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## BPL Becoming a Hot Issue Worldwide

The debate is heating up over *Broadband Over Powerline* or BPL as it's called in North America. This is the technology that claims to provide broadband high-speed Internet services using domestic power lines for system wide transmission and Internet connectivity.

For those not aware, BPL works by injecting the data signal into the powerline near the electric substation and it travels along the line to the user. In some proposed systems, it interconnects cities using existing long distance power distribution grids.

The problem, of course, is that powerlines are not radio frequency cables. They are not shielded and leak RF energy causing a level of wideband noise in the vicinity of the cable. And as tests conducted by the ARRL have graphically proven, powerlines radiate for long distances.

AC powerlines are a very noisy transmission medium, with spikes and other noise. To make it work, BPL operators have to use higher injection powers to get their data signals to propagate along the cable. Higher injection power mean higher emissions, and this is bad news for all High Frequency radio operators.

By way of example, current proposals in Europe would raise the level of the background noise level on HF by some 60-70 dB within 3 meters of the cable. Further away, the rise would be less, but still considerable.

Because of this, *Broadband Over Powerlines* poses a threat not only to amateur radio. Users of many low power devices such as security systems that tag products in shops are very concerned. And High Frequency broadcasters world-wide are fighting to support sensible emission limits for powerline broadband communications.

But that's not where it ends. In many places security services are worried. Unfortunately, in some countries, government departments involved in security have been told to not object to BPL as the government policy is to support it.

Civil Aviation communication and aero-navigation can be threatened by BPL. There are reports of an air accident in Canada being directly attributable to interference from broadband cable systems.

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## A Good Story: The Pawnbroker

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: "I see that you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25.00 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note."

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25.00. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25.00. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and an outstretched hand.

"Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25.00," the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you would let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25.00. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true.

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### Wages of a Mason

**T**he operative Mason, in ancient times, received as compensation for his labor, corn, wine and oil—the products of the earth—or whatever would contribute to his physical comfort and support. His labor being material, his wages were outward and material. The Free and Accepted Mason, on the other hand, performs a moral work, and hence his reward is interior and spiritual. The enlightened Brother finds his reward in the grand and gratifying results of his studies, and in the joyful fruits of his Masonic deeds. He sees the glory of the Divinity permeating all worlds, and all parts of the universe reveal to his soul celestial meanings. All nature overflows with beauty, love, melody and song, and unspeakably rich are the delights he derives from communion with her spirit. If he be the child of fortune, and raised above the necessity of labor, he finds the purest pleasure in the practice of charity and the exercise of benevolence; for charity, like mercy, brings its own recompense.

It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven,  
Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd;  
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."

If, like our ancient brethren, he is a laborer, his wages are still ample and enduring. Thus, while the ignorant man toils on, drearily cheered on by no bright and living thoughts, his mind destitute of all ideas, and his heart moved by no glad inspiration, the Masonic laborer welcomes his toil with joy, because Freemasonry has taught him that labor is a divine vocation, "*Labourare est orare.*" He goes forth in the morning, and the world on which he looks, swimming in sunbeams, and glittering with dewy diamonds, is less bright and fair than the world that lays in his heart, and which science has illuminated with her everlasting light. The mountains, barren, rocky and storm blackened, or crowned with sylvan splendors; the valleys, flower-robed and ribboned with meandering streams; the rivers, hastening to the sea, and making music as they go; the trees, and rocks, and flowers; all the activities of nature, and the great enterprises of man, speak with eloquence to his soul, and reveal to his enlightened spirit the glad secrets of Nature and of Nature's God. These noble, ample and enduring enjoyments are the wages of a true Mason.

Tnx *Masonry Defined*

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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### New Hiram's Hams Sweetheart

Sister Karen Stetson, WA1SQO  
Member of Fairfax Unity Chapter No. 17  
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Her hubby is Wor. Bro. Ralph T. Stetson, KD1R


## The Greatest Hoax ever on the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry

Throughout history there have been thousands (actually millions) of "hoaxers." They exist in great numbers today, raking in billions of dollars from the unwary. Many of these are stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars peddling their lies about Freemasonry. Perhaps the greatest of these was Gabriel Antoine Jogand, a Frenchman and prolific writer using the pen name Leo Taxil. He was born in Marseilles on March 23, 1853. On August 1, 1881, after Taxil had written several books, he was ordered to stand trial for unMasonic conduct. Among the books cited was "*The Secret Love Affairs of Pope Pius IX*" (English translation), which Taxil didn't consider a masonic offense, but the trial commission did, terming it the selling "of obscene material." At the end of the trial, Taxil was permanently expelled from Masonry. The "anti-cleric" and pornographer also became the "anti-Mason." Combining all of these together wouldn't prove difficult for this man with a vivid imagination. Earlier he had an instrument made for one of his lectures. He claimed it was a "spider" which the Inquisition used to tear out women's breasts. This proved to be one of his milder anti-clerical hoaxes.

