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CATV SYSTEM FINED FOR EXCESSIVE SIGNAL LEAKAGE

The FCC has ordered a cable television operator to pay an \$8000 fine for excessive signal leakage. This, in a Notice of Monetary Forfeiture issued to Northland Cable Properties.

In a December 22nd press release the FCC says that Northland is the operator of cable television systems in Sandersville and Tennille, Georgia. The fine is for what the FCC terms as willful and repeated violation of cable television signal leakage standards as outlined in several sections the Commission rules.

On a March 5, 2003, the Commission's Atlanta, Georgia Field Office conducted a cable signal leakage inspection of Northland's cable systems. Engineers found that Northland's cable systems experienced signal leaks at 38 locations on a frequency of 2625 MHz which exceeded 20 microvolts per meter at a distance of at least 3 meters from each leakage point.

In its July 2, 2003 response to the Notice Northland sought cancellation of the proposed forfeiture. It argued that the Atlanta Office's measurements were inaccurate and that the company undertook immediate and prompt remedial measures. Also, that the leakage problems, for the most part, were attributable to customers premises equipment and inside wiring.

But the government was not willing to buy Northland's defense. And in doing so it may have set a new legal precedent. This is because the FCC says that Northland is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and correcting signal leaks regardless of their cause to ensure that their systems comply with FCC cable leakage standards which serve a critical safety purpose. This includes signal leakage attributable to customers premises equipment and inside wiring. In other words, the cable company is responsible for it all.

In this case the potential for interference was in the

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M.W. Andrew Jackson

Most Worshipful Brother Andrew Jackson, was the Seventh President of the United States. He was known as the hero of the battle of New Orleans and a Past Grand Master.

Born of Irish parents in 1767, he fought as a lad of 14 in the American Revolution. He was elected a United States Senator in 1797. The war of 1812 found him a Major General of the Tennessee Militia, and the battle of New Orleans gave him enduring fame. When Spain sold Florida to the United States, Jackson became its governor. When first running for President he failed to receive a majority of the electoral votes and lost the election in the House. This was in 1824, but in 1828 and again in 1832 he was made the President of the Nation.

He and Brother Henry Clay were two prominent Masons who defended the Anti-Masonic Party which had its origin in the alleged "disappearance" of Morgan. His enemies essayed to make the Morgan episode a "Party issue" during Jackson's campaign in 1828, but "Old Hickory" stood pat and was elected.

Jackson's opposition to the United States Bank system caused the destruction of many fortunes, and though he believed he was protecting the best interests of the Commonwealth, his course was not generally approved. His principal opponents in this matter were Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. No National Bank existed from that time until the Civil War, when they sprang up in every State.

Jackson has been compared to Roosevelt in that he could separate public from personal offenses. He was easy to fight with, but rarely, if ever, offensive.

In his difference with Mr. Dickison it seems clear that he wished to avoid a fight, since he commissioned a friend to declare. Dickinson, reputed to be fearless, and the best shot in the State, became so offensive that Jackson felt obliged to challenge him. Dickinson won the right to give the word, and at eight paces gave it and

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

Fellow Craft

The Second Degree of Freemasonry in all the Rites is that of the Fellow Craft. In French it is called *Compagnon*; in Spanish, *Companero*; in Italian, *Compagno*; and in German, *Gessell*; in all of which the radical meaning of the word is a *fellow workman*, thus showing the origin of the title from an operative institution. Like the *Degree of Apprentice*, it is only preparatory in the higher initiation of the Master; and yet it differs essentially from it in its symbolism. For as the First Degree was typical of youth, the Second Degree is supposed to represent the stage of manhood, and hence the acquisition of science is made its prominent characteristic. While the former is directed in all its symbols and allegorical ceremonies to the purification of the heart, the latter is intended by its lessons to cultivate the reasoning faculties and improve the intellectual powers. Before the eighteenth century, the great body of the Fraternity consisted of Fellow Crafts, who are designated in all the old manuscripts as "Fellows." After the revival in 1717, the Fellow Crafts, who then first began to be called by that name, lost their prominent position, and the great body of the brotherhood was, for a long time, made up altogether of Apprentices, while the government of the Institution was committed to the Masters and Fellows, both of whom were made only in the Grand Lodge until 1725, when the regulation was repealed, and subordinate Lodges were permitted to confer these degrees.

Tnx *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry
and its Kindred Sciences*

by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°
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Hello CQ!

