



REPEATERS  
146.670 –  
147.045+, 123CG  
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CLUB NET

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

CLUB EVENTS

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, Test Session  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting  
Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting/Test

OTHER EVENTS

Feb 9-11, Orlando Hamcation  
Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, Fort Walton Swapfest  
Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, New Port Richey Hamfest

CLUB OFFICERS

President  
Gary Brown, WW4JDO  
Vice President  
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT  
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Jeff Hagan, WO4J

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NET CONTROL OPERATORS

Jan, WW4JDO  
Feb, KG4ZJT  
Mar, WO4J

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be my final article as club president. After two years I'm taking a break and letting someone else take the reigns for a while. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years as your president. What I've enjoyed the most is getting to know several of you much better. Life-long friendships have been founded. I appreciate the vote of confidence each of you gave me in electing me as president as well as the support you gave me during my tenure. I will still be active in the club, so don't think you've gotten rid of me.

Gary, WW4JDO

TEST SESSION

This Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a test session at 10:30 AM in the EOC. If you're looking to upgrade or know someone interested in getting a ticket please contact Bill Everitt and give him a heads-up.

MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT DROPPED

In an historic move, the FCC has acted to drop the Morse code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes. The Commission adopted the long-awaited Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 05-235, the "Morse code" proceeding, and released it December 19. The effective date of the FCC's R&O will be 30 days after publication in the Federal Register -- most likely in February. The FCC's action in WT Docket 05-235 will grant limited HF privileges to all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination. Once the R&O goes into effect next year, all Technician class license holders will be able to enjoy current "Tech Plus" HF privileges in addition to their current VHF/UHF privileges. The wholesale elimination of a Morse code requirement for all license classes ends a longstanding national and international regulatory tradition in the requirements to gain access to Amateur Radio frequencies below 30 MHz.

HAM PROTESTS COURT RULING

Wayne Spires (KF4BJT), a Wetumpka, AL ham is now sitting perched a top his 68 foot radio tower behind his house in protest of a judges ruling forcing him to become a part of a homeowners association. He says that 20 years ago when he bought the property located along the river that it was listed as unrestricted. He has been atop the tower for about three or four days and says he will not come down until his next court date which is scheduled for Feb. 5th.

