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NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 22, 2003
at 1830 (one hour earlier
than normal), usual
place for a T-hunt. Meet
at the Board of Supervi-
sors chambers at 6:30
PM. We will meet for
coffee afterwards

Ray KF6KMY

JOKE OF THE MONTH

*The difference between
the Pope and your boss:
the Pope only expects
you to kiss his ring.*

FIELD DAY 2003

Don't forget that Field
Day is fast approaching.
June 28th and 29th is
the BIG weekend, so
start getting your equip-
ment together and let's
get **READY TO RUM-
BLEEEEEEE.....**

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ARRL Bulletin 31 ARLB031

From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT April 30, 2003

To all radio amateurs

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ARLB031 FCC Now Accepting Comments in "Broadband Over Power
Line" Inquiry

The FCC released its Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on the deployment of
"Broadband over Power Line" (BPL) technology on April 28 and now is
accepting comments. A form of carrier-current communication better
known as power line carrier (PLC), the technology has raised
concerns of substantial interference to the Amateur Radio HF bands.

BPL would couple high-frequency RF to parts of the power grid and
use existing power lines as the transmission medium to deliver
broadband and Internet access. In the NOI, the FCC acknowledges the
interference risk from BPL.

ARRL Lab Manager and RFI guru Ed Hare, W1RFI, has cautioned that
deployment of BPL could affect every amateur in communities where
it's employed with a significant increase in noise levels. More
information is on the Web at www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/.

The complete NOI is available on the FCC Web site. The FCC now is
accepting electronically filed comments via its Electronic Comment
Filing System ECFS Express page. To initiate a comment, click next
to "Broadband over the traditional telephone network."

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MY RIDING EXPERIENCE

Recently, as most of you are aware of, Gloria and I went on a month long trip around the country to visit our two sons, one of which is in Mississippi and the other is in Missouri. We also visited her brother and his family who also live in the state of misery, I mean Missouri.

During our escapades we also had a chance to go to Chicago, IL and saw the Cubs play the Cincinnati Reds Baseball team and were delighted when the Cubs crushed them by a score of 11-1

During all of this, I also had a chance, for the first time, to ride a horse. After I got on, I was worried that I wouldn't do so well not knowing how to take command of the situation, but to my surprise it was relatively easy for a while and I was enjoying it. However after the first couple of minutes, something happened and that horse started bucking and carrying on and for a brief time I actually feared for my life, but just as I thought I was going to be thrown off, the manager of Wall Mart came out side and unplugged the darn thing and I was saved.

Alan W6MTR

THANK YOU!

On behalf of all club members and all other amateurs who frequent the 146.880 repeater and use the I.R.L.P. Node 8120, I would like to thank Ray Quinn KF6KMY , not only for the construction of the I.R.L.P. node, but for keeping it maintained and trying to constantly improve it.

THANK YOU RAY

MARCH OF DIMES - WALK-AMERICA

A big thank you to the following hams and friends that helped with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica April 26th.

KF6KMY Ray Quinn
KB6DAV John Stevens
KF6PCV Karen Stevens
WB6MUD Joe Simons
KF6TOC Dale Myers
N6YMM Dave Millhouse
KG6AIR Bill Balsley and his wife
K6QOG Bill Stenger and his wife
KA6HGA Bill Shearer

Thanks again for your help in making the event a success.

Hal Clover KC5LUB

FCC SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN CURBING UNLICENSED 10-METER INCURSIONS

**The FCC has requested the assistance of the ARRL Amateur
Auxiliary/Official Observers**

**<<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oo.html>> in monitoring for illegal
operation on 10-meters. The request came in an April 28 letter from FCC
Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, who says incursions on the band by
apparently unlicensed operators continue to be a major enforcement
headache.**

**"This is the first phase of a renewed investigation effort and may be
thought of as detect, collect data, and report," said ARRL Field and
Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG. Skolaut forwarded the
request to members of the Amateur Auxiliary May 1.**

**Hollingsworth said the FCC wants help with a stepped-up effort over the
next six months--from May through October--to identify any unlicensed
operation on 10 meters "whether from business entities--including trucking
companies--truckers or other individuals operating domestically."**

**Hollingsworth said the FCC does not need direction-finding but would
appreciate where possible "the names and cities of the operators, and
license plate numbers and state if from a vehicle."**

**Skolaut said the FCC would like to concentrate on obtaining reports of
this type of operation to help identify specific areas of the US where
this problem is prevalent, although he concedes that not all illegal
10-meter operation originates in the US. "The FCC asks that OOs obtain as
much information as possible and send their reports through normal
channels to ARRL Headquarters," he said. The decision to record the
transmissions of suspected interlopers was left to the discretion of the
individual OOs.**

**The FCC request was made under a longstanding agreement between ARRL and
the FCC regarding the use of Amateur Radio volunteers to assist in
enforcement.**

**TULARE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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INTERESTS - Please Check

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[\$20.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family]

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