

# The Oscillator

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## Up Coming Programs

### Check your HT, March 16, 2007

Have you ever wondered if your HT is on frequency or if it is really putting out it's specified power? Give the battery a full charge and bring it to the meeting to check it out. **Pete K9OWQ** will be setting up his commercial grade test equipment to let you see what your rig is doing. Of course, the clinic is not limited to HTs. Bring anything you can carry and have Pete check it out.

### NWS Weather Spotters Seminar, April 20, 2007

As we transition from winter to spring, the need for trained weather spotters arises. Mr. **Bill Wilson KB9ZXN**, from the National Weather Service Office in Romeoville, IL, has agreed to give Tri-Town members updated training in this area. Please come out to our April meeting and learn how you can use your weather spotting skills and amateur radio to aid the community in times of severe weather.

## From the President's Desk

By Jerry K9PMV

We are well on our way into 2007 and our club remains active. Our January 2007 meeting featured 4 Tri-Town members giving show and tell demonstrations for the evening's program. At the February meeting, we were treated to a slide show of Ham Cruise 2006 to the Caribbean given by **Pete K9OWQ**. Also during February, **Carl KB9EVD** was net control for the historic 1000<sup>th</sup> ten meter net.

Contest committee chairman **Jim NV9X**, along with **Tom AB9LA**, **Dave N9LGP**, **Matthew N9OTL** and myself, have been keeping W9VT active on the HF bands. The contest crew worked the North American QSO party in January, the FISTS Sprint and the CQ 160 meter contest in February, and so far in March, the ARRL DX contest. The contesters are now enjoying the new, Windows XP, networked computers at the club station. Jim has donated the slick N3FJP network logging programs for these events. The purpose of operating the contests is not so much to make a killing in the event as it is to sharpen our operating skills, fine-tune the club station and to give Tri-Town / W9VT a presence in the amateur radio world in general. We have already gained awards for the 2006 ARRL DX and CQ WPX contests. If you enjoy HF operating, and, in particular events like Field Day, come out some weekend and enjoy a contest from the bunker.

As I write this column, we are enjoying the first delightfully warm early spring days of the year. These sunny, clear days portend the coming of summertime amateur radio events we all hope to enjoy. These local events have established themselves now as annual happenings. In May, there is Homewood Railfest, which the Gunderson Family works so hard to organize. In 2006 we had fun with the Driving the Dixie event and it promises to be bigger and better this year. So, stay tuned to Tri-Town by the website or the club nets and enjoy the coming season.

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## Club Meetings & Nets

Club meetings are the **3rd Friday** of each month at the **Village of Hazel Crest Village Hall**, 170th and Holmes. All are welcome and refreshments will serve. Don't forget to bring a Friend.

Official Club 2 Mtr hangouts: 146.49 Simplex, & The Club's Repeater 146.805 -600kc 107.2 PL  
Unofficial Club Hang Outs 442.375 WA9WLN/R, & 443.325 WD9HSY/R both using 114.8 PL +5mhz

**2 Mtr FM 49'ers Net** - Wed, 8:00 PM Local, 146.490.  
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**10 Mtr SSB Net** - Thursdays, 8:00 PM Local, 28.490.  
**Cracker Barrel Net** - Monday-Friday 3:00 PM Local 146.49

**2 Mtr FM Weather Net** - Sundays, 8:00 PM local, on **The Club's Repeater** 146.805 -600kc 107.2 PL

## Up Coming Hamfests

30-31 Mar 2007	AES SuperFest 2007 (AES)	<a href="http://www.aesham.com">http://www.aesham.com</a>
15 Apr 2007	Peru, Indiana Hamfest	<a href="http://www.ncihamfest.com">http://www.ncihamfest.com</a>
21 Apr 2007	MARA 2007 Hamfest Madison, WI	<a href="http://www.gsl.net/mara">http://www.gsl.net/mara</a>
18-20 May 2007	Dayton Hamvention Dayton ARA	<a href="http://www.hamvention.org">http://www.hamvention.org</a>

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# BUNKER BUZZING

Jim, NV9X

Since last Oscillator the Bunker has been pretty active. Over the past few weeks K9PMV Jerry has been doing a lot of work in the Bunker, getting newer computers on the network and keeping the Bunker in great shape. I think he had some help. Speaking as someone who benefits from their hard work, thank you very much.

