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HAM AGREES TO STAY OFF CONTROVERSIAL REPEATER

A Cypress, California ham has been granted a short term renewal of his license, but his keeping it is contingent on his staying away from a very controversial Southern California repeater. Back on May 6th, the FCC had set aside Jeffrey Dressler's license to operate as KF6VOT based on complaints received regarding his operating practices. The FCC wrote Dressler asking him to respond to the allegations which he did. Based on a review of his response and assurances of compliance with the Amateur Service rules, the Commission has issued KF6VOT a one year license that will expire on June 10th, 2001. But there is a definite caveat. In a June 6th letter to Dressler, the regulatory agency says that it is granting the short term renewal of his license contingent on an agreement for him not to operate the W6NUT repeater. **That's the Los Angeles area system on 147.435 MHz that is sometimes euphemistically referred to as the "animal farm" by its own users.** The FCC says that if it does not receive any valid complaints of rules violations that Dressler will be permitted to apply for a full ten year renewal license term a year from now. As far as we know, this is one of the first times that a ham has agreed to stay off a particular repeater in order to keep his license and remain on the air. (FCC release)

New Handheld Radio Yaesu VX-150

2-meter handheld is designed to perform under the most difficult operating conditions, and it's packed with the leading-edge features you've come to expect from a Yaesu product. The VX-150's die cast aluminum case houses a large, high output speaker, and the illuminated keypad provides easy viewing during nighttime operation.



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TRWARC Monthly Calendar of Events

Third Monday of each month	5:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting, R4/2041 (All Club Members are invited)
Second Tuesday of each month	5:30pm	Club Meeting Round Table Pizza, (Redondo Bch. & Hawthorne) Subject to change
Second Tuesday of each month	12:00 noon	Emergency Communications Team Meeting R3 Emergency Operations Center
Last Saturday of each month	7:00 am	TRW/ARC Swap Meet Marine and Aviation (Southeast Corner)

Weekly Events

Every Monday Night (Except the 1st & Holidays)	7:30 pm	Disaster Communication Systems (DCS) Net DCS Members: Check in on 2 Meter Repeater
Every Wednesday	12:00 noon	ECT Net on 2 meter Repeater All Amateurs Welcome
Every Thursday	7:00 pm	Space Hams Net on 2 meter Repeater with N6SHI and W6EKK
Every Mon, Wed, Fri	2:00 pm	TRW Retirees Net 7185 KHz
Every Friday Morning	7:30 am	TRW Amateur Radio Club Breakfast Building S Cafeteria - Everyone is invited Talk-in on 2 Meters

Other Ham Swap meets:

Inland Empire ARC - 2nd Sat. ea. mo. 7:00 to 11:30 AM @ A.B. Miller High School, Walnut & Oleander in **Fontana** Talk-in 145.480 (-600 pl=77.0hz)

El Cajon ARC - 1st Sat. ea. mo. 6:00 AM @ Santee Drive-in Theater, Woodside Ave. @ Hwy 67 in **Santee** Talk-in 146.52

CAL POLY -3rd Sat. ea. mo. 7-11am in lots F8,F9 and F10 @ CAL Poly Pomona at 3801 **West Temple**. Talk-in TBD (*if you know, please email me... ed.*)

Submitted by Carl, K7UFO

The enclosed pic is of my friend, Wayne Houser, W6VOA (retired VOA foreign service officer) and his best friend in Sri Lanka, Dr. Arthur C. Clarke (2001: A space odyssey). Photo was taken last month in Sri Lanka at Arthur's home there. Wayne is also "4S7CQ", Sri Lanka,. Wayne is an extra class.

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VAN TUIJL FAMILY STARTS JOURNEY HOME (reprinted from the ARRL Letter Volume 19, Number 25)

The van Tuijl family has left Dallas, Texas, on its way back to the Netherlands. Their departure this week came just a month after 13-year-old Willem van Tuijl--wounded by gunfire during an attack by pirates off the coast of Honduras last March--was released from a Dallas hospital. Doctors cleared him for travel last Friday.

