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147.27/R and 444.225/R

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President Report...de NY2U

I hope all of you are surviving after our recent heat wave to hit the Capital District. It has been a few years since I've seen it stay this hot. However, if you think about it, this is just what a lot of us asked for this winter while digging our way out of the Blizzard of '93. Well, maybe not this hot !!

Let me thank the many that showed up at the June meeting for our yearly election of officers. I believe once again the TARA membership has elected an outstanding group of officers that will take us through the next year. I'm looking forward to working with this board of directors and to see what ways we can keep TARA moving. Also, many thanks to Bruce, KA2HRM, for handling all the election results.

What more can be said about the outstanding job Jerry, N2QIP, and the whole Field Day committee did with our Field Day? I know I cannot come up with anything that would justify their efforts. There are so many memorable moments I would like to reflect upon but I'll save that for next months **Special Field Day Edition**. Jack has stated that this will be the "*Grand Daddy*" of newsletters so make sure you don't miss it.

Repeater Manger Report ...de N2LUD

Since the last report, no changes have been introduced to the repeaters and no major problems have surfaced (keep knockin' on that wood). There have been some minor disturbances in the system, but nothing effecting the operation so far.

If anyone is interested in knowing what's occurring at the site, please feel free to talk to myself or John (WA1YXQ) and we will be more than happy to discuss things with you. Otherwise, please bear with us as we try to keep the system working as flawless as possible. However, it will be necessary to shut the system down occasionally to make necessary adjustments and tests. Once again, John and I would like to thank you all for your patience.

Election Results

The election of Officers for the Troy Amateur Radio Association was held on June 15, 1993.

The following members were elected to office:

| | |
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| President | Bill, NY2U |
| Vice President | Jack, N2LBZ |
| Treasurer | Tom, N2TTA |
| Secretary | June, KA2VEK |

Board of Directors

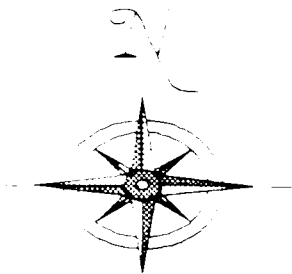
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| Kenny | KB2KFB |
| Jerry | N2QIP |
| Rudy | N2JZK |
| Bud | WF2B |
| Steve | N2PZP |

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers for 1993.

Mr. Bill Does It Again....

Our humble apologies go out to Margaret, N2PEK and Roy, N2OWC, for not bringing their names up to the membership at the last meeting. Their names were reviewed by the Board of Directors and were excepted with no problems. So please except this as another Mr. Bill mix up.

Also, while were still telling of my errors there was a mistake on page 7, of the June newsletter in the Congratulations article. While giving you some of WF2B older calls we goofed and gave the call KB2CT as one of his. This is in error and should have read KB2FC. The Staff and Management here at The TARA Newsletter hang our heads in shame.



NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Schenectady Museum Amateur Radio Association

S.M.A.R.A.

During the summer months SMARA will hold informal monthly meetings instead of the regular business meetings. These meetings can be better used to prepare the station for winter months. Word has it that "Sy", N2IUL, is still giving a helping hand at guiding SMARA in their satellite project.

At the June monthly meeting for TARA we were very glad to see Jay, N2RIZ, in attendance that evening. Jay is the editor for SMARA and was kind enough to bring along some samples of their fine newsletter. Those newsletters didn't last long so I hope you had a chance to review one.

Those in need of information about this club should contact Peter Harvey, WB2FWK, at home (518)664-2188. TX

Albany Amateur Radio Association
Club Repeater: 145.19/R KM2H

A.A.R.A.

On 1600Z August 28 - 2200Z August 29, 1993, Albany ARA will be sponsoring the Empire State QSO Party. The exchange for this contest is QSO number, State (County in NY), VE province or country. If you're going to run as a single op station you may run a full 24 hours with time-off periods of at least 15 minutes in length and noted in logs. Those interested should look in QST or contact John Yodis, K2VV, for a complete set of contest rules.

If you're using **CT - Revision 8** as your logging program you might want to contact Jim, N1CC, for a New York database for this program.

AARA meetings are held monthly September through May at the Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Avenue, Colonie, N.Y. Starting time is 7:45 PM with the Social Hour starting at 7:00 PM. Talk-in will be provided for those needing directions on the KM2H, 145.19/R. TX

Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S. Association
Club Repeater: 147.24/R WA2UMX

S.C.R.A.

