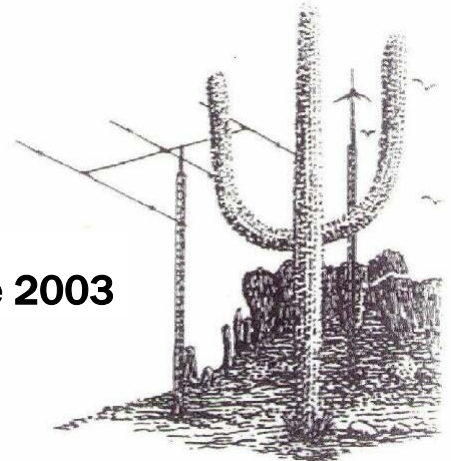


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HR 1478, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003

State and local zoning ordinances that place unreasonable restrictions on Amateur Radio antennas have been federally pre-empted by the FCC's PRB-1. However, more and more Amateurs find themselves in housing developments with land-use restrictions that place the same, if not worse, restrictions on the placement of antennas. Some forbid antennas outright.

There is a Bill before the U.S. House of Representatives that is designed to treat land-use restrictions, as they pertain to Amateur Radio antennas, the same as State and local ordinances. This Act will bring the land-use restrictions under the same Federal pre-emption that now exists for State and local ordinances.

This Bill needs your support. We need to convince our elected Representatives to stand behind this bill.

Short Text of bill:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003'.

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF PRIVATE LAND USE RULES AS LOCAL REGULATION.

For purposes of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation relating to station antenna structures in the amateur radio services (47 CFR 97.15), any private land use rules applicable to such structures shall be treated as a State or local regulation and shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as a State or local regulation.

Sponsor:
Steve Israel (D-NY)

Original co-sponsors:
Rep Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Rep Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)
Rep Marion Berry (D-AR)
Rep Rick Boucher (D-VA)
Rep Jo Ann Davis (R-VA)
Rep Ralph Hall (D-TX)
Rep Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
Rep Michael McNulty (D-NY)
Rep Dennis Moore (D-KS)
Rep Mike Ross (D-AR)
Rep Charles Taylor (R-NC)
Rep Patrick Tiberi (R-OH)
Rep Greg Walden (R-OR)

Additional co-sponsors:
John Oliver (D-MA)
Ken Calvert (R-CA)
John J. Duncan Jr (R-TN)
Joseph Hoeffel (D-PA)
Rob Simmons (R-CT)
Michael Michaud (R-ME)

Source:
<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr1478/>

Support HR 1478

You are urged to support HR 1478 by contacting your Representative. You are urged to send e-mail, if you have that capability, and send postal mail, too.

If you have access to the Internet, you can visit <http://WB7TJD.org> for ways to look up who your Representative is by entering your 9-digit Zip Code, and to contact him or her via e-mail. You can also look up the Representative's mailing address and telephone number.

If you don't have access online, then you will need to write a letter and mail it to your Representative. The "U.S. Government offices" pages of your phone book should have the contact information you need. This is in the blue pages of the phone book. Look under Congress.

Over to the right is a copy of a sample letter which you are urged to add your own words to. I took it from the afore-mentioned ARRL page, and replaced "To Rep. (Blank)" with "The Honorable (Blank)." This per guidelines found in the House of Representatives web sites.

Next Meeting of the Superstition ARC

The next meeting of the Superstition ARC is on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 PM. We meet in the Kiva Room, in the basement of the Clock Tower on the Dobson-Southern campus of Mesa Community College.

Park in the east parking lot, located next to the football stadium, and two-thirds of the way back from Southern Avenue. If you are coming from the east on Southern, you can enter this parking lot on the first left turn after the light for Longmore.

The clock-tower is in the center of the campus, and has two doors on the east and west sides at ground level. Go to the elevator and go down one floor. Take a right turn out of the elevator.

Visitors are welcome!

LETTERHEAD WITH YOUR ADDRESS

The Honorable _____

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. _____

I urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 1478, the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act," sponsored by Rep. Steve Israel. The bill would alleviate a problem facing many federally licensed Amateur Radio operators living within development communities who are subject to unreasonable restrictions or outright prohibitions regarding the installation of external antennas.

Under current law, the FCC applies a policy that instructs states and localities that they must reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio antennas. The policy, however, fails to address situations affecting private land-use groups. Rep. Israel's bill would ensure consistent application of these regulations.

This legislation seeks to insure that Amateur Radio operators are available for emergency communications in all sections of the country, regardless of whether they live in a development, such as a retirement community, or townhouse subdivision. Restrictions against antennas render Amateur Radio operators unable to utilize their licenses, which in turn may ultimately hinder their emergency communication role during times of disaster or national crisis.