In January, Tri – Town participated in the North American QSO Party CW. Operators were N9LGP (Dave) and K9PMV (Jerry). They made 133 contacts in a little over five hours. WOW. The following weekend was the SSB version of same contest. Operators were AB9LA (Tom), K9PMV (Jerry) and NV9X (Jim). Tri – Town participated in all 12 hours of the contest. 325 contacts were made. That is a bunch.

In February Tri – Town participated in the FISTS CW Sprint. Operators were K9PMV (Jerry) and NV9X (Jim). In the four hour Sprint, 53 contacts were made. At the end of February, Tri – Town worked the CQ 160 Meter Contest. Operators were AB9LA (Tom) and NV9X (Jim). Tom made 90% of the contacts which numbered 80.

The first weekend in March, Tri – Town worked the ARRL International DX Contest Phone. Operators were N9OTL (Matt), AB9LA (Tom), K9PMV (Jerry) and NV9X (Jim). Over 160 contacts were made and around 70 countries. N9DWG (Trish) is handling the QSL cards. Tri – Town really appreciates that and thank you very much Trish. Well we have a contest coming up on March 23, 24, 25. It is the CQ World Wide WPX Contest SSB. [www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com). Contests are always a club project. Tri – Town could use anybody's help, even if it just a hour or so. Every little bit helps. Everybody that comes by will operate. If anybody wants a copy of a log, just e-mail me, [nv9x@comcast.net](mailto:nv9x@comcast.net). NV9X...Jim

## FORMER ISS CREW ON HAND FOR HAM RADIO CONTACT WITH ISS

Technical problems failed to dampen the enthusiasm of youngsters at Virginia Run Elementary School in Centreville, Virginia, who spoke March 2 via ham radio with International Space Station flight engineer Suni Williams, KD5PLB. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program arranged the direct VHF contact. For reasons still being looked into, the space station's NA1SS and Earth station K4HTA failed to establish solid communication until more than three minutes into the approximately ten-minute pass. Nonetheless, not only did Williams answer all the students' questions but had time to let the youngsters know how much she enjoyed the opportunity.

"It is a little bit difficult to eat because everything flies around," she responded. "But luckily it's stuff that's usually stuck together, like some type of casserole, and we have it in a can so it doesn't get too far away. Sometimes we have to catch it, though." Williams pointed out that the ISS crew doesn't have to prepare its meals, just heat them up, if necessary. "I felt like I needed a bed or something to lay down on, but there's nothing much to lay down on," Williams said. "We sleep in sleeping bags, and the sleeping bags are tied to the wall so you don't go anywhere, but I had a hard time relaxing my neck because I didn't have a pillow and didn't have that sense of having a pillow or something I was laying down to."

## Tom Skilling's 2007 Severe Weather Seminar

From Frank, - website manager - AskTom.org

Mark your calendar(s) -- Tom Skilling's 2007 Severe Weather Seminar will be held at Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium on Saturday, April 21st, at 12:00pm and 6:00pm!

See the details at [www.AskTom.org](http://www.AskTom.org) and feel free to check there from time to time for updates and more resources and speakers' information.

Special thanks go out to the fine folks at Fermilab for hosting the seminar again!

# TTRAC 1000<sup>th</sup> Ten Meter Net

By Jerry K9PMV

Tri-Town club history was made on February 8, 2007. **Carl KB9EVD** conducted the one thousandth Thursday evening, ten meter net from the club station. There were 18 check-ins during the hour long net. Those checking in were:

Dan WB9ACN  
Sharon KA9IIT  
Jon KB9QCQ  
Richard KB9IPS  
Jim NV9X  
Jim KB9VR  
Tom W9SRV/m

Tom AB9LA  
Steve KB9EUR  
Lou KB9IPT  
Bob W9TOE  
Bruce WD9GHK  
Mark KA9OOI  
Mike WA9ZPM

Don KA9QJG  
Jerry K9PMV  
Kerry KB9ORH  
Marvin N9JKT

The net was begun by Tri-Town Hall of Fame member **Jerry N9BMT** (sk). Jerry's goal was to spur activities to those amateurs whom the FCC had granted new HF privileges. The net is a testimony not only to Jerry but also to Carl, who has been faithfully running the net for many years. In the interest of preserving this event for posterity, video was taken and will be available on VHS and DVD.



**Carl KB9EVD, 10 Mtr Net Control at the W9VT Club Station.**

# **ARRL PRESIDENT EMERITUS JIM HAYNIE, W5JBP, NAMED "AMATEUR OF THE YEAR"**

Dayton Hamvention® <http://www.hamvention.org> has named ARRL President Emeritus Jim Haynie, W5JBP, as its 2007 Amateur of the Year. Hamvention says Haynie's League leadership "helped define Amateur Radio's role in emergency communication." Hamvention also announced this week that ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, will receive Hamvention's Special Achievement Award to recognize his technical expertise in documenting the threat of interference from broadband over power line (BPL) systems. Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) <http://www.irlp.net> David Cameron, VE7LTD, was named the recipient of the Technical Excellence Award.

A ham for 34 years, Haynie, who lives in Dallas, was West Gulf Division Director for eight years and an ARRL vice president for two years. He then served three terms as the League's volunteer president, from 2000 until 2006, when he was succeeded by current ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN. Haynie's award nomination cited his "energy, tenacity and attention to detail that has transformed the American Radio Relay League from the service organization it was prior to 9/11 into the proactive, vital emergency service clearing house and educational operation that it is today."

During his tenure as League president, Haynie's effort to define Amateur Radio's role in homeland security was among his top initiatives. In 2003, he signed a formal Statement of Affiliation between the Department of Homeland Security and ARRL. He has an abiding interest in emergency communication and has promoted Amateur Radio's emergency communication value and contributions on Capitol Hill and elsewhere.

Haynie also championed "The Big Project" -- now the ARRL Education and Technology Program (ETP) -- to bring ham radio and wireless technology into schools.

## **Special Achievement Award: Ed Hare, W1RFI**

Dayton Hamvention will honor Hare for his extensive work calling attention to the potential threat of BPL interference to licensed radio communication services and in documenting it. A member of the ARRL HQ staff for more than 20 years, Hare said he's honored but feels the award really is one for Amateur Radio.

"What I did would have had no meaning without the work of hundreds of hams across the country working on BPL issues locally," he said. "They have put in countless hours as volunteers, making a difference when a difference was really needed."

Hamvention said Hare's modeling of BPL interference "made a convincing argument" about the threat. "Hare even outfitted his own automobile so he could travel the Northeast and conclusively document BPL interference," the announcement added.

Hare said the award would have a place in the ARRL Lab "to honor and thank all of those who have given their time to protect Amateur Radio."

## **Technical Excellence Award: David Cameron, VE7LTD**

In announcing the recipient of its Technical Excellence Award, Hamvention cited Cameron's instrumental role in developing IRLP to permit worldwide radio and repeater linking.

"His work literally transformed FM repeater communication from a local entity into a worldwide communication network that has been of immense value in emergencies and has helped unite the world's radio amateurs over the Internet and radio," the announcement said. "IRLP and its derivatives have opened up a whole new world of communications in VHF/UHF repeaters with the power of the Internet."

Dayton Hamvention 2007 takes place Friday through Sunday, May 18-20, at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio. The theme of the 56th Hamvention is "Local Clubs: The Heart of Ham Radio."

# HAM RADIO ANTENNA BILLS IN PLAY IN THREE STATES

Lawmakers in three states -- Arizona, Maryland and Oklahoma -- are considering Amateur Radio antenna bills that would put the essence of the limited federal pre-emption known as PRB-1 [http://www.arri.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1\\_Pkg/prb-1.pdf](http://www.arri.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/prb-1.pdf) into each state's statutes. The Arizona and Maryland bills go a step beyond most PRB-1 legislation. They not only would require that municipal land-use or zoning regulations "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication per PRB-1, spelled out in the FCC's Amateur Radio rules in §97.15(b), they would extend the same protections to certain private communities where deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) apply.

The Arizona amateur antenna bill, House Bill 2595 <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/1r/bills/hb2595p.pdf> calls for "reasonable heights and dimensions for accommodation of Amateur Radio station emergency service communications antennae and structures." After stripping a provision to exempt Amateur Radio licensees from the \$25 vanity license plate fee from the bill, the Arizona House Appropriations Committee voted out the measure with a "do pass" recommendation. The bill already has a Senate sponsor.

In Maryland, essentially identical bills are under consideration in both legislative chambers: House Bill 941 <http://mlis.state.md.us/2007RS/bills/hb/hb0941f.pdf> and Senate Bill 68 <http://mlis.state.md.us/2007RS/bills/sb/sb0068f.pdf>. These measures would require local zoning authorities to comply with the PRB-1 limited federal pre-emption calling on municipalities to "reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication." The bills' provisions also would apply to homeowners' associations (HOAs) that have not already enacted antenna restrictions by the time the bill becomes law.

Affected HOAs would not be permitted to "restrict or prohibit the design, placement, screening, height or use of Amateur Radio equipment on the property of lot owners." The measure would exempt HOAs having antenna restrictions in place when the bill goes into effect, however.

Among other things, the Maryland bills' preambles cite the value of Amateur Radio to the public welfare, pointing out its "invaluable emergency radio communication services in the state and across the United States before, during and after floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, earthquakes, blizzards, train accidents, chemical spills and other disasters."

In Oklahoma, House Bill 1037 [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08bills/HB/HB1037\\_HFLR.RTF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08bills/HB/HB1037_HFLR.RTF) has been voted out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation and onto House floor for a vote. The measure provides that municipal ordinances shall comply with §97.15(b) by permitting Amateur Radio antennas or antenna support structures "at a height and dimension sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio service communications." The measure already has a sponsor in the Oklahoma Senate.

To date, 23 states have adopted PRB-1 legislation <http://www.arri.org/field/regulations/statutes.htm> PRB-1 does not specify a minimum height below which local governments may not regulate but does require reasonable accommodation, but four states -- Alaska, Wyoming, Virginia and Oregon -- enacted legislation that specifies heights below which municipalities may not regulate.

**The W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on the web:**

**<http://www.arri.org/w1aw.html>**

## **SEVERE WEATHER PUTS AMATEURS TO THE TEST**

Severe weather that included tornadoes March 1 prompted activation by Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and SKYWARN volunteers in Alabama and Georgia. Twenty people died in the three states, including seven in Alabama. A tornado destroyed the high school in Enterprise, and five students died when the roof collapsed as they took cover inside. Tornadoes wreaked extensive property damage in the affected communities.

"It was a very busy day for Alabama ARES," said ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK. "Amateur Radio operators all across the state were busy March 1 tending to a massive severe weather outbreak in most of the state." Sarratt says Alabama was under multiple tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings for a large part of the day. Amateurs stationed at National Weather Service (NWS) offices, emergency operations centers (EOCs) and elsewhere used HF and VHF to relay critical weather information to served agencies, he reported. "The Alabama amateurs performed as professionals," Sarratt said. "Many hams took off from work to staff stations."

At week's end, Sarratt told ARRL Headquarters that Enterprise/Coffee County Emergency Coordinator Jim Garrison, KL0LN, and local amateurs were still at the Enterprise EOC assisting the local emergency management agency and the city with recovery efforts.

In Georgia, ARRL Section Traffic Manager Charles Pennington, K4GK, said the Georgia ARES Net activated during the afternoon of March 1 and continued into the wee hours of March 2, as a series of severe weather watches and warnings were posted. "Several tornadoes were reported, scattered mostly through central and southern Georgia," he said.

"We had 82 stations reported on the statewide HF net. In addition, the SKYWARN nets were active from 1:45 PM until around midnight, with extensive coverage in the affected areas." Pennington said several VHF/UHF nets also were up and running during the event. Georgia ARES stood down March 2 but remained on standby if needed during recovery operations. Georgia authorities blamed the storms for at least two deaths after a tornado struck a hospital in Americus. Another person died and four were injured when a tornado touched down in Taylor County, near Albany.

## **FCC CUTS FINE, ADMONISHES AMATEUR RADIO LICENSEE**

The FCC has reduced from \$11,000 to \$2500 the fine it imposed in 2004 on Daniel Granda, KA6VHC, of Whittier, California. In a Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) released March 1, the FCC said Granda intentionally interfered with Amateur Radio communications and failed to respond to FCC correspondence. Granda petitioned for reconsideration of the \$11,000 fine in 2004.

"In his petition, Mr Granda does not dispute our finding that he caused deliberate interference to Amateur Radio communications nor does he deny his failure to respond to official Commission correspondence," recounted Assistant FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief George R. Dillon, who signed the MO&O. "He does contend, however, that imposition of the full forfeiture amount would impose a financial hardship on him and his spouse."

The FCC agreed to reduce the fine to \$2500 after reviewing Granda's federal tax returns. "The reduction of the forfeiture amount, however, does not lessen the severity of the violations cited in this proceeding, specifically Mr Granda's intentional interference to radio communications," Dillon cautioned. "For that reason, we will further admonish Mr Granda for his violations."

Granda's license renewal has been in limbo since 2003, when the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) set aside his renewal application. As the MO&O noted, the Enforcement Bureau had asked the WTB to "consider this violation in processing Mr Granda's pending license renewal application for KA6VHC." Apparently it did. This week, the WTB renewed Granda's license for just one year.

# CIVILIAN SPACE TRAVELER IS AMATEUR RADIO-READY

The next civilian space traveler is Amateur Radio ready. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> reports that software pioneer and aviator Charles Simonyi, KE7KDP, plans to talk with students at three schools during his stay in space. He also may make casual contacts. Simonyi, 58, is set to head into space April 7 on a Soyuz "taxi mission" to the ISS. He'll accompany Expedition 15 Russian cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin, RN3FI, and Oleg Kotov. They'll join US astronaut Sunita Williams, KD5PLB. As a client of Vienna, Virginia-based Space Adventures Ltd <http://www.spaceadventures.com>, Simonyi will pay \$25 million for the privilege. He's been undergoing pre-flight training at Star City, Russia. During his eight-day stay aboard the ISS, he will conduct experiments on behalf of several international space agencies.

"I am fascinated by the technologies utilized by the American and Russian space programs," Simonyi said. "As an engineer, I look forward to studying the different engineering approaches." Simonyi obtained his Technician ticket in December.

Space Adventures says Simonyi's mission goals are to advance civilian space travel, assist with space station research and involve youth in the science of space travel. He established his space flight Web site <http://www.charlesinspace.com/> to chronicle his training experiences.

A native of Hungary, Simonyi earned a bachelor's degree in engineering and mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley and a doctorate in computer science from Stanford University. Over the years, he's been associated with Xerox and with Microsoft, where he oversaw the teams that developed the company's Excel, Multiplan, Word and other applications.

After leaving Microsoft in 2002, Simonyi founded Intentional Software Corporation, a software engineering company. The following year, he founded the Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences to support arts organizations, science programs and educational institutions.

Space Adventures organized the flights for the world's first private space explorers, Dennis Tito, KG6FZX, Mark Shuttleworth, Greg Olsen, KC2ONX, and Anousheh Ansari. "We wish Charles well and we look forward with great anticipation to his launch," said Space Adventures President and CEO Eric Anderson.

## SOLAR UPDATE

Heliophile Tad "That Lucky Ol' Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports: On March 1 Sunspot 944 was pointed straight at Earth. This small sunspot was followed a few days later by another small one, Sunspot 945. Both spots seemed to disappear a day or two later, before they would have rotated off the visible solar disk. Now the sun is blank, and the sunspot number is zero.

No solar activity is expected for the next few days, so we will probably see at least several days with a sunspot number of zero.

Geomagnetic conditions are expected to remain quiet, at least until Monday or Tuesday, March 12-13. The US Air Force predicts a planetary A index for March 9-15 of 5, 5, 7, 15, 20, 15 and 10. Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet conditions for March 9-10, quiet to unsettled March 11, active geomagnetic conditions for March 12, unsettled to active March 13, unsettled March 14 and quiet to unsettled March 15. A recurring solar wind stream is predicted for Monday, March 12, and it should produce the expected geomagnetic instability.

Sunspot numbers for March 1 through 7 were 11, 23, 11, 24, 27, 26 and 11, with a mean of 19. 10.7 cm flux was 74.8, 75.5, 73.3, 72.5, 71.9, 71.9, and 72.9, with a mean of 73.3. Estimated planetary A indices were 11, 5, 2, 3, 8, 18 and 14, with a mean of 8.7. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 7, 4, 0, 4, 6, 14 and 12, with a mean of 6.7.

For more information visit Service Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>



## Health and Welfare: Herm Fabert, W9FHW

From Doug Lee, W9SPC

The following is an email message from Ken Fabert, Herm Fabert's son. Most of you will remember Herm, W9FHW, a long time TriTown member who relocated to Washington State to be nearer his son. Herm is in a rehab center as explained in the email.

Please get off a card or a note of encouragement to Herm, will you?

Thanks, Doug, W9SPC

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Again, sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but we knew you'd want to know. For the near term, Dad's address will be at:

Herm Fabert  
Martha and Mary Health and Rehab Center  
Marina Unit Room 220  
19160 Front Street NE  
Poulsbo, WA 98370-0127  
360-779-7500 (main #)

I'm not overly optimistic that there's going to be anything *other* than near term, but who knows, he's a proven fighter.... I'll keep you posted.

You know, the real irony of this is that after decades of dodging it, now that the code provisions have been eliminated, I was about to have him coach me on my ham license to use on the sailboat.

**There's a moral to that story somewhere....**

**Ken Fabert**

## ARRL IN BRIEF:

\* **ARRL Certification and Continuing Education** course registration: Registration remains open through Sunday, March 25, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) online courses beginning on Friday, April 6: The ARRL Ham Radio License Course (EC-010), Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). These courses will also open for registration Friday, March 23, for classes beginning Friday, May 4. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.htm> or contact the CCE Department [cce@arrl.org](mailto:cce@arrl.org)

## ARRL releases statement on Red Cross background check policy:

ARRL -- the National Association for Amateur Radio, has released a position statement <http://www.arrl.org/announce/ARRL-ARC-bg-check.html> regarding the implementation of a background check procedure by the American Red Cross. The statement was released to address ARRL members' concerns prior to a March 31, 2007, compliance deadline the Red Cross has set. The application of the background check policy to Amateur Radio operators providing communication services to the Red Cross -- either as Red Cross volunteers or as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members -- is the subject of continuing discussions between the ARRL and the Red Cross. Therefore, the position statement -- is subject to change. The ARRL will announce any such revisions and updates on its Web site.

# Tri-Town Radio Amateur Club Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| _____ Regular Membership        | \$ 20.00 |
| _____ SWL Membership            | \$ 20.00 |
| _____ Extra Family Membership   | \$ 6.00  |
| _____ Bunker Buddie             | \$ 5.00  |
| _____ Auto Patch w/1 Speed Slot | \$ 25.00 |
| _____ Extra Speed Slots         | \$ 5.00  |

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid by Club Member

For Example: Regular Member, with A/P and Bunker Buddy (20+25+5) = \$ 50.00

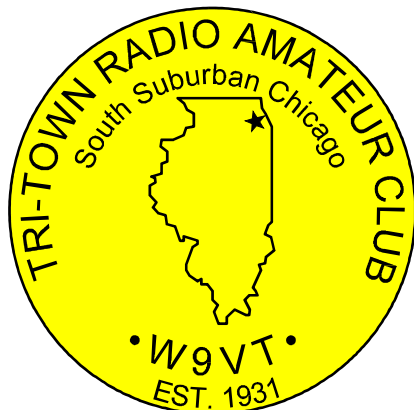
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