



# The Bullsheet

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### Editor's Note by Allen N5XZ

## Hurricane Harvey....

As everyone knows, Hurricane Harvey rolled through the greater Houston area with a vengeance and affected many TDXS members including:

- Bob N5ET
- Mike N5MT
- Orville K5VWW
- Jim N5DTT
- Robie AJ4F
- Curt WG5H
- Jerry K9GEM
- Kim K5TU

If there were other members affected, please let us know. I apologize for not including you on this list. Here's hoping repairs are fast and easy and covered by insurance. Unfortunately some members and other

hams may also be leaving the Houston area. It is very sad that anyone has to leave and those who do will be missed.

The only damage at N5XZ was one end of the trombone driven element of my SteppIR was twisted about 45 degrees from a small tornado that came through here on Aug. 26th. I have tested the SteppIR and the twist doesn't seem to affect anything...the antenna still tunes just the same. Who knows, maybe the twist will result in "twisted polarization" and will actually increase performance? Weirder things have happened, you know! There was some other minor damage to the QTH, such as my barn being blown off of its cinder blocks. The interesting thing is that all of

the shelves, tables and other equipment in the barn remained upright and unmoved. Incredible!

The bands continue to remain stinko around here, and we still have several years until the solar minimum. Well, keep your chins up.

There's been a lot of contacts made with the new FT8 digital mode, and I guess I will have to give it a try myself. With all the happenings around here, I just have not had the time to try it yet. When I do, I'll let you know how it works (I know many of you already know and don't need to hear it from me!)

73 and let's hope we don't have another 500 year flood next year.

Allen N5XZ

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# The Prez Sez by Robie, AJ4F

The Prez Sez

September 2017

Hurricane Harvey has just dealt a devastating blow to south Texas and southwestern Louisiana. The extent of damage is unprecedented. I want to recognize all the first responders both official and unofficial who came to our aid during the storm. Their actions saved a great many lives. Many hams volunteered to provide communications for various agencies. Public Service is one of the keys to the survival of ham radio. A special thanks to all those hams who participated! Now the long recovery process begins. This is where we all can make a difference. Please take the time to volunteer or contribute to an agency such as the Red Cross or an organization like Habitat for Humanity. The window of opportunity will be open for months to come. Our school systems were hard hit and need assistance. While my house in Dickinson was drying out, I assisted the CCISD in cleanup of a school that will have 850 students when it opens. Approximately 100 staff, volunteers and con-

tactors worked to save as many books, office equipment, band instruments, furniture and prepared teaching materials as possible before the contractors began the actual cleanup effort. As I am writing this Hurricane Irma plowing through the southeast Atlantic heading toward Cuba, the Bahamas and Florida. Initial reports from Puerto Rico, Antigua & Barbuda and other islands indicate massive damage. The need for assistance will be staggering. The situation looks daunting. However, our efforts, no matter how small will make a difference. Feel free to contact me to discuss this issue. I'll be happy to provide with the information I have and help in any way possible.

On the radio front, September is an active contesting month with the following notable contests:

ARRL September VHF Contest

CQ Worldwide DX Contest

Texas QSO Party

Here is a link to the ARRL Contest Corral with information on these contests and others during September: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/September-2017-Corral.pdf>

Please participate in the Texas QSO Party. This is our show and with many hams off the air due to Hurricane Harvey your participation is needed more usual.

73,

Robie – AJ4F



# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler WB5TKI

## TDXS August 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 10, 2017

**Location:** Tracy Gee Community Center, Houston, TX

**Attendance: Members:** Scott K5DD, Doug WB5TKI, Keith NM5G, Robie AJ5F, Lance WD5X, Ed W5GCX, Jerry K9GEM, Orville K5VWW, Mike K5OU, Curt WG5H, Bob W5UQ, Jim N5DTT

**Guests:** Chuck De Santis K8CR, Shelia De Santis KB8VMY, John Savelli KK5JD, and Roman (Bob Hardie's grandson)

The August meeting was held at the Tracy Gee Community Center in Houston. The highlights from the business meeting were:

- Update on the status of the Parity Act
  - Discussion of potential changes to the monthly meeting date
- Status of new TDXS Name Badges

The program was presented by Keith NM5G. He topic was the upcoming Texas QSO Party in late September. Keith gave a history of the event, as well as recent winning point totals for past contests. He also discussed operating techniques for mobile stations in the contest.