The next meeting for Saratoga RACES will take place on Monday, September 13, 1993, at the County Solar Building in Ballston Spa. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

At the June meeting final plans were made for their Field Day which by all accounts was a very successful event. However, not to overshadow the Field Day plans there was mention of the upcoming Hamfest on September 11, 1993. The speaker for the evening was Dave Atwell, N2FEP, Chairman of the Hamfest and serves as Emergency Coordinator for the County of Saratoga. It seems Dave was wearing two hats that evening. First he spoke about the Hamfest and then about the new Saratoga County Communications Van that was parked outside. Everyone was very proud of the contributions the club had made for this van over the last year. After the meeting everyone was invited to tour the new van and see first hand all the new equipment RACES provided.

If you need to find out more about this organization please contact President - Jim Polewczak, KG2H, at (518)695-6878. TX

Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society
Club Repeater: 147.21\R WB2UE

R.V.W.A.R.S.

Well, another exciting Field Day has come and gone but the final figures are still being tallied to see who will be eating crow this year. I'm sure by now Rich, KF2CE, is praying to his pet rock for a Ripper victory. The contest fever was getting so intense that I had to send the TARA R.A.T.S. on yet another mission to see just what the "Generic" club was up to. After a brief trip, by way of Poughkeepsie, the R.A.T.S. reported everything was going according to plans.

The Rippers continue to have a very busy summer schedule ahead of them starting with the upcoming Hudson Heritage Bike Race in Rhinebeck, on July 11. Next is the M.S. Bike Race on July 17 and 18, followed by the annual RVWARS picnic on July 25, at the home of Dave, WD2K. Anyone that would like to help with any of these events are asked to contact Dave. Also, please remember that TARA was very graciously invited to attend the picnic. Everyone is asked to please bring along a little something for the grill or beverages. Once again Dave will provide the tooth picks and water!

On August 15, 1993, from 1400Z - 1800Z RVWARS will be sponsoring their **First Annual Summer VHF Sprint**. The rules for this are the same as the one held in the winter. If anybody needs more information about this contest please call John, WA2FUZ, at (518)966-8654.

Anyone that requires information about this club please contact Dave Watrous, WD2K, at home (518)732-7532 (evenings please) TX

Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club
Club Repeater: 145.39\R WA1ZMS

So.V.A.R.C.

As we get closer and closer to August I hope many of you have marked your calendar for SoVARC Special event weekend? I know one person that must be getting itchy by now and that's Micky, N1JIF. Why you ask? Because on August 14-15, 1993, (1400Z-0500Z) Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club will be operating a special events station

under the call of **N1JIF** to commemorate the Battle of Bennington and the 3rd anniversary of their club. All bands from 80 - 10 meters will be used for this event, *including* the Novice phone segment of 10 meters. For your personal copy of their special certificate, please send QSL card with the contact number on it, along with a 9" X 12" S.A.S.E. to Micky Carrow, N1JIF, RR #2 — Box 48, Bennington, Vermont 05201-9537. TX

Burlington Amateur Radio Club
Club Repeater: 146.61/ -600

B.A.R.C.

We're very glad this month to add the Burlington Club to our club section. We have received our complimentary copy of their BARC Newsletter and it is a very well laid out newsletter, with plenty of information.

A report written by Ron, N1LDT, goes on to explain that the Vermont ARES has grown tremendously over the last year. They started the year with just 15 to 20 members. Since then they have increased the ranks to a healthy 85 members strong. Even with this growth they are still looking to add more to the list of trained amateurs that can be called upon in case of emergency.

A new 2 meter repeater on 145.11/ -600 was installed on top of Whiteface Mountain in Eastern NY with the thanks to Darry Roberts, WN2F. The callsign on the repeater is WN2F and

its sole purpose is RACES emergency communications. From what I read this is not the place to go and ragchew for an hour. This repeater is on a very strict one year trial by the State of New York and is heavily monitored by many State and Environmental agencies. Please use the repeater when needed but for casual rag chewing use one of the many fine repeaters throughout Eastern NY and Vermont. It's hoped that this repeater will cover the Ausable area which had no reliable coverage in the past.

