



Chipola Amateur Radio Club

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Newsletter

May 19th, 2009

REPEATERS

146.670 –
147.045+, 123CG
444.950+, 123CG

CLUB NET

Our club, along with the Jackson County ARES, sponsors a net every Monday night at 7 PM on 146.670-.

CLUB EVENTS

May 19th, Club Meeting
Jun 16th, Club Meeting
Jul 18th, Meeting/Test Session

OTHER EVENTS

Jun 27-28, Field Day

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May – Kevin, KI4ANR

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FROM THE VICE

The Prez gave me the privilege of writing a short note to the club. I really had no idea what to say until I wrote the title above. Then, with a little prompting from God, I decided to write about vices. According to dictionary.com, my favorite dictionary in the computer age, a vice is “an immoral or evil habit or practice.” But wait a minute....who says what’s immoral or evil. What’s considered immoral in one country, state, city or even an individual home is not considered immoral in another. The only true source of what is immoral or not is God. He laid out for us in his words some clear cut laws to follow. The most famous of these are the ten commandments. If ten laws is too much for us to follow, then Jesus boiled them all down to just two: 1) Love the Lord and 2) love each other (Matt 22:37-39). That ought to be simple enough for anyone.

Getting back to vices, if a ham radio operator was to have a vice what would it be? Maybe talking on the radio too much? Maybe spending too much money on equipment? Maybe tinkering on electronics too much? Well if we apply the logic from above to that question, it would be doing anything that hinders the love of God or others. To say that another way, failing to show your love of God and others through your use of radio would be a vice. A good question to ask yourself would be “How can I use radio to show my love for God and others?” You will have to decide the answer to that question yourself.

FIELD DAY

Where the spirit of “Amateur Radio Past” joins forces with the Next Generation of Innovations, Interests and Individuals!!!

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air operating event in amateur radio. On the fourth full weekend in June, tens of thousands of amateur radio operators gather for a public demonstration of our service. Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – and ALL about FUN!

Amateur radio is about knowledge and growth. It is a hobby and service that truly offers “something for everyone.” Amateur Radio embraces both the old and new. While CW may no longer be a testing element, it is still a strong and favorite operating mode for many. Tens of thousands of operators are embracing digital technologies, from RTTY to newer digital modes like PSK31 and Olivia. Phone operation, probably the largest segment of the hobby, also has new frontiers to be explored with digitized voice, VOIP, and IRLP. And this is why Field Day – the largest annual on-the-air operating event – is so exciting. It gives all – the old timer and the newcomer, the brass-pounder and the computer assisted operator – the chance to share and teach the broad range of modes and technologies we find in our hobby.

Field Day is truly the time in which we bring amateur radio to Main Street USA. By setting up in parking lots, malls, Emergency Operations Centers, parks and even at home, amateur operators learn skills that will allow them to better serve their communities. Setting up in these public venues gives added public relations value – their friends and neighbors can see and experience the fun and public service capability that their “ham radio” neighbors bring to the community.