73,

Submitted Sept. 4, 2017  
Doug Seyler WB5TKI  
TDXS Secretary



**DX Report by Orville Burg K5VWW**



## Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Hello again. It was a very active month for TDXS Contesting. We had great participation in both the NAQP-CW and NAQP-SSB contests. Some new operators to Radiosport made their first jumps into the foray and live to tell about it. Scores, taken from the 3830scores website appear at the bottom of the article.

Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, the ARRL Contest Branch Manager, announced in the September issue of QST some important rule changes for ARRL contests ahead of the 2017-2018 contest season beginning in September. The ARRL made these changes to improve their contest management process and bring some of their requirements in line with those of other organizations.

Here are some significant points:

- Log submission must be made through the on-line web app [contest-log-submission.arrl.org](http://contest-log-submission.arrl.org) - as the old 'attach your log to an email' process is being phased out. It's quite simple and performs some basic format and information checking before submission. You can either copy-and-paste your Cabrillo log into the box or point to the filename on your computer.
- The deadline for ARRL HF contest log submission will now be 5 days after the contest ends. VHF contests are now due 10 days following the end, and the higher frequency contests go a bit farther out. This tighter deadline is a good thing, as it allows quicker visibility to preliminary scores - and ultimately final results.
- If you are likely to be competing for a higher award (like a category leader) then you are encouraged to set up your software to log the specific frequency to the nearest 1 kHz. Most of the major logging packages already have this capability.
- Your log will become accessible publicly after the results have been completed. The CQ family of contests have already been doing this for some time now. If you are looking to improve your score the next time, it's a great resource to evaluate how the top competitors made it happen in previous years.
- The process for eligibility for inclusion of your score in the Affiliated Club Competition part of some of ARRL's contests for the TDXS club effort has changed. Your callsign must be listed on the official ARRL eligibility list that TDXS maintains. Right now, I manage this list for our club. A couple of weeks prior to one of these contests, I will send out an email to the membership requesting confirmation of your plans for participation and, if you have a contest station away from your home QTH, verification of the grid square you plan to be in for the contest.
- A reminder: In ARRL contests, there are no penalties assessed for zero-point contacts (such as US-to-US QSOs during ARRL-DX) ... but you are encouraged to log and submit these QSOs in your log. These logged QSOs will have no impact on your score, but they do improve the log-checking activity.
- If you operate an ARRL contest from a remote station, please note the following rule clarifications:
  - Remote-Controlled-Station Entries
  - Acting as the control operator for a remote-controlled station in the U.S. or its possessions requires that the operator hold a U.S. FCC-issued license - and have sufficient privileges for all operation. CEPT/IARP reciprocal operating authority does not include authority to remotely control a U.S. station.
  - If another operator acts as the on-site control operator of the remote station you are using, the entry must be submitted in a Multi-operator category (and may be subject to limitations of off-times and band changes). The location for the contest-log entry will be the location of the remote station, regardless of where the operator is during the contest. For more information, see the online FAQ at <http://www.arrl.org/contest-remote-station-operation>
- You cannot 'Run' (CQ) on two different frequencies on the same band and mode in ARRL contests. The IARU HF Contest and 10-Meter Contest already prohibit this practice.
- In the ARRL November Sweepstakes contests, you must send both callsigns as part of the Sweepstakes exchange, i.e. "N5DTT, number 132, Bravo, N5XZ, 65, South Texas."

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# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## NAQP-CW

### TDXS

W5FMH	165,212
N5XZ	14,328
WB5TUF	12,972
WG5H	9,715
N5DTT	1,110
<b>Team Total:</b>	<b>203,337</b>

## NAQP-SSB

### TDXS Eclipse

K5DU	95,460
W5FMH	71,340
K5TU	19,656
AJ4F	5,775
WG5H	4,888
<b>Team Total:</b>	<b>197,119</b>

### TDXS Flare

K0NM	23,660
KG5LRP	18,630
WB5TKI	4,600
N5DTT	2,072
K9GEM	126
<b>Team Total:</b>	<b>49,088</b>

### TDXS Totality

W5PF	26,487
AD5WB	180
<b>Team Total:</b>	<b>26,667</b>



# Where in the World is.... By Ron Litt K5HM

**Where in the world is . . .  
The Outer Hebrides (GM)  
CQ 14 ITU 27  
IOTA EU-010**



No, the Outer Hebrides are not the skin of a small mammal or some obscure part of a gourmet dish. They are a group of islands off the Northwest coast of Scotland in the North Atlantic Ocean. With a population of 26,000 only 15 islands are inhabited and more than 50 uninhabited ones in the group.

