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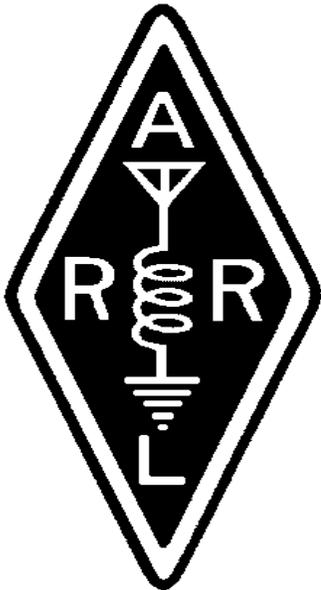
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NEXT KLUB MEETING
OCTOBER 10th 7:30 P.M.
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

NET
146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

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THE PREZ'S NOTES

Communicate: To make known; impart, to transmit.
Communication: The interchange of thoughts or opinions.

It is said that we as amateur radio operators have a duty and a responsibility to provide a public service in the event of a communication emergency. Sounds simple enough, doesn't it. Get called up, show up where we are told to and turn on the radio and you are on the air. Right? Maybe? What is wrong with this? We use our radio everyday, we talk on them, we talk to people every day face to face. However, are we effective communicators? Are we effective listeners? Do we respond effectively?

Have you ever listened to the radio and heard two or more people going at it with off-hand, tongue-in-cheek comments and thought my God how rude these people are. Verbal communication is only part of being able to communicate. Over the radio, you cannot see how the other party receives your words. You cannot see the person's body language or facial expressions. Nor can the person see your smile, snicker, or even the glitter in your eyes when you make a comment.

Our guest speaker in September had a daunting challenge. Imagine trying to give a class to group of people, you have never met and at the same time not being able to see if their eyes are glazing over or if you put them to sleep. Kudos to John K8OCL for being able to prove this style of learning can be done. However just imagine how much more difficult it would have been without the visual graphics to support the audio hookup.

The visual aspect of communication cannot be over emphasized. Conversely, the lack of visual communication cannot be *underestimated*. Without the aid of being able to see whom we are talking to, we truly cannot gauge the impact of our spoken words. Whom our words fall on either directly or indirectly are like bullets, once they leave

the barrel they cannot be called back. We need to be aware that in everything we say can be repeated, misinterpreted, and/or taken out of context. A joke spoken to a friend overheard by a third party can be devastating. What is worse is that you will never know what happened or whom you have offended.

On the lighter side we have an excellent program coming up on wire antennas this meeting. The CW course starts the first Monday in October and runs for 8 weeks. There will be ARECC (Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Course) Level 1 test Monday night 21 October after the CW class. Anyone interested in taking that test is welcome. The fee is \$10.00, same as for ham test.

73 Steve N8GQ

EDITORS COMMENTS

I have had some trouble with people not realizing I had only sent an attachment containing the LED and nothing was written in the body of the E-Mail. This month I am making a note in the body so people will see the attachment. If you are receiving this by mail and you would rather receive an electronic version of the Newsletter please notify me at rjackson@cablespeed.com. Not only will it save the club money but you will get it much quicker. Also you will receive any updates or information that you can use during the month. The news letter comes in a PDF file. You have to have adobe reader to read it but it is a free download at www.adobe.com. I was asked if I could move the margin over so when holes were punched in it no letters would be punched out. I tried but in order to move the margin I have to move it on all sheets and it makes a mess of the letters and graphics on the front page.

Roger N8SGU

SECRETARY'S REPORT CLUB MEETING 09/12/02

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 21 people in attendance for the meeting.

Our presentation was done by teleconference on "How Low is LF?". By Frank Gentges K0BRA. John K8OCL worked the slides at this end. The presentation was well received and it was proven that new concepts, to the club, do work. Nice job John.

