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HAPPENINGS

Diving deep for 'the world's most famous radio' RMS Titanic Inc., the U.S. company hoping to rescue the radio, noted in court papers that while the Titanic's radio room itself has stayed somewhat unscathed, holes are forming in the deckhouse directly above it. placing the Marconi set in peril. This is the wireless transmitter that operator Jack Phillips used April 15, 1912 to summon help for the doomed RMS Titanic, and

sent the message: "Come at once. We have struck a berg. It's a CQD, old man."

On January 24, President Donald Trump signed into law the "Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act" or the "PIRATE Act." The measure, which amends the Communications Act of 1934, authorizes enhanced penalties for violators. Under the new law, pirate radio broadcast-

ers would be subject to a fine of not more than \$2 million, and violators could be fined up to \$100,000 for each day during which an offense occurs. The law defines pirate radio broadcasting as transmitting within the AM and FM bands without an FCC license, but excluding unlicensed operations in compliance with Part 15.

ron. Returned winnings to the club.

information on the SET. Red cross has moved to 8245 Devereux drive in Melbourne

Vice President Report: We need to finish removing equipment from the radio shack. All that remains are some batteries, shelving, and some cables. Big items yet to remove are the towers on east side with the beam on it. Tower on north side has the Red Cross 45MHZ antenna. We need a trailer to haul the towers to Dave's relative's location. Viron will need help in lowering the towers and removing the beam. The beam will be marked so it can be put back together without needing to recalibrate it. Monthly meetings will be moved to the River of Life Assembly of God church, 1890 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island at 7:00 PM. After small discussion before a motion to move meeting to the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM by Greg, seconded by Augusta, was voted on and approved. This will start in April.

ORP discussion: ORP will be at Manatee cove on March 21 at 10:00 AM. JDRF WALK May 16 at Wickham Park. Field Day June 27-28, most likely at the River of Life Church.

MS walk is still scheduled, are they requesting our services?

Need to evaluate the mission of the IRARC.

Viron then presented a brief history of the club from its inception to the present and its involvement with the Red Cross and the EOC. The full history is in the club's website archives.

Decrease of membership is due in part to the advent of cell phones and lack of need for phone patches In the 90s IRARC received a letter from ARRL stating that we were the longest standing ARES ("amateur Radio Emergency services") club.

At this time, we don't have the man power to provide shelter communication to all the shelters in our area. If we want to be an ARES type club and provide full community support in emergencies, we need younger members.

Further discussion centered on the club's mission for the future. We don't own towers to support our repeater antenna. Previously, we tried to associate with various county or city emergency services with poor results. At this time our best option is to support the county. Presently, Brevard county plans only 3 shelters: General, Pet Friendly, and Special Needs. Others may be added only if there is an increased demand. For net control during an emergency we should have a distributed net control from our home stations. Motion to end the meeting at 7:42PM was proposed and voted and approved. 50-50 drawing won \$7.00 by Vi

Respctfully submitted, Ernie Hoffman, K1CPO, Secretary

The Foundation for Amateur Radio Inc. (FAR) has invited applications for the 2020 - 2021 academic year for the scholarships it administers. Applications must be submitted via the online form. Several questions ask for essay responses. The deadline for initial submissions is April 30, 2020. Applicants may amend their applications until May 7.

EMISSIONS SPURIOUS

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CLUB MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 18:45 by Viron, N4VEP followed by the Pledge of Alliance.

Guest present, Paul Diaz, KK4JUT. 16 members present.

Motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter: voted on and approved.

Treasure Report by Larry Hendersin: Motion to approve the Treasure report by Dale and 2nd by Armando, was voted on and approved.

Old business: Tower repair. Both Larry,kk4wdd and Dave, ku0r paid James, the tower climber, \$75.00 for his services.

State filing needs to be paid shortly (May 1 is deadline, \$65.00 is required.) Our equipment insurance has expired; we need an Inventory to be completed soon.

This may take some time to complete so we will submit the previous equipment list and amend it when the inventory is completed.

Technical report by Dave: all repeaters are working.

On Sundays at 3:00 PM (15:00 hours) FLDIGI training on the 147.37 repeater. Discussions on NBEAMS (narrow band emergency messaging system) We use MT63, 1000K long.

All that is needed to operate NBEAMS is the software loaded in computer, a microphone, a speaker and your radio. The software is available on line. Steve sent an email to everyone with a link. SET (Simulated Emergency Test) April 11 at 9:00 AM both on HF and VHF. April's SET will be based on loss of commercial communication. Steve will send

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

HAPPENINGS

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has completed Island in the Pacific, set to take the makeover of its main website and the three regional websites - all with the same basic design. The three regional sites can be accessed directly from the IARU home page.

