

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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NOTES

CLUB NET:
Thursday's 8:00PM
146.64 RPT

W.C.A.R.C.
EMERGENCY CORPS NET
Sunday's 8:00PM
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League Supports Codeless License

The League's Board of Directors voted July 22nd to file Petition for Rulemaking with the FCC proposing a codeless class of amateur license. The "Communicator" class licensee would have all mode operating privileges above 220 MHz (or 222 MHz) with output power limited to 250 watts. Licensees couldn't operate a station in repeater or auxiliary operation. Callsigns would be indistinguishable from Novices, so that the Communicator wouldn't carry a stigma associated with his class of license.

The League's proposal would broaden the scope of amateur radio and make it more attractive to potential newcomers. It would mean new hams for emergency and public service activities, new technically-oriented hams for experimentation and development of new ideas, and firsthand exposure of technology to kids which will lead them into careers in science and engineering.

The proposal would result in amateur radio making fuller use of the incredibly valuable spectrum allocated to us. When's the last time you worked 900? Or 1200? or 2400(MHz)? The entire .5-3 GHz band will be up for review and possible reallocation at the 1992 WARC in Spain. Other services think the spectrum is valuable and have uses for it if we don't need it. There is room for new hams and we should welcome them.

We expect that the first newcomers to enter amateur radio via a codeless route would be family members and friends of existing hams - spouses, and especially, bright kids. The Technical professionals who have heard about amateur radio before but never wanted to learn the code would find it a snap to earn a license and get on the air - and then contribute to making amateur radio better.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the NEWSLETTER may be made via PACKET, on 145.07mz, by connecting to WBSUUT-1 PBBS. Or you may call me at 255-1639. Since I don't frequent 2mtrs much, you may also contact me on my 224.42mz Repeater, or on the 444.825mz Repeater. Both have coverage in Georgetown.

You may mail contributions to: Louis Bancook WBSUUT, 2200 Logan Dr., Round Rock, Tx. 78664.

A codeless license with a tough written exam won't open up the floodgates, but it would enrich the service with new blood, new ideas and new contributors.

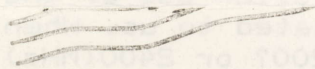
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DX DOODLINGS : A Monthly Miscellany from NT5C

Last month I described a unique QSO (and QSL!) when I operated as W200KA for the Austin club. That wasn't the only highlight. I was called by 9N88C, a Japanese DXpedition to the Himalayas, and by ZC4AB, in the British zone of Cyprus. Now - they would NOT have called NT5C! Also, I had my first QSO with long-time British friend G3TOK. John and I began as SWLs together, over there in 1948. But there were two more QSOs which probably set some sort of record.

Early on, I worked KC4GTN in Virginia. David was a nine year old novice. Then, just as I was getting ready to QRT at the end of my final two-hour time slot, two VKs frantically called me: "Please listen for VK4HA; Please listen for Harry." Harry was a barely detectable 3 and 3, but it was worth the effort. He was 97 years old. That's a spread of 88 years worked, in six hours. Any challengers?

73, and good DX. John.



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