Everyone from TARA wishes your organization the very best and we look forward to seeing your newsletter in the future. TV

Capital District Amateur Radio Council

SCHEDULE

| Monday | Freq. (MHz) | Thursday |
|---------|--|----------|
| 7 00 pm | 145.17 444.225 145.19* | 5:00 pm |
| 7 15 pm | 146.82 224.42 224.14 442.1/Utica 444.05/Vt. 921.1/Ma. 921.2* | 5:15 pm |
| 7 30 pm | 147.00 147.06 | 5:30 pm |
| 7 45 pm | 146.91/Ma. 147.12 | 5:45 pm |
| 8 00 pm | 145.37 146.76 147.18 442.20 | 6:00 pm |

(PM PREVAILING LOCAL TIME) * -

incorporates linking systems. Some links may not always be operable. This schedule includes the linked TARA repeaters on 145.17 and 444.225 MHz in East Greenbush. These replace the PL'ed WA2SPJ repeater on 147.27. Nineteen (19) repeaters are now served by the CDARC Bulletin Service. For further information, contact WA3RKB @ WA2UMX.NY or connect to WA3RKB-4 on 144.95 MHz or call 518/439-4519 weeknights after 8:30.

Let's Talk Radio Network

Community Video Associates, Inc., has taken over production of satellite radio's, "This Week in Amateur Radio". This bulletin/broadcast service, part of the "Let's Talk Radio Network", airs each Saturday afternoon at 5:00 PM via the Spacenet 3 communications satellite, transponder 21, 5.8 MHz }deband audio. Here in the Capital District, "This Week in Amateur Radio" can be heard Mondays at 8:15 PM, immediately following the CDARC Bulletins on the N2JXO repeater in Poestenkill, at 145.37 MHz. Origination of this weekly newsmagazine from the Albany, New York, area began Saturday, March 6th. The program offers "Newslines", "RAIN" - the Radio Amateur Information Network, and other information features to radio hobbyists across the continent. Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, hosts the show. George Bowen, N2LQS is the Technical Director. The program format incorporates telephone interviews, contest and DX segments, hamfest listings, and late breaking news events and information items pertaining to the communications arts. Additional repeaters and relay stations interested in obtaining this weekly service are asked to contact WA3RKB by landline most evenings after 8:30 PM at 518/439-4519, or via packet connect WA3RKB @ WA2UMXNY or connect to WA3RKB-4 on 144.95 MHz.

Field Day '93 Chairman Report

de N2QIP, Jerry Jackson

Field Day '93 is now past history. Your dry mouth and rough throat from contesting is back to normal. Those seldom used sore muscles have healed, and the kink in your back from the hard ground has disappeared. Oh yes, let's not forget about that indigestion from gorging yourself on all that good food, or the ten too many cups of coffee. All of the above which seems to go along with Field Day is gone. Still left is the camaraderie, fellowship, laughter, and all out teamwork which remains in the mind and heart forever. I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of mine for the part you have contributed in the success of Field Day '93.

TEAMWORK.... makes a Big Job--Small and a Small Job--Fun! I had a barrel full, hope you did too? TX

Azden Product Review

de N2NEH, Chris Linck

The following saga tells of the adventures of N2NEH with the Azden Corporation of America.

I took delivery of one of those new Azden 6 meter mobile FM radios on May 20, 1993. The price was \$389.00, plus tax and Azden ships the radio **FREE** of charge.

I immediately attacked the owner's manual and learned the basic "how to" for power-up and antenna requirements. The radio proved to have a very good receiver but I was a mite puzzled by the Azden manual's Japanese translations to literal English. It took me about three hours of study plus some trial and error before I was fully able to program and operate the radio. After that, it's now a piece of cake!

My first 6 meter contact was with WA1MIU on 52.525MHz; next we moved to the Mt Greylock 23 repeater. These initial contacts were conducted with 10 watts (output power) fed

into a 1/4 wave mag mount antenna located in my attic. Later I went "hill-topping" with a home-brew 1/4 wave ground plane.

While having a good time up on the hill, disaster struck. At first the relays in the send and receive circuit did not un-key immediately after releasing the push-to-talk button on the mike. Quickly I made some checks to make sure it wasn't caused by operator error or stray Rf floating around. The problem progressed to the point that the relays finally wouldn't un-key at all.

I contacted Lou at Azden on Monday, May 24, 1993. Explaining my problem to him was an easy exercise of one ham talking to another. "Send it back," he said. "We'll push it through and make it right."

Although the Memorial Day long weekend was delaying shipping, Lou called me on June 1, to confer on the problem. One hour later he called me back to tell me that the problem was fixed and Azden was immediately shipping the radio back to me. It showed up on my back step on Thursday, June 3, 1993.

The radio was immediately put back into service and the problem was truly gone. The folks at Azden even had reprogrammed the radio with the specs I had.

