



FEEDBACK



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of September will be held on Friday September 2, 2005 at 8:00 PM, of course at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon Ohio.

Aha, September already! This means cooler nights, crisp balmy days, the kids are back in school, high school football games starting and of course having to stop every few blocks for those "big yellow behemoth's". So be alert for those big yellow school buses that seem to "block" your path!



As you attend the meeting, other members are busy working at the Safety Break located on Interstate 77 near Dover Ohio. As of this writing, there are still shift slots available. If you have never volunteered for a shift, please do so because it not only helps the Club financially, you will enjoy the time immensely! You will meet the most interesting people during a shift, and it is only 6 hours in duration but somehow the time just seems to fly by and before you know it, the next shift is showing up for their turn! So be sure to volunteer and have some fun with the rest of the gang!

After last month's very informative program by the Coast Guard's Larry Gowan, Igor says this month's program will be a very interesting video. He didn't elaborate on the title but promised it would be a "first" run for club members! So plan on attending the meeting unless you have a shift to work at the Safety Break ! See ya there!!

-- SHORT SKIP --

Read in last month's Feedback that our FCC's reasoning for dropping Morse Code testing was to "promote more efficient use " of our amateur spectrum. Oh ya ? Gee whiz Bunkey, perhaps their next move will be "license on demand. " No more silly testing. Just writ'em or log on and request your ticket. Talk about cost effectiveness ! Well that's it for this month Bunkey. " 10-4 good buddy "

73 de WB80WM

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MARC MINUTES

August 5, 2005

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 37 members and guests present.

MARC President Joe WD8BGW opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made.

MARC program for the evening was on Homeland Security, Coast Guard Auxiliary Larry Gowin. He gave a very interesting program on educating boaters. If you are interested in being a radio operator (from your station) and helping the Coast Guard contact him or Don W8DEA.

The meeting continued with Jim WA8GXM and Byron KF8UN making motion to accept the July minutes as stated in the FEEDBACK.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the financial report.

Vice President Igor K8INN gave the correspondence report. He had newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs. They explained how they got their Field Day stations up and running,

MARC President Joe WD8BGW then asked for committee reports. There was a lengthy discussion on MARC upcoming Hamfest. If you want to see The Boys and Girls Club before October 30 let Joe know. He will let you see it before the September meeting at 7:00 P.M. Last month we voted on Hamfest prizes, Perry W8AU will make the purchases.

Dan N8DZM gave the fox hunt report. Every one is invited to participate even if your not a MARC member.

Byron KF8UN gave a detailed DX report for the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary WC8W said the next V E session will be August 27th here at the Senior Center. Session begins at 9:00 AM.

Jim WA8GXM said he and Perry W8AU made the necessary repairs on the 718 repeater. They installed a continuous duty amplifier.

Jim then thanked everyone for their thoughtfulness during his recovery from his accident.

Gary WC8W gave his official results on the Field Day report. Glad everyone had fun, good job, well done.

Charlie KB8STV needs someone to help Scouts to earn their Merit Badges. On Sept. 10th between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to make contact with them on 40 meters. Please contact Charlie if you can help.

Congratulations goes to Charlie for becoming a new Grandpa.

Still have opening for MARC Safety Break. Please see Anne or Linda.

Don't forget to pay your ARRL dues through MARC.

Congratulations goes to Perry W8AU for winning the 50-50 for \$22.00 and donating it back to MARC.

Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC

Hall of Fame Festival Wrap Up News

I can always tell the end of summer is near when I finish watching the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame game on TV. It's when I report on our largest amateur radio public service activity of the year. This year we again assisted with both the Community Parade and the Hoover Grand Parade. I would like to thank the many members of the MARC who volunteer each year to assist us with this event. It seems that each year more and more members of our club step up to help with the festival parades. It may not always seem like it but I can assure you that the parade organizers do appreciate our efforts each year. It's the little things that we do that hold the parade together, whether it's medical, route activities, staging or dispersal. Each segment has a very important purpose, one that would be missed if we were not there. I have completed my annual parade report and have posted it on the Stark County ARES website at www.wd8aye.org. I encourage you to have a look at all we do for the HOF Festival and check out a few pictures from this year as well.