A documentary about the 1977 The HuskySat-1 satellite, designed discovery of a signal from the cosmos detected by the Ohio State University Radio Telescope is now available from at least one internet video site and was to become available from Amazon and Google Play. The so-called "WOW signal" is regarded as the best candidate for a signal originating from extraterrestrial intelligence. The award-winning 88-minute film, WOW Signal, is available on FandangoNow. The documentary's trailer is free; the film itself is available for rent or purchase.

The W8S DXpedition to Swains place in mid-March, has been postponed until fall as a result of travel restrictions imposed on individuals entering American Samoa, stemming from the recent coronavirus outbreak.

at the University of Washington, was launched to the International Space Station last November and subsequently deployed into a higher orbit from the ISS on January 31. It began telemetry transmissions on 435.800 MHz with a 1,200 bps BPSK beacon active and decodable with the latest release of AM-

SAT's FoxTelem software. The HuskySat-1 CubeSat will demonstrate onboard plasma propulsion and high-gain telemetry for low-Earth orbit.

Researchers with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate, are mounting miniature mobile communications networks on pickup trucks and unmanned aerial systems to measure signal strength and coverage in mountain areas lacking wireless infrastructure. Details here.

The 'DXCC Most Wanted' entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of February 27th. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 10 entities:

- 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)
- 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island
- 3. FT5/W Crozet Island
- 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef
- 5. CEOX San Felix Islands
- 6. BV9P Pratas Island
- 7. KH7K Kure Island
- 8. KH3 Johnston Island

9. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island 10. FT5/X Kerguelen Island

The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list (340) is available at: https://secure.clublog.org/ mostwanted.php

REMINDER!

Due to the Red Cross shutting down their facility on Cedar Street in Rockledge, starting on April, 2020, the club will meet on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month (that's April 21) at the River of Life Assembly of God church, 1890 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island at 7:00 PM.

ON THE AIR

The W8S DXpedition team is heading to Swains Island in the Pacific in March. An international team of 10 operators will be active from March 10 to March 25 on all HF bands on CW, SSB, FT8, and RTTY. Operation will be 24/7 from two separate camps on the island, each with two stations. Visit the Swains Island 2020 DXpedition website for more information.

Maine Bicentennial Special

Event Mar 16-Mar 22, 0000Z-2359Z, W1L, Boothbay Harbor, ME. Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library. 14.262 7.262 3.962. Certificate. Via email: director@bbhlibrary.org, or from , website, www.bbhlibrary.org. W1L will be operating from Boothbay Harbor, ME. Other participating calls include K1B, K1J, K1P, W1C, W1H, W1K,

W1L, W10, W1P, W1S, W1W, and W1Y. Certificate for contact; endorsements for bands, modes, and clean sweep of contact with each of the Maine 200 Special Event call signs. maine200specialevent.com for Bicentennial information: for W1L information. n1mhc@arrl.net or www.bbhlibrary.org

Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar

29, 1630Z-2130Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.035 7.225 7.035. QSL. USS KIDD Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Operation aboard the USS KIDD, DD-661, WW II Fletcher class destroyer. <u>grz.com/db/w5kid</u>

Sun-N-Fun International Fly-in and Conference Mar 31-Apr 5, 1400Z-2100Z, W4S, Lakeland, FL. Sun-n-Fun and Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR).

14.250. OSL. Tom Ruhlmann, W9IPR, 465 Beechwood Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012. W4S has been our call sign for the past several years. We typically have 12 or more operators and from several states. Walk up operators are welcome as schedules allow. We will be running about 500 watts to a beam. Event description available at www.sunn-fun.org.

John, KB8RJ will be active as YN5J from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, 16 January - 18 March 2020. He will operate on 40 - 10m. QSL via home call direct: JOHN STAATS. 4548 CHURCH RD, BOYNE CITY, MI, 49712-9351, USA.

VU4R Team will be active from Neil Island, Andaman Islands, IOTA AS - 001 in CQ WW WPX

SSB Contest, 28 - 29 March 2020. Before and after contest they will focus on 160, 80, 40m. QSL via VU2RS direct, SARATH BABU RAYAPROLLU, 8-2-310/ A/10/1, 2nd Floor, Ibrahim Nagar, Road No 10 Banjara Hills, AP, 500034, India, or LOTW.

