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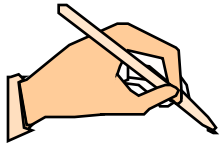
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A Note from the Editor

The events of September 11th have changed the future for all of us. We were all shocked by the barbarity of the terrorists in the taking of so many innocent lives. These events put a severe strain on the ability of emergency services to respond. We can all be proud of the role that Amateur Radio operators have played in this catastrophe. (see accompanying article). The New York



City area ARES units came out in full force to help overcome the massive communications bottleneck that coincided with the disaster, with special assistance to the Red Cross.

These events clearly demonstrate that nobody is immune from this type event and that it can happen just about anywhere. It behooves us all as hams who benefit from the privilege of using the spectrum to give something back to contribute to our National welfare. Time and time again the value of trained amateur emergency operators who are able to step in with their equipment and skills when a communications disaster strikes has been convincingly demonstrated.

What can you do to help? Join and participate in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Learn the basics of how hams can assist with emergency communications by participating in the practice exercises that are held from time to time. In fact, there will be a nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on the weekend of October 6-7. Monitor the K8TIH repeater for the start of the SET.

73 de Bob

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, October 8th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:30 pm**

ARRL President Praises Amateur Radio Emergency Effort

NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 27, 2001--ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, took advantage of a visit to New York City hams to express his gratitude for the overall Amateur Radio volunteer effort in the wake of the terrorist attacks September 11.

"On behalf of the 680,000 ham operators in the US, thank you for doing such a fine job," he said during a visit September 21 with Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers at the heart of the communication effort. ARRL Hudson Division

Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, accompanied Haynie on his visit. "From the very first day I have been proud of the way ARRL members in the Hudson Division responded in overwhelming numbers," Fallon said. "So many responded that many, unfortunately, were turned away."

"It really has been our finest hour!" Fallon continued. "It has made us all very proud to be Amateur Radio operators." John MacInnes, a Red Cross communications officer based in Tucson, Arizona, expressed high praise for the Amateur Radio community and for ARRL. "We wouldn't be where we are today without the ham radio operators," he told Haynie. He said Haynie should be very proud of ARRL and asked him to relay his message of thanks throughout the amateur community. ■

October Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of October includes the following:

Sep 30	0000 to 2400 Z	80 to 2 m
Louisiana QSO Party		all modes
Oct 7	0700 to 1900 Z	15 - 10 m
RSGB (UK) SB 'test		SSB
Oct 6-7	1000 to 1000 Z	80 to 10 m
Oceania DX 'test		SSB
Oct 6-7	1600 to 2200 Z	80 to 10 m
California QSO Party		all modes
Oct 6-7	2000 to 2000 Z	160 to 10 m
Ibero-America (Spain) 'test		SSB
Oct 13-14	1000 to 1000 Z	80 to 10 m
Oceania DX 'test		CW
Oct 13-14	1600 to 2200 Z	160 to 10 m
Pennsylvania QSO Party		all modes
Oct 21	0700 to 1900 Z	15 to 10 m
RSGB 10-15 meter 'test		CW
Oct 21-22	1800 to 1800 Z	160 to 2 m
Illinois QSO Party		all modes
Oct 28-29	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
CQ WWDX 'Test		SSB
Nov 3-5	2100 to 0300 Z	160 to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes		CW

looking ahead

Nov 17-19 **ARRL Sweepstakes SB**

Solar Activity Reaches New High for Cycle

The week of September 24th was an incredible week for solar activity. On Monday the 24th, the solar flux index (SFI) reached 279.

Indeed this was a new solar flux high for this sunspot cycle, and it rose even higher two days

answer to Picture Quiz: close-up of a sunspot

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Sep 25	N8QMV
Oct 2	AA8XS
Oct 9	KG8FH
Oct 16	WD8ICP
Oct 23	N1RB
Oct 30	N8QMV
Nov 6	AA8XS

October Hamfests

Oct 7 Medina 2m Group 8am to 2pm
Ohio National Guard Armory, 920 W. Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH. Contact Mike, N8TZY, (330) 273-1519.

Oct 14 Ashland Area ARC 8am to 2pm
Ashland County Fairgrounds, Ashland, OH. Contact John, KC8AAR, (419) 281-3117.

