

Yankee Amateur Radio Newsletter

April 2008

Y A R N - Editor's Page

I was asked by Lee Trask - W1LWT, Yankee Club President to serve as Editor of the club newsletter.

I feel this is a positive privilege, to not only help promote the club and amateur radio; but an opportunity to meet a group of great people, some of you I know.

I look forward to this assignment and feel its an opportunity to learn from more experienced ham operators !

Thank you . . . Steve Vermette - KB1JTE.

NEWS FLASH - LEWISTON, MAINE :

The City of Lewiston had proposed a Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) ordinance under its Zoning and Land Use Codes at its April 1st city council meeting; targeting the proliferation of these facilities. Specifically, to prevent unintended interference with Public Safety communications and the potential for avoidable visual impacts in the community.

These regulations are intended to balance the interests of the telecommunications providers, their customers, public safety agencies and the public; with a series of requirements and steps in Section 4. The target group was cell phone carriers and their cell sites / towers.

However, upon further examination local amateur operators and the ARRL Regulatory Manager found it added Amateur Radio / operators into this WCF ordinance.

Several sub-sections in Section 4 added - amateur radio, antenna support structures, antennas and in Section 4h -> Under *Interference* : *amateur radio will not interfere with any public safety communications, radio, television, phone or similar services of residential and/or nonresidential properties. If interference is detectable, the owner or operator of said WCF . . . antenna or Amateur Radio is responsible for eliminating said interference.*

While the April 15th Lewiston City Council meeting with these modifications exempted amateur radios from the development review process *Section 4h* -> Was Not exempted and remained.

That is in direct violation of the FCC exclusive jurisdiction by Act of Congress 47 USC Section 302(a) under the RFI provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended.

States and local governments cannot make laws or ordinances that involve RFI matters nor can they require amateurs to cease operations, incur penalties, etc. RFI matters are totally preempted by Congress.

While this was a good intentioned WCF ordinance, adding Amateur Radio was not. The Amateur community is strongly regulated by the FCC and good engineering practices are part of our existence. Radio interference is not acceptable !

In closing, through the efforts of many area amateur operators, the ARRL Regulatory Manager Dan Henderson and the sharing of the RFI preemption document; the Lewiston City Council exercised good judgment, in immediately making a motion that was unanimously voted upon to table indefinitely the WCF ordinance. By working together we achieved positive results ! 73.

WINTER 2007/2008

WELL FOLKS, IN THE EVENT THAT WINTER IS OVER, AND HOPEFULLY IT IS, IT'S TIME TO LOOK BACK. THIS WINTER PAST WILL NO DOUBT BE THE SUBJECT OF TALL TALES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. EVEN THOUGH NO ONE WAS SNOWBOUND FOR DAYS AND THERE WERE NO HUGE BLIZZARDS WHICH CAUSED SOME FOLKS TO HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE THROUGH SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS, THE TOTAL SNOWFALL FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON WILL RANK IT AMONG THE SNOWIEST, EVER. IN SOME LOCATIONS, SUCH AS CARIBOU, MAINE, IT WAS THE SNOWIEST EVER, SINCE AIRPORT RECORDS BEGAN THERE IN 1939. AND HERE AT MY LOCATION IN TURNER, IT WAS THE SNOWIEST WINTER SINCE MY RECORDS BEGAN HERE IN 1974, WITH 131.5" TO DATE. COMPARE THAT TO A SEASONAL NORMAL HERE OF 84".

RECORDS ALSO FELL FOR MONTHLY SNOWFALLS IN DEC. AND FEB., EVEN RECORDS GOING BACK INTO THE LATE 1800S, SUCH AS IN CONCORD, NH. TO SUMMARIZE, IT WAS A WINTER OF RECORD AMOUNTS ACROSS NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND AND DESPITE NOT DUMPING ANY REALLY BIG STORMS ON US, IT WILL REMAIN IN MEMORY AS HIGH ON THE "MISERY INDEX" BECAUSE OF THE ALMOST ENDLESS SUCCESSION OF SMALLER NUISANCE STORMS WHICH PILED UP. GOOD RIDDANCE TO IT AND NOW LET'S GET MUD SEASON OUT OF THE WAY.

JERRY, K1WTX

TURNER, ME

04/09/08



On the air nets:

Sunday:

12 County Net -(starts between 9:30 - 9:45 am.)

Youth Net - 6:00 pm.

Central Maine Swap Net-7:00 pm.

Tri-County Ares Vhf traffic Net - 8:00 pm.

Monday:

Oxford County Ares Net - 7:30 pm.

(except on the first Monday.)

Tuesday:

Elmer Net - 7:00 pm.

Wednesday:

Wawa Net - 7:30 pm.

Skywarn Net- 8:30 pm.

Thursday:

Southern Aroostook Net-7:00 pm.

YL & OM Net - 8:00 pm.

Friday:

Slow Scan Net -7:30 pm.

Digital Discovery101Net

Saturday:

Skywarn Net - 7:30 pm.

Repeater List (PL TONE 100.0)

146.880 Streaked

146.850 Dixmont

146.820 Camden

147.000 Lincoln

145.350 New Sharon

146.670 Topsfield

146.970 Sugarloaf

145.170 Island Falls (PL Tone 123.0)

147.180 Sanford

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Common Packet Frequencies

145.01, .03, .05, .07, .09

SSTV Frequencies

2 meters - 145.500 FM

6 meters - 50.680 USB

PSK31 Frequencies

2 meters - 145.550 FM

2 meters - 144.144 USB

6 meters - 51.120 FM

6 meters - 50.290 USB

160 meters - 1.812

80 meters - 3.580

40 meters - 7.070

30 meters - 10.137

20 meters - 14.070

17 meters - 18.100

15 meters - 21.070

12 meters - 24.925

10 meters - 28.120

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NEXT YARC MEETING * MAY 17TH 2008 AT 11:00 A.M. *** GOVERNOR'S RESTAURANT**
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Full (\$20): _____ Family (\$30): _____ Associate(non-voting)(\$15): _____
Last Name: _____
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First Name: _____ Callsign: _____
First Name: _____ Callsign: _____
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