.. The ARRL ARES Newsletter ..

The ARRL has just introduced a new electronic newsletter covering emergency communications and public service. This monthly newsletter is intended for ARES volunteers and brings a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news, and views in the world of the ARES. It is devoted to anyone with an interest in amateur radio emergency communications. Any ARRL members with an interest in public service communications can sign up on-line to receive the ARES E-letter via email, and anyone member or not can read it on the website. If you would like to view the August issue go to www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el or simply go to the ARRL website and follow the links. I am already a subscriber and hope to keep you up-to-date on certain stories each month.

.. Ohio Section Conference ..

Each year the ARRL Ohio Section Leadership convenes in Columbus at the Ohio EMA office for the annual Ohio Section Conference. This year's meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. Hosted by Section Manager Joe Phillips – K8QOE, it gives all of the Ohio Section Cabinet the chance to bring members up-to-date on current events affecting our hobby. All members of the Cabinet are usually in attendance and it's a great time to hear what's going on. I usually attend to get the latest news in emergency communications from Section Emergency Coordinator John Chapman – WB8INY. All amateurs are welcome to attend this annual

conference especially League members. A lot has been happening over the last several months that will affect the future of the amateur radio service so we should get a real earful at this year's meeting. I will have a report from the meeting in my October column.

.. The Value of the Amateur Radio ..

I leave you this month with this short item from the ARRL News.

Bill Morine, N2COP, pointed out a survey done recently by the ARRL showed that the "average ham" has an equipment inventory worth just over \$4000. If we multiply that by just one-half of the total hams licensed, that's \$1.28 Billion.

That's not a bad number to bring to the table for emergency communications by an all volunteer, trained force whose only request for payback is some spectrum space, lack of interference by BPL and the ability to raise an antenna at their home.

73's for now, catch you at the meeting!

Terry – N8ATZ

FOX HUNT REPORT

The fox hunt for the month of August was held on August 13th. There were only three people show up for the event. But as promised they all had a very interesting hunt. The fox was hid by Jim , WA8GXM, up in an attic at the Massilon Baptist Temple, which drove the hunters "crazy" trying to find it! Good Job Jim!

The hunt for next month hasn't been announced yet but will be during next month's meeting. Dan, N8DZM will once again take over the duties as chairman of the fox hunt committee.

No Jim, your supposed ta HIDE the... the..... the FOX??????



IN MEMORIAM

GLORIA D. PAPRZYCKI KA8MNU

Gloria D. "Dolly" Paprzycki age 64, a former Secretary of many years for the Massillon Amateur Radio Club passed away in Tyler, Texas on August 23, 2005. She was born on June 2, 1941 in Avella, Pa. She was a 1959 graduate of the former Canton Lincoln High School. Dolly was a board member of the Springwood Lake Camp grounds. She was a member in the William H. Hoover Order of the Easel's Womens Auxiliary # 190, the Polish club and a member in the All Saints Catholic Church. She was proceeded in death by her father William Jozwiakowski and her husband and former Massillon and Canton Amateur Radio Club member , Frank Paprzycki, KE8G. She is survived by her mother Pearl Jozwiakowski, three children, Frank J. Paprzycki II and his fiancée, Robin Wooldridge of Whitehouse Texas, Donald Paprzycki and fiancée Terry Perez of Canton, and Patricia Huff of Canton, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Services were held at the All Saints Catholic Church on Saturday, August 27, 2005 with the Rev. Thomas Bishop as celebrant. Burial followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Canton, Ohio.

For all of us the know Dolly, we morn her passing. She was a great Secretary and we knew that we could count on her when the time came. She always had a great and warm smile and a wonderful sense of humor. We celebrate knowing that she and Frank are now "Together Again" .

ARRL NEWS

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From: "ARRL Web site" Date: Thursday, August 25, 2005 6:44 PM

ZCZC AG20 QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 20 ARLB020
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT August 25, 2005
To all radio amateurs

ARLB020 Higher Amateur Radio vanity call sign application fee now in effect

The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign rose to \$21.90 effective for applications received on or after Tuesday, August 23. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a new Fee Filing Guide this week, and WTB personnel have confirmed that the new vanity fee is in effect.

