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The Official Newsletter of the Egyptian Radio Club, Inc.

## September 2018

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## FCC Proposes \$18,000 Fine in Louisiana Amateur Radio Interference Case

08/02/2018

The FCC has issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL)* proposing to fine Jerry W. Materne, KC5CSG, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, \$18,000 “for apparently causing intentional interference and for apparently failing to provide station identification on amateur radio frequencies,” the FCC said.

“Mr. Materne was previously warned regarding this behavior in writing by the Enforcement Bureau and, given his history as a repeat offender, these apparent violations warrant a significant penalty,” the FCC said in the *NAL*, released on July 25.

In 2017, the FCC received numerous complaints alleging that Materne was causing interference to the W5BII repeater, preventing other amateur licensees from using it. In March 2017, the repeater trustee banned Materne from using the repeater.

Responding to some of the complaints, the Enforcement Bureau issued a *Letter of Inquiry (LOI)*, advising Materne of the allegations and directing him to address them. Materne denied causing interference but admitted to operating simplex on the repeater’s output frequency. In June 2017, the FCC received an additional complaint alleging that Materne had repeatedly interfered with an attempted emergency net that was called up as Tropical Storm Cindy was about to make landfall. The complaint maintained that Materne “repeatedly transmitted on the repeater’s input frequency, hindering the local emergency net’s ability to coordinate weather warnings and alerts on behalf of the National Weather Service,” the FCC said in the *NAL*.

Local amateurs were able to track the interfering signal to Materne’s residence and confirmed their findings to the FCC, prompting a *Warning Letter* advising Materne of the complaint and pointing out that his behavior

“as described in the complaint would be a violation of Section 97.101(d) of the Commission’s rules.” Materne responded to the *Warning Letter* to argue that it was legal to transmit on the repeater’s output frequency, further stating that “he was tired of this trash harassing me,” the FCC said. In the wake of further complaints, FCC agents visited Lake Charles, tracked transmissions on 146.130 MHz to Materne’s residence, and monitored them for up to 7 hours. The agent reported hearing Materne “playing music on 146.130 MHz and warning other amateur operators that the local Amateur Radio club would not be able to conduct their net later that day.”

That evening, the agent watched as Materne drove to a location near the W5BII repeater, where, the agent said, Materne “began transmitting an amateur digital radio signal from a hand-held radio in his vehicle,” disrupting the net and failing to identify. Subsequently, the agent, accompanied by a deputy from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff’s Office, approached Materne’s vehicle and confirmed that he possessed a radio capable of operating on 146.130 MHz. “Audio recordings captured by the agent demonstrate that the intentional interference ceased as the agent and the Sheriff’s deputy approached Mr. Materne’s vehicle,” the FCC said in the *NAL*.

The FCC said that based on the evidence before it, Materne “apparently willfully violated Section 333 of the Act and Section 97.101(d) of the Commission’s rules by intentionally interfering with other licensed amateur communications,” and that he “apparently willfully violated Section 97.119(a) of the Commission’s rules by failing to transmit his assigned call sign.”

“[W]e find that Mr. Materne’s apparent repeated, intentional, and egregious apparent violations of Section 333 of the Act and Section 97.101(d) of the Commission’s rules warrant an upward adjustment of \$10,000 to the proposed forfeiture,” the FCC said. “In applying the applicable statutory factors, we also consider whether there is any basis for a downward adjustment of the proposed forfeiture. Here, we find none.”

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# 2018 ST. LOUIS METRO ARES/RACES EVENT CALENDAR



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## JULY

9<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## AUGUST

4<sup>th</sup> – Lupus Bike Ride, Eureka, MO\*

6<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> – Repeater Switching Exercise

13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – MS Bike Ride, Godfrey, IL\*

13<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> – Simulated Emergency Test

8<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## NOVEMBER

12<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

## DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Committee Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting

All meetings, exercises and classroom training sessions are open to everyone. Classroom training sessions require registration. Check [STLARES.ORG](http://STLARES.ORG) website for info.

*\*Public Service Events, may require additional training / registration outside of St. Louis Metro ARES/RACES*

## ARRL Announces Director, Vice Director Candidates for Fall Election

08/23/2018

The ARRL Board of Directors' Ethics and Elections Committee has declared as eligible the candidates for the 2018 Board election cycle. Incumbent Directors in four ARRL Divisions face challengers, as does one Vice Director. Both chairs are open in the Northwestern Division.

