

storm area, the Center moved to 75 meters for continued direct contact.

Assistant net managers Don Kay, KØIND, (Delray Beach, FL) and Eleanor Horner, K4RHL, (W. Palm Beach, FL) each took their turns at NCS duties along with N5BHU, John Harrison (Austin, TX) and N7YL, Janice Weaver. Dade County ARES members manned the Hurricane Center (WD4JNS) station under the leadership of W4IYT, Andy Clark.

Since the "Diana" episode, the net has been kept busy with five more storms off the east coast and two in the Pacific. Should there be other tropical storms in the western hemisphere, look for an advance notice on the Maritime Mobile Service Net, and hurricane information on the Hurricane Watch Net. For an information sheet and net membership application, or to get answers to your questions, send a business-sized SASE to Net Manager Jerry Murphy, K8YUW, 1615 Orchard Grove Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

## .01/.61 L. A. "ANIMAL FARM" SILENCED....

Facts are just now surfacing, but one thing is for sure. The infamous "free & open" Los Angeles Underground Radio Repeater "where anything goes" is no more. It was "killed" by the site owner where the 146.01/.61 repeater was located. It was housed at the KJOI-FM radio transmitter in the Hollywood Hills.

Because there are several government, cable-TV and broadcast micro-wave links located there, the site has a full time custodian by the name of John Davis. Rumor has it that he received an anonymous letter and some tapes of the .61 "Free Radio" repeater along with a note to call several amateurs in the L.A. area whose reputations were above reproach and ask them about the questionable transmissions from the machine where four letter words (and worse) are commonplace. He went one better. A scanner was programmed and the amateur repeater monitored.

Twenty-four hours later the repeater owner, Jay Coote, WB6AAM was notified that to remove the machine. Also understand that

"unofficial word" has been put out to other LA commercial site owners not to lease space to the Underground Radio Movement. If this is true, then "Free Radio" is out of business - possibly permanently leaving in it's wake a long trail of numerous license revocations and jail terms for two ex-hams.

I spoke to Jay Coote this past week and he tells me that over the last several months, anonymous persons have been sending out bogus "newsletters" to the users of his and other L.A. machines... also to some prominent hams "speading false information and creating dissent." (I mentioned a copy of "Gazelle" that I received in the last issue.) Apparently there is another called "Take a Number".

These newsletters claim to be written by Coote and condone illegal operation, violence, sexual perversions... you name it! He says he never wrote them. "I feel that all of the bogus newsletters began after I exposed an amateur jamming the repeater with a 'disguised voice'."

Coote told me that over the past seven years that there had been other attempts to bring down the machine... including sabotage (antenna cables cut, intentional bad repair...) as well as vandalizing, threats and harrassment to the site owners and employers.

".61 is a place for any licensed ham to communicate with other licensed hams," Coote stated. "Topics and opinions will not be censored by the control operators. Bootleg operation, jamming and one-way broadcasts are discouraged - users are asked to RDF (radio direction finding) and expose jammers. People who like jammers call this RDF work 'Vietnamism'. .61 is proof that you can 'keep it legal' and have a good time." Coote also said that any questions and comments could be directed to him to his callbook address.

Whether the .01/.61 repeater will go back on the air is anybody's guess. For the present anyway, it is QRT. What the FCC couldn't do... what the ARRL couldn't do... what the courts couldn't do... and even what the fear of going to jail couldn't do... has (for the moment anyway) been accomplished by the broadcast industry.



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RE.: 01/61 L.A. "ANIMAL FARM"  
SILENCED October 15, 1984.

HI FRED;

Just an update and info on the "infamous FREE & OPEN L.A. UNDERGROUND RADIO REPEATER" reference your 15 OCT '84 Edition. The Repeater is still on the air until it's vacate notice of 21 Oct '84. It was off the air for a one week period at the Repeater owners' (Jay Coote-WB6AAM) decision to sort of have a cooling off period. There are contingent plans to continue operation at a new site, most likely in the north end of the San Fernando Valley, it has been at the south end. If effected this should provide wider coverage to San Diego and beyond the Mexican border based on preliminary tests.