In a Report and Order and Order On Reconsideration (R&O) in the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 released July 7, the FCC raised the vanity application fee for FY 2005 from \$20.80 to \$21.90 for the 10-year license term. The FCC said it had adjusted FY 2004 "payment units" for each service to better reflect expected FY 2005 payment liabilities. The fee went up from \$16.30 to \$20.80 a year ago.

A reevaluation in the number of anticipated vanity call sign applications—or "payment units"—accounts for this latest fee hike. The FCC says it anticipates 7600 vanity applications—up only slightly from a year earlier.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site, www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html.

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LABOR DAY

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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, AB5K & the AR TelNet Clusters Network, K1XN & GoList, N2TO, NG3K, W3UR & The Daily DX, K4VUD, N4AA & QRZ DX, W4GKR, AA5AU, K8YSE, N0AX, 4X6UO, DL1EK & The DX News Letter, DL5ME, F5CWU & La Gazette du DX, F6AJA & Les Nouvelles DX, F8BBL, F5NQL & UFT, I1JQ/IK1ADH & 425 DX News, IZ8CCW, JI6KVR & JA-IOTA Islands News, OH2UA, SP2DX, SP5MXZ, UT5UGR, VA3RJ & ICPO, VK4AAR and VK4FW for the following DX information.

CN, MOROCCO. Jim, W7EJ, will be active as **CN2R** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. Look for him to be active before the contest on the WARC bands and 160 meters. QSL via W7EJ. EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Uli/DK2OC and Rich/W4GKR will be active (possibly as EA8/homecall) from **Gran Canaria Island (AF-004)** now **through September 4th**. Uli will handle CW and Rich will do SSB/PSK. If anyone needs a (specially) PSK contact, please send info on Band/GMT, band opening to your QTH to: w4gkr@hotmail.com. They try very hard to be on that band/opening time slot. They should have a good signal on all bands 40-10 meters. They will also try to get on 80 meters with a dipole. Listen between 18120-18130 kHz SSB, if band is open. PSK frequencies are: 18105, 14070, 10139, 7035 and 3579 kHz. QSL via their home callsign.

ET3, ETHIOPIA. YL chasers may want to look for the E.A.R.S. club station, **ET3AA**, on 20 meters. Operator Mima was heard this past week on 14174 kHz between 1530-1600z. QSL via Box 60258, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

GD6, ISLE OF MAN. Operators Joe/K1JB and Mike/K1EU will be active as **GD6IA** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)** as Multi-Single entry. QSL only direct to K1EU.

HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Ted, **HI3TEJ**, announced that he will be active in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via ON4IJ.

HS0, THAILAND. Charles, K4VUD, is now on the air as **HS0ZCW**. He informed the DX community that there will be no 80 meters operations planned for now. However, he may try to activate the HS0AC club station on that band during the big contests. More details are forthcoming.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AF-NEW. Mustapha/DL1BDF and Salaam/SU1ER announce that an Egyptian team consisting of SU1KA, SU1KM and SU1ER will be teaming up with guest operators from Italy to activate the new IOTA, **Gifton Island (AF-New)**. The SU/I team has received permission to activate the island using the callsign/license, **SU8GFTN**. Activity is expected during **September 2005**. More details are forthcoming. QSL is via SU1ER: Ezzat Sayed Ramadan, PO Box 11, El-Thanaweyya Al-Gaweyya, Almaza 11391, Egypt.