Over the March 14 - 15 weekend, members of the Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club (SADARC) in Australia will be on the air as VI3RA (Radio Australia), connecting their transceivers to the curtain array and rhombic antennas at the former Radio Australia site in Shepparton. Radio Australia ceased transmitting from the site in 2017. VI3RA will operate on 40, 30, 20, 17, and 15 meters.

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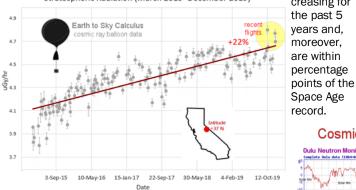
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Cosmic Ray Update by **DR.TONY PHILLIPS**

Dec. 13, 2019: Something ironic is happening in Earth's atmosphere. Solar activity is low-very low. Yet atmospheric radiation is heading in the opposite direction. Cosmic rays percolating through the air around us are at a 5 year high. Take a look at these data gathered by cosmic ray balloons launched by

Spaceweather.com and the students of Earth to Sky Calculus almost weekly since March 2015:

Another way to measure cosmic rays is using a neutron monitor. Neutrons are an important type of secondary cosmic ray. They reach Earth's surface with relative ease and are biologically effective. Neutron monitors at the Sodankyla Geophysical Observatory in Oulu, Finland, are getting results similar to ours. Oulu data show that cosmic rays have been in-Stratospheric Radiation (March 2015 -December 2019) creasing for



Radiation levels have been increasing almost non-stop since the monitoring program began, with recent flights registering the highest levels of all.

What's happening? The answer is "Solar Minimum"-the low point of the 11-year solar cycle. During Solar Minimum (underway now) the sun's magnetic field weakens and allows energetic particles from deep space to penetrate the Solar System. As solar activity goes down, cosmic rays go up; yin-yang.

When cosmic rays hit the top of Earth's atmosphere, they produce a spray of secondary particles and photons that rain down on Earth's surface. This is what our balloons measure-the secondary spray. We use X-ray and gamma-ray detectors sensitive to energies in the range 10 keV to 20 MeV. This type of radiation, which you can also find in medical X-ray machines and airport security scanners, has increased more than 20% in the stratosphere.

The Space Age record for cosmic rays isn't very old. It was was set in late 2009-early 2010 near the end of a very deep Solar Minimum much like the one we're experiencing now. As 2019 comes to a close. neutron counts at Oulu are ap-

proaching those same levels. Indeed, a new record could be just weeks or months away.

Who cares? Anyone who steps on an airplane. Cosmic rays penetrate commercial iets. delivering whole-body dosages equal to one or more dental Xrays even on regular flights across the USA. Cosmic rays pose an even greater hazard to astronauts, of course. Cosmic ravs can also alter the electrochemistry of Earth's upper atmosphere and are thought to play some role in sparking lightning.

Stay tuned for updates.

Cosmic Rays on Earth Since 1964

This article is from Space weather.com





W1AW CW PRACTICE TRANSMISSIONS

7 PM EST Slow CW: 5-15 WPM Mon, Wed, Fri

7 PM EST Fast CW: 35-10 WPM Tue, Thu

FREQUENCIES:

1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350, 147.555



Editor's Note:

Send comments about the Newsletter or to contribute information or articles to the Editor's email address:

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March Contests

Mar 7-8 International DX Phone Contest

Oklahoma QSO Party 1500Z, Mar 14 to 0200Z, Mar 15 and 1400Z-2100Z, Mar 15; Idaho QSO Party-1900Z

Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16

Louisiana QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 22

Virginia QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 21 to 0400Z, Mar 22 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22