The concept of Free & Open radio is simply where any legal Amateur Radio operator can operate in any legal way, even unconventional maybe compared to most other Repeaters. Yes, this type operation AND wide coverage may tend to attract-collect illegal and jamming operators. But these unwanted problems are being taken care of more & more. First, quite a few of these once illegal operators have been shown they must have a license or suffer the penalties from the F.C.C. OR Ham ostracization-and they get licenses & become legal. Second, there has been action taken on '61 in the form of "T Hunting" and identifying the offenders AND writing the F.C.C. & supplying them the facts (two copies of My letters are attached).

There is a big difference in Free & Open as I have described, And Underground Radio. Underground radio seems to have a sinister conotation to it. Actually, there is no Underground Radio, it's a non-entity, simply a name first used by early (about 5 years ago) operators who felt they could inflict their aabrasive behavior and language on other Repeaters. In many cases they lost their licenses and even their freedom-in jail as You have mentioned. Some examples are John Munson-K6EOA who went to jail & lost his license for threatening the lives of F.C.C. Officials (W5YI Report Oct. '81 attached), Richard Burton-WB6JAC, virtually the first Ham ever sentenced to jail for direct Ham Radio violations. His case has been overturned by the Appellate Court and He's now free on His own recognacince. These ex-hams first got themselves into trouble on other Repeaters before the "Free & Open '61 Repeater was on. The "long trail of numerous license revocations" You mentioned did not occur due to their operation on '61.

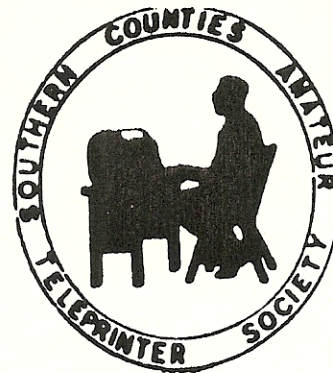




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Many Hams & non-Hams may wonder why there is a free & open radio where legal Hams can discuss any subject-even non-traditional Ham topics and even get a little crazy & loose. One reason is spontaneity instead of waiting Your turn in a long rotation. Another reason is the wide divergence of subjects open for discussion from heavy politics to the ridiculous-whatever, no one judges or censors and inhibits. Myself, and many others have high pressure jobs or responsibilities and just like to relax and enjoy on '61 either listening or talking. Don't need alcohol, drugs, pills or whatever. Just enjoy the interesting people & QSO's or try to participate and make them interesting. There's a lot of nice, interesting people on '61 and the negative elements are in the minority. Off the air people often find "61 types", in fact Hams in general, more interesting or often quite different than on the air.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my free & open thoughts to You. Bill Pasternak-WA6ITF of Westlink, a long time friend since He came out to L.A. (early '70's), has suggested I write the entire story of Free & Open Radio as it first started for "73 Magazine" which He's associated with. Since I've been in it from, and long before, the beginning I think I will soon. It first started about 1975 on the Mt. Wilson (most populous-wide spread Rptr.)..... I'll send You a preview copy, I think You'll find it very interesting & enlightening.

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C.C.: Jay-WB6AAM

Bill-WA6ITF

Bob-WB6JPI, Mt. Wilson Rptr. Assn.

RACES DOCKET DELAYED

Several petitions for reconsideration were received by the FCC on the expanded RACES frequency assignments made under PR Docket 83-524.

The requests asked for inclusion of a greater share of the 6 meter band to RACES in time of a declared national emergency. The reconsideration petitions had been on the agenda at a Commission meeting 3 weeks ago, but at the very last moment, the matter was pulled.