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress!

Rt. Wor. Jack Worcester, KC8CMW

Brethren, please be aware that Right Worshipful John M. "Jack" Worcester, KC8CMW, has retired as Executive Secretary, A.A.S.R. Valley of Toledo, effective December 31, 2004.

Bro. Jack, his staff and the "Sweetheart" Rite Sisters, have prepared the *Hiram's Hams Newsletter* for printing, sealing, labeling and mailing for almost 10 years. Their monthly, unselfish efforts have made the newsletter possible.

Our many thanks to all!

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M.W. Andrew Jackson

fired. Finding that Jackson gave no sign of being hit Dickinson cried "My God, I've missed him!" Then Jackson fired and Dickinson's funeral followed. But Jackson was hit. His breastbone was shattered, a rib broken and some intestinal injury received that disabled him for several months.

His fight with Benson was none the less tragic, but Jackson seemed to harbor no grudge, for they afterwards became good friends.



President Jackson's foreign policy was eminently successful. New commercial treaties were made with other nations, and old ones renewed. Indemnities for spoliations of American commerce were obtained from France, Spain, Italy and Portugal, and amicable relations were sustained with England. During Jackson's second term the national debt was paid off, the Cherokee Indians were removed from Georgia, and the Creek Indians from Florida: and Arkansas and Michigan were admitted to the Union. He died in 1845.

We may have greater men - but when we will we ever see the National debt cancelled again?

Tnx GREAT AMERICAN MASONS

The Masonic Service Association of the United States

1924

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Rt. Wor. Gary Mc Elfresh

Brethren, *The Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society* is proud to announce that Right Worshipful Gary Mc Elfresh, is the new Executive Secretary of the A.A.S.R., Valley of Toledo. Right Worshipful Gary has replaced Right Worshipful Jack Worcester, KC8CMW, who retired December 31, 2004.

Right Worshipful Gary is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District of Ohio, Past TPM and was coroneted 33^o in Miwaukee, Wisconsin in 2004.

Tnx Most Worshipful Jim Olmstead, P.G.M., WB8BYR

Why are the Past Master's compasses, in his jewel, open at 60 degrees on a quadrant instead of a square?

The compasses open sixty degrees are in easy position to construct a square. The Master has worn the square while he presided; now, as Past Master, he is supposed to be in possession of the knowledge necessary to make a square, hence the position of the compasses and the quadrant.

There are geometric methods of erecting a square; the Past Master's jewel hints at one of the simplest and most used methods as best for the Past Master to employ in instructing his successor.

Tnx *One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry*



The Masonic Service Association 1955

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CATV SYSTEM FINED FOR EXCESSIVE SIGNAL LEAKAGE

Aviation Band but it could just as easily have fallen anywhere in the VHF spectrum including 2 meters. The FCC gave Northland the normal 30 days to pay the fine or to file an appeal.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslines, January 7, 2005

	Bro. Dr. Paul Klender, W8USH Medway, Ohio NCS 20 Meter Masonic Fellowship Net	
Tnx WB Billy L. Hilton, KB0ZNE and Brother Lee Kariger, WA6VYQ		

HAM COUPLE STILL MISSING

The mystery deepens as to the whereabouts of Thomas Hawks, KD7VWJ, and his wife Jackie, KD7VWK. This with the finding of their missing Honda CRV in Mexico after checks with crossing guards showed that it had never legally entered Mexico. And now the man who bought the Hawkes' boat has been arrested on money laundering charges.

A 25-year-old Long Beach, California man who purchased a yacht from the Arizona ham radio operators who vanished soon afterward was arrested Friday, December 17 for investigation of money laundering.

According to police spokesman Steve Schulman, Skylar Julius Deleon paid more than \$400,000 in cash for the vessel that authorities allege that he obtained from unspecified illegal activities.

Police said Deleon bought the 55-foot yacht named "Well Deserved" from the Hawks. After closing the deal, Thomas Hawks planned to return to the craft, moored at Newport Harbor, to retrieve his fishing and scuba gear. News accounts say that he never showed up.

Deleon was arrested at his Long Beach home and was jailed in lieu of \$250,000. He claims that he had nothing to do with the Hawkes disappearance. Police say that the couple's credit and bank cards have not been used since their disappearance just before Thanksgiving.