Over thousands of years of history, the islands were populated or conquered by Romans, Norsemen, Scots and Celts; as well as Britons. The islands are pep-

pered with Gaelic and Celtic names that are not easy for the untutored tongue. One of the largest islands in the group, South Uist, pronounced Uibhist A Deas in Gaelic, is blessed with white sand beaches. A feature normally seen in the warmer latitudes. Don't be lulled into a tropical mood, because the seawater is v-v-v-very c-c-c-cold at these latitudes.

The Hebrides is the home of a unique spiritual, civilized culture, the true heartland of the Gaels and the Gaelic language.



One of the best ways to get around on an island is by car, but be warned because nine times out of 10 the locals don't bother with the passing places on single track roads, they come straight at you. Hebridean communities are close knit, friendly, in tune with nature, relaxed and contented with the rhythm of life. People will go out of their way to help you and have the time to be genuinely interested in what you have to say.

Pure traditional music also lives on, with the local mods a focal point for junior and adult choirs, musicians, storytellers, poets and actors. Fans of the pipes can hear the Lewis Pipe Band as they parade through Stornoway town center every Saturday evening in summer.

Visitors have the chance to join in with the locals at Highland games, agricultural shows, themed evenings in community centers, and events like the Hebridean Maritime Festival and the Hogmanay dances. Arts venues such as An Lanntair in Stornoway and Taigh Chearsabhaigh in Uist put on regular exhibitions and arts events, often attracting internationally renowned performers and artists. ter every Saturday evening in summer.

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## Where in the World is.... By Ron Litt K5HM



During the Norse period, the Viking rulers owed allegiance to the Norwegian Crown. Following the ill-fated 1263 expedition of Haakon IV of Norway, the Outer Hebrides along with the Isle of Man, were yielded to the Kingdom of Scotland a result of the 1266 Treaty of Perth. During the period of Scots domination, the islands were the home of various clans that controlled the land. History has preserved the majestic names of these various clans including clans such as McLeish, Macleod, McMillan, McQueen, MacPherson and the

clan MacDonald. Some legends say that Ray Kroc of hamburger fame, is a distant descendant of this last clan. The Hebrides is the home of an unique spiritual, civilized culture, the true heartland of the Gaels and the Gaelic language.

If you are a lover of single malt whisky then a whisky tour on the Hebridean Islands is an absolute must. Ardbeg Distilleries, Scotland. Bowmore Distilleries, Bruichladdich Distillery, Caol Ila Distillery, Isle of Jura Distilleries, Lagavulin Distilleries to name just a few.



Whiskey is a fabled part of Scotland and the Outer Hebrides are no exception. Three new distilleries have burgeoned in the thirsty islands. The Abhainn Dearg Distillery (pronounced Aven Jarræk); Red River in English, is located in Uig on the Isle of Lewis. It is the first single malt whisky from a distillery in the Outer Hebrides since 1829. The Isle of Harris Distillery produces a defining single malt, The Hearach. That being the Gaelic word for a person from Harris.

Who says a DX-pedition must be all dits and dahs?

How does the average Outer Hebridean get around the islands? By ferry of course! The isles are served by a network of private ferries such as the one above. Schedules are frequent and inexpensive.



Reporting from the Dark Side,

Ron





# Just Say No to H.R. 555/S1534 v5—by Fred Hopengarten K1VR

Just Say No to H.R. 555/S.1534  
By Fred Hopengarten, Esq., K1VR

I've been receiving a lot of inquiries lately that ask for my position on the Amateur Radio Parity Act, passed by the House as H.R. 555, and now before the Senate as S. 1534. I'm against it. Why do I oppose H.R. 555/S. 1534?

**I like the ARRL.** Before delving into the bill, you should know that I'm a big fan of the ARRL, and this is not an attack on the League. I've been an ARRL member continuously since 1956 (that's 61 years, if you were a communications major), and I've been a Life member since 1972. I donate money, and I'm a member of the ARRL Diamond Club. I'm only attacking the proposed legislation. Why?