- AF-018. Operator IT9BLB and an international team will be active as **IH9P** from **Pantelleria Island (IIA: TP01, WAIP: TP and ITU Zone: 37)** during both **CQ WW DX SSB** and **CW Contests** as a Multi-???? entry. QSL via KR7X.
- AS-060. Members of the Pyongtaek DX Club (D90HE) will be active from **Saok Island (KDN H32 - Shinan-Gun), August 26-28th**. Operators mentioned are: Han/DS2GOO, Lee/6K2CEW, Kim/DS4PAI and Kim/6K2CSD. The operators will sign as **homecall/4**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB, RTTY and BPSK31. QSL via operator's home callsign, by the bureau or direct. For more details, visit the Web page at: <http://myhome.naver.com/dxer2han/as060/>.
- AS-100. Mark/4Z4KX, Ros/4Z5LA, Yuli/4X6HP, Isaac/4Z5LI, Ilya/4Z1UF and Jan/4X1VF will be active as **4X7AZ** from **Akhziv Island** between **September 30th and October 1st**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW and SSB. They plan to have three stations on the air. QSL via 4Z5LA (QRZ.com).
- EU-017. Fabio, IZ7FLQ, will be active as **ID9/IZ7FLQ/p** from a few islands in the Eolie Group (IOTA EU-017) between **now and August 27th**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.
- EU-047. Matt, DJ8OG, will be active as **DJ8OG/p** from **Baltrum Island (GIA N-06), now through August 27th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (no WARC bands) SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or through the bureau.
- EU-061. Jorgen/LA5UF, Paul/LA6YEA and Trond/LA9VDA will be active as **LA6Q** from **Svenner Island, September 15-18th**. They will also activate the **Svenner Fyr/Larvik lighthouse (WLH LA-025, ARLHS NOR-044 and WLOTA 1029)**. Activity will be mostly on 80-17 meter CW, SSB with some RTTY. They also plan to participate in the **SAC CW Contest** with one station. QSL via LA9VDA (QRZ.com).
- EU-124. Look for the Barry Amateur Radio Society to activate **GB5FI** from **Flatholm Island**, Friday, **August 26th** to Tuesday, **August 30th**. This is their annual trip. Activity will be on SSB, PSK, RTTY, SSTV, CW, Top Band to 70 Cms plus 6 meters. QSL via GW0ANA, callbook address or by the bureau.
- EU-138. Operators Mario/DL5ME and Guenter/DG3HWO will be active as **SM7/DL5ME** and **SM7/DG3HWO** from **Hassloe Island, August 27-31st**. Activity will be on the 40/30/20/17/15 meters CW/SSB. Antennas are a Butternut and Spiderbeam. QSL via their home callsigns, direct (prefer) or by the bureau (longer wait).
- OC-148. Hot, YC0IEM, will be active as **YC0IEM/9** from **Timor Island** from **August 29th through September 15th**. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or by the Bureau. IARC'S AWARD WEB PAGE CHANGE. Isaac Lindenbaum, 4Z4TL, IARC V. Chairman and Secretary, announced that the "Maccabiah 17 Games Award" Web page was updated as follows: Award sample picture and a small applet to search eligibility for the award were added. The Web page address is: http://www.iarc.org/~4z4tl/Maccabiah17_award.htm. In case a callsign is not found on the search applet, please contact Isaac, 4Z4TL, at: 4z4tl@iarc.org. KH7K, KURE ISLAND (Update). A press release was sent out by Ward, N0AX, late last week (dated 8/19/2005) indicating that the K7C team will be leaving for Kure Island in less than a month. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete

press release as an additional bulletin. Excerpts from the release state that the K7C team will leave the Hawaiian Island by boat aboard the Machias on September 15th. It will take about 9 days to sail to Kure Atoll, aided by the trade winds. The return trip will take another day or two. During the voyage, they hope to be active as K7C/mm on the HF bands. The success of this phase of the operation depends on how they can best rig an antenna aboard the Machias. Activity from Kure is expected to be between September 24th and October 6th. For more details, please visit the K7C Web page at: <http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/>.

