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Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association



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Threats Broadcast on Police, Fire Radios

By JOHN ASBURY
The Press-Enterprise

An amateur radio operator was arrested in her San Jacinto mobile home Monday on accusations of transmitting on police and fire channels, interrupting authorized scanner traffic and making at least one bomb threat.

Irene Marie Levy, 29, was arrested at her home in the 900 block of South Grand Avenue after police tracked her down through directional triangulation techniques, according to Hemet police Lt. Mark Richards.

According to Richards, the transmissions were sporadic, beginning Saturday evening and ending seconds before police burst in on her early Monday.

Investigators seized 11 radios, seven radio frequency scanners, radio frequency lists, computer equipment and other miscellaneous radio equipment. Her radio license was issued by the FCC in September.

The illegal transmissions interrupted radio communications during a Cal Fire search-and-

rescue call, a vegetation fire and a major traffic crash in which other agencies assisted Hemet emergency personnel, Richards said.

During the transmissions, Levy is accused of making references to the death of police and fire personnel and made a bomb threat, he said.

Levy was booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility on suspicion of obstruction, making a false bomb report, making terrorist threats and disrupting CB radio emergency transmissions.

She remained behind bars in lieu of \$25,000, pending a court date Wednesday.

Levy's actions are not connected to the recent attacks on Hemet law enforcement, their equipment and facilities, Richards said.



Join us at
VCARA Club House
Woodbury Hill
Danville, IL
May 10, 2010



2009/2010

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Minutes of the April 2010 Meeting

April 12, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The following persons were present:

N9WEW – Josh Kittle

KB9LLH – Jim Walker

N9RIV – Bill McNew

NU9R – Tom Mills

Doyle White – KC9BZH Tom Eble – KC9RNA Kevin Purdue – KC9PDX

Quint Rouse – KA9LNJ Dave Cline – KB9ZMF Jim Georgias – W9JUG

Brian Walker – K9BKW Jim Kiser – KB9AZA Steve Ridge – KC9OHN

A Presentation was made by Brian Walker on the latest AMSAT Technology.

He provided demonstration of the equipment he had set up.

He spoke about what he'd like to do for Field Day 2010

He spoke about his desires for help with setup & teaching for SpaceJam 4

He provided a vision for his Boy Scouts to include:

Four Search & Rescue Teams

With Full Communications

Amateur TV

And APRS

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day 2010

Help needed with setup as well as operations

Setup on 25 & 26 June

Suggestion for PSAs (Public Service Announcements) through paper and TV

Perhaps a proclamation by Mayor or Chairman of Board for Vermilion County

Everyone is invited to support... Officers ask everyone that can to please support

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VCARA CONNECTION

The Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association (VCARA), a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested and active in the service of the Amateur Radio service, publish a monthly newsletter, where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed a topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

No PERSONAL attacks will be allowed.

Submissions are due on the last Friday of each month!!



May Meeting
 Monday May 10, 2010 7PM
 VCARA Club House
 Woodbury Hill
 Danville, IL

For Sale!!!!

Radio Shack 2M FM radio (Unknown model)
 Clegg 22ER 2M AM with a clegg mike

Contact Dave Cline for more info at kb9zmf@gmail.com

Your help is needed!!

The newsletter received a few contributions this month, and we thank you!! The more articles we receive, the better for the newsletter and for you, the reader!!

I would love to see people who can write an article each month..maybe on constructing small indoor antennas for 2 meters, making your own antennas for not only VHF frequencies, but HF frequencies as well. Maybe step by step directions on installing connectors. Believe it or not, there are probably some newbies who might not know.

Send me articles in Word or text only, or make the pdf files a jpg file.

I can not convert pdf files back to text. Sorry.

Help out your newsletter!!! Deadline is the last Friday of every month!! 73.

Amateur Radio.....

.....Not just a hobby, but a REAL service.

From Don WA9EIC

I am compiling a collection of radio manuals and associated information (like power supplies and antennas etc.) If anyone has any requests for additions to my collection, please notify me and I will add it . If You need any rig info I might have it or can get it for You.