Editor's Note: It was very refreshing to read this review as told by Chris, N2NEH. Wouldn't it be fantastic if other companies would follow their service policy? If anyone else has a review that they would like to share with us please send it to Jack, N2LBZ.

Free Maps...de N2LUD

Topographic maps (Black and White Copies) are available if you so desire. It may take some time to produce these because of time restraints and other commitments, but as always we'll try! If you're interested please contact me at the next meeting.

Thank You
Bob, N2LUD
 Repeater Manager

Public Service Events in the Capital District ...de N2LUD

Samaritan Hospital Father's Day Fun Run

According to Clara Hunt, Samaritan Hospital administrator, the run was a complete success and for those of you in attendance, received either a neon orange or neon green shirt for identification and as was attested by many of the runners, "...they were visible for miles..." This marks the third year TARA has participated in this event. Each year this event gets bigger and better. Thank you to those who participated:

KB2LNG, N2USE, KF2MR, WA3RKB, N2SHA, N2LUD, N2PZP, N2SBA, N2VLS, N2TPF, WB2KDD, KB2LSQ, N2QIP, KA2VEK, KE2XF, N2LBZ, N2LGZ, N2LBT and NY2U

Presently I'm working with officials in two other public service events to be held this summer. The first is the *Run For Roses Road Race* in Grafton and the other is a triathlon to be held at Cherry Plains State Park. I'll keep you all posted about these events.

Authors Note: Being the coordinator of this race taught me a lot and from what comments I've been receiving has been quite an experience for others. If there is enough feedback, I would like to do a presentation to the club on conduct at such events and define "Routine and Emergency" Traffic

Future Events

- Run For Roses...Grafton - 8/29/93
- Triathlon....Cherry Plains - 8/14/93
- Uncle Sam Parade..Troy - 9/13/93
- Hunger Walk Green Island N/A

Please Keep These Dates Open !

News From Newington.....

The ARRL Letter

Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, Dies at 43; Was V.P. of Ham Radio Outlet

Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, the vice president of Ham Radio Outlet, died June 13, 1993, in Yorba, Calif., after a long battle with cancer. He was 43 years old, born June 19, 1949, in Rockford, Ill., and was the husband of Shirley Rafferty.

An active operator, Rafferty, is remembered for his participation in the first operation from Kingman Reef, KP6KR, in 1974. He was one of the team to gather around the microphone and put out the first CQ from the new country.

In recent years he operated from the Cayman Islands as ZF2FL and later as ZF2JR, specializing in 40 meters. He held the world record for single-band 40 meters in the CQ Worldwide Phone Contest.

One of his labors of love was, every fall, to update the DXCC countries file for the "CT" software used by many active contest operators. He mailed copies of the new file to friends around the country who passed it along to others.

Rafferty also teamed with KL7GRF to translate the famous "*W9IOP Second Op*" into software and then marketed it as the N6RJ Second OP.

Although an executive at HRO, Rafferty manned the "800" line in Anaheim, side-by-side with other store employees, over the years answering question for thousands of ham callers. He was friendly and knowledgeable, always knowing where the best deal was, even if it wasn't at HRO.

A final honor for N6RJ was appearing on the cover of the July, 1993, issue of *CQ Magazine*. He saw a copy of the magazine, just off the press, only hours before his death.

The new French ARSENE Amateur Radio satellite became available for Mode-S use on June 1, 1993. The 16-kHz uplink passband is centered at 435.100 MHz, with a corresponding downlink passband centered at 2446.540 MHz. Authorized modes include SSB and CW.

The investigation continues concerning the failure of the satellite's 2-meter packet downlink.

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ARRL membership figures are nearing their all-time high, which was 168,961 at the end of 1978. Full membership is already at an all-time high.

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The founder of Yeasu has died. Sako Hasegawa, JA1MP, died June 12, 1993, in Tokyo, Japan. He was 64 years old.

Hasegawa had been involved in the introduction of SSB to Japanese amateurs in the 1950s. In the 1960s he was a driving force in opening up other modes, particularly radioteletype.

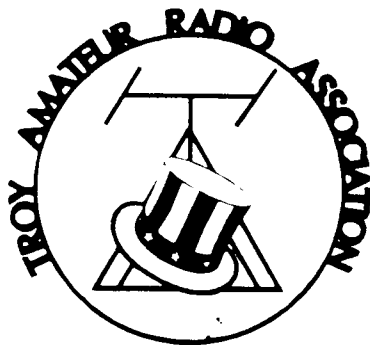
Troy Amateur Radio Association

T.N.T. Trader Net

Freq: 147.27/R (WA2SPJ)

Time: 9:00 PM (Weekly)

Day: Thursday



"The Full Service Repeaters"

F.C.C. Takes Action...

