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FCC SAYS ANY SIGNAL REPORT IS A GOOD SIGNAL REPORT

Hams can continue to give any signal reports that they please. This as the FCC denies a petition filed by a Texas ham that sought to regulate the way signal reports are given in the Amateur service, especially during contests. :

The FCC has acted very quickly on a petition filed this past May 6, by Jack Najork, W5FG, of Hubbard, Texas, concerning signal reports transmitted by amateur stations that are participating in contests. Specifically, Najork had requested that the Commission sanction the American Radio Relay League for not taking any action to prohibit or discourage what he termed as "false 5-9 blanket reporting."

In the petition, Najork stated that contest signal reports have become -- and we quote "wholesale liar's exchanges." He also expressed the concern that the ARRL has -- and again we quote -- "targeted newly licensed radio ama-

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130 EDST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)**

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Next Meeting

Breakfast

SATURDAY, JULY 11

TIME: 9:00 am

**PLACE: Couzin's Restaurant,
Grand Rapids, OH**

teurs with articles in QST to insure they learned and followed this sham reporting system."

But in its almost record-setting dismissal of the Najork petition, the FCC flatly stated that the way in which hams exchange signal reports is of no interest or concern to the regulatory agency. In regard to the message exchanged between stations in contests, the FCC said that these are specified by the various contest sponsors and generally consists of a call sign and a signal report. As to hams giving other hams inaccu-

Net Check In

Jun 9

N8QMV (NC)
K8NEA
W8PSK
K8BBK
WD8ICP
KG8FH
WB8NQW
KC8EKT
K8OVO (9)

Jun 16

WB8NQW (NC)
WD8JWJ
W8PSK
WD8ICP
K8BBK
N1RB
AC8EA
WB8VUL
N8YAE (9)

Jun 23

N1RB (NC)
N8QMV
W8PSK
K8BBK
WB8NQW
WB8VUL
K8NEA
WD8ICP
N8YAE
KG8FH
WD8JWJ (11)

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2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130 EDST

Jun	30	K8OVO
Jul	7	WD8ICP
Jul	14	N8QMV
Jul	21	WB8NQW
Jul	28	N1RB
Aug	4	K8OVO
Aug	11	WD8ICP

Brain Teasers

1. What is an L-network?
 - a.) a network consisting entirely of four inductors.
 - b.) a network consisting of an inductor and capacitor.
 - c.) a network used to generate a leading phase angle.
 - d.) a network used to generate a lagging phase angle.
2. What is a common use for point contact diodes?
 - a.) as a constant current source
 - b.) as a constant voltage source
 - c.) as an rf detector
 - d.) as a high voltage rectifier
3. What is the half-power bandwidth of a parallel resonant circuit that has a resonant frequency of 14.25 MHz and a Q of 187?
 - a.) 22.3 KHz
 - b.) 10.8 KHz
 - c.) 76.2 KHz
 - d.) 13.1 KHz

July Contests

The contest lineup for the month of July is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

Jul 1	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Canada Day		all modes
Jul 4	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Venezuelan Independence Day		all modes
Jul 18-19	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
North American RTTY 'test		RTTY
Jul 18-19	<i>1800 to 2100 Z</i>	6 m-2 m
CQ WW VHF 'test		all modes
Jul 25-26	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Islands on the Air 'test		all modes

July Hamfests

July 11 Indianapolis Hamfest Assn. Camp Sertoma, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Bob, N9FIM, (317) 261-6658.

e-mail: bob9fim@att.net

web: <http://indyhamfest.com>

July 19 Van Wert ARC. Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert, OH. Contact Louie, WD8LLO, (419) 238-2812.

e-mail: skouts@bright.net

DON'T FORGET!

10 meter informal net meets each Sunday at 2030 EDST

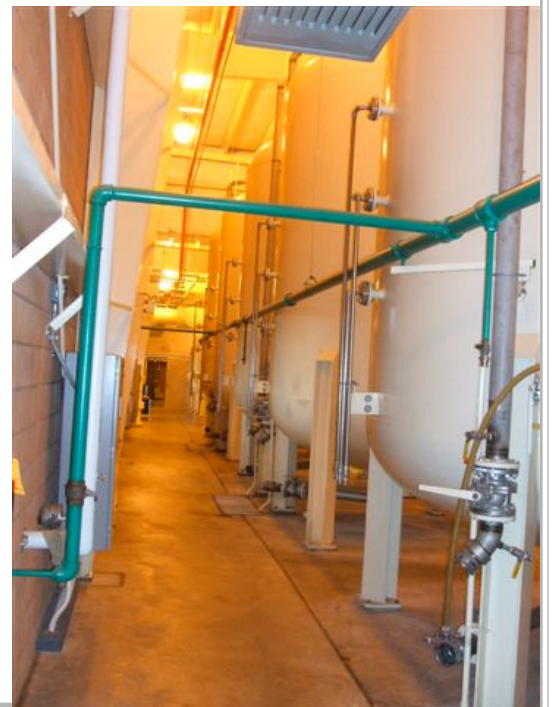
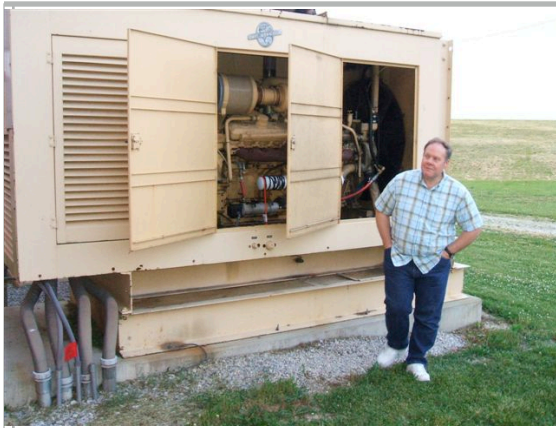
on 28.335 MHz

A Night at the Water Treatment Plant---June Meeting



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Brain Teaser answers: 1-b, 2-c, 3-c



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rate signal reports, here the FCC notes that there is no rule in Part 97 that requires a station to transmit a report of the signal received. Nor is there one that specifies the standard for reporting signal quality. In the end the Commission said that it does not regulate amateur contests. Rather, they are self-administered by the amateur community. Based on this, the FCC has dismissed Najork petition and has told him that his concerns should be directed to the various contest sponsors.

Just how Najork might accomplish this is a good question. This is because the majority of ham radio contests are sponsored by individuals or groups in other nations. As such, they are not subject to the same rules as those radio amateurs whose licenses have been issued by the United states FCC. ■

Field Day Fun

Eyeball Rag Chewing



Ham Radio Stew

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