

ARLB006 Amateur Radio Parity Act Speeds to U.S. House Passage, Heads to U.S. Senate

Just 10 days after being introduced, the 2017 Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation, H.R. 555, passed the U.S. House of Representatives this week on unanimous consent under a suspension of House rules. The bill's language is identical to that of the 2015 measure, H.R. 1301, which won House approval late last summer after attracting 126 co-sponsors, but failed to clear the U.S. Senate last fall as the 114th Congress wound down. The new bill, again sponsored by Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), was introduced on January 13 with initial co-sponsorship by Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Rep. Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), who chairs the influential House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R. 555 can be found on the web at,
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/555?r=27> .

"The grassroots effort of Amateur Radio operators across this nation in support of the Amateur Radio Parity Act has been remarkable, nothing like we have ever seen before," ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said. "To all hams, keep going! Now is the time to charge forward with that same momentum to the Senate. We can do it!" The bill arrives in the U.S. Senate with ample time in which to garner its approval through an education campaign.

"We're very encouraged by the speed with which this bill made it through the House. It's amazing that this happened," said ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who has been at the forefront of the legislative initiative. "With the help of ARRL members, we believe we can get this done," Lisenco continued. "We came within a hair's breadth last time, with 110,000 e-mails to members of both houses of Congress, as well as letters and telephone calls. Member participation in this final push is critical."

H.R. 555 calls on the FCC to establish rules prohibiting the application of deed restrictions that preclude Amateur Radio communications on their face or as applied. Deed restrictions would have to impose the minimum practicable restriction on Amateur Radio communications to accomplish the lawful purposes of homeowners association seeking to enforce the restriction.

Director: Robert B Vallio, W6RGG
ARRL Pacific Division

I just observed, on CSPAN TV, the passage of HR-555, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, by a voice vote.

This bill will now be sent to the Senate for their passage, which will result in that bill being sent to the office of the President for signing into law.

Thank you to everyone that sent an e-mail to their Representatives and Senators. I know, from reports by our Washington lobbyists; that many Representatives and Senators were convinced by the sheer volume of mail that they received on this bill, to vote in the affirmative. I am confident that the Senate will take the same action in a short time. More information is available on arrl.org.

73, Bob W6RGG

RARC MEETING DECEMBER 27, 2016

RARC has a new meeting place – Fortuna Fire Department, 320 So. Fortuna Blvd. Come on down tomorrow night, we have lots to talk about – our new trailer, election of officers, programs for the new year, and much more. Notes from December follow – see you at the Fire Department!

The Redwood Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at Pepper's Restaurant with a half-dozen in attendance. Lacking a quorum the meeting was informal, allowing attendees to concentrate on their coffee and hot chocolate. Items discussed:

- * January is dues month so come to the January meeting ready to pay up.
- * Discussion about changing the meeting night to Thursday.
- * Maintain the same slate of officers for 2017?
- * Discussion about possible new meeting locations.
- * Time to send out another recruitment letter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Don Campbell, KE6HEC, Secretary
Don Campbell
707.834.0042

Harry K. Wolf, W6NKT, SK at 107; May Have Been World's Oldest Active Radio Amateur

Harry K. Wolf, W6NKT, of Morro Bay, California, has died just a couple of weeks short of his 108th birthday. Wolf may have been the oldest active radio amateur in the US, if not in the world, although no official records are maintained. Licensed since 1936, Wolf was an ARRL member and a Life



Member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). Wolf was on the air daily, mostly on 40-meter CW.

Harry Wolf, W6NKT, at his station. [Courtesy of Neal Swanberg, KG6AYI]

Born in Paso Robles, California, Wolf said in his QRZ.com profile that he built his first radio as a young teenager in 1922. He got his ham ticket while living in Arizona, and held the call sign W6NKT for his entire life.

While serving in the US Navy during World War II, Wolf taught navigation to cadets in San Luis Obispo, California. Later, he served for 31 years as a professor of electronics engineering at two University of California campuses, retiring in 1973. Wolf was the founding advisor of the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club and signed the club's original charter in 1947; in 2009, he donated a Yaesu FTDX-9000D transceiver to the club. After retiring, Wolf went to Hong Kong Polytechnic for 4 years and operated as VS6GF. His nephew, Tim Bryan, said his uncle also taught in Tanzania. After returning to the US, he lived in Florida until 1994, when he returned to Morro Bay.

Bryan told ARRL that his uncle was raised on a ranch in the Geneseo area and was once known as the fastest grain sack sewer in San Luis Obispo County, demonstrating the by-then lost art into his hundreds.

Neal Swanberg, KG6AYI, who is secretary of the Estero Radio Club, said Wolf last checked into the county net in late November. "We will all miss Harry's bright smile and good humor," he said. A memorial service is set for Saturday, January 28, at the Morro Bay Golf Course. -- Thanks to Tim Bryan, Neal Swanberg, KG6AYI, and Marcel Stieber, AI6MS

DISCLAIMER: RAIN is published monthly by the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club. RAIN is a benefit of membership in Humboldt Amateur Radio Club. No paid subscriptions are available.

Unless otherwise noted, Humboldt Amateur Radio Club permits re-use of any portion of this publication provided source credit is given. Items printed herein do not necessarily represent the views of Humboldt Amateur Radio Club and/or its editor.