The ARRL Letter

The F.C.C. has fined a Florida woman for unlicensed operation on 2 meters. Margaret G. Taylor of Vero Beach, received a Notice of Apparent Liability for \$2,000 for allegedly operating on 145.53 MHz. on February 8, 1993.

In another action, the F.C.C. has fined Rodney S. Seden, NH6UC, a Technician Class amateur, \$2,000 for unlicensed operation on 27.085 MHz, on May 12, 1993. Two others also were fined \$2,000 for "Out-of-band" CB operation.

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The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators met June 17, 1993. The following excerpt was given by John Johnston, Chief of the FCC's Personal Radio Branch Special Services Division, and several of the FCC's data processing specialists.

The FCC estimates with the new computer upgrades and electronic automation with the VECs the paper applications could take just 10 days for processing (rather than six weeks or more). Those that are electronic disk files could take three or four days, and electronic applications via an FCC BBS might take as little as two days!

New HF Beacon Station...

A new beacon began operation May 13, 1993, from Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska (67N, 168W). Its call sign is NAF and it runs 100 watts to a 3-band fan dipole on the following schedule: 00 and 01 minutes after the hour on 5.604 kHz; 20 and 21 minutes after the hour on 11.004 kHz; and 40 and 41 minutes after the hour on 16.804 kHz. Transmissions are narrowband CW and FSK.

The beacon will be monitored by government facilities in Fairbanks, Alaska; Seattle,

Washington, State College of Pennsylvania; and San Diego, California. The project's sponsor is the Naval Security Group Command in Washington, D C

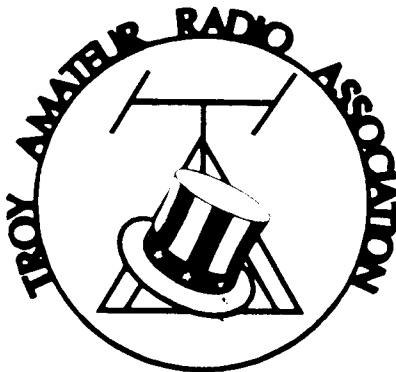
A government spokesman said the project is "purely scientific". The purpose of the project is to prove a "rigorous verification" of field strength models done by HF propagation prediction programs like IONCAP which are used, for example, to generate the predictions published each month in *QST*.

Reception reports are encouraged and will be acknowledged with a colorful QSL card. Send them to Bob Rose, K6GKU, Code 54, NRaD Division, NCCOSC, 271 Catalina Blvd., San Diego, California 92152; or to Dr. Gus Lott, KR4K, Code GX, COMNAVSECGRU, 3801 Nebraska, Ave., NW, Washington DC 20393.

Another beacon from Rarotonga in the South Cook Islands, is scheduled to go on the air in the fall on low VHF frequencies as well as the three NAF frequencies. *73*

T.A.R.A. VE Team *Special Announcement!*

The list below is the schedule for *all* of the summer exam sessions being held at R.P.I. (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) in the C.I.I Building, Room 4040. This new room is located in the same building as we have used in the past, and you will use the same entrance. After you come through the doors of the entrance the elevator is just to your right. Use the elevator and go up one floor (4th Floor). After you exit the elevator, take a right and follow it around the hallway until you locate room 4040 on your left. For the exams given *July*, and *August* the doors will open at 6:20PM; with the exam(s) starting at 7:00PM.



~ Albany/Troy VE-Team Schedule 1993 ~

- ♦ **July 28th (Wednesday)**
C.I.I. Building -
Room 4040 7:00PM
- ♦ **August 31th (Tuesday)**
C.I.I. Building -
Room 4040 7:00PM
- ♦ **October 9th (Saturday)**
C.I.I. Building -
Room 3051 9:00AM
- ♦ **November 13th (Saturday)**
C.I.I. Building -
Room 3051 9:00AM

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NY2U, (518)273-924
VE-Team Contact - Bud Hovey,
WF2B, (518)283-2337

The TARA Trading Post...

TARA assumes no responsibility for any of the items listed in this section. Those that wish to list their items must do so before the first of each month. Amateur related items only please!

