

APPENDIX A-2

W3LIF REPEATER

Welcome to the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club's repeater system. The Club is proud of the repeater system and tries to maintain high operating standards. We have a very large listening audience who listen on a regular basis on their scanners. Let's give them a good impression of amateur radio.

The following is a list of priorities on this system:

1. Emergency communications
2. Mobile-to-mobile communications
3. Fixed-to-mobile communications
4. Fixed-to-fixed communications

"Mobile" means radios installed in vehicles and also portable radios. "Fixed" meaning base stations or portables being used in place of base stations.

SKYWARN comes under the heading of Emergency Communications. The repeater is not available for normal amateur use during SKYWARN. All communications during SKYWARN must be to Net Control. Do not chat with other stations during SKYWARN and do not call the Weather Service unless directed to by Net Control. Keep all transmissions as short as possible.

Breaking into a conversation is easy, just state your Call letters. Use of the word "break" is reserved for emergencies. Breaking stations must be acknowledged immediately. Never tell a breaking station to stand by as they may have an emergency or urgent use for the repeater.

The repeater identifies with its Call letters every ten minutes when being used. The FCC says you must ID every ten minutes, so ID when the repeater does and everything will be legal (just say your Call). No need to say "for ID". Why else would you be stating your Call? The other stations Call is said first, followed by your Call (FCC Rule).

Keep your comments brief. The repeater timer is set for 2-1/2 minutes, but 1 minute is a limit you should use. This will allow for users to be able to access the repeater should a sudden need arise. The practice of *buying time* by a short carrier drop to reset the timer is a definite no-no! Only stations reading bulletins or long statements need extended time.

The use of radio and/or CB slang have little or no use. Use of CW "Q" signals are of little or no use. Use plain language.

We hope you enjoy the repeater and it brings some pleasure to you. If you have any questions or problems, please call the Trustee or any of the control operators.

The Trustee for W3LIF is K3LA Barney Scholl.