJY (Tom) and carried.. A motion to close nominations for Treasurer was made by KB9OEX (Elden), seconded by KA9ZJJ (Marti) and carried..

Elections were held by written ballot. Winners were:

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President - KA9SFW (Jim)
Vice President = NW9V (Phil)
Secretary - N9VJV (Don)
Treasurer - KB9JLB (Barb)

A motion to close Old Business was made by WD9AYR (Ed) and seconded by KB9JLB (Barb). The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

WD9AYR (Ed) reported that Art Hacker (W9JI) of Morris is a Silent Key.

With no additional new business items raised, WD9AYR (Ed) moved to close New Business; W9KHX (Dale) seconded; and the motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N9LJY (Tom), seconded by KB9LMK (Dale), and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Don, N9VJV
Secretary

Fellow Central Division ARRL Members...

A lot of you are already viewing the Central Division web site at "www.central.arrl.org", but many of you are not yet doing so. For those to whom this applies, you are missing out on a good source of information, links to other information sources, and opinion (mine) on topics of interest to our division and amateur radio in general.

The recently posted October issue of the Central Division Newsletter has the second installment of my take on the BPL threat facing all the users of the 2-80 MHz RF spectrum. I also briefly discuss the ARRL' s Logbook Of The World (LoTW). I have made a point of being an early user of LoTW so I will better understand it's capabilities and to also answer some of the questions you may have about it.

Please remind your friends to join/rejoin the ARRL and to then sign-up to receive Section Manager and Director email messages. In this time of great threats to amateur radio, we need more members - not only for the additional funds - but just as important; the additional member headcount. We are entering into a period of greatly increased national and state political activity as a means of insuring the survival of our radio service. The only thing that carries more weight than money in our federal and state legislatures are voters all wanting the same thing. If we fail in this effort to keep BPL out of our frequency bands, if we fail to gain a level playing field in antenna disputes, if we fail to gain a lot more young hams and ARRL members, disputes over issues like Morse code licensing requirements and sub-band mode allocations will be irrelevant.

73 - George R. Isely, W9GIG
Central Division Director

ARRL REBUKES FCC COMMISSIONER' S "BROADBAND NIRVANA" REMARKS

The ARRL has strongly objected to FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy' s suggestion that Broadband over Power Line (BPL) technology will contribute to what she described as "broadband Nirvana." Addressing the United Powerline Council' s annual conference September 22 in Arlington, Virginia, Abernathy expressed unabashed enthusiasm for BPL and recommended a combination of regulatory restraint and the elimination or substantial modification of existing rules as steps along the "path to Enlightenment," as she put it. In a terse response faxed September 25 on behalf of the League' s 155,000 members, ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, asserted that Abernathy overlooked some significant issues in her Nirvana analogy.

"Nightmare is more like it," Sumner declared. "The technical showings submitted by the ARRL and others in response to the Commission' s Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in ET Docket No. 03-104 clearly establish that BPL is a significant source of radio spectrum pollution. It cannot be implemented without causing harmful interference to over-the-air radio services."

Sumner told Abernathy that while BPL industry groups, such as the one she addressed this week, prefer to deny the evidence, the FCC is obliged to work to a higher standard.

In its comments in response to the FCC NOI, the League characterized BPL as "a Pandora' s Box of unprecedented proportions" and said the Commission' s Part 15 rules "should be modified so as to prevent interference to users of the HF and low VHF spectrum" from the outset.

Abernathy' s speech, "Reaching Broadband Nirvana," never broached the topic of BPL' s potential to interfere with other radio services. Recently, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>>--which regulates spectrum allocated to federal government users--expressed "broad concerns" about interference to government users and launched an extensive modeling, analysis and measurement program for BPL. In his letter, Sumner reminded Abernathy that the radio spectrum is a precious natural resource.

"To squander that resource simply to add a redundant, unnecessary, and relatively poorly performing ' last mile' connection for consumers, is unconscionable," he said. Sumner expressed the hope that Abernathy will give the League an early opportunity to explain its BPL concerns to her in person.

In her remarks to the UPLC gathering, Abernathy contended that it' s been regulatory restraint rather than heavy-handed regulation that has allowed nascent platforms such as direct broadcast satellite (DBS) to become competitively viable. "When the Commission completes this rulemaking," she said, "I expect that we will

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eliminate many existing rules and substantially modify others; the central question is the degree of regulation that will remain during the transition to a more robustly competitive market."

Individuals may e-mail Abernathy via her FCC Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/commissioners/abernathy/mail.html>> or directly <kabernat@fcc.gov>. The text of her prepared remarks also is available on the FCC Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-239079A1.doc>.

The League' s initial 120-page package of comments and technical exhibits <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et03-104/>> and its reply comments <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et03-104/reply-comments-index.htm>> are available on the ARRL Web site. Additional information and BPL video clips are on the ARRL "Power Line Communications (PLC) and Amateur Radio" page <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/>>.

To support the League' s efforts in this area, visit the ARRL' s secure BPL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/>>.

To date, more than 4600 comments--many from the Amateur Radio community--have been filed in response to the FCC' s BPL NOI. They are available for viewing via the FCC' s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>>.

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OK Barb - Go For It!!