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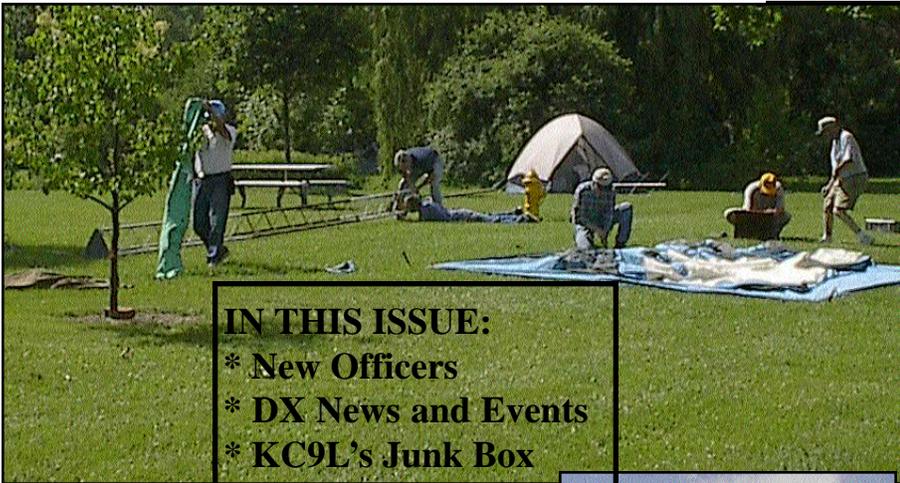
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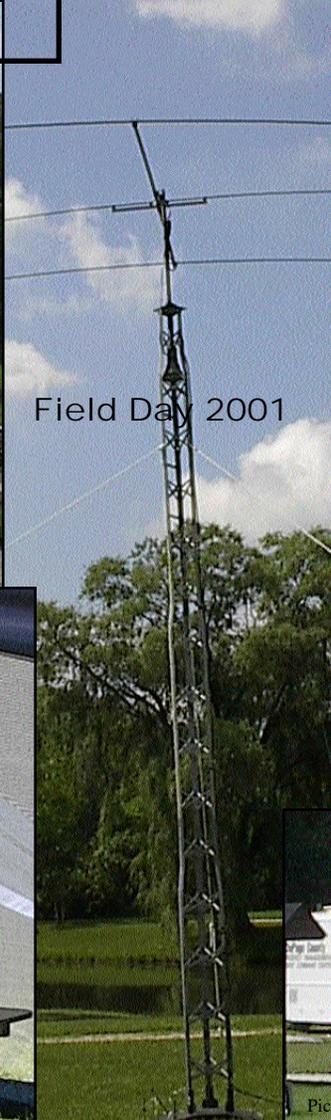
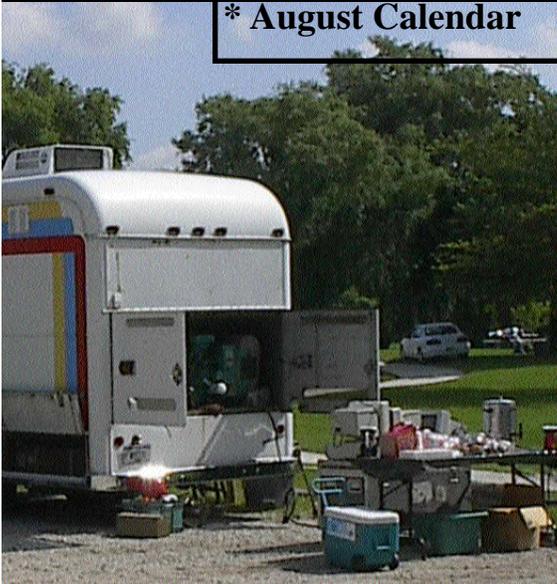
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Field Day 2001



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# From the President's Gavel

by Joe LeFebvre WCRA President



On Wednesday July 4th Wheaton held their annual Independence Day Parade and once again WCRA was there to assist. It was a beautiful day for a parade, warm and sunny but not too hot. Pat was there as usual running the net from the Club Van, which was parked right along Main Street proudly advertising our club. We had 18 other operators participating in this event, a new record for as long as I have been involved. Wearing both of my hats I want to thank the membership for supporting this and other public service events. In particular I want to thank the following operators who gave up their Wednesday morning and came out and worked on the parade and I want to thank Bruce, K9OZ for getting the Van on site by 7:15 in the morning.