MONTAIN DXPEDITION CANCELLED! Alan, VK4AAR, reports: "It is with regret that the DXpedition to a remote Dayak mountain village (of Sarawak - 9M8) has had to be cancelled. Various factors contributed to this unfortunate circumstance which caused Sengchai Chan (9M8SC) and Festus (9M8FH) and their team to 'pull the plug' on their late August plans." OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Ari, OH5DX, will be active as **OH0Z** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)**. Operation class is to be determined, probably Single-Op and Single-Band (15m) or All-Band entry. QSL via W0MM. P5, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA. No QSNs reported yet for Dave, KA2HTV, as **P5/KA2HTV** as this was being written Sunday morning. There has been some PIRATED QSNs but nothing legit. During the next few days there "should" be activity. He announced that his last three days would be devoted to ham radio. He is expected to be there **until August 23rd**. QSL via KK5DO.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **C91CW-C93DY NEWS.** Dimitry, UT5UGR, reports that the on-line logs are available at: • <http://www.dxer.com.ua/c9/log.html>. If your contact is not in the on-line log or if there is any mistake, please request Dimitry to check the log manually via E-mail at: • ut5ugr@uu7j.com. QSL cards will be arriving from the printer in 2-3 weeks. Please, QSL via UT5UGR: Dimitry Stashuk, P.O. Box 115, Kiev-147, 02147, Ukraine. Take a look at the QSLs via: http://www.dxer.com.ua/c9/qs/_info.html Photo gallery of C91CW is available at: • <http://users.iptelecom.net.ua/~ut5ugr/cw.htm>. Photo gallery of C93DY is available at: • <http://users.iptelecom.net.ua/~ut5ugr/dy.htm>.

- Laurent/F8BBL (CW) and Jean Marc/F4ECL (SSB) was active this past weekend from Banc d'Arguin Island (EU-159 and DIFM AT-033). QSL via F8BBL, 100% by the bureau or direct.

- Online logs and photo story of the unexpected expedition of Barbara/ SQ5BB and Andy/SP5XSD (from August 5-12th, 2005) to the islands and lighthouses of the Polish Baltic coastline (6 islands & 5 lighthouses) are now available at: • <http://sp5xsd.za.pl/aug2005/>.

- QSL **VK4YN/p** via VK4FW. Activity was from Fraser Island (OC-142) this past weekend. Address via QRZ.com: Bill Horner, PO Box 612, Childers, 4660, Australia.

- QSL **VK6DHI** via VK4AAR (direct only) to: Alan Roocroft, 376 Old Toowoomba Road, Placid Hills 4343, Australia. Operators were Wally/VK6YS, Dan/ VK8AN and Nigel/VK6KHD from Dirk Hartog Island (OC-206) this past weekend.

RTTY DX SURVEY. Don, AA5AU, Co-editor of the "VK2SG RTTY DX Notes", is pleased to announce the "2005 RTTY Most Needed DXCC Entities Survey." All digital operators are invited to take part in this exciting new survey. The survey can be found on the following Web page at: <http://aa5au.com/rттysurvey2005.html>. Survey ends 2400Z September 18, 2005.

S6, SINGAPORE. Members of the "Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society" (SARTS) will organize another local field day to be held **August 26-29th**, from **St. John's Island (AS-019)**. They expect a fairly large group of local operators to operate and be active as **S61FD**. Look for 2-3 stations to be on the air on 40-15 meters all modes. If time permits, and there is the availability of hardware; he may also try 80 meters and possibly 160 meters. QSL via PA0KHS, by the Bureau or direct to: Henk van Hensbergen, Smaragdstraat 53, 6534WN Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

SPECIAL EVENT. A special event station, **SN25SOL**, is operating from the **Gdansk Shipyard** to commemorate the **25th anniversary of Solidarity** (Solidarnosc), the social movement which changed the country (Poland) and Europe. The festivities will end on **August 31st, 2005**. The station is operating on all bands from 80-10 meters (CW, SSB and digital modes). Piotr, SP2AYC, is the QSL Manager (via PZK Bureau).

YO CONTEST. The Romanian Amateur Radio Federation (FRR) invites radio amateurs world-wide to participate in the annual YO DX HF Contest. The 24 hour contest is scheduled on Saturday, August 27th, 1200z - Sunday, August 28th, 1200z. Rules can be found on the following Web page at: http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodx_eng.pdf. Writelog and N1MM Logger have recently included YO DX HF on their supported contest list.

Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as KB8NW/OPDX/BAR80 receive credit. To contribute DX info, please send via InterNet Mail to:

kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org - OR - kb8nw@arrl.net

Information can now be faxed to the following "NEW" phone line at:

1-419-828-7791 (F A X

only!)