1. Kenwood TH-27A 2 meter FM Handy Talkie, with extended receive, 3 battery packs, soft case, BC-15 rapid charger, car adapter/charger, MINT condition...\$425.00
2. Yaesu FT-290R MKII 2 meter all mode transceiver, 2.5/25 watts output, with mobile mounting bracket, TTP mike, manual and original boxes. BRAND NEW with warranty card...\$530.00
3. Australian OUTBACKER 8 band mobile antenna/with manual, fits standard ball mount, EXCELLENT CONDITION...\$200.00
4. Uniden Bearcat 70XLT 10 band/20 channel programmable scanner (29 - 512 MHz) with charger, DC cord, leather case, EXCELLENT CONDITION...\$95.00
5. Larsen LM-150 and 2 meter mobile whip (5/8 wave) ...\$45.00
6. Comet Duplexer 2 meter/440 MHz\$55.00
7. Cushcraft AR-270B 2 meter/440 MHz base antenna....\$75.00
8. Cushcraft 10-4CD Skywalker 4 Element 10 meter beam....\$165.00
9. Weller soldering gun kit High wattage, case and accessories...\$35.00
10. GAM TG-5MS 2 meter double colinear vertical antenna 8.5db gain...\$80.00

**For further information call John
- WA2FUZ at (518)966-8654**

(This is the Final Installment on Emergency Comm.)

Can you receive payment for your Amateur Radio assistance?

No, the FCC regulations prohibit payments for the use of an Amateur Radio station. Specifically, 97.112 No remuneration for use of station.

(a) An amateur station shall not be used to transmit or receive messages for hire, nor for communication for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised.

Note that this rule does not prohibit you from being reimbursed for incidental expenses unrelated to your radio communication. If you assist at a disaster scene 100 miles from your home, you are not prohibited from receiving reimbursement for out of pocket travel expenses unrelated to your radio communication. For example, if as an American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer you are flown to the scene of a disaster where you happen to use Amateur Radio as part of the relief effort, you are not required to pay your own air fare.

In summary, the FCC encourages activities that benefit the public. In the FCC letter regarding the NYC Marathon, FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Robert Foosaner wrote, "Please inform your group that their licenses are not endangered by participating in the marathon. They have my support and my personal thanks for serving the public."

Public service activities are an important, if not the primary method, of training for participation in actual disasters and emergencies. When the public needs your help, often in a life or death emergency, they need trained assistance. You would not want untrained paramedics at an injury accident - nor do you want inexperienced hams handling communications at a quake damaged hospital.

Press use of Amateur Radio

Both business use and broadcasting, which the FCC defines as "the dissemination of radio communications intended to be received by the

public directly ... are prohibited within the Amateur Radio Service.

In general, the media may not directly use Amateur Radio to collect information for their broadcasts. However, there are two important exceptions. First, anyone may listen to ham radio conversations. In the FCC's Report and Order 79-47, they wrote that it is okay for broadcasters to retransmit Amateur Radio transmissions. The broadcaster does not need permission of the FCC nor of the stations involved. This means that broadcasters were legal in retransmitting live descriptions of earthquake destruction emanating from Mexico City.

The days are long past when a hand held radio, or even a phone patch, could impress your local police and fire officials into incorporating ham radio in their disaster planning. Today, these planning officials have their own phone patches, their own cellular radiotelephones, and are building packet systems on their public safety frequencies. To meet today's challenges we must work together as a skilled team to provide creative communications solutions, inventing new technologies and finding innovative uses for traditional systems, like HF SSB, VHF FM, and ATV.

Acknowledgements

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I'd also very much like to express appreciation to Craig Smith, N6ITW, District Emergency Coordinator for San Mateo County.

"But is this legal?"

If you are in doubt as to the legality of a particular Amateur Radio operation, the ARRL recommends contacting your local Section Manager or other ARRL official. He or she can

provide an answer or pass the question to the appropriate Amateur Radio advisor. Contacting the FCC for an opinion is generally not recommended.

The FCC prefers for the Amateur Radio Service to be self-policing. Writing to the FCC asking for a legal opinion is generally the wrong way to approach your question and has, at times, resulted in opinions developed without a full presentation of the facts.

In one instance, a hypothetical question involving phone patches was posed to two separate FCC offices. Not surprisingly, the ham received two contradictory opinions. Depending upon whom you asked, you could have created a new policy to which not even the FCC would agree to!

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(From ARRL Electronic Communications)
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