

Tri County Repeater Association

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August Meeting

August 3rd, 2004

Dale McGraw – N9XMU

The August meeting of TCRA was called to order at 7pm with the following members present W9DNB, KC9EXW, KC9FEE, AB9EJ and N9XMU, guests W9RMA and KC9DUB. Where were the other members? No wonder hamfests are shutting down, few participate, when the spectrum is gobbled up by the big money don't whine? AB9EJ reported a total of \$1,256.51 in our treasury.

W9RMA Ron Anderson is the new RACES/ARES coordinator for Chippewa County and he gave a brief account of the situation for emergency assistance and coordination of spotters in Chippewa County. Emergency nets will be conducted on the 147.375 repeater and if this fails 146.580 simplex will be used. Chippewa County Hams are urged to contact Ron if you are interested in participation in this valuable service. Several suggestions were made concerning improvement of Field Day operations, purchasing rope, head phones, better shelter (etc) this was tabled until

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FCC Implements "Red Light Rule" for Those Owing It Money

September 26th, 2004

ARRL

Effective Friday, October 1, the FCC begins implementing new rules that bar anyone who is delinquent in debts owed to the Commission "from receiving a license or other benefit until the delinquency has been resolved." The so-called "red light rule" represents further implementation of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.

The new rule will have an impact on anyone doing business with the FCC who owes money to the agency, and it affects anyone filing an application or seeking a benefit from the Commission or one of its components.

Under the red light rule, when someone files an application or request for benefit, the Commission will check the applicant's FCC Registration Number (FRN) to determine if the entity or person is delinquent in a debt owed the Commission. "Multiple FRNs associated with a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) will be included in the red light check," the FCC said, "and if the TIN is found to have delinquent debt, your application will receive a red light." Delinquent debtors

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2004 TCRA Officers

President: Dale McGraw – N9XMU
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have 30 days to either pay the debt or make other satisfactory arrangements. Otherwise, the application will be dismissed.

Additionally, the Commission has amended its fee rules consistent with the new red light rule. All application fees now must be paid in full prior to an application grant. Under past FCC business practice, when an application underpaid the fee, the application was processed and the applicant billed for the additional amount. Anyone uncertain about the status of outstanding debt to the FCC can e-mail the Commission, arinquiries@fcc.gov. ❖

May Code Corner Answer

Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

The following is some code that has a message. Some of you will find this very easy, others will find it educational, and others won't bother at all. That's ok. Have fun anyway.

Code Corner #7 – The Amateurs Code

Progressive: with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

Friendly: slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

Balanced: radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

Patriotic: station and skill always ready for service to country and community. The Radio Amateur is:

Considerate: never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

Loyal: offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally. ❖