Willem, the son of Jacco and Jannie van Tuijl, KH2TD and KH2TE, was seriously injured in late March after he was shot by pirates that attacked the family while they were sailing off the coast of Honduras. He was left paralyzed from the waist down as a result of his injuries. After the pirate attack, the family was aided by Amateur Radio operators who called the Coast Guard and provided medical advice during the family's trip to shore with the gravely injured youngster. Other hams later provided communication assistance and other help. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, was instrumental in getting the boy and his family from Honduras to the US for medical attention.

The first stop on the van Tuijls' journey home will be in Miami. The family will spend approximately a week there so that Willem can be evaluated by the Miami Project, a research program specializing in spinal cord injuries.

In May, Jacco van Tuijl piloted the family's sailing vessel, *Hayat*, from Honduras to South Florida. The boat will remain docked there through the generosity of friends. During their Miami stopover, the family plans to visit the boat, which had been their home for the past seven years. The family also will visit Miami-area amateurs who assisted in the rescue.



The van Tuijl family: Jannie, Willem, and Jacco.
[ARRL photo]

VAN TUIJL FAMILY STARTS JOURNEY HOMECont.

The family plans to return to the US within one year, possibly on a permanent basis, so that Willem can complete his education here. Willem had attended sixth grade in Alaska and speaks English fluently.

The family's pet cat, Ketchikat, will remain in Dallas at the home of Bob Jones, W5BJ, until the van Tuijls return.

ARRL-VEC "COMPLETELY CAUGHT UP"

(reprinted from the ARRL Letter Volume 19, Number 25)

The ARRL-VEC has made it over the restructuring application mountain and down the other side. "We're completely caught up!" ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, exulted this week. All applications through June 16 receipts that were able to be "routinely processed" were set to be transmitted to the FCC June 22. ARRL-VEC staff members already have begun tackling receipts from this past Monday, June 19.

Jahnke said he anticipated very shortly getting back to a "normal" 10-day wait between test session and FCC license grant. He emphasized that the length of any applicant's wait continues to largely depend on when the test session paperwork arrives at ARRL-VEC.

Fred Maia, W5YI, of the W5YI-VEC reports he's closing in on being current and expects to be there by July 4. "This was the hardest spring period we ever had in our 16 years of doing this," he said. "We're starting to see daylight." As of week's end, W5YI-VEC had processed April and May test sessions and was working on session receipts of June 12.

On the downside, Jahnke says, some applicants could be in for additional delays because of missing or problematic information on their paperwork. Applications are not transmitted to the FCC until all information is complete and problems resolved, Jahnke said. The same goes for applications where the information provided does not jibe with what's already in the FCC database. He estimated that fewer than 1% of the 25,000 applications filed since January 1 fall into the "problem" category, however.

Among applications in the huge influx since the FCC announced restructuring last December, ARRL-VEC staffers have encountered incomplete or missing items, including element credit, proof of license, Social Security number, and even the applicant's or the volunteer examiners' signatures.

The FCC's Universal Licensing System also has burped on applicants' attempts to upgrade and renew their licenses at the same time. Because of a ULS software problem, combining a renewal with an upgrade--or with an address or a name change, for that matter--will cause the ULS to reject the application altogether, Jahnke explained. As a result, the transactions must be filed separately.

Upgrade applicants whose licenses turn out to be in the two-year renewal grace period also can expect delays. "You need a current license to get your upgrade granted," Jahnke explains, "so the renewal must be filed first, then the upgrade."

Other applicants unwittingly have stumbled into problems by filing separate applications with the FCC via the ULS. For example, a few individuals with pending upgrade applications in the meantime have applied for and been granted vanity call signs via the ULS. "What happens is the person ends up with another call sign that doesn't match the one on their upgrade application," Jahnke says. He advises applicants either to wait until their upgrades have been processed before applying for a vanity call sign or to let the ARRL-VEC know that they have another application pending via the ULS.

Jahnke advised applicants who attended an April or May ARRL-VEC test session and have not yet found the results of their earned upgrade on the ULS to contact ARRL-VEC by telephone (do not send e-mail) at 860-594-0300. He says the ARRL-VEC still is holding some applications with errors or missing information.