Amateur radio provides a vital public safety communications service to the public at no cost to taxpayers. I hope you will join Rep. Israel in co-sponsoring his bill.

I look forward to hearing from you as you consider this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Club Jackets and Shirts

The Superstition ARC is once again taking orders for club Logo clothing. You are urged to contact President Ron McKee either via email at KD7FGY@aol.com or via telephone at 480.510.3025.

When we get twelve orders, we can place another order.

The style is a little different from the old-timers' jackets: Dark blue with a light blue logo on the back and call sign and name on the front.

Club Web site

The Superstition ARC's Web site had a make-over during the winter, and has been totally redesigned. Located at www.qsl.net/wb7tjd/, it also has a new domain name, WB7TJD.org.

The domain name package that we got gives us up to 100 subdomains and up to 100 email addresses that we can configure.

So, if you want to find out specifically about the repeater, visit repeater.wb7tjd.org. Look up information about the VE Team, look at VE.wb7tjd.org. Links to the FCC are at FCC.wb7tjd.org. Forgot the ARCA Web site? Go to ARCA.wb7tjd.org.

There is more information at wb7tjd.org. Check out the menu for all the links.

Club Nets

Our Wednesday night Net is held every Wednesday at 8 PM MST on the 147.12 Repeater. John, KG7FA, plays Amateur Radio Newline after everyone gets checked into the net.

Our Thursday night Net comes on a little earlier, at 7:30 PM, with Amateur Radio Newline first. Larry, WB7CRK takes check-in traffic after the Newline, around 8 PM. The net airs on both 28.470 and 147.12 MHz.

Visitors are always welcome on both nets!

VE Testing every month

Third Monday at 6 PM, Walk-in exam, ARRL.
Mesa Utilities Main Office,
640 N Mesa Drive

2003 Officers and Board

President Ron McKee, KD7FGY

Vice-Pres Rick Willis, K2DLZ

Secretary Ed Cole, KB7RMO

Treasurer Ron Hedtke, AC7MN

Board of Directors

Art Hoffman, W7ART

Dianne Hoffman, KD7DJE

Terry Cross, NK7T

Bob Burleson, KG7QJ

Jim Minturn, N7YVX

June Meeting Agenda

In our May meeting, Myrna Cross, KN7M, our ARCA alternate Delegate, reported on a proposed Constitutional Amendment to be taken up by ARCA, the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona.

It seems there have been a couple of instances where the elected Treasurer mixed ARCA funds with personal funds in one way or another. What they want to do is make the Treasurer an appointed position, and run some background checks before making the appointment.

The Constitution currently calls for a Board made of four elected positions:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

An amendment currently circulating calls for an appointed Treasurer and creation of an Assistant Vice-Chairman position.

The Vice Chairman is responsible for the conduct of the Hamfests run by ARCA, and an assistant would be a help.

We will take a vote of our members in June to determine our club's vote at the Ft. Tuthill Hamfest in July, the weekend of July 25-27.

ARRL Field Day June 21-22

Field Day falls on the fourth weekend of June. This is not the last weekend of June this year.

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Calendar of events

Superstition ARC Calendar of events for June

June 10, Second Tuesday: Board Meeting
Peter Piper Pizza, Gilbert and Main, Mesa
Back Room at 6:30 PM. Open to all

June 16, Third Monday: VE License Exams
Mesa Utilities Office, 640 N Mesa Dr, Mesa
Walk-ins. Register at 6 PM. For More info:
Call Denise, 602-738-0027; ve.wb7tjd.org

June 17, Third Tuesday: General Meeting
Mesa Community College at Dobson/Southern
Clock Tower, a.k.a. Kirk Student Center
Kiva Room in the basement
Comes to order at 7 PM. Visitors Welcome!

July 12–Sept 20, but not July 26 or August 30:
General Class License class, 10 AM till 1:30 PM
Arizona Science Center, in the Board Room
600 E Washington St., Phoenix. For More Info:
Bob KG7QJ, 480-961-1109; class.wb7tjd.org

General Class License Class With Morse Code

A nine-week course is being taught at the Arizona Science Center by Bob Burleson, KG7QJ and a host of other volunteers.

To register, contact Bob at 480-961-1109, or e-mail kg7qj@cox.net. Class tuition is \$10.

Required text "ARRL General Class License Manual", 4th Edition, will be available from the instructors at the first class for \$15. The fee for the FCC Amateur License test is \$12 and can be paid by cash or check at the last class session.

Class material is based on the ARRL book "General Class License Manual" (4th edition) containing the new General license question pools as of April 15th., 2000

Morse code instruction will be available. Software to help you learn and practice the Morse Code will be available at the beginning of the class.