Another interesting turn in the case came on December 16 when the Hawkes missing 1999 Honda CRV was recovered in Ensenada, Mexico. How the car got there is a mystery in itself. One ham who works at the U.S. Mexico border had Customs check the license plate readers from November 10 through December 13. He reported that an Arizona plate matching the Hawkes vehicle had registered as going south into Mexico at either the San Ysidro or Otay Mesa ports of entry. Both of these are in the San Diego, California area.

Detective Shulman says that Newport Beach police have taken possession of the couple's car and are searching it for evidence. Police said the vehicle was in the possession of an Ensenada resident when it was recovered, but provided no other details. Newport Beach police said Mexican state authorities and the California Highway Patrol's Mexican Liaison Unit were instrumental in assisting detectives with interviews, and in seizing the Hawks' vehicle.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newsline

GOD'S FREEMASONRY

By Brother H.L. Haywood

Here in a lodge of pines I sit;
The canopy thrown over it
Is heaven's own very blue;
Due east and west its precincts lie
And always the all-seeing eye
Of summer's sun is shining through.

Its portals open to the west;
The squirrel, gray and somber dressed,
The tyler is: You see him dodge
To challenge every new alarm:
He has no sword upon his arm
But well he guards this secret lodge.

Our master is that giant pine
Who bends o'er us with mien divine
To keep the lodge in order trim:
His wardens are two gray-beard birch
Who sit like elders in a church
Or make decorous bows to him.

The deacons are two slender trees,
Who move about whene'er the breeze
Brings orders from the master's seat;
Our organist? Where the thickest glooms
Are darkening in the pines top's plumes
The brother winds our music beat.

Whoever knocks upon the door
To learn the ancient wildwood lore,
That one he is our candidate:
We strip him of his city gear,
And meet him on the level here,
Then to our ways to initiate.

We slip the hoodwink from his eye
And bid him look on earth and sky
To read the ancient hieroglyphics there;
More ancient these than Golden Fleece
Or Roman Eagle, Tyre, or Greece,
Or Egypt old beyond compare.

On grass and stone and flower and sod
Is written down by the hand of God
The secrets of this Masonry;
Who has the hoodwink from his eyes
May in common things surprise
The awful signs of Deity.

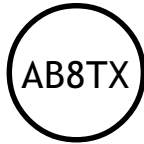
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GOD'S FREEMASONRY

And here in springtime may be heard,
By him who doth such teachings seek
With praying heart, and wise and meek,
The thundering of the old Lost Word.

All things that in creation are
From smallest fly to largest star,
In this fellowship may be
For all that floweth out from Him,
From dust to man and seraphim
Belong to God's Freemasonry.

Masonic Poems

Tnx *The Masonic Service Association* 1924

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- February 5 Charleston Amateur Radio Society HAMFEST Charleston, South Carolina
 February 5-6 Dade Radio Club TROPICAL JAMBOREE Miami, Florida
 February 6 Williamson County Amateur Radio Club <http://www.wcara> Georgetown, Texas
 February 13 Mansfield MID-WINTER HAMFEST Mansfield, Ohio
 February 11-13 Northern Florida ARRL Section Convention <http://www.oarc.org> Orlando, Florida
 February 20 Virginia ARRL Section Convention (FROSTFEST 2005)

Richmond Telecommunications Society

<http://www.Frostfest.com>

- February 27 PLATEAU Amateur Radio Association <http://www.qsl.net/kc8lob> Fayetteville, West Virginia

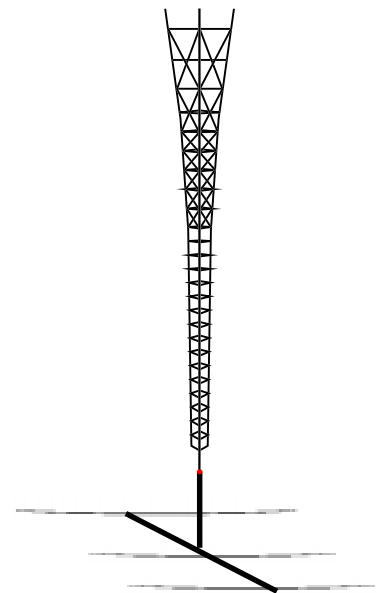
- March 12-13 North Carolina State ARRL Convention <http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest> Charlotte, North Carolina

- March 19 Great Lakes ARRL Division Convention Toledo Mobile Radio Association Toledo, Ohio

<http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

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