

Mohave Amateur Radio Club

March 2011 Newsletter



K7MPR

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Club Repeater Net

The club holds A weekly traffic and information net every Monday at 7:00 P.M.
The frequency is 448.650 PL tone of 151.4
Support Your Club And Check In!

Club Meetings

The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hualapai Mountain Medical Center 3801 Santa Rosa Dr in the Conference Room, Kingman, Az 86409.

All amateurs and visitors are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Bill Smith - KD7MIA at 928-565-1136 or by email at bill1021@npgcable.com

Newsletter Articles Wanted

Working on a new kit or homebrew project?
Have you recently received a rare or interesting QSL card?
Send them in and I'll post them in the newsletter!



News from Around the World

Monday, March 7, 2011

Here Comes the Sun!

The sunspots are back and so is the DX! Saturday's sunspot number hit 143, the highest since 2005! Ten and 15 meters were hopping over the weekend, due to a combination of improved propagation and contest activity. Check out the CQ Facebook page and CQ Propagation Editor NW7US's website at <http://prop.hfradio.org/> to stay up to date on the latest info. Plus, learn the science behind the sunspots in CQ magazine.

Now turn off the computer and turn on that long-neglected HF ham rig! The ionosphere is hot and so are the ham bands!

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Hams Reported Active in New Zealand Rescue Operations

Radio New Zealand is reporting that a small team of amateur radio operators is using two communication vans to help rescue teams and civil defense officials stay in touch, and that other hams are sending information to overseas family members of Christchurch residents. The city was struck by a major earthquake earlier this week.

According to the report, Richard Smart, who heads the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications team, says 10 hams are working with rescue officials, with one van set up at a major welfare center to keep it in touch with Civil Defence officials and the other en route to help search-and-rescue teams in an area with poor communications.

Smart also told Radio New Zealand that amateurs from around the country are volunteering to help out and others are sending updates on the disaster to families of people in Christchurch who are overseas. While no frequencies were included in the

report, it is important that hams in other parts of the world listen carefully before transmitting to make sure they are not potentially interfering with either emergency or health-and-welfare traffic. There are propagation paths between ZL and North America, especially on 20 and 40 meters (see earlier postings).

Tnx Newsline & ARRL

Posted by CQ Newsroom at [7:54 AM](#)

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

ARRL: Three of Four Americans Killed by Pirates Were Hams

The ARRL is reporting that three of the four American sailors killed by Somali Pirates in the Indian Ocean were hams. It identifies the three as Scott Adam, K9ESO; his wife Jean, KF6RVB; and Bob Riggle, KE7IIV. The fourth person on board the S/V *Quest* was identified as Phylis Macay, who was not a ham. The Adams were from the Los Angeles area while Riggle and Macay lived in Seattle.

The following additional details are from the ARRL website:

According to the US Central Command, the boat was in the Indian Ocean, headed toward the Somali coast when on Friday, the 58 foot yacht sent a distress signal. The boat was being trailed by US Navy forces; it was about a two day sail from the Somali coast. They had begun tracking the yacht after being alerted that a Danish naval helicopter had seen the *Quest* off Oman under the pirates' control. The Central Command oversees US anti-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean.

Officials were in the process of negotiating for the Americans' release when gunfire was heard around 1 AM (EST) on Tuesday, February 22. "As (US forces) responded to the gunfire, reaching and boarding the *Quest*, the forces discovered all four hostages had been shot by their captors," a statement from US Central Command said. "Despite immediate steps to provide life-saving care, all four hostages ultimately died of their wounds."

Posted by CQ Newsroom at 3:06 PM



ARISSat Launch Delayed Until July

NOTE: The following updates information in both March and April issues of CQ.

The launch of ARISSat-1, currently on board the International Space Station (ISS), has been delayed until July. The satellite was initially scheduled to be hand-launched by the ISS crew during a spacewalk in mid-February. However, a change in the work schedule for the February spacewalk pushed back the ARISSat launch and the ham community was initially told it would be launched in April, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the first manned space flight, by Yuri Gagarin. The latest information, however, indicates that the next spacewalk by ISS crew now will not take place until July at the earliest. For more information on ARISSat-1, see the "VHF-Plus" column in the April issue of CQ and the ARISSat-1 website at <<http://www.arissat-1.org/>>.

Posted by CQ Newsroom at 3:00 PM

Montenegro Added to FCC's Reciprocity List

Courtesy CIA World Fact Book

The FCC has added Montenegro to the list of European countries in which U.S.-licensed hams may operate under the CEPT (European Council of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations) reciprocal operating agreement. The ARRL reports that the change took effect on February 7th. Under CEPT rules, full amateur privileges are granted only to US hams holding Advanced or Extra Class licenses. General Class hams receive limited CEPT Novice privileges, while US Technicians and Novices have no privileges in CEPT countries.

