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Our Nets 147.36 Mondays 9 p.m. local

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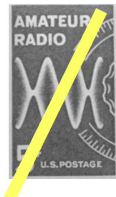
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## WEST PARK EVENTS \*

\*Subject to change

### Feb. 2 - BUSINESS MEETING/FIXIT NIGHT\*

Bring your questions or answers to the radio problems of the day/week/month.

### Feb. 16 - PROGRAM NIGHT\*

It's time to start planning for the 2018 ARRL Field Day. Where? What class? How many transmitters. What do we want to accomplish this year?

### Mar. 2 - BUSINESS MEETING/FIXIT NIGHT\*

Bring your questions or answers to the radio problems of the day/week/month.

### Mar. 16 - PROGRAM NIGHT\*

We talk about a topic of major interest currently happening in amateur radio

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## CONTESTS AND EVENTS

- de WA7BNM & ARRL

Feb 4	North Am. Sprint, CW
Feb 10	CQ WW RTTY WPX
Feb 10	SKCC Weekend Sprint
Feb 17	ARRL Inter. DX CW
Feb 24	North Am. QSO, RTTY
Mar 3	ARRL Inter. DX SSB
Mar 10	Stew Perry Challenge
Mar 10	SKCC Weekend Sprint
Mar 17	BARTG HF RTTY
Mar 24	CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

## SOAPBOX

West Park Radiops technical interests include recent new amateur radio technologies, new antenna projects, contesting, and DX, to name a few.

For Public Service, we have two LCAC food drive events in late fall. The December event is on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

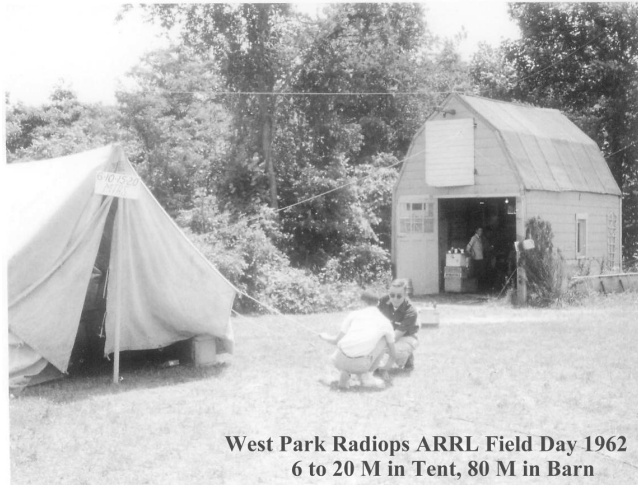
Our Monday night nets have moved to the 147.36+ (107.2 PL) repeater at 9 p.m. Listen or check in. Join the fun.

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## FIELD DAY MEMORIES...

It's time to discuss ARRL Field Day planning for 2018. Perhaps the following images will prompt some new planning.

Otherwise, it's entertaining to see what the club used to do.



West Park Radiops ARRL Field Day 1962  
6 to 20 M in Tent, 80 M in Barn

The following image is from 1964. Can you name the participants as shown here.



## WEST PARK PUBLIC SERVICE...

For many years West Park Radiops volunteers have helped LCAC volunteers sort and deliver articles to the needy. As an ARRL Special Service Club, our members assist in this activity every year. **Our next LCAC opportunity will be on May 12. We can also support other activities on short notice.** In general, radio net activity provide virtual public service practice and keeps our radios in tested operation and weeds out problems.

## RECENT NETS & TALK...

Club nets have switched over to only using 147.36+ (107.2 PL). Many interesting discussions occur and often with no prior planning. However, you must have a clear shot at the repeater's receiving antenna to use an HT. Please consider your 2m antenna systems and how they perform for the net. We are on at 9 p.m. local Mondays.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS...

The following topics are on the new list for programs: openSPOT, SharkRF, Dxpeditions, Propagation, FT8 and WSPR modes.

## PARITY ACT...

Summary:: The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017  
House Bill 555

(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to amend station antenna structure regulations to prohibit a private land use restriction from applying to amateur radio stations if the restriction:

- precludes communications in an amateur radio service,
- fails to permit a licensee of amateur radio service to install and maintain an effective outdoor antenna on property under its exclusive use or control, or
- is not the minimum practicable restriction to accomplish the lawful purposes of a community association seeking to enforce the restriction.

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Before installing an outdoor antenna, however, an amateur radio licensee must obtain a community association's prior approval. A community association may: (1) prohibit installations on common property not under the exclusive control of the licensee, and (2) establish installation rules for amateur radio antennas and support structures.

