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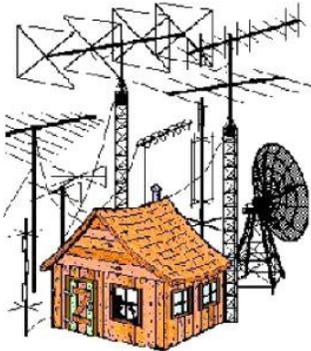
Amateur's Creed



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Amateur radio operators have a code of honor. Operating a radio is not a free-for-all activity to please yourself only. No, amateur radio is first and foremost designed to provide goodwill among the peoples of the world and we are ambassadors of our own locality every time we make a contact. Our behavior and manners reflect the type of agents we are of our community and our hobby. Here is the complete "Amateur's Code" as written by Paul M Segal, W9EEA, in 1928. It has not changed since it was first written because it conveys the true spirit of Amateur Radio:

The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE: Never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL: Offers loyalty, en-

couragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE: With knowledge abreast of science, well-built and efficient station, and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY: Slow and patient operating when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED: Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

PATRIOTIC: Station and skill are always ready for the service to country and community.

If you would like to have a copy of this code in a small poster that you can frame and hang on a wall, ask Mr. Fourzan for one. He will gladly print a color copy for you.

Also, remember this is the month for testing for your ham radio license. There will be two tests during the month of December and one in January. Remember we want to have more operators at the **School Radio Club Roundup Contest in February**. It is fun-fun-fun to make contacts and log them in your personal and club books. Questions? See Mr. Fourzan before or after school.

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Did You Know?

Some people are farmers. Farmers raise maize, flowers, fruit, or antennas. Wha..?? Antennas? Yes, there is a term in ham radio that applies to an operator who has a lot of antennas, "He has an antenna farm." The term comes from the farming word "raise," and

of course, you do indeed "raise" antennas, don't you? In the USA, there is a federal law that allows a ham radio operator to have as many antennas as he pleases in his property, and as tall as he/she wants them (up to 200' in height) without having to ask for

permission from agencies or neighbors. That is how important ham radio is considered to be. This comes from the fact that ham radio is considered at times to be the only resource available for communications in case of disasters or emergencies. So Farm Away!! 73