**A 440 MHz whip may be all you get.** A homeowner association (HOA) could limit a ham to a 440 MHz outdoor whip. The bill says that an HOA cannot "preclude communications" and must permit "an effective outdoor antenna under exclusive use or control of the licenses." A 440 MHz whip satisfies both of those conditions. The ARRL FAQ on this subject says: "The entitlement to operate on all amateur bands or to maintain antennas that are effective on all amateur bands at the same time is far beyond the scope of either PRB-1 or ARPA." However, in the original PRB-1 Order, the FCC wrote:

**Some amateur antenna configurations require more substantial installations than others if they are to provide the amateur operator with the communications that he/she desires to engage in.** For example, an antenna array for International amateur communications will differ from an antenna used to contact other amateur operators at shorter distances. . . . local regulations which involve placement, screening, or height of antennas based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations must be crafted to accommodate reasonably amateur communications, **and** [FH: not "or"] to represent the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the local authority's legitimate purpose.

PRB-1 at ¶ 25 (1985).

The ARRL FAQ continues: "That said, an amateur's expectation for the types of effective outdoor antenna that the HOA will be obligated to permit differs depending on the type of land use involved." I find no basis for that statement in HR 555, which says, as cited above, that an HOA cannot "preclude communications" and must permit "an effective outdoor antenna under exclusive use or control of the licenses," OR (not "and") the HOA must have "the minimum practicable restriction." I read this to mean that the "minimum practicable restriction" is not required, if (a) the HOA does not preclude communications, (b) the outdoor antenna permitted is "effective" [perhaps on 440 MHz], and (c) the place the antenna will sit is under the exclusive use or control of the licensee.

**The "OR" clause is dangerous.** S. 1534 says that an HOA cannot preclude communications and must permit an effective outdoor antenna, OR the HOA must have "the minimum practicable restriction." Despite the expressed intent to write a bill that would create parity between hams governed by municipal zoning, and hams governed by an HOA, this bill is really different from PRB-1 (47 CFR § 97.15(b)). If the HOA allows a 440 MHz whip to stick out of your window, the HOA is not required to have "the minimum practicable restriction." That's the meaning of the "or" clause. In contrast, PRB-1 requires of municipalities that they must not preclude the amateur service communications that the radio ham desires (see above), AND the regulation must be the "minimum practicable regulation."

**The aesthetics clause could be an antenna killer.** Under S. 1534, an HOA may establish reasonable written rules concerning height, location, size, aesthetic impact, and installation requirements. I fear that an HOA, and later a court, could decide that any visible antenna has a negative aesthetic impact, if the HOA says so. The bill provides no guidance or standards, no mediation, no arbitration.

**Installation requirements could be an antenna killer.** The HOA could establish an installation requirement that, for example, requires a Professional Engineer to stamp the plans (the plans for a 15 meter dipole? Or a 40 meter wire vertical hung over a tree in the nearby woods?), inspect the construction, and stamp the "as-built" drawings. P.E. costs could be a big multiple of antenna costs. The HOA could require \$5 million/\$10 million liability insurance coverage, naming the HOA as an additional insured. I'll bet HOA's will be creative in establishing very expensive-to-implement installation requirements.

**Prior approval may be impossible.** What if your HOA was formed only for the purposes of plowing the roads and picking up the trash? It could be ultra vires (outside the power of the HOA) to approve an antenna. What if the HOA never votes, either yes or no?



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But isn't a community association required "to establish reasonable written rules concerning height, location, size, and aesthetic impact of, and installation requirements for, outdoor antennas and support structures for the purpose of conducting communications in the amateur radio services." See § 3(b)(3)? Response: No. Under this bill, the FCC shall permit a Community Association to establish reasonable rules, but the Association is not required to establish such rules (see the "or" clause). On the other hand, with or without the FCC, the Association could always amend its rules, even before the passage of HR 555 – so this is no change in the law at all, and certainly no new advantage to hams.

**There is no requirement that the HOA must act in a timely way.** There is not even a requirement that the HOA must decide. But the ham must still obtain prior approval. The ARRL FAQ says: "There is no indication that an HOA has ever simply failed to adjudicate an antenna proposal and no indication that a timetable is necessary." Ever? It is a complicated case, but AA9BZ has been waiting since 2011 for a final decision on the installation of his flagpole for a stand-alone house at Belmont Country Club, a Toll Brothers community in Ashburn, VA. See <http://lovemyflag.org>. I represented AA9BZ.

What if the association is moribund and hasn't met or taken any action in years? What if there are no HOA officers or Architectural Review Committee to even ask for prior approval? There is no requirement for negotiation, no requirement for a written decision stating the reasons for denial (so that a ham might modify the application with a greater likelihood of success the second time around).

The ARRL FAQ argues that limited CC&Rs (common covenants and restraints), perhaps situations where the HOA exists only to deal with roads and trash, are "few and far between." I know of no basis for that statement, and I am presently representing a radio ham who has an HOA that does only roads. My experiences belie the "few and far between" statement. Hams who are scared of the prior approval requirement have reached out to me, because approval was never previously required (or the thought even mentioned in their documents), and they were breaking no CC&R.