- In the Central Division, Incumbent Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA, is being challenged for the seat by Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L. Vice Director Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, is unopposed for re-election.
- In the Hudson Division, Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, faces a challenge from Ria Jairam, N2RJ. Vice Director Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, is unopposed for re-election.
- In the New England Division, Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, is being challenged for re-election by Fred Hopengarten, K1VR. Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, has no opposition for re-election.
- In the Roanoke Division, the incumbent Director and Vice Director face challengers. Director James Boehner, N2ZZ, is being opposed for re-election by George Hippisley, W2RU, while incumbent Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, will be facing off against John Humphrey, W4IM, to retain his seat.
- In the Northwestern Division, both the Director's and Vice Director's chairs are up for grabs, as incumbent Jim Pace, K7CEX, has opted not to seek a new term on the Board. Incumbent Vice Director Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, is in a three-way race for the Director's seat. The other two candidates are Horace Hamby, N7DRW, and Mike Ritz, W7VO. A three-way race also exists for the Vice Director's seat that Altus is vacating in order to run for Director. The candidates are Delvin Bunton, NS7U; Daniel Stevens, KL7WM, and Mark Tharp, KB7HDX.



## Egyptian Radio Club, Incorporated

Post Office Box 562, Granite City, Illinois 62040-0562

Egyptian Radio Club General meeting August 2 2018

Present: Bob Evans AA9FQ, Nolan Zobrist KA9VKC, John Sundstrom WA0LIS, Jim Williamson KD9FQC, Brian Marejka, Jennifer Cato, Jason Cato KB9LBC, Chuck Hoxsey KD9JKP, Lisa Hoxsey, William Dusenberry N0OQK, Mike Phillips N0RSP, Marty Schultz N9PPJ, Mark Wilson KC9IJX, Bill Schmidt WA0JCO, Robert Madoux KB9JE, David Miller KF9EV

Meeting opened by Bill Dusenberry

Minutes approved without objection

Treasure report given by MikePhillips, Motion made to approve Treasure report by John Sundstrom, seconded by Jason Cato, Treasure report approved.

Mike Philips thanked Jason Cato on the good job he has been doing with the Newsletter

Nolan says the hinges on the ice chest have been fixed.

Repeater report given by Marty Schultz: New antenna on the 76 repeater, moved to a new corner which has improved the received side for some. Marty noticed some noise at the KDNL site, Marty and Jack will take a look at the duplexers on Monday.

Bill Schmidt is starting over with his repeater survey to take in account the new antenna and location on for the 76.

442.400 repeater remains down, the APRS repeater is at Marty's house

Bill Schmidt is working on the club's HF verticle

Bill Schmidt made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jason Cato.

Submitted by

Bob Evans AA9FQ ERC Secretary

# Announcements

For those of you that have any announcements, please feel free to email me at [kb9lbc@gmail.com](mailto:kb9lbc@gmail.com) so I can include them in the newsletter.

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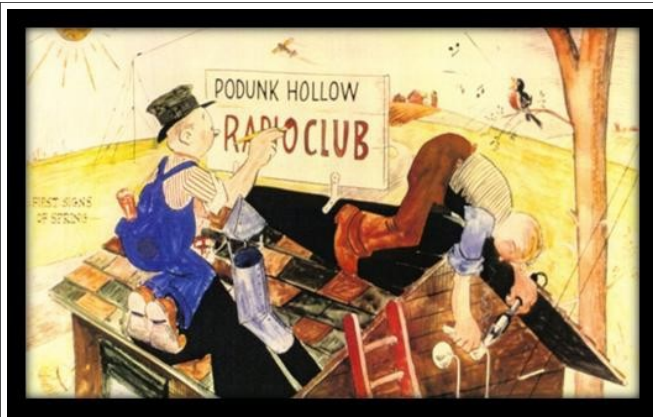
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### General Club Information

The club holds a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month and is open to all. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings. The next meeting is September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the Holy Family Community Center at 2600 Washington Ave in Granite City, IL. Members tend to arrive early to socialize, and the actual meeting starts at 6:30pm. After the meeting, there is usually a social gathering at a local restaurant. "The meeting after the meeting."

The club has a informal net every Tuesday at 8:00pm on 146.76. The PL and time-out timer are turned off for the net. You do **NOT** need to be a member to participate or use the repeater, as it is open to **ALL** licensed Amateurs. Be sure to "stop in" and say hi!

Anyone interested in joining the Egyptian Radio Club will find an application at the end of this newsletter.

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