Secretary Report: Dave KE8Z made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 2002 meeting as published in the September LED. Rick KC8HEZ seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dave KE8Z made a correction to the Treasurer Report for the period July 1, 2002 - July 31,

2002 as published in the September LED. The correction was to change the Net Cash Flow from -\$45.16 to read -\$48.16.

Charlie K8OVJ made a motion to accept the report in the LED as corrected.

Jerry N8DY seconded. Motion carried.

Repeater Report: Kenny N4KCD reported that he looked at the 146.68 antennas and it looked like new. He made a motion to withdraw the motion made last month to purchase a new antenna for the .68 repeater thus saving the club some money. Rick KC8HEZ seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CW Classes: Classes will be held starting on the 1st Monday in October and run for 8 weeks. There will be a VE test held at the EOC on the 2nd of December.

LARK Communication Fund: A separate checking account has been opened for the LARK Communication Fund. The money in this account will be used to acquire parts to maintain the club's repeaters. Donations will be accepted and are Tax Deductible. Checks are to be made out to LARK Communication Fund.

Missing Documents/Audit Committee: Marge N8EAJ has sent some papers to our treasurer. Thanks Marge.

Insurance: Dave KE8Z reported that the current liability insurance policy was going to expire in October. He then described a liability insurance policy offered thru the ARRL. It offers the same coverage we currently have plus many additional areas of coverage. The cost of the new policy is \$325.00, which is an increase of \$125.00. Rita WA8IAQ made a motion to change policies. Bruce N8WWX seconded it. Motion carried.

Dues: Dave KE8Z presented a proposed amendment to the By-Laws which would raise the dues for Full Members to \$30.00 with \$10.00 going to the LARK Communication Fund and the dues for family members going to \$10.00 with \$5.00 going to the Communication Fund. After much discussion the proposed amendment was tabled until the next meeting in October.

The 50/50 raffle was held. A total of \$28.00 was collected. Winner was Paul KC8UKF. Congratulations.

Charlie KB8OVJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick KC8HEZ seconded. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LARK Board Meeting Sept 9, 2002 Minutes

Present were Board members Steve N8GQ, Bill K8BI, Mary KC8SER, Dave KE8Z, Kenny N4KCK, Jerry N8DY, John K8OCL and Melissa as a guest.

Repeater: Kenny N4KCD stated that the antenna was in good condition and did NOT need replacement. The hardline did not have any water in it nor did it have any bullet holes in it. He did find one coax connector loose, which he fixed.

CW Classes: CW classes are scheduled for every Monday starting Monday October 1st and will run for eight weeks. There will be a VE exam on December 2nd.

Guest Speakers: John K8OCL talked about the speakers he had lined up for the next three months. He has some terrific topics with fantastic speakers.

(Secretary's Note: Keep up the great work John)

1.2 GHz Repeater: John K8OCL offered to donate his 1.2 GHz repeater to the LARK club. He also asked for a letter so he could deduct the value of the donation from his taxes. After much discussion by Board members it was agreed to accept his offer as long as he installs and maintains the system and provides the treasurer the value, by component, of the system. He also offered to purchase a 1.2 GHz radio sell to the club, at cost, in order that the club could raffle it off and make some money for its treasury. There would be a set number of tickets printed and if they all were not sold the money would be returned to the ticket buyers and the raffle cancelled. John would take the radio back and refund the club its purchase price.

Area Level I Training: It was suggested that all officers of the club take the Area Level I Training. This would require an amendment to the By-Laws.

Dues: Dave KE8Z presented the Board with a proposed amendment to the By-laws which would raise the dues to \$30.00 and \$10.00. It also had provisions for allocating a portion of the dues to the LARK Emergency Communication Fund.

The proposed amendment will have to be presented to the club members at the next general meeting.

Insurance: Dave KE8Z discussed our liability insurance coverage. Our current policy is due to expire in October and he feels that it is inadequate.

Therefore he presented to the Board an outline of an ARRL backed liability policy. The Board requested he brief the general membership at the next meeting.

Equipment: Some members of the club still have club property, which should be gotten over to Dave's house.