MUSEUM SEEKS DONATIONS FOR GOLDWATER HAM EXHIBIT

(reprinted from the ARRL Letter Volume 19, Number 25)

The Arizona Historical Society Museum is seeking donations to reconstruct the well-known Amateur Radio station of the late Sen Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. Goldwater's amateur equipment, memorabilia and furnishings were donated last year to the Society's museum in Papago Park in Tempe. Director Reba Wells Grandrud said the museum will need \$77,000 to set up a "high-quality exhibit" of the massive station console and equipment "as the late Senator used it." The museum's display designers likely will use digital photographic techniques to replicate the interior of the original room as well as the desert views seen from the windows, "to make it feel like you're walking into Barry Goldwater's ham shack," Grandrud said.

It's not likely the Goldwater museum station will be operational, but Grandrud said the museum might "simulate" an operating setup for the sake of visitors. Grandrud said the museum will be putting the exhibit together between now and February.

The K7UGA station equipment and console were removed in May from the Goldwater home in Paradise Valley, Arizona, which has been sold. Before it was dismantled, museum personnel photographed the setup and inventoried and cataloged all of its components.

Goldwater's station and massive antenna system were used to complete thousands of phone patch messages for troops during the Vietnam War. Goldwater died two years ago. The K7UGA antennas since have been sold to private buyers and will not be a part of the museum exhibit in Tempe.

Donations in support of the Goldwater station exhibit are welcome to Reba Wells Grandrud, Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park, 1300 N College Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281.



The late Sen Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, at the mike of his famous ham station.

HAM TRACKS TAUNTING TEENS *(reprinted from the ARRL Letter Volume 19, Number 25)*

According to news accounts, a group of Ohio teenagers have a local ham to thank for helping to land them in juvenile detention. Authorities report the youths used a pilfered police radio to taunt police over the air June 17, then bragged that they'd never be caught.

With help from a local amateur, however, police in Amherst and Vermillion, Ohio, tracked down the young miscreants. The towns share a public safety communications network. The interference came while the two departments were dealing with a fish festival crowd in Amherst and a search for a burglary suspect in Vermillion.

Authorities report that one of the youths--all between 14 and 16 years old--had stolen three hand-held radios from the public works department, where he had a summer job. Using two of the transceivers, the teens reportedly commenced to badger the police over the air with obscenities and threats, at times calling the officers by name. The cops tried to enlist the aid of the FCC's Detroit field office, but Commission personnel reportedly said they couldn't get direction-finding gear out there until the next day.

(HAM TRACKS TAUNTING TEENS cont.)

Enter Todd Dunlap, KC8EDS, of Amherst, who was able to track the signals to a basement recreation room in his own neighborhood, a police spokesperson said. Within a few minutes, police were knocking on the door of the house, awakening the sleeping grandmother of the teenager who lived there and getting permission to search. According to news reports, authorities found the youths and two of the stolen radios. They later recovered the third at the home of the teenager who had allegedly stolen it. In addition to theft and harassment, the teenagers also were charged with possession of marijuana and disruption of public services.--from news reports

KT4XA IS 2000 NEWSLINE YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR (reprinted from the
ARRL Letter Volume 19, Number 24

Christopher Arthur, KT4XA, a 17-year-old from Russellville, Alabama, has been named *Newsline* Young Ham of the Year for 2000. That announcement came this week from *Newsline* producer and award administrator Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. The award is jointly sponsored by the Los Angeles-based *Amateur Radio Newsline*, Yaesu USA, and *CQ* magazine.

As Young Ham of the Year, Christopher will receive--courtesy of Yaesu--an expense-paid trip to the 2000 Huntsville Hamfest and a gift of Yaesu equipment. *CQ* will treat him to a week in Spacecamp Huntsville in addition to a variety of *CQ* products.

Newsline will present a plaque at the award ceremony.

A rising senior at Russellville High School, Christopher holds an Amateur Extra class license and has been a ham for four years. His numerous Amateur Radio achievements include founding the League of Young Radio Amateurs and the International Youth Communications Council, both dedicated to the advancement of youth in Amateur Radio. He's a member of the ARRL and was an Assistant Section Manager in 1998 and 1999.