Posted by CQ Newsroom at 2:27 PM





Welcome Wagon

Welcome to our newest members!!!
Glad you joined us!
We hope that you enjoy the club as much as we do!

James Baker - not yet a ham!
Ray Cullison - KA7OAQ - 30 years
Woody Sherwood - WO9ODY - 18 years
John Howell - KD7CSP - 12 years
Velma Cheety - WV3LMA - 32 years
Phil Cheety - WB7BTS - 32 years

(and no, the years after the call signs are NOT their age!! LOL!)



Upcoming Events

Saturday April 16th 2:00pm

Western Arizona Radio Club has invited us to join them for their Bullhead Club Picnic!
It will be at Rotary Park in Bullhead.

4:00 to eat.

Please bring a dish to pass around and bring your own drink!
Sounds like fun!!!!



Keep your eyes and ears open for information about our upcoming Field Day!!!!

It will be held June, 25th & 26th.

More information to follow in upcoming newsletters and on our website!

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"Mr. Nelson...I'm afraid you will have to leave the air for a while during this procedure."

Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

V G D H V C T Z K Q W P V A R
X Z L U S I F O S Y O C Q D Q
Y C E Q B P A N O T B N B R Z
L E P E H L A H O Q N J V A K
N L R U K K I F S E I X C C O
A T E J E C G N E I A M I L I
N I C S X O I R P Y R R T U D
F C H M L N G R V R T I N A S
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N T J W W K L Q U C H L Y U P
J B Q A P F Z O K U N Q O J X
I W I N B I R E L A N D G S Y
J D C K C O R M A H S Y B Z X



CELTIC
IRELAND
LEPRECHAUN
POTOFGOLD
SHAMROCK

DUBLIN
IRISH
LIMERICK
RAINBOW
SNAKES

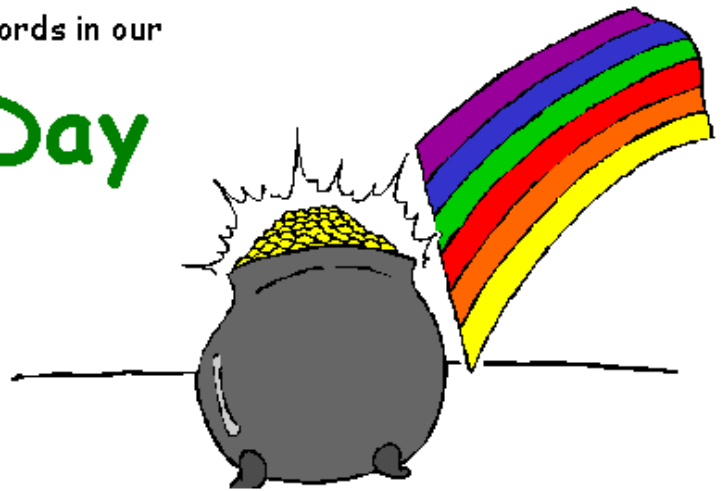
GREEN
LEGEND
PATRICK
SAINT



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

St Patrick's Day Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):



a c **h** k m o r s

a d **e** i l n r

a b i n o **r** w

d g **l** o

c k **l** u y

a c i k **p** r t

a e k n s s

e e g **n** r

d e **e** g l n

a **c** h m r

Here is another letter from Elmer A. Hamoprater
Titled

"how 2 put up an antenner"

Please note that we did not correct his spelling or edit his letter in any way.
Our Spell Check program *crashes* when used on Elmer's letters!
It is printed here below exactly as sent to us!



hay agin mi ham raydio frend.

lik i pramised bfor hear is mi letur tellin ya how 2 put up an antenner.
tha first theng i need ta say is it shor is hard wurk puttin up an antenner.
ya need a lota plannin an fixin bfor ya can git starded.

2 of tha mos emportent thengs ta hav is a gud test dawg ana gud pare uf wyre
cuters..

mi test dawges name is yep.

i named hem that caws thates whut he duz whin he fines tha wrong wyre fur mi
antenner.

i ownly use won kind uf antenner wyre caws i kin fine it purty esey arond whur i
liv.

it downt cost me nuttin ecept fur all tha wawkin an runnin me an yep mi dawg
gota du.

we start kinda earlie en tha mornin hikin over tha hill tu mi naybors land
wher i git tha wyre fur mi antenner.

mi naybors gota lota land whur he kepes hes couws an won bull fenced en.
an all tha wey arond it on tha fence he keeps nyce nue shiny wyre thet i make
mi antenners owt uf.

i kin awl ways git awl tha wyre i need thayer caws ever tyme i git sum mi
naybor puts mor
up betwen tha post.