As of this date nothing has been heard from Marge in regards to the missing documents.

Dave KE8Z asked the Board for authorization to send flowers, from LARK, to Sandy Rick's KC8HEZ wife. Authorization was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Marry KC8SER
Secretary

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FINIAL CALLBOOK
"COLLECTORS EDITION"
2003 CD-ROM

After the winter 2003 edition the 82 year old Radio Amateur Callbook will no longer be available. I have received word from the publisher of the Radio Amateur Callbook that this edition will be the LAST edition published.

Therefore they are making a special offer to club members. If there are six or more orders from a club they will give a 40% discount off the regular price of \$49.95. Club members MUST order in bulk to get this discount. If you want to purchase a CD make your check payable to LARK and mail it to: LARK P.O. BOX 283 Howell, MI 48844 or bring it to the Octobers meeting. I will order all CDs on October 11th. The CD must be paid for before I will order it. If I do not receive six orders your money will be returned. The CDs will be shipped to the LARKs Post Office Box sometime in November. If you have any questions please contact me at (517) 521-4488.

Dave KE8Z

DINNER SCHEDULE

We would love to have every one join us for dinner in October.

Social hour starts at 5:30 P.M. Orders will be taken approximately 15 minutes later. Here is the schedule:

Oct. 10th	Golden House 1241 E. Gr. River, Howell
Oct 19th	Aleko's 7476 M36, Hamburg

Hope to see you there!

UPDATES TO ROSTER

KC8UTF Technician Mellissa Patrick PO Box 604
Fowlerville Mi, 48836 E-Mail 6700@yahoo.com.

FUTURE CONTESTS

October 26 - 27 ARRL International EME Competition

November 2 - 4 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)

16 - 18 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

23 - 24 ARRL International EME Competition

December 6 - 8 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

14 - 15 ARRL 10 Meter Co

RED CROSS CLASSES

I wanted to let you know that the American Red Cross is starting classes for fall. The following classes are being offered:

Introduction to Disaster Services Wednesday September 18, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

(This is the beginning class that everyone needs to take)

Damage Assessment Wednesday October 9, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

Mass Care Wednesday October 16, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

Logistics Wednesday October 23, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

Shelter Operations Wednesday November 6, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

Public Affairs Wednesday November 13, 2002 6 - 9 p.m.

All of the classes are offered through the Disaster Action Team office.

If anyone has any questions they can call the American Red Cross at 517-546-0326. Or they can stop by the office at 415 N. Barnard, Howell, Michigan. Anyone interested should call and sign up.

Thanks!

Jeanene Van Every-KC8MHI

LONG RANGE LARK MEETING PROGRAM PLAN

As seems to often happen when trying to recruit the best possible speaker on topics, in which you, the LARK membership, have expressed an interest, such expert speakers are in high demand. Schedule juggling seems to be inevitable to fit their busy schedules. We hope you will understand these last-minute program schedule changes by knowing that the LARK management team is doing it's best to bring you the finest and most enjoyable education related to the radio arts and sciences!

October 10, 2002 – “*Practical Wire Antenna Design*” presented via audioconference by **Dean Straw, N6BV** [rdstraw@arrl.org] from San Francisco, California. Dean is the editor of the much-respected *ARRL Antenna Book* for the past nine years...that's three editions! He is also the editor of the very popular series *The ARRL Antenna Compendium*. On the air, Dean is a rabid and successful HF contest operator, both phone and CW. Special thanks go to Randy Beard – KC8MSB and Bruce Pollack – N8WWX for their logistical support for this special program.

November 14, 2002 – “*Assembling Your HF Digital Station*” (RTTY, PSK-31, MFSK), presented by **Steve Ford, WB8IMY** [sford@arrl.org] from Newington, Connecticut. Steve is the author of the popular *ARRL's HF Digital Handbook* and editor of *QST Magazine*. Special thanks go to Randy Beard – KC8MSB and Bruce Pollack – N8WWX for their logistical support for this special program.

