



<u>REPEATERS</u>
146.670 –
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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

Apr 20th, Meeting, 7 PM
May 18th, Meeting, 7 PM
Jul 20th, Meeting, 7 PM

OTHER EVENTS

Fox Hunt, May 15th
Field Day, June 26-27
JOTA, October 16th

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FROM THE PREZ

I recently scanned the internet for other club newsletters to see how ours compares. It's a little smaller than some and a little bigger than others, but it's more attractive than them all because it's the only one with CARC at the top. I found one that really got me going for a while. The headline read "The End of Amateur Radio: FCC Set to Abolish Amateur Radio Service". Needless to say that got my attention and I had to investigate. According to the article in the newsletter, the FCC chairman is quoted as saying,

"Those Ham Radio Operators are currently holding hostage an enormous public resource, namely portions of the RF spectrum. Those frequencies that are allocated to them for *free use* represent many millions of potential dollars of revenue, if auctioned off to businesses that live or die in the arena of radio frequency communication. The Amateur Radio Service has outlived its usefulness. It's a dinosaur, and our government can no longer afford to subsidize a bunch of old geezers who want to monopolize the airways with inane conversations about their aching joints. We need to take back the RF spectrum that these Hams are holding, and turn them into gold to re-fill the government coffers that have been badly depleted by the failures of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other major financial institutions that need to be bailed out by Uncle Sam. So, effective on the first of the year, the Amateur Radio Service will cease to exist, and as soon as the New Year's Day holiday is beyond us, we in the FCC will start the process of re-farming the Amateur Radio Service frequencies for commercial use."

The author, W0JT, was spinning a story, or was he? It is true we control a huge chunk of RF spectrum worth a lot of money. One of the principle justifications for continued access to this spectrum is public service, such as voluntary emergency communications. Other justifications include promotion of communication, technology, and electronics experimentation and exposure of youth to science, math, and geography topics. The hope is that exposure to radio science will spur our youth into becoming tomorrow's scientists and engineers. Thus, as ham radio operators, if we want to continue to enjoy the privilege of protected RF spectrum, we ought to hold up our end of the bargain and give back through volunteer work in communication or education. To fail to do this negates the justification of reserving us the RF spectrum and puts the amateur radio service at risk. Maybe W0JT wasn't spinning a story; maybe he was just foretelling the future. Time will tell.

Gary, WW4JDO