**NUMBERS STATIONS...**

(per ARRL News pages on Web)

01/22/2018

Secretive “Numbers Stations” Persist on HF

For many years, unidentified radio broadcasts have been transmitting coded messages, using numbers, such as “6-7-9-2-6. 5-6-9-9-0.” Even today, tuning across the HF spectrum typically will yield a “numbers station,” a mechanical-sounding voice (male or female) methodically announcing groups of single-digit numbers for minutes on end. According to Radio World, you may have tuned into a spy agency’s numbers station transmitting coded instructions to their minions worldwide. Shades of “The Americans” TV spy drama, where characters routinely receive coded messages via radio.

Numbers station transmissions typically consist of a voice “reading out strings of seemingly random numbers,” explained Lewis Bush, author of *Shadows of the State*, a new history of numbers stations. “These are sometimes accompanied by music, tones or other sound effects,” he said. Paul Beaumont, an associate editor of *Eye Spy Intelligence Magazine*, a publication dedicated to espionage and intelligence, is quoted in the *Radio World* article as saying, “Voice (numbers) stations are known to be spy messages.”

The article said that one of the best-known numbers stations was “The Lincolnshire Poacher,” so called due to its use of “The Lincolnshire Poacher” folk song played on a pipe organ as an identifier. Radio amateurs used direction-finding equipment to pin down the station’s eventual location to an RAF base on Cyprus, the article said.

**FOX-1D PHOTOS OF EARTH...**

(per ARRL News pages on Web)

01/17/2018

Camera Aboard Fox-1D Satellite Returns Photos of Earth

The Virginia Tech experimental camera payload on the Fox-1D satellite (AO-92), launched on January 12, has returned some very clear photos of our planet as seen from low-Earth orbit.

Earthbound followers of the newly launched satellite can use the **FoxTelem software (v 1.05)**, with the source set to “Auto” to receive either high-speed frames carrying camera payloads or data under voice (DUV) frames when the satellite is in Safe Mode or Transponder Mode. The camera is not active at all times. If using an external audio source

for FoxTelem, set a minimum bandwidth of 20 kHz to receive the high-speed data. AMSAT reports the Fox-1D Amateur Radio transponder works very well.

**ZD8Z EMERGENCY...**

(per ARRL News pages on Web)

01/08/2018

ZS8Z on Marion Island Off the Air, Science Team in Survival Mode

David Hartzenberg, ZS1BCE, on his second tour at a Marion Island research station as part of the South African National Antarctic Program for more than a year now, reports that he has been off the air as ZS8Z since last November, when generator fuel at the Transvaal Cove base was restricted to essential purposes, and he doesn’t expect to get back on the air before departing in May.

Food also is in short supply, just one functioning generator remains, and the satellite system is down most of the time. “Surviving now is our biggest challenge,” Hartzenberg said.

The South African Sunday Times reported on January 7 that the Department of Environmental Affairs told the 20+ member science team the government could not afford to send a supply ship, and counseled the researchers to tough it out at emergency quarters.

The situation has led to frayed tempers, the newspaper reported, with one team member turning violent. An Indian relief ship is reported to be on the way with food and fuel.

The newspaper said the Department of Environmental Affairs played down the seriousness of the situation, claiming the reported unhinged team member was “suffering strain,” and that the provisioning calamity was an inventory error that resulted in canned food going out of date. A vessel from South Africa is expected in April for the crew change-over. — Thanks to *Southgate Amateur Radio News* via Tom Morgan, ZS1AFS, and to *The Daily DX*

**UPCOMING DX FOR YOU...**

(Courtesy of the NG3K website)

