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MEETING NOTICE

June 7, 2016

Socializing: 6:30 PM

Meeting: 7:00 PM

Crystal Lake Bank
5100 Northwest Hwy (Rt. 14)
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

PROGRAM: KF9D Field Day

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VE TESTING

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Testing is conducted quarterly at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday for the months of February, May, August, and November . Walk-ins are welcome until 8:00 PM. No appointment is necessary. Testing requirements:

1. Cost for 2016 is \$15.00 (Cash or check made payable to ARRL). If initial test element is passed, the person testing may continue take the next test element(s) at no extra charge during the given session. Retesting of an element failed during the same testing session will require payment of an additional \$15.00 test fee.
2. Must show original and provide copy of Amateur Radio license and/or CSCE (if upgrading).
3. Must show a valid Government Issued Photo ID (Passport, Driver's License or State ID card) for identification.
4. SS Security Number or FRN umber required.
5. Location: Free Methodist Church, 934 N. Seminary, Woodstock, IL 60098

June Hamfests

- 6 Starved Rock / Princeton <http://www.w9mks.org>
- 16 Wheaton (6m Club) <http://k9ona.com>

June Contests

- 3 - RTTY Sprint
- 4 -5 - 10-10 Open Season PSK
- Alabama QSO Party
- 11-13 - ARRL June VHF
- 18-19 - All Asian DX
- West Virginia QSO Party
- Kid's Day
- 25-26 - FIELD DAY !

June DX

- 9Q Dem. Rep. of Congo EA6BB (9Q6BB?) will be there on 3 year assignment.
- FS St. Martin John, FS/K9ELm will be there June 5 through 23. John has been a guest at an MCWA meeting.
- J7 Dominica June 22 to July 11
- CY0 Sable Is. Until June 15





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BETTER DAYS GONE, BUT OKAY CONDITIONS NOW

Last week I received a big pack of QSL's from the bureau. As I looked at cards such as AH0BT, FW5JJ and HL2DBP with valid reports of 59 signals on 10m phone, I was reminded of the nice conditions Cycle 24 opened up during a couple of its peak periods just a couple years ago. Ah.....for the good ole days!

Some in our club have been enjoying openings on 6m. The other evening I worked DM58 on 6m. I enjoy the challenges of many of the bands afforded to the amateur radio community. If you can't work DX on one band, find the one that is working. 20m and down have still been offering DX into the darker evening hours. As we approach Field Day, I am sure domestic conditions will hold up on 20m and down. Some openings will still come our way on 15m and up. And it's a pretty sure bet that 6m will score some points at the end of June.

Before FD arrives, look for such calls as V73HA, V63AN, T88AN, 8Q7HW, 5X1O, and VK9WI. This represents some of the announced DX operations across the month of June.

By the way, there are a lot of special events stations to log and the NPOTA is also fun to work.

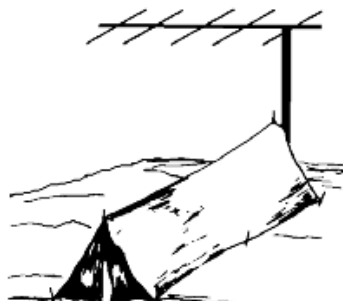
Have a great start to summer and enjoy longer daylight to work the higher HF bands..... 73..... Dave KA9OZP



Field Day this month ! Emricson Park , Woodstock

Operate: Email Roger KF9F to sign up

Visitors welcome !



NOPE !



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ARRL Reaches Agreement with Community Associations Institute:

from caionline.org on June 2, 2016

Website: <https://www.caionline.org/Advocacy/GovernmentAffairsBlog/Pages/1301Compromise.aspx>

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In late May 2016, a compromise was reached with the Ham Radio lobby and Community Associations Institute (CAI) to protect the integrity of the governance process of community associations.

A compromise has been reached. H.R. 1301, as amended, does the following:

-Prohibits community associations from a blanket prohibition of installation of amateur radio exterior antennas.

-Preserves a community association's authority to adopt and enforce reasonable written rules concerning the installation, placement, and aesthetic impact of external amateur service station (radio) antennas.

-Requires notification and prior approval of antenna installations; and prohibits installation of antennas on common property.

-Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to craft a separate preemption policy from the current Commission preemption policy applicable to State and local governments. This separate preemption is a key distinction to the rights and responsibilities of community associations and association residents.

The compromise was reached out of necessity as H.R. 1301 was gaining momentum with 126 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives supporting the legislation under the guise that the bill is necessary to ensure critical amateur radio communications during a local disaster.

While the compromise has been reached to protect community association's ability to enforce reasonable rules and require prior approval, the legislation has not yet passed the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate. In order for the bill to become law, the following must happen:

H.R.1301 as amended may be found here

<https://www.caionline.org/Advocacy/FederalAdvocacy/PriorityIssues/Documents/H.R.%201301%20Amendment.pdf>



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Frequency: A new TV show recalls a forgotten classic

by Ryan Lohner

It remains to be seen if the upcoming Fox series *Frequency* will deliver, but the movie it's based on is underrated.