i al so git mi ensulayers frum ofa tha posts ta use own mi antenners.
gettin this wyre kin be awful dangrous to yur helth caws uf tha bull so ya gota
keepa sharp lookowt furim.

bout tha tyme we git closeta tha fence i needa little forta fyin sow i reech bak
in mi bak pac and pul owt

o i for got to tel ya bout tha bac pac.

bfor i leve mi shak i git mi ol lady to pac me an yep up sumpin to eet an drenk.

wel i git mi dawg yep a biskit an im sorta thirstee sow owt she cums mi jar uf sippin licker.

i no im gonna needa lotta corage ta git tha wyre owt frum unner that bulls nose sow i opener up and take abowt 8 swallers.

mi dowg yep es lookin up at tha jar sow i no he mus be needin a liddle corage 2 sow i reech bak in mi bac pac pull owt anuther biskit and soke it gud withe the sippin whicker an givit toim.

doun it gos weth won gulpe ana coupla sekons latur bothe ears stan strate up an i no mi dawg es rediy to wurk.

he trots ovur ta tha furst post he cums tu hikes hes hin lig an letser fli. if he lets owt a yep an is nocked backards then i no thet tha wyre is hot ans tha wrong wyre fer mi antenner.

this is why its emportunt ta hava gud test dawg. yeps name sure is fittin fer im.

whin yep finaly stops yeppin an gits up we go ta a difrunt part uf tha fense and yep dum ol dawg testes it agin. thes tyme he jus sorta luoks at me an grins an i no tha wyre is gud wire fur my antenner. smart dawg mi yep.

i reech out an kut tha wyre weth mi wyre cuters an grabit an me an ol yep start runnin as hard as we kin tawards home hopein tha bull was busy. sumtymes i git forti er fity fut ata tyme lik thes.

we finely git tu tha shak an ol yep plops doun on tha botum step an i pul ouwt my jar uf swippin clicker an biskits an set a spell wunderin how ime gonna git mi nu wyre up in tha trees.

im knot tu keen on climin trees or enything vury hi but ol yep jest luvs ta clime. he wun a contest a while bak at tha cownty fare fer climin an beet dawgs frum al ovor tha place.

i now had an idear abowt how to git mi nu wyre up in tha tree sow i maid up mi mind tu let yep hav some fun sow i wokeim up.

he jumped up weth won ear up an won doun an starded ta wag his tayal. i think he new what wus gonna happin.

smart dawg mi yep.

i got tha nu wyre an tyed it tu his tayal an poynd tu tha tree an yelled up yep an he lit owt lyke greezed litenin up tha syde uf tha tree weth bark justa fliyin.

he got abowt tin fut up an straduled tha furst lim an held own an barked doun at me.

i new whut he wantid. mor corage.

i ran an got anuther biskit an soked it gud frum mi jar an chunked it up tuim. he cawt it in mid air an swollered it hole an ina flash he wuz own hes way agin.

i recon tha tree musta ben abowt therty er forety fut tall an yep brok alota

lims own his way up tu tha top.
he finaliy got tu tha last lim at tha top an grabed hold weth bowth paws an
hunge own fer deer lyfe.
he wuz sum syte hangin frum tha lim way up ther weth mi nu antenner wyre
tyed tu his tayal.
wel it jest kame tu me thet ol yep wuz a gud tree climin dawg but thare wuz 1
problem i had fergot.
he did ent no how ta git doun.
dum dawg mi yep.
wel i did ent wont im ta fall sow up tha tree i wint after i fenished mi jar of
sippin slisker caws i waddent tu keen on climin..
when i reeched him i tuk tha nu wyre ofa his tayal an tyed it tu tha lim an
grabed him an put
him arown mi nek an starded doun tha tree.
i got tu tha growne an ol yep leeped frum mi bak an ran unner tha shak.
smart dawg mi yep.
i loked up at mi bran nu antenner wyre hangin frum tha tallist tree i had an
then i real lized that
tha end uf it wuz about therty fuut up tha tree.
dang it. here yep. whure is zat dawg.

it shor is hard wurk puttin up an antenner.

eye will right mor latur whin i git anuther pin

yower frend elmur





Items for Sale or Trade

If you have an item for sale or trade that you would like to list here
please email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net

Be sure to include description, picture, price and contact info!

Do you know of a club member that needs some get well wishes?

How about someone with a birthday coming up and
you'd like to announce it in the newsletter?

How about a special announcement?

Do you have a cool photo (ham radio related) or some
soap box comments to share with other club members?

Why not consider submitting an article for
the Newsletter. We're always looking for material for
the Newsletter and feedback from club members goes
a long way towards keeping the Newsletter interesting
as well as stamping the club "personality" on our
monthly publication. Email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net