December 12, 2002 – No Program. Special Year-End Klub Business Meeting

more challenging by the day as our local HSMM Experimenters Team (Neil Sablatzky - K8IT, Larry Dopkowski - KB8QJE, Randy Beard - KC8MSB, Ernst Kiefer – N8EK and me) delves deeper and deeper into heretofore unexplored wireless territory. It's extremely It has been a pleasure and honor serving as the LARK Program Director for about a year. Recall that I volunteered to fill the balance of a previous vacated term. Regretfully I must resign the post effective with the end of our November meeting in order to devote more time to fulfilling my duties as the trustee and control operator of the new LARK 1.2 GHz repeater. This new machine serving the Livingston County area is already designed to be 100% solar powered, and additional enhancements are being planned.

In addition, my responsibilities as Chairman of the League's High Speed Multimedia (HSMM) Working Group are growing exciting, but very time intensive.

What topics would you like to see for the 2003 LARK Program? Send your suggested topic and/or speakers by <mailto:k8oc1@arrl.net> or call 734-657-1000. They will be passed along to my successor.

We hope to see you at all the LARK meetings for some fun learning experiences and warm fellowship. Bring along your friends, especially those just getting interested in Ham Radio. Don't forget to take some cash, too, for the 50-50 drawing. Support your local Ham club.... The LARK, serving and protecting Livingston County!

Respectfully submitted, **John – K8OCL, LARK Program Director**

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPS.

I would like to congratulate Gerry VanBuren, John Daugherty, Steve and Donna Lenzion, Jim, Jeanene, Alicia, and Heather VanEvery for successful completion of their **IS-2 course**.

I would also like to congratulate Steve, Donna Lenzion, Jim and Jeanene Van Every and Tim Conroy for passing their **IS-195 ICS course**.

Jim and Jeanene VanEvery for successful completion of their **IS-5 Hazardous Materials – A Citizens Orientation**.

Steve Lenzion for successful completion of his **IS-275 course**.

*Mary Cartwright, Dave Schwein, Greg McDiarmid, Randy Beard, Roger Jackson, Chris Petty, Melissa Patrick and previously Jim and Jeanene VanEvery for completion of the **Red Cross' Introduction to Disaster Services**.

Incident Command System Seminar

What a turn out for the Emergency Management overview and Incident Command System seminar. I thank you all for coming, there were 22 of us there. I hope you all enjoyed the session, I have had some good comments. What is really enjoyable is when the instructor learns a few things too. We also had a very basic over the air drill in which everyone did very well. **Thank you Elmers for being there to help.**

2002 SET

The 2002 SET is Saturday, October 5th, are you ready? Is your GO Pack ready to GO?

Amateur Radio is a Privilege with a Responsibility.

The privilege to use and receive much of the radio spectrum anywhere and anytime, that most people do not have a right to do, also has its responsibilities to use it responsibly. One of our young amateurs in Livingston County is alleged to have abused his privileges, using his radio to respond to critical incidents with disregard to the Michigan Traffic Laws and has alleged to have interfered with the public safety community while doing their job. It is imperative that we as amateurs instill in our young people the responsibility to use this privilege for the betterment of the general public and to the amateur radio community when called upon to do so. To act as communicators not first responders.

Bruce Pollock, N8WWX, EC

2002 – 2003

MICHIGAN SECTION

ARPSC Meeting and Training Schedule

2002

October 5, 2002: ARRL Simulated Emergency Test
October 12, 2002: District Emergency Coordinator Meeting at Benzie County
November 2, 2002: Introduction to QMN at Ann Arbor *
December 7, 2002: Introduction to Disaster Telecommunications at Ann Arbor

2003

January 4, 2003: Introduction to Disaster Telecommunications at HES **
February 1, 2003: Introduction to QMN at HES
March 1, 2003: Digital Communications Workshop at Ann Arbor
April 5, 2003: Digital Communications Workshop at HES
May 3, 2003: Field Operations Workshop – Location to be determined.
June 7, 2003: State ARPSC meeting at Lansing

Instructions for locating classes and RSVP:

1. * All Ann Arbor classes will be held at the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2729 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor. Packard is

accessible from State Road and I-94. Please RSVP directly to the American Red Cross at 734-971-5300.