The FAQ goes on to state: "If a radio Amateur who lives in a deed-restricted community where the CC&Rs do not empower an HOA to regulate antennas chooses to not avail himself or herself of the provisions of the FCC rules enacted pursuant to ARPA, there is no obligation to do that." I think that sentence says: If the HOA has no power to regulate antennas, and there is no CC&R on the subject, you don't have to obtain "prior approval," you may disobey this federal statute. That's just wrong. The bill reads:

[The Commission shall –

. . . require any licensee in an amateur radio service to notify and obtain prior approval from a community association concerning installation of an outdoor antenna . . .

The FAQ then assures readers that "No FCC enforcement agent is going to sanction a ham [for failure to obtain prior approval]." While encouraging law-breaking is not a good idea, I am less concerned about FCC enforcement than I am about the fact that every CC&R I've ever read allows any covered homeowner to seek enforcement, and that this law would effectively add "prior approval" (under the "obey all laws" clause) to the CC&Rs, and create a good reason to fear any neighbor on a mission.

**The OTARD rule does not require prior approval.** If you want to erect a one meter dish, or a VHF/UHF TV Yagi, under 47 CFR §1.4000 (Over The Air Reception Devices), the Association must petition the FCC to prevent it. Here, the burden is on the ham to get prior approval. Hams won't be in parity with TV watchers.

**The "exclusive use or control" clause may be an antenna killer.** Want to put an antenna outdoors on your roof? Is it under your exclusive use or control? And the same may be true of your deck, porch, or lanai. If you live in a town house with a back yard (the place where your grill is located), do you have exclusive use or control when the association mows your lawn? If you live in an apartment-style building (a multi-unit dwelling), you may have no outdoor area under your "exclusive use or control." These questions can be very tricky, and result in litigation. See In the Matter of James S. Bannister, FCC DA 09-1673 (2009), [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1673A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1673A1.pdf) (an OTARD case that gives me some hope, because a broadcast TV antenna and broadband internet antenna was allowed on a roof, where the association claimed that roofs are common areas, but the FCC ruled that the association's easement for roof maintenance "did not defeat the owner's rights under the Rule.")



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**The bill doesn't help with non-HOA deed restrictions.** In a non-HOA situation where there is a deed restriction against outdoor antennas, that deed restriction would be invalid as to one-meter satellite TV dishes, and TV broadcast service Yagis, because the OTARD rule is a preemption. But this bill won't help hams with just deed restrictions (no HOA – no common expenses). The deed restriction can be enforced by any disgruntled owner covered by the same deed restriction.

**You may violate federal law!** Without this bill, erecting an outdoor antenna in an HOA situation creates a contract dispute. When you go to renew your license, the question before the FCC would be: Does the applicant's misconduct suggest that he or she lacks the requisite character qualifications to remain a licensee. "In evaluating the weight of prior misconduct, to be considered are the willfulness of the misconduct, the frequency of such misbehavior, its currency, the seriousness of the misconduct, efforts made to remedy the wrong, and [the applicant's] record of compliance with Commission rules and rehabilitation." Does this activity show a propensity to obey the law and to deal honestly with the Commission? With this bill, and without a prior approval, you break a federal law, and, in appropriate circumstances, the Commission may decide to revoke (47 U.S.C. §312) or not to renew (47 U.S.C. § 309(k)) your license. Think about this: a CB'er who puts up an 11-meter beam may violate a CC&R, but he's not breaking federal law. If this law passes, you'll be worse off than a CB'er.

**The bill has no enforcement mechanism.** Where in the bill does it say what a ham can do to enforce this new law? In OTARD and cellular telephone matters, the remedy for zoning conflicts is spelled out in the statute or regulations. But here, can you go straight to federal court? I don't know. Probably not in the Third Circuit. See *DePolo v. Bd. Of Sup'rs Tredyffrin Twp.*, 835 F. 3d 381(3d Cir. 2016). And, in light of *Armstrong v. Exceptional Child Center, Inc.*, 135 S.Ct. 1378 (2015), a 5-4 decision, there may be no implied private right of action anywhere for injunctive relief to enforce against an HOA.

**I don't believe that the problems can be cleared up in the report or in conference.** A committee report is not law. When there are differences between the House and Senate bills, the conference committee can do wonders. Here, the bills are identical. What is there to conference on?