After his expulsion from Freemasonry (he was an Entered Apprentice) he told the clerics he had recanted and was accepted by the Church when he said he would not write anti-Masonic books. Among his greatest hoaxes was the creation of "*Miss Diana Vaughan of South Carolina*." He claimed she was born in 1874, and was the daughter of the devil. She became a member of a masonic lodge, and later married the devil. Month after month "she (in the person of Taxil) issued copies of documents reciting events of the satanic masonic lodges, of which she was a member. "Diana" received thousands of letters praising her revelations about the evils of masonry.

In Trent, in September 1896, Cardinal Parocci held an "*Anti-Masonic Congress*" to which a large number of the Catholic hierarchy was invited. Those few who saw through Taxil's hoax were denounced as heretics. Then, at the Geographical Society in Paris on Easter Sunday, 1897, Taxil told a large crowd that Diana Vaughan had never existed! He had to be protected from an outraged mob. The Church remained unusually silent, but Abel Clarin de la Rive, wrote in the 1897 issue of *Freemasonry Dissected*: "With frightening cynicism the miserable person we shall not name here declared before an assembly especially convened for him that for twelve years he had prepared and carried out to the end the most extraordinary and most sacrilegious of hoaxes. We have always been careful to publish special articles concerning Palladism and Diana Vaughan. We are now giving in this issue a complete list of these articles, which can now be considered as not having existed."

Tnx *Masonic Trivia and Facts* by Wor Bro. Allen E. Roberts




Hiram's Hams Sweetheart

✠ Virginia Bridgman, KØVLB ✠

XYL of W.B. Gurnee Bridgman, W9NT

passed to the Great Grand Chapter above in mid-October.



## Amateur told to keep Ham Gear off CB Bands

The FCC has written to James Perryman, KC8KOU, of Toledo Ohio. This, regarding continued complaints involving his alleged operation of non-type accepted radio gear on the 11 meter band. The letter went on to say that the operation of non-certified equipment on CB frequencies, such as Amateur equipment and linear amplifiers will result in a monetary forfeiture in the \$7500 to \$10,000 area, as well as the seizure of all non-certified equipment in cooperation with the United States Attorney in his jurisdiction.

The FCC also told Perryman that his station is subject to inspection at any time by Commission personnel.

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## A Good Story: The Pawnbroker

You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they were charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you."

The pawnbroker responded, "Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25.00, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25.00 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you."

Tnx The New Mexico Freemason  
January 1977

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## BPL BECOMING A HOT ISSUE WORLD-WIDE

And this is only the beginning. New plans for BPL will attempt to use much higher frequencies which could immediately pose a threat to some nation's emergency service communications. This is an extremely serious issue for amateur radio worldwide and for other users of the High Frequency spectrum as well.

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## 73 Magazine Folds

**7**3 Magazine is the latest casualty in the weak worldwide ham radio business economy. In October, founder Wayne Green, W2NSD, e-mailed several friends to tell them that *73 Magazine* has ceased publication after completing 43 years.

The reason for 73 going away? Green claims that the hobby is slowly dying as a result of a lack of new hams. In turn the industry that supports Amateur Radio is fading away as well. Green says that without sufficient advertising the magazine couldn't continue.

Green: "The book sales have kept 73 going for the last few years, but book sales have dwindled way, way down and there was no way to keep 73 going. The ad sales are down and the receipts from the ad sales are down even worse than the ads."

W2NSD says that it was an interesting 43 years and that he hopes to write about it some time. In the meantime he plans to continue his essays on his website for those subscribers who mainly bought the magazine to read them. That's in cyberspace at <[www.waynegr.com](http://www.waynegr.com)>.