==>FCC MORSE CODE DECISION WOULD NOT AFFECT CW SUBBANDS, PRIVILEGES

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.

“There seems to be a lot of confusion on these points, judging by the questions I’ve been getting,” said John Hennessee, N1KB, of the ARRL Regulatory Information Branch. He emphasizes that the proceeding does not put forward or recommend any changes in CW allocations or privileges.

The FCC is currently accepting comments on its Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, released July 19, which proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes.

Hennessee further notes that the FCC also has not proposed to extend HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. The Commission’s NPRM&O suggests that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, such Technician licensees would be able to gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

To file on-line comments on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 or to view others’ comments in the proceeding, visit the ECFS site <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>> and click on “Submit a Filing” or “Search for Filed Comments.”

In either case, type “05-235” in the “Proceeding” field, being careful to include the hyphen but not the quotation marks. Directions for filing comments, which can be in the form of an attached document, are on the ECFS site. Click on “Getting Started” to learn more.

As of week’s end, more than 1700 comments had already been filed. The FCC has not yet established a closing date for comments in this proceeding, and it’s not likely to release a Report and Order in WT Docket 05-235 until early next year.

In a separate—and unrelated—Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 04-140, the FCC agreed with an ARRL proposal to reallocate the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands to create additional room on certain ‘phone subbands. If the FCC goes ahead with that proposal, Novice and Tech Plus licensees would have CW privileges in the current General class CW bands.

==>ARRL, ICOM COMBINE FORCES TO EXPAND CONTEST PLAQUE PROGRAM

A new cooperative arrangement between the ARRL and Icom will make it possible to expand the League’s contest awards program at no cost to participants. Icom has agreed to serve as the principal sponsor for nearly 150 currently unsponsored contest plaques recognizing various levels of operating achievement in the annual ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone and CW events.

“This ARRL-industry partnership enables us to do something for our members that we alone could not do previously under our present dues structure,” said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B. “No longer will those who qualify for unsponsored plaques have to pay for them out of their own pockets, but the generosity of Icom will let the League recognize the accomplishments of many more of our contest participants—not just the very top scorers.”

Contest award plaques lacking club or individual sponsorship typically cost their winners \$60 to \$70 apiece.

Commented Icom Amateur Radio Products National Sales Manager Ray Novak, N9JA, “We are happy to take part in an arrangement that is mutually beneficial and enhances the contesting experience for everyone.” In return for its sponsorship, Icom will receive promotional consideration in QST and on the ARRL Web site.

Kramer says the ARRL-Icom pact marks the first-ever corporate sponsorship for ARRL November Sweepstakes awards. He also assured members—in particular, regular ARRL contest participants—that the Icom sponsorship will not in any way affect the integrity of the League’s overall program of operating events. Individuals and non-commercial organizations already sponsor many plaques, he noted, and ARRL and Icom encourage their continued participation in the awards program.



Fall begins September 22, 2005

THE 2005 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME BALOON LIFTOFF



Is that.... Dan? N8DZM? Hey Dan, don't let go! Part of the ground crew for the annual Balloon liftoff, this year the event had "perfect weather."



In the picture above Dan helps with the balloon as it inflates. Another balloon in the background is ready to take off



Finally "liftoff"! This is "what it's all about" A great sense of pride knowing that you helped make this happen!
Photos courtesy of Igor K8INN

CLUB MEMBER "REVIVES" 2 METER BICYCLE MOBILE

In the pictures below, Rick Willaman, K8RIC (left) shows off his bicycle 2 meter mobile, a combination of two great hobbies, bicycling and amateur radio. Rick a former electrician at the Hoover Company is looking for someone to share the riding adventures with. He listens on the 147.18 repeater as well as several simplex frequencies. Give him a call if interested!



Rick ready for the "ride":



Ah, the "heart" of it all the two meter rig mounted on the front "console"



What a great job he did in designing and building the bike. Way to go Rick! (Photos courtesy of K8RIC)

September 2005

W8NP Monthly Planner

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