2. ** All "HES" (Hudsonville Emergency Services) Classes will be held at Hudsonville City Hall, 3275 Central Blvd., Hudsonville. Central Blvd is accessible from 32nd Street and I-196. RSVP to Jim Wades (wb8siw@arrl.net or 269-673-8845).
3. Whenever possible, ARPSC training functions and meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the Month.
4. All classes begin at 9 AM and run approximately 6 hours in length. A break for lunch is provided. *All classes are limited to 30 people or less.* Be sure to RSVP quickly to reserve a spot.

Jim Wades, SEC and MI Radio Officer

HOLLINGSWORTH SUGGESTS STEPS TO BRIGHTER AMATEUR FUTURE

1. Be proud of what you have and let your feelings be known. Let the public know what you are, what Amateur Radio is, and why it's valuable. Let your feelings be known to Congress, to the FCC, to the media, to your states and to emergency agencies. Sprint does. AT&T does. Motorola does.
2. Operate as if the whole world is listening. It is!
3. Take nothing for granted. Bill Gates can't, and you can't either.
4. You're at a crossroads now. An old Chinese philosopher (or my grandmother--I can never remember which!) said, "Be careful what you wish for. You may get it." Seize the moment, and make this your finest hour. Ham radio has been at a crossroads before and has thrived. Continue that tradition.
5. Make sure that, on your watch, Amateur Radio never becomes obsolete.
6. Teach the new licensees all you know. We've needed numbers for a long time.. Respect this wonderful legacy known as Amateur Radio that our mentors and Elmers gave us. Every time you key the mike or hit the key, think about what a legacy you were given and your duty to pass it on.

7. Enjoy ham radio. Celebrate it. But realize it comes with responsibility. Every gift of lasting value always does.

8. Stay away from arrogant, negative operators who know all the answers. They just haven't thought of all the questions. Encourage them to take their anger and hate to the Internet. Every minute they are on the Internet is a minute they aren't on Amateur Radio.

9. Never allow Amateur Radio to become the audio version of The Jerry Springer Show.

10. You may not always agree with the League, and that's fine. But I'm standing here before you tonight talking about enforcement because they never gave up. Take care of the one voice you have. You must never doubt that a small group of dedicated people can change the world. They just did.

THE AMATEURS CODE

by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE..... never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL..... offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE..... with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station, and operation beyond reproach.

FRIENDLY..... with slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED..... Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC..... with station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

How many of us can truly say we try to follow this code as we operate our stations from day to day. Do we try to be considerate to other operators and listeners? Remember,

others are listening to the frequency. Swearing and smart-aleky operation of our stations put us all in a bad light.

Are we loyal to the spirit of the amateur service, or do we turn away when someone asks for help? Are we keeping up to date with advances in amateur radio, or do we just keep plodding along with no attempt to keep learning? Do we offer advice and help when asked, or do we brush off other amateurs who want to try to learn what we may already know? Do we stop and try to explain when a beginner seems to not understand concepts he needs to know to advance to the next level? How many of us won't even slow down our code speed to accommodate a ham who isn't as fast on the key as we are? How many of us have just changed frequencies, leaving that operator wondering where we went?

Does our family suffer because we want to get on the air whenever we can? How many of our wives (or husbands) are amateur radio widows (or widowers). How often do our children say we have to be on our radios and can't find time for them? Or, how many can say -- my daddy is helping a soldier talk to his family, and he let me help him!

How many of us simply may not have ever heard of 'The Amateurs Code'? It is a gift, left for us by a man, ahead of his time, who truly understood what it both takes and means to be an amateur radio operator both then and now.