Christopher is an member of the Franklin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and has served as a net control station during training exercises and in actual emergencies. He's also involved in SKYWARN and has coordinated the Field Day efforts of the Franklin County Amateur Radio Club and the Tri-State Radio Group.

He also has served as net control of the Alabama Traffic Net M, started the Franklin County Ten Meter Net, and managed the annual Alabama Heart of Dixie QSO Party for the past two years. The 2000 *Newsline* Young Ham of the Year Award will be presented August 19 at the Huntsville Hamfest. The award goes each year to an Amateur Radio operator aged 18 or younger who has provided outstanding service to the nation and/or the community for the betterment of the state of the art in communications through Amateur Radio



Christopher Arthur, KT4XA

RESCUE AT SEA *(reprinted from Newsline CBBS # 1192)*

Ham radio becomes the lifeline in a rescue at sea. Jeramy Boot, G4NJH, reports: Amateur Radio Operators in Hawaii and on the sunny island of the Republic of Kiribati, worked together to help the U.S. Coast Guard rescue a bunch of teachers who were adrift in the Pacific. Five Sunning Island teachers were aboard a 36 foot out rigger canoe on a day long fishing trip on the 10th of May when the canoes engines failed. A relative reported the missing boat to Amateur Radio Operator on Sunning Island, who in turn reported it to another Amateur in Hawaii. The Hawaii operator reported the missing canoe to the Coast Guard. After coordinating with the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Kiribati, the Coast Guard dispatched a C-130 transporter early on the 12th of May. The plane found the boat at noon, dropping food and water to the teachers together with a radio beacon. The aircraft then contacted the coastal freight at Matingari in Washington Island in Kiribati, which then proceeded to rescue the crew and salvage the boat. Thanks to the quick work of Amateur Radio operators, everyone is safe. (G4NJH)

SOCAL VS. MEXICO INTERFERENCE CASE *(reprinted from Newsline CBBS # 1192)*

And still with repeater issues, another follow-up story as the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth writes the attorney for a pair of California hams. This time asking that he remind his clients that they must reply to an information request. This letter went to George L. Lyon, Esquire of Washington, DC. He represents Angos Winke, Scott Swanson, and their KC6OKA/K6PYP repeater. As previously reported, back on April 26 Hollingsworth wrote to Lyons as counsel for Winke and Swanson stating that the Two-Meter Spectrum Management Association had submitted documentation showing that the repeater on question is neither listed or coordinated. At that time Hollingsworth pointed out that Swanson was specifically denied coordination by TASMA on the basis that the repeater pair he sought was coordinated for low level and low power output to avoid any problems with radio operations in Mexico. Hollingsworth requested that Winke and Swanson show, within 20 days, what steps they have taken to prevent interference to coordinated repeater operations on the 145.46 MHz frequency pair. As of June 1st, Hollingsworth says that his office has not received the information it requested. (FCC release) *

CALIFORNIA POLICE JAMMER MY BE AT IT AGAIN

(reprinted from Newsline CBBS # 1192)

A Bell California businessman already facing a five-year jail term for sending expletive-laced diatribes over police frequencies in Los Angeles County allegedly has done the same thing in neighboring Orange County. Sixty-four year old Jack Gerritsen was sentenced on June 8th in a Downey, California court to the jail term, but he will still face thirty-four additional misdemeanor counts in Orange County. This for allegedly interfering with law enforcement communications in that jurisdiction. According to Tori Richards of the Orange County district attorney's office Gerritsen is accused of using a device to break into the transmission of various police agencies, including Orange County Sheriff, Garden Grove police and San Clemente. He is then charged with playing a pre-recorded conversation that included what prosecutors call cussing. While prosecutors filed only thirty-four counts, they believe Gerritsen made hundreds of transmissions to annoy the various agencies. And even that estimate may be small. In an earlier interview with the Los Angeles Times, Gerritsen acknowledged that he made such broadcasts thousands of times last year. But he said his intention was to protest police abuses, not to interfere with officers' work. As far as we can determine, Gerritsen is not a licensed radio amateur.

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