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145.130	130 V B	-600	107.2	AB4AZ	VERO BEACH, INDIAN RIVER	AB4AZ	
145.350	350 SC	-600	103.5	K4OSC	St. CLOUD, OSCEOLA	K1XC	Radio Science Club, Fl Club
145.370	370 CO	-600		W2SDB	COCOA-BROADCAST CT.	IRARC	Yaesu Repeater replaced with Bridgecon
145.470	470 ME	-600	107.2	K4HRS	MELBOURNE- RIALTO PL.	HIRAC	
145.490	490 TI	-600		WN3DHI	TITUSVILLE SR405 & Fox lk rd.	WN3DHI	
146.610	610 ME	-600	None/107.2		MELBOURNE- HOLMES HOSP	PCARS	Tone Downlink only
146.625	625 MM	-600	100.0	KE4NUZ	NW of MIMS NEAR HARRISON RD.	KE4NUZ	Limited coverage
146.775	775 MM	-600		K4KSC	NW of MIMS Hog Valley , W of 195	K4KSC	
146.850	850 ME	-600	None/107.2		PALM BAY- Port Malabar Rd.	PCARS	Tone Downlink Only
146.880	880 RO	-600		W4NLX	ROCKLEDGE- WUESTHOFF HOSP.	IRARC	FUSION Repeater replaced with Bridged
146.895	895 PB		107.2/107.2		PALM BAY- DeGroot Library	EOC	TSQL as of 5/2018
146.910	910 TI	-600	-	K4KSC	TITUSVILLE Water Tower on south st.	TARC	
146.940	940 RO		None	K4GCC	ROCKLEDGE Carver Rd.WLRQ Tower	LISATS	
146.970	970 TI	-600		K4KSC	TITUSVILLE-T'VILLE TOWERS	TARC	
147.075	075 SC		107.2/107.2		SCOTTSMOOR Near US1-Aurantia Rd		TSQL as of 5/2018 Relocated 4/2019
147.135	135 RO		107.2/107.2		ROCKLEDGE-EOC	EOC	TSql as of 5/2018
147.135	240 DE	+600	-	KV4EOC	DELAND	VARES	
147.255	255 PB	+600		K4DCS	Near Babcock & Palm City S City limit		
147.330	330 TI	+600		K4NBR	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	NBARC	DSTAR Catoway in work
147.360	360 TI			N4TDX	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	NBARC	
442.850	850TI4		107.2/107/2		TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	NBARC	TSql;FUSION/WBFM/WIRES-X
444.325	325ME4	+5000		K4DCS	MELBOURNE-TRINITY TWRS-E	PBARC	
444.375	CNLBRE	+5000	107.2		195 FDT Twr 1/2 Mile N of County Line		"SARNet Sebastian Repeater"
444.425	425ME4	+5000		W4MLB	MELBOURNE- RIALTO PL.	PCARS	
444.525	525RO4	+5000	103.5/103.5	K4EOC	ROCKLEDGE-EOC	EOC	TSql; VOICE/NBEMS
444.650	CNMBRE	+5000	107.2	W4NLX	COCOA-FHP SR520	IRARC	"SARNet Cocoa Repeater"
444.750	750TI4	+5000	156.7/156.7	N4TDX	TITUSVILLE- TGO WATERTOER 230 ft	NBARC	TSql
444.875	875MI4	+5000	107.2	KC2UFO	MERRITT IS. COURTNEY SPRS.	K4UZM	
444.925	925KS4	+5000	131.8/131.8	N1KSC	KENNEDY SP. CTRVAB	KSCARC	FM Tsql ; P25 capable
224.120	120CO2	-1600	123.0	AA4CD	COCOA Broadcast Ct.	AA4CD	
MR							
444.150	150TI4	+5000	CC1	K2JO	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	KC2CWT	DMR FL
444.575	575CO4	+5000		K4DJN	COCOA BROADCAST CT.	AA4CD	DMR Brandmeister
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145.770	770 PB	SEDAN		K4EOC-7	PALM BAY	N2DB	http://www.fla-sedan.com
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146.550	SOUTHX	SIMPLEX		N/A	SOUTH REGION	PBARC	SOUTH NET SIMPLEX BACKUP
146.580	MLBX	SIMPLEX		N/A	MELBOURNE REGION	PCARS	MELBOURNE REGION NET SIMPLEX BACK
146.595	NORTHX	SIMPLEX		N/A	NORTH REGION	TARC	NORTH NET SIMPLEX BACKUP
147.540	EOCROX	SIMPLEX		N/A	RACES Bay	EOC	EOC VOICE/NBEMS
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146.520	CALL52	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		VHF national simplex calling freq
146.490	TAC A	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		Standardized tactical option since 2006
146.560	NBRX	SIMPLEX		N/A	NBARC -Club/Parrish Hosptial Activit	ties	
146.580	TAC B	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		Standardized tactical option since 2006
147.420	TACC	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		Standardized tactical option since 2006
147.420	IRARCX	SIMPLEX		N/A	IRARC 'FUN NET" and CLUB ACTIVIES		
147.420	TAC D	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		Standardized tactical option since 2006
147.430	TACE	SIMPLEX	-	N/A	: ,		Standardized tactical option since 2006
				-	Station to station, anywhere		
446.000	CALL46	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere		UHF national simplex calling freq
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446.600	TAC B4	SIMPLEX		N/A	Station to station, anywhere	L	Standardized tactical option since 2006
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