It now appears that rather than rescheduling it for a full Commission hearing, it will be circulated to the Commissioners for their signatures after which it will be issued as a Memorandum, Opinion and Order. The M, O & O, as the FCC calls it, is a method of disposing non-controversial matters on which there appears to be general agreement by the Commissioners. This M, O & O is expected to be approved.

ARRL SAYS NO TO S.W.

The American Radio Relay League has filed strong comments with the FCC in opposition to a regulatory request by Trans World Radio that would permit US regulated short wave stations in ITU Region 3 to broadcast on frequencies between 7100 and 7300 kHz.

In its lengthy commentary opposing RM-2959 (MM Docket 84-706), the League warned that although the FCC would be within its authority to take such action under current ITU rules, dire consequences might follow on an international political level. The ARRL comments strongly asserted that the world views the United States as a Region 2 power, and at the WARC '79 confer-

ence, it was the US that led the fight to keep this spectrum set aside for the sole use of radio amateurs in Region 2.

In Regions 1 and 3, the spectrum is co-assigned to the broadcast services. The League stated that an investigation on its part has shown that no Region 2 nation is violating the agreement which bars broadcasters there from this segment of 40 meters. Based on this, the ARRL argues that such permission granted to Trans World Radio or any other FCC governed US broadcast entity could be viewed as "a breach of faith by the other countries of the Americas who willingly followed the lead of the US in 1979 in defending the amateur allocation."

The League fears that if the FCC permits stations it regulates to become operational in this part of 40 meters, it could be viewed as a signal to other nations to permit their broadcasters to do likewise.

If the FCC decides to go ahead and allow its Region 3 broadcasters to use the top 200 kHz of the 40 meter amateur band, the ARRL virtually demands that regulations be put into effect that are so stringent that interference is eliminated or minimized to Region 2 amateur operations.

NOTORIOUS REPEATER GOING

The "Underground Radio" 146.01/.61 Los Angeles repeater, which gained national notoriety because of its anti-establishment format, is being removed from service, at least temporarily.

The repeater went off the air for a week on September 21 after the site owner received an anonymous letter which detailed the bizarre

nature of the communications taking place through the system. This included such open regulatory violations as jamming, the use of obscene language, ongoing character assassinations, musical interludes, vulgar mouth sounds and threats of bodily harm between system users. The repeater had also become a home for unlicensed operators who apparently felt that the "Underground Radio" format provided a haven for their activities.

The system began its operation in the late 1970s after the Palisades Amateur Radio Club vacated the channel pair. Since its inception, the machine has had several licensees and site locations. The so-called Underground Radio group members, which became the repeater's main inhabitants, were never able to attain a truly viable organizational structure, due primarily to a thinning out of its alleged leadership ranks by FCC ordered license revocations.

As told to Westlink, the site manager for CCLA Broadcasters decided to have the licensee permanently remove the machine after receiving the letter and accompanying cassette tape. The 01/61 machine must leave the air by October 21.

A spokesman for the "underground" told Westlink that the group hopes to return to the air from a new location soon, adding that the repeater is a service to the amateur community since it tends to keep all of the dissidents from bothering other amateur operations.

Local observers agree that the survival of the "movement" is dependent on the quick reestablishment of the repeater in the same general geographic area and on the same channel pair.

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RE.: F.C.C. CASE # LB-83-295

DEAR MR. GUY;

A malicious interferer, Jim Houghton - W6C 545  
F.C.C. case # LB-83-295 is still being observed on numerous  
occasions still clearly in violation of F.C.C. rules #  
97.119, 97.121, 97.123 & 97.125 (indecent, false  
signals, unidentified communications & interference). He  
has been on at least 2 Repeaters: 146.01/61 & 146.4/147.435  
mhz. regularly & almost consistently with these violations.  
We, the Ham community, would appreciate your efforts  
to eliminate this detriment to Ham Radio. I am aware he  
has been sent 2 notices of violation AND a show cause  
order.

Sincerely  
Arnold E. Gamson