**I have doubts that FCC regulations implementing the law will cure the problems with the bill.** As the FAQ says: "The FCC is not given much leeway in implementing ARPA's basic provisions, which are specifically stated in the House and Senate Bills." Since the 1985 creation of PRB-1 (thank you, ARRL – we owe ya), the FCC has been unwilling to help out HOA dwellers. When the Commission writes its regulations, I'm betting that they won't go a word beyond what the statute says.

**You may now have two levels of approval.** If you should be lucky enough to obtain a prior approval from the HOA, you'll still need a building permit from your municipality, and perhaps zoning approval too. Your opponents may enjoy two bites at the apple.

**Conclusion.** These are short explanations. I could create a law review version, in excruciating detail, with many footnotes. But now you know why I don't think you should urge your U.S. senator to vote aye on S. 1534. Moreover, I think you should voice your opinion to your Director and Vice Director. Find them at <http://www.arrl.org/divisions>. I do not support this bill, and neither should you.

**A Word on Making Legislation.** It is hard. And we should not be hard on the individuals who worked on this very difficult topic. But the ARRL FAQ says: "Those who think that there is a better solution, let's hear about it." So here are some suggested solutions:

- Where no reasonable standards are adopted by an HOA, FCC regulations should include a default standard.
- I suggest a step-ladder approach for HOA communities, with different antenna rules for apartment-like ownership, common-wall townhomes, stand alone home on lots one-acre or less, and stand alone homes on large properties. There should be different rules for townhomes, as opposed to homes on 10+ acres.



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- I suggest that there should be some “safe-harbor” provisions, or at least a requirement that the FCC establish “safe-harbor” provisions: antennas similar or identical in appearance to OTARD satellite dishes, VHF/UHF TV Broadcast Service Yagis, broadband internet antennas; single wires (or “minimally visible” antennas); flagpoles; temporary antennas (or antennas raised only in hours of darkness), Buddipoles or ground planes no higher than 12 feet (the height of a basketball net with backboard). And why not flagpoles? See “The Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005,” 4 U.S.C. § 7. Section 3 of that statute reads:  
 RIGHT TO DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES." A condominium association, co-operative association, or residential real estate management association may not adopt or enforce any policy, or enter into any agreement, that would restrict or prevent a member of the association from displaying the flag of the United States on residential property within the association with respect to which such member has a separate ownership interest or a right to exclusive possession or use.
- To avoid complications like the Armstrong case mentioned above, the bill should spell out an enforcement mechanism, just as the original bill which resulted in the OTARD rule does.
- Change “or” to “and” (see above).

P.S. I’d like to know which ARRL directors voted against supporting this bill, so I can contribute to their next election campaign, but apparently the ARRL Board now has some sort of loyalty restriction that prevents an officer or director from telling you if he or she voted no. But that’s another topic. While I am neither a director nor vice director, I wonder if the ARRL will attempt to punish me for publishing this opinion.



## Tom Wheatley K5CNN TDXS #48—SK

Sadly I must report the loss of Tom Wheatley K5CNN, TDXS #48.

Thomas Edwin Wheatley III  
1945-2017

Thomas (Tom) Edwin Wheatley III was born in Houston, Texas on July 30, 1945 and passed away on May the 12th, 2017. Tom graduated from Bellaire High School in 1964 and went on to graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University with BS degree in Chemistry. He became a prominent business owner in the Houston area in field of oil and gas valves. Tom founded RW Flow Controls in 1989 and, as his father before him, made a positive mark in the industry and held that high standard for his entire career. He was a loving Husband and Father and avid amateur HAM radio operator that also enjoyed fishing, automobiles and loved his grandchildren with all his heart.

He is preceded in death by his mother Margert Faye Webb Wheatley, his father Thomas Edwin Wheatley Jr. And his step mother Mary Wheatley, and daughter Michele Jean Wheatley . He is survived by his wife Judy Carolyn Wheatley, daughter Tiffany Faye Dillard and her Husband Dennis Dillard, grandsons Colin Christian Dillard and Cameron Thomas Dillard also son Thomas (Tommy) Edwin Wheatley IV, and brother Robert Webb Wheatley.

Please join us in celebrating his life at Forest Park Funeral Home located at 12800 Westheimer Rd Houston, Texas 77077 on Wednesday May 17. Visitation for those who wish to pay their respects will begin at 12:00 noon hors d'oeuvres will be served. Funeral service will begin at 2:00pm burial immediately following.

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