Jaye Inabnit ke6sls, ke6sls@arrl.net

For more information, please visit our website <http://www.humboldt-arc.org>
or write to:

Humboldt Amateur Radio Club
BOX 5251
Eureka, CA 95502-5251

Winter Field Day?

On January 28th, Howard Lang KB6NN and Anthony Wiese KG6LHW participated in Winter Field Day 2017. WFD is not an ARRL sponsored event but is administered by "a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who believe that emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns," according to www.winterfieldday.com.

Howard and Anthony decided to operate from Kneeland Airport hoping to encounter some harsher environmental conditions as well as have an extended horizon for longer satellite passes. Even though the event started at 1100 local and ran for 24 hours, their intention wasn't to spend the night but just to enjoy the event, location and try out some new logging software until they were "done." As far as their setup, they used a G5RV jr. on a 30' telescoping fiberglass mast, a Yeasu 857d with a 9ah Bioenno battery, a signal link sound card and two laptops, one running FLDigi and the other, the N3FJP logging software.



They made contacts on 20m and 40m using CW, PSK and SSB trying to rack up multipliers for using different bands and modes. They also had a short satellite QSO with Jim Armstrong KW6JIM and Steve Ishewood KK6MPV on their way back from Quartzfest. The four 1500 bonus point categories were able to be claimed since they were at a remote location(not at home), not using commercial power(off the grid), completely outside and having made a satellite contact.



Anthony was excited to learn and use a new logging program. He learned from the chatter on the WFD Facebook page that the NSFJP program is easy to learn and tailored to each and every contest. At \$8.99 it was worth a try. "It was cinch to learn, especially since there are videos on Youtube that will walk you through it. It's tailored to contesting so there are a minimum use of key strokes to make valid QSO/exchange entries. It would also tell us quickly if we were typing in a duplicate and tell us our QSO per hour rate. I love the program and look forward to using it in future contests," says Anthony.

Howard was amazed on how long the 9ah Bioenno battery lasted. They quit when it got dark and cold even though the battery was still usable after 5 hours of operating. Mark your calendar 2018 Winter Field Day is January 27/28. More info can be found at the above link. Also, for more info on the logging software go to www.n3fjp.com/

----msg from aa6dx----

Hi.. for RAIN, you might want to give Bob Rocha, WB6QPG, a landline..he is in a 3-way tie for first place in W6 land in the NPOA thingie... like 392 parks worked! Might make for a good article for RAIN, eh?

Mark – AA6DX

----msg from editor to wb6qpg----

Hi Bob:

I think it would be fun to get your QSO details from last years NPOA! Am working on this months RAIN right now. Any details? Highlights? Would love to add it this month!

tnx Bob! 73, j

---official report from wb6qpg---

During the NPOTA event in 2016 in the Chaser category I worked 392 Activation stations. I also got the Honor Roll certificate for working more than 75% of 59 National Parks.

Please contact Anthony Wiese KG6LHW because he also made the Honor Roll and he was an Activator and Chaser as well, he made quite a few Activations and I am sure that there is an award coming to him for that. Anthony spent a lot of time on the NPOTA event. Thank you and I appreciate what you do..RAIN is a big hit and enjoyable to the Ham Radio community.

73, Bob WB6QPG



HARC minutes and reports—nothing submitted to RAIN

FWRA minutes and reports—nothing submitted to RAIN

SHARC minutes and reports—nothing submitted to RAIN

Radio Exam Session >Saturday< 02/18/2017

Sponsor: Un-sponsored

Date: Feb 18 2017

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Daniel R. Martin

(707) 768-9147

Email: Dan.AG6JW@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Fortuna Volunteer fire Dept

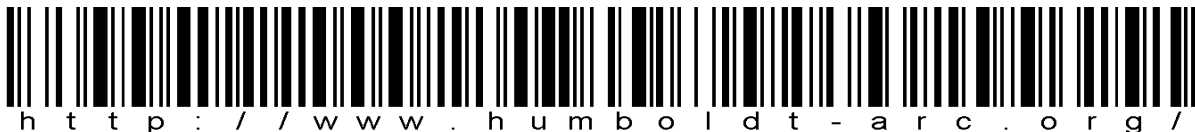
320 S Fortuna Blvd

Fortuna CA 95547

RAIN
Box 5251
Eureka, California, 95502-5251

North Coast Nets

Sunday	0800	North coast emergency net	3.855 MHz SSB
Monday	1900	Arcata Emergency simplex net	146.430 MHz
Monday	1900	Eel River Emergency net	147.090 PL103.5
Monday	1900	Eureka Emergency simplex net	146.460 MHz
Monday	1900	Southern Humboldt Emergency net	146.790 PL 103.5
Monday	1915	Eureka & north UHF Emergency net	444.400 +5000 PL103.5
Monday	1930	Humboldt county Emergency net (nearest FWRA repeater to you)	146.700 PL1031.5 147.000 PL1031.5 146.760 PL1031.5 146.610 PL1031.5
Monday	1945	Humboldt County HF emergency net	3.955 MHz SSB
Monday	2000	California State net	3.992 MHz SSB
Monday	2005	Humboldt HF Digital emergency net	3.582 USB
Tuesday	1930	ORCA digital operations net	3.581 MHz USB
Tuesday	1930	California-Mendocino net	3.915 MHz SSB
Wednesday	1000	California State net	7.230 MHz SSB
Wednesday	1930	FWRA net	146.760 PL103.5



[humboldt-arc.org](http://www.humboldt-arc.org)