**Call, Start Date, End Date, DXCC Entity**

3B7A,2018 Apr05,2018 Apr17,Agalega & St Brandon  
 3B8XF,2018 Mar10,2018 Mar11,Mauritius  
 3D2EU,2018 Feb23,2018 Mar16,Rotuma  
**3Y0Z,2018 Jan25,2018 Mar14,Bouvet I**  
 4B4B,2018 Mar01,2018 Mar15,Revilla Gigedo  
 6W,2018 Feb01,2018 Feb28,Senegal  
 7Q7EI,2018 Mar21,2018 Apr03,Malawi  
 8P9CA,2018 Jan18,2018 Feb05,Barbados  
**9M0W,2018 Mar10,2018 Mar20,Spratly Is**  
 C5DX,2018 Feb09,2018 Feb16,Gambia  
 C6A,2018 Mar06,2018 Mar13,Bahamas  
 C6AGU,2018 Jan24,2018 Feb02,Bahamas  
 C8T,2018 May02,2018 May15,Mozambique  
 C9,2018 Jan28,2018 Feb05,Mozambique  
 C96RRC,2018 Apr29,2018 May03,Mozambique  
 C98RRC,2018 May05,2018 May09,Mozambique  
 CN2,2018 Feb13,2018 Feb20,Morocco  
 CU8FN,2018 Jan22,2018 Feb16,Azores  
 CY9C,2018 Aug01,2018 Aug09,St Paul I  
 D68I,2018 Jan28,2018 Feb10,Comoros  
 DU1,2018 Mar13,2018 Mar18,Philippines  
 FG,2018 Jan29,2018 Mar15,Guadeloupe  
 FJ,2018 Apr18,2018 Apr27,St Barthelemy  
 FK,2018 Feb17,2018 Feb27,New Caledonia  
 FM,2018 Feb18,2018 Feb28,Martinique  
 H40,2018 Apr22,2018 Apr25,Solomon Is  
 H40,2018 Apr29,2018 May03,Temotu  
 H40YM,2018 Feb27,2018 Mar13,Temotu  
 H44YM,2018 Feb24,2018 Feb27,Solomon Is  
 H44YM,2018 Mar13,2018 Mar17,Solomon Is  
 H7DX,2018 Feb26,2018 Mar06,Nicaragua  
 HB0,2018 Apr24,2018 Apr28,Liechtenstein  
 HC1MD,2018 Jan20,2018 Feb10,Ecuador  
 HP8,2018 Feb01,2018 Feb15,Panama  
 J3,2018 Jun13,2018 Jun27,Grenada  
 J68HZ,2018 Jan20,2018 Feb03,St Lucia  
 JD1BNA,2018 Feb02,2018 Feb05,Ogasawara  
 JW8DW,2018 May26,2018 May29,Svalbard  
 KH0,2018 Feb21,2018 Feb28,Mariana Is  
 KH1,2018 Jun01,2018 Jun30,Baker I  
 KH6,2018 Mar01,2018 Mar08,Hawaii  
 KH8,2018 Oct02,2018 Oct29,American Samoa  
 MT0IXD,2018 Feb09,2018 Feb12,Isle of Man  
 OJ0,2018 Jun27,2018 Jun29,Market Reef  
 P29VXG,2018 Feb01,2018 Feb07,Papua New Guinea  
 PJ2,2018 Jan16,2018 Feb08,Curacao  
 PJ2,2018 Mar14,2018 Mar27,Curacao  
 PJ4,2018 Feb10,2018 Feb24,Bonaire  
 PJ7AA,2018 Mar05,2018 Apr04,Sint Maarten  
 PY0,2018 Jan27,2018 Feb01,Fernando de Noronha  
 T8,2018 Apr17,2018 Apr25,Palau  
 T8,2018 Feb13,2018 Feb21,Palau

T88UW,2018 Apr13,2018 Apr19,Palau  
 T88XS,2018 Feb01,2018 Feb05,Palau  
 TG9,2018 Jan24,2018 Feb19,Guatemala  
 TN5R,2018 Mar09,2018 Mar19,Congo  
 TX5X,2018 Mar10,2018 Mar17,French Polynesia  
 TY,2018 Mar07,2018 Mar18,Benin  
 TY1TT,2018 Feb20,2018 Feb28,Benin  
 V31GX,2018 Mar07,2018 Mar16,Belize  
 V31JZ/p,2018 Feb08,2018 Feb14,Belize  
 V31VP,2018 Feb08,2018 Feb12,Belize  
 V47JA,2018 Feb13,2018 Mar16,St Kitts & Nevis  
 V47UR,2018 Jan29,2018 Feb12,St Kitts & Nevis  
 VP26PE,2018 Feb13,2018 Feb27,Antigua  
 VP2EGO,2018 Mar17,2018 Mar24,Anguilla  
 VP5,2018 Jun13,2018 Jun25,Turks & Caicos  
**VP6D,2018 Oct20,2018 Nov03,Ducie I**  
 XR0YD,2018 Mar02,2018 Mar15,Easter I  
 XT2MAX,2018 Mar23,2018 Apr02,Burina Faso  
 XV9HL,2018 Feb26,2018 Mar06,Vietnam  
 XX9B,2018 Mar09,2018 Mar17,Macao  
 YJ0AG,2018 Apr17,2018 Apr29,Vanuatu  
 Z2LA,2018 Mar02,2018 Mar11,Zimbabwe  
**Z60A,2018 Jan21,2018 Feb04,Kosovo**