Don wa9eic@gmail.com

Radioactive!! Nets to you.....

Monday ICARC 8:00 147.030 dup+ pl tone 103.5
 Wed. Night Net 7:30 146.820 pl 88.5
 Fridays: 73's Late Night Net 9:00 pm 146.820 pl 88.5

VCARA QSO Party Every Saturday Morning!! 9:00 am - 11:00 am

VCARA Club House - Woodbury Hill

A weekly get together for fellowship and to work on various club projects. Continued planning for upgrades to the club house facility. All are welcome, your help is appreciated.



Are you going?
 May 14-16, 2010

Jim, W9JUG has contributed a file on Antennas. Since I can not convert a pdf file to text, I have uploaded his antenna file to the Yahoo groups.



2010 Field Day

Friday June 25 Setup
Starts at 1pm Saturday June 26th
Ends at 1pm Sunday June 27th.
24 hours!!

VCARA will be operating at

Kickapoo State Park

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Ironwood Shelter reserved 25-27 June 2010
March Minutes Reviewed
Move to accept – KB9AZA Second by KB9ZMF
Approved

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account
Beginning Balance \$128.92
Check 1215 – Cooke Internet (\$50.00)
Deposit – New Member Dues \$40.00
Check 1216 – Cooke Internet (\$50.00)
Deposit – New Member Dues \$20.00
Check 1217 – AmerenIP (\$47.47)
Ending Balance \$41.45

Savings / Repeater Fund
Beginning Balance \$1041.94
Interest Paid \$.07
Ending Balance \$1042.01

Hamfest Account
Beginning Balance \$1959.13
Ending Balance \$1959.13
Total Assets \$3001.14

Motion to accept by Jim Georgias – W9JUG
2nd by Dave Cline – KB9ZMF
Approved

Net Control Duties

April 14th – Dave Cline – KB9ZMF
April 21st – Jim Georgias – W9JUG
April 28th – Dwayne Warner – N9ZIV
May 5th – WA9EIC

Hamfest

Committee Meeting was recently held
Suggestions were made to modify the flyer
Suggestions to change hours to 8:00 AM to 2:00
PM

Prices remain the same
\$5 for persons 13 years old & up.
\$5 per table for vendors

Grand Prize Discussion

Purchase two HTs
No more than \$200

If two can't be purchased, purchase one and accessories up to \$200

Motion to accept by Jim Georgias – W9JUG
2nd by Quint Rouse KA9LNJ Approved

Facilities

Internet is working – many thanks to the following

Brad Owens – tower boy
Jim Georgias – technical consultant
Dave Cline – moral support
Tom Mills – brought Brad!

Need a work day to address the following issues:

Ballasts in lighting need examined
Wiring needs examined
Very old in places

Tom Mills to contact Richard Huff
Look at paint on exterior wood
Finish downstairs painting
Examine Phone Pole

Josh Kittle to check with City contacts (*Belief it should have been replaced 10 years ago*)

WORK DAY SET FOR MAY 8th – May 22nd is backup!

Need PC100 or PC133 memory to upgrade computers – donations please!

NEW BUSINESS

N3FJP Logging Software

Discussion followed about various software
Josh Kittle recommends this software
Complete setup is about \$50 with forever free upgrades

Motion to purchase – Jim Georgias W9JUG 2nd by KC9OHN – Steve Ridge Approved

Free / Honorary Membership for Diana White – NM9I

Tom Mills – NU9R, Jim Georgias – W9JUG & Dave Cline – KB9ZMF assisted with getting her back on the air after two years.

Club in her local area would not help her.

Tom Mills – NU9R moved to provide her with a free / honorary membership

2nd by Dave Cline – KB9ZMF

Approved – Tom Mills to send her welcome letter!

Move to Adjourn @ 8:55 PM – Tom Eble – KC9RNA

2nd by KB9AZA Adjourned @ 8:55 PM