Pat	K9JAU	Wayne	KF9JC	Judy	N9TDU
Mike	K9UNA	John	N9GLZ	Dale	N9XD
Ruth	KA9RZG	John	N9MWF	Kim	N9XE
Kurt	KB9RTO	Marty	N9NTM	Dale	NJ9E
Matt	KB9YQL	Steve	N9OA	John	W9LQL
Andrew	KB9YVO			John	WB9VGJ

This year the parade committee tried something different in the staging area. Normally they staged the participants in their parade order. This year they staged the participants in reverse order so that the first floats off were the last in line. The theory is that this way the participants themselves can view at least part of the parade. I think it mostly worked.

On a totally different subject, at the last meeting we presented a recap of fiscal 2000 and the budget for the 2001 fiscal year. 2000 came in very close to budget with the exception of the Hamletter, which we had projected being converted to e-mail in 2000. This did not happen; in fact this month is the first not being snail-mailed to everyone. The 2001 budget is quite close to 2000 and includes the estimated savings in postage for the Hamletter. 73, N9WRO

## WCRA Staff

### Elected Officers

President	Joe LeFebvre	N9WRO	630:587-8059
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Field Day	Dale Kwart	NJ9E	630:858-8541
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Historian	John Lauder	N9LIN	630:968-4101
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General Instructor	Pat Byrne	K9JAU	630:858-1959
Extra Instructor	Sang M. Lee	N9ZGS	630:260-0736
Volunteer Exam.	Harry Kamer	K9HK	630:953-0519

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Member	George Henry	KA3HSW	630:830-6659
Tech Advisor	Larry Schroeder	KA9KDC	630:665-3228

### WCRA Radio Nets

Sunday 8:00 pm	145.390/(-600)	Net Control: Rotates
Sunday 8:30 pm	224.140/(-1.600)	Net Control: Marty KA9RCC
Tuesday 8:00 pm	145.390(-600)	ARES Net
Tuesday 8:30 pm	444.475/(5.0)	UHF Net

### WCRA Repeaters

145.390/ 144.790	103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B) PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540	Carries Access - SKYWARN Service Liaison
444.475/449.475	114.8 Hz(2A) PLEncode/ Decode
145.310/144.710	WCRA, W9CCU-1 Full Duplex Packet Reprtr

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## From the junk box of KC9L

Are you afraid of homebrewing? All thumbs when it comes to soldering? Don't know a capacitor from a transistor? Well, no matter how scary it might seem, the chance to experiment with radio is one of the great things about this hobby of ours. Why not start simple with an antenna or two? With just a few simple hand tools and a few hours, you can improve your station's signal and improve your radio knowledge.

Now, many of you have an HT. As you've probably noticed, the standard rubber-duck antenna doesn't do much for your signal. So we'll look at a simple 2-meter antenna that's easy and quick to build.

First up is an old antenna design that's been in the Handbook for years—the classic quarter-wave ground plane. It's cheap, and while it has 0 dBd (no gain over a dipole) it's still a huge improvement over the duckie. Here's the parts list:

- \* 10 feet of solid 12-gauge wire
- \* 4 ring terminals for 12-ga. wire
- \* 4 each of 4-40 machine screws, nuts, and lock washer
- \* An SO-239 panel-mount connector (Radio Shack #278-201)
- \* A screwdriver
- \* 50-ohm coaxial cable with a PL-259 (UHF) connector on one end and a suitable connector for your radio on the other
- \* You also need to beg, borrow, or buy an SWR meter to tune the antenna.

Strip the insulation from the wire, then cut 4 18-11/16" pieces and 1 19-5/16" piece. These will be the elements of the antenna, so you may want to straighten them out using a vise or by rolling them on your workbench.

Once that's done, take the four ring terminals and crimp or solder them to one end of each of the 18" wires. Once that's done, attach a wire to each corner of the SO-239 using the 4-40 hardware. Finally, with the coax connector facing down, bend the 4 wires downward at a 45-degree angle. You should have something that looks like Figure 1.

We're almost there! Now, take the 19" wire and solder it to the center of the SO-239. Make sure the connection is shiny—dull solder connections don't conduct well. Attach your coax to the connector. Congratulations! You now have a 2-meter ground plane almost.

We still have to mount it on a mast and tune it. You can use PVC pipe as a mast for lengths up to 10 feet or so; use a hose clamp to attach the PL-259 to the pipe. Once it's mounted on the mast, hook up the SWR meter in line with the antenna and radio. Turn your radio to its lowest power setting and transmit on an unused simplex frequency. It should be close to 1:1; actually, anything up to 1.5:1 or so is fine. If it's high, trim the 5 wires carefully, about 1/16 of an inch at a time, until the SWR is fine. That's it! Remove the SWR meter, attach your rig, and enjoy putting a better signal into the repeater.