While going over the trailers for next season's TV shows, one particular new show caught my eye: Fox's *Frequency*. It had nothing to do with any merits the show itself may have, but because it's an adaptation of a 16-year-old movie that seems to be completely forgotten these days. Which is a real shame, as I've always thought it was criminally underrated, and if this show does nothing else, at least it will probably stir up some interest in it again.

Jim Caviezel plays John Sullivan, who happens upon his father's ham radio and happens to turn it on during a giant solar flare, which sends the signal back in time 30 years to Dennis Quaid as his father Frank, the day before he would be killed in a fire. John gives Frank a piece of information that saves his life, but of course things are never that simple with time travel, and they have to fix the mess they created.

The actual plot of the film is rather tricky to discuss, as beyond the central ham radio hook there are so many twists and turns that it's just about impossible to avoid spoilers. And since I'm hoping to encourage more people to check the movie out here, I'll have to be as vague as possible. But the biggest thing to get across is that the core of the film is the father-son bond, largely held together by a montage of them simply talking about regular stuff in the middle of the madness. This alone could have made a fine film, and that there's so much else to admire is quite a bonus.

That's a pretty good thing, because this movie could have easily gone completely off the rails without that strong core. I distinctly remember one commercial using a critic's quote of "It's *Backdraft* meets *Field of Dreams* meets *It's a Wonderful Life* ..." and a few other things. You certainly can't accuse these filmmakers of lacking ambition, but there's also such a thing as doing too many things at once. But somehow all these disparate elements coalesce beautifully, and it's hard to imagine the final product without any of them.

Finally, if nothing else, the movie deserves to be remembered entirely for the scene where Frank follows John's advice and survives the fire. Those couple minutes are basically a master filmmaking class all on their own, using slow motion, fast motion, echoes, extreme close-ups and a marvelous piece of editing where every single cut is interesting. It's really a shame that director Gregory Hoblit hasn't become a bigger name, knowing he's capable of something like this.

I very much hope *Frequency* the show can live up to *Frequency* the film. If nothing else, the format will make for a much easier job of pulling the story's various tones together, which judging from the trailer it seems like they're going for. I'd given up hope years ago of this movie getting its due reputation, but maybe this will actually pull it off.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

KB9GIN SK Longtime member Ed Stipulin, passed away on 4 April 2016. Ed was 75 and lived in Oakwood Hills. Had many enjoyable conversations with Ed over the years. Apologies for not getting this in News sooner. RIP Ed !

INTEL LAYOFFS Intel announced it will lay off 11% of its workforce world wide because on slumping PC sales. Intel have not been able to fully transition to new smart phone/tablet platform with its processors and has not been able to make up for lost PC sales. It might be possible that x86 processors may become a casualty as well one day too and with it Windows as smart phones and tablet are dominated by ARM processors and MS is still banking on x86 even in mobile.

STRAY Filed Day 2016 - I am thinking of hanging my dipole higher this year with the help of a drone to fly my pull up cables?
AA7FY de eham

PSK31 It's no secret that this mode has become this editor's favorite for now. Using 40-50 watts into a tribander at 40 feet, 151 countries have been worked, but others have worked many more. PSK31 is a mode where old timers and kids alike can meet. It's also a mode where there are a lot of non-seasoned hams who haven't a clue about Q-signals nor pro-signs (the difference between K, KN, & SK !). There are some almost comical moments when you see someone calling CQ and ending with KKKKK !

But on the serious side , it's a good way to pick up new DXCC entities for the Challenge (various bands) or just make new friends on ham radio. Some people just go with macros which contain the usual name, QTH, grid, signal report, town/state and are happy with that. While others like to ragchew for a while.

There is also contesting , which some organizations like to call "events" because "contest" seems to turn people off. Whatever one wants to call it, it's an opportunity to get on the air work some stations never worked before, honer skills, improve accuracy, check propagation, find out what station can do and just have some fun. Yes, this is for fun, it's a hobby , not a winner

take all proposition. It been said , "he who dies with the most toys wins", but what does that matter when you're not here any longer. ? A hobby is something one has fun pursuing.

Years ago there was a member who would have a question for DX stations. One those questions was "what is your main meat dish?" which was okay until someone in Africa said, "monkey" ! Think he deleted that question after that.

Stray I don't need a second opinion. My opinion is fine. N9LCD via eHam

STRAY I'm not arguing with yu. I'm just trying to explain why I'm right and you're wrong.
N9LCD via eHam

STRAY Seller says, "Radio has no known issues." Translation: "The radio has a problem, I'm not going to admit knowing about it."
W8LGZ via eHam