FUNNY & SAD AT THE SAME TIME

Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

29 have been accused of spousal abuse
7 have been arrested for fraud
19 have been accused of writing bad checks
117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
3 have done time for assault
71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
8 have been arrested for shoplifting
21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is?
Give up yet?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group of idiots that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.

Eat one live toad the first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

Dave
TECHNICAL & TECHNIQUE

Who says ham radio doesn't involve chemistry? Here's a handy tip on cleaning copper for soldering jobs. "I had a Copperweld dipole that was so oxidized it would not solder. I wanted to remove the oxide without damaging the copper cladding. If I only had some hydrochloric acid in the house! Looking in the cleaning closet the label on the Lysol toilet bowl cleaner looked promising. so I squirted some on the wire, left it a few minutes and washed it off. The surface was cleaner than new and gave a beautiful solder joint. The stuff is quite viscous so it clings to the wire. It worked much better than the flux I tried in the past. Of course, the viscosity that makes it cling to the wire would also make it cling to the surface of your eye so be careful and wear some glasses." (Thanks Wes, WZ7I)

HAM-CONGRESSMAN APPOINTED TO KEY HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Oregon Republican Congressman Greg Walden, WB7OCE, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the House subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. Walden is one of two amateurs in the US House of Representatives, and his appointment to the key House panel is considered good news for the amateur community. Walden's appointment was announced by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, a Republican from Louisiana.

"With his extensive background in broadcasting, Greg has a world of experience and expertise in telecommunications issues," Tauzin said. "His knowledge of the issues will help the Subcommittee address digital television, spectrum management, broadband deployment and other telecommunications matters."

For his part, Walden said he was elated to become a subcommittee member.

"I intend to work diligently to help invigorate the economic engine in Oregon and across the country," he said. "I am anxious to roll up my sleeves for Chairman Tauzin and Chairman Upton and work hard under their very effective leadership." Walden, who represents Oregon's second congressional district, was elected to Congress in 1998.

Within the amateur community, he's best known as one of the original cosponsors--with Texas Republican Pete Sessions--of HR 4720. That's the bill pending in Congress aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--in erecting antennas.

COSPONSOR LIST FOR CC&R BILL, HR 4720, CONTINUES TO GROW

Four new cosponsors have signed aboard HR 4720, the bill in Congress aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--in erecting antennas. The latest additions make a total of nine new cosponsors in the past month alone. HR 4720 has been referred to the House Telecommunications and Internet Subcommittee.

To date, 27 members of the US House of Representatives have agreed to cosponsor the measure. The list includes two amateurs--Oregon Republican Greg Walden, WB7OCE--one of the two original cosponsors of HR 4720 with Texas Republican Pete Sessions--and Arkansas Democrat Mike Ross, WD5DVR.

Walden and Ross are believed to be the only Amateur Radio licensees in the US House of Representatives.

Arkansas Section Manager Bob Ideker, WB5VUH, credits the Fort Smith Amateur Radio Club with influencing one of the most recent cosponsors--Arkansas Republican John Boozman--to sign onto the bill as a cosponsor. A third Arkansas congressman, Democrat Marion Berry, also is new to the list. "Three congressmen from Arkansas down, one to go!" exclaimed Ideker.

Other recent arrivals include representatives Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Constance Morella (R-MD), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), Mike McIntyre (D-NC), Michael McNulty (D-NY), and Neil Abercrombie (D-OH).

On Capitol Hill for a visit September 19, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said his meetings with members of Congress and their staff in general and with House Internet and Telecommunications Subcommittee members in particular were very favorable. "All my work on The Hill on HR 4720 was extremely encouraging," Haynie said. "I felt real good about it."

New York Democrat Steve Israel introduced HR 4720--the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act"--on May 14. The measure would require private land-use regulators--such as homeowners' associations--to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

For more information, visit the HR 4720, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2002 page on the ARRL Web site, www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr4720.