No word what will happen to those with outstanding subscriptions to 73, especially hams who bought lifetime subs at a bargain price when the magazine first started up. Green always said it would last through his lifetime or that of the purchaser, but it looks as if W2NSD and a number of lifetime subscribers may have outlived 73. We expected it of Green. His phonetics are W2 Never-Say-Die.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

## Presidential Postage

**Henry:** Did you know that you can't send mail to Washington?

**Francis:** Why not?

**Henry:** Because he's dead. But you can send mail to Lincoln.

**Francis:** But he's dead too!

**Henry:** I know, but he left his Gettysburg Address!

Tnx Reminisce Magazine

## The Model Mason

BY: M.W. ROB MORRIS, P.G.M OF KENTUCKY 1858-1859

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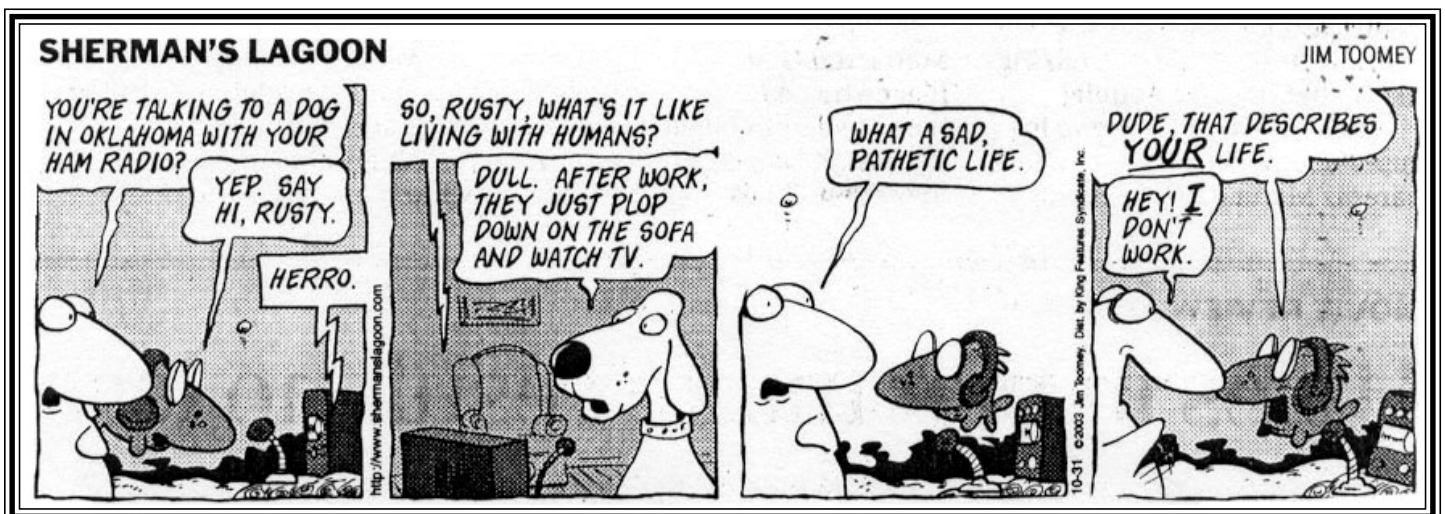
There's a fine old Mason in the land,  
he's gentle, wise and true.  
His list of Brothers comprehends, dear Brothers,  
me and you;  
So warm his heart the snow blast fails to chill his  
generous blood.  
And his hand is like a giant's when outstretched  
to man or God;  
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,  
Has checked his course or dimmed his fame --  
All honor to his name!

This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:  
In every Lodge you'll find his kin,  
you'll find the two or three;  
You'll know then when you see them,  
for they have their father's face,  
A generous knack of speaking truth and  
doing good always; --  
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,  
Has checked their course or dimmed their fame --  
Freemason is their name!

Ah many an orphan smiles upon the kindred as they pass;  
And many a widow's prayers confess the  
sympathizing grace;  
The Father of this Brotherhood himself is joyed to see;  
Their works -- they're numbered all in Heaven,  
those deeds of charity!  
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,  
There check their course or dim their fame --  
All honor to their name!

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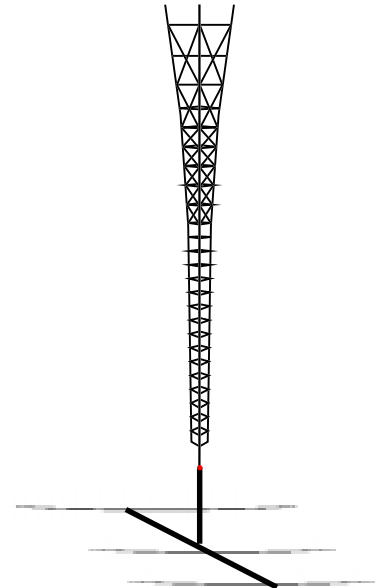
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