**Bold faced lines** are some of the entities listed in the top of the Club Log most wanted list.

**PAST FAMOUS AMATEUR OPS...**

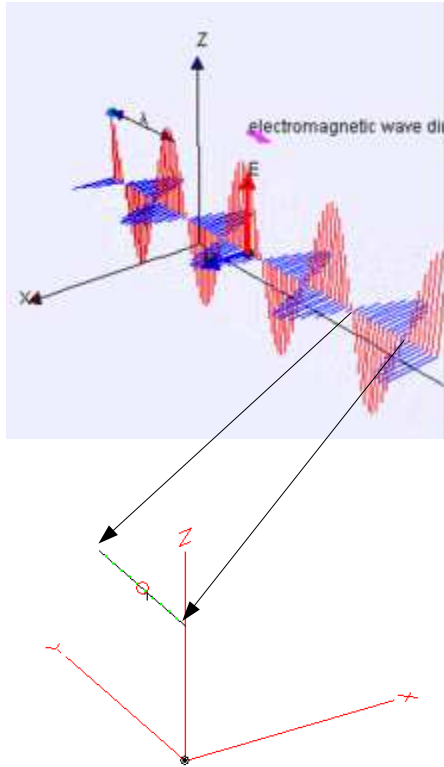
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KB2GSD	Walter Cronkite
WB4KCG	Ronnie Milsap
K4LIB	Arthur Godfrey
WD4LZC	Larnelle Harris
KD4WUJ	Patty Loveless
K4ZVZ	Paul W. Tibbets
KA6HVA	Burl Ives
WB6ACU	Joe Walsh
K6DUE	Roy Neal
W6EZV	Gen. Curtis LeMay
N6KGB	Stewart Granger
WB6RER	Andy Devine
K7UGA	Barry Goldwater
FO5GJ	Marlon Brando
N6YOS	Priscilla Presley
WD4LZC	Larnell Harris
W5LFL	Howard Hughes

## ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES...

(some diagrams from Wikipedia[TM])

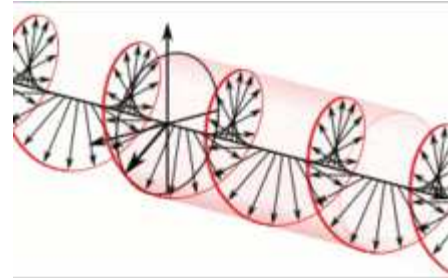
It's helpful to visualize the shape of electromagnetic (EM) waves over time as they propagate in a straight line from the source.



A dipole antenna (using EZNEC) with source in the middle of the wire (i.e. power from transmission line comes from the transmitter). A half-wave dipole must “fit” the size of half the wave, allowing for propagation time in the media of the antenna. Usually that time is considered to be nearly the speed of light: about 300,000 kilometers per second. Thus 300,000,000 meters per second on 14 megaHertz is 21.4 meters per cycle, which we call “twenty meters”. (Divide 300,000,000 by 14,000,000.)

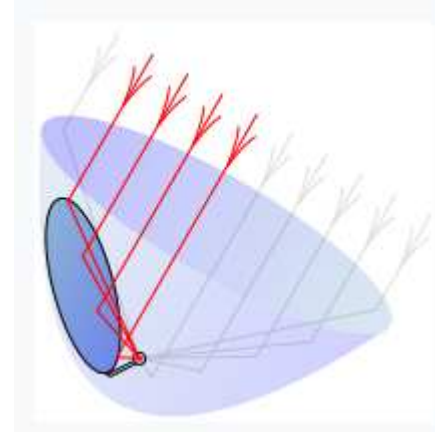
Note that a source of EM waves that is a long way from the receiver will appear to have a large number of these waves that are all in synchronization, and thus will resemble a nearly flat “plane” surface of wavefronts moving toward the receiver. Common names for “polarization” apply to where the electric field (E) component (for example) is either vertical or horizontal as it moves along (as in the diagram to

the left). However there can be rotation of the E field from the antenna that is screw shaped as in the diagram below.



This example is “circular” polarization and it can be either left hand rotation or right hand rotation. An antenna that is receiving circularly polarized waves must match the left- or right-ness of the waveform in order to capture the energy from the wavefront.

Below is an example of a parabolic reflecting surface of a satellite dish antenna reflecting the plane wavefronts into the tiny receiving horn where coaxial or tubular transmission line carries the waveform into the electronic detection circuitry. (This is named a “gregorian reflector” named after astronomer James Gregory in the 17th century, for the target of the focused waveforms being off center from the collecting surface.)



Radio telescope at Green Bank Observatory in WV.

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Cuyahoga Community College West Campus in the Public Safety Training Center, 11000 Pleasant Valley Dr. at 7:30 PM sharp.  
Dues \$15/yr. We welcome anyone interested in amateur radio to our meetings.  
We operate Monday night nets on 147.36 MHz at 9:00 p.m. local time.

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