Oct 21 USECA 8am to 1pm
Italian-American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr., Warren, MI. Contact Delphine, KC8JSH, (810) 791-4669.

Oct 28 Massillon ARC 8am to 3pm
Stark County Fairgrounds, Canton, OH. Contact www.ql.net/w8np.

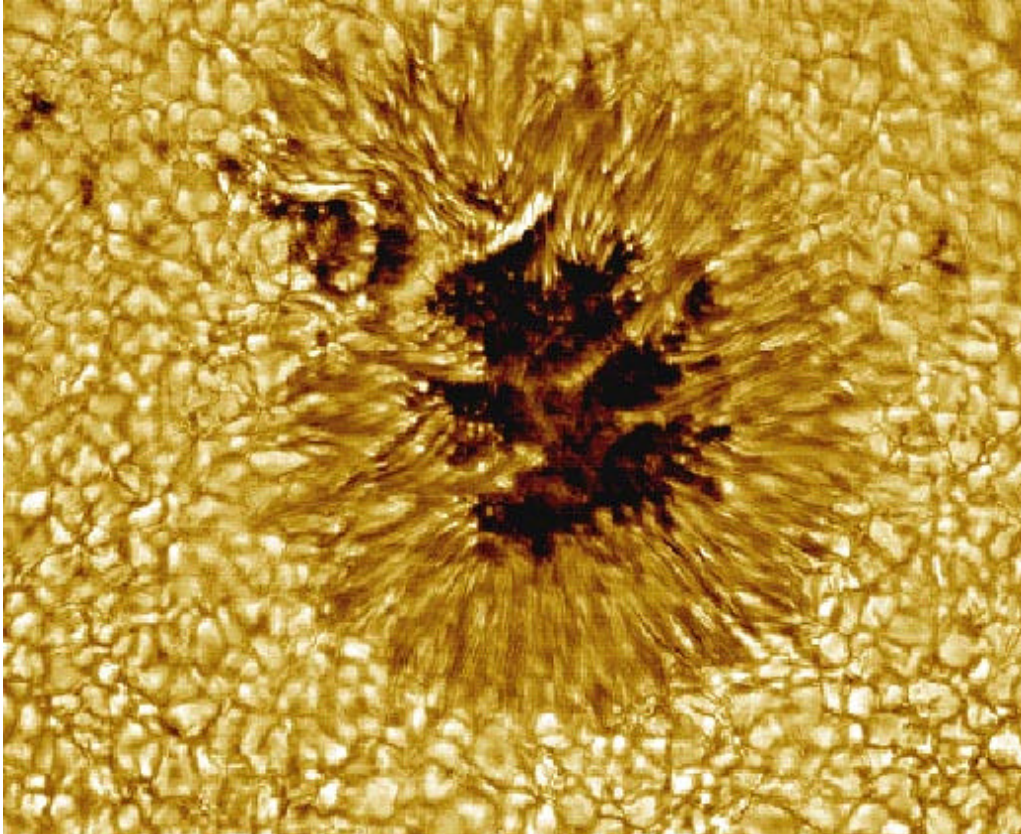
later when it hit 282.6. The previous high solar flux for this cycle was 273.5 on March 28, 2001, and before that was 262 on May 17, 2000.

The high activity at the end of March and during this week would seem to shift the peak of the solar cycle forward, but that reading is always based on a smoothed running average, and is determined long after the peak. The determination of the peak is influenced by high daily values on many days around the period of peak activity, not just on one day of high numbers. But the high activity this week is not isolated. The trends have been solidly higher for two months. This would be a good time to check out DX on 10 meters. ■

Picture Quiz

Can you guess what this is?

answer elsewhere in CQ Chatter



FOR SALE

- ◇ **80 ft Rohn 25G tower**
- ◇ **Cushcraft ATB-34 4 element tribander**

Age: 15 years old

Price: reasonable

contact Imre Soos, KA8CZP at: ihsoos@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

- ◇ **KENWOOD TS-440SAT transceiver**
- ◇ **ASTRON RS-35M power supply**
- ◇ **60 ft. + Belden 9913 (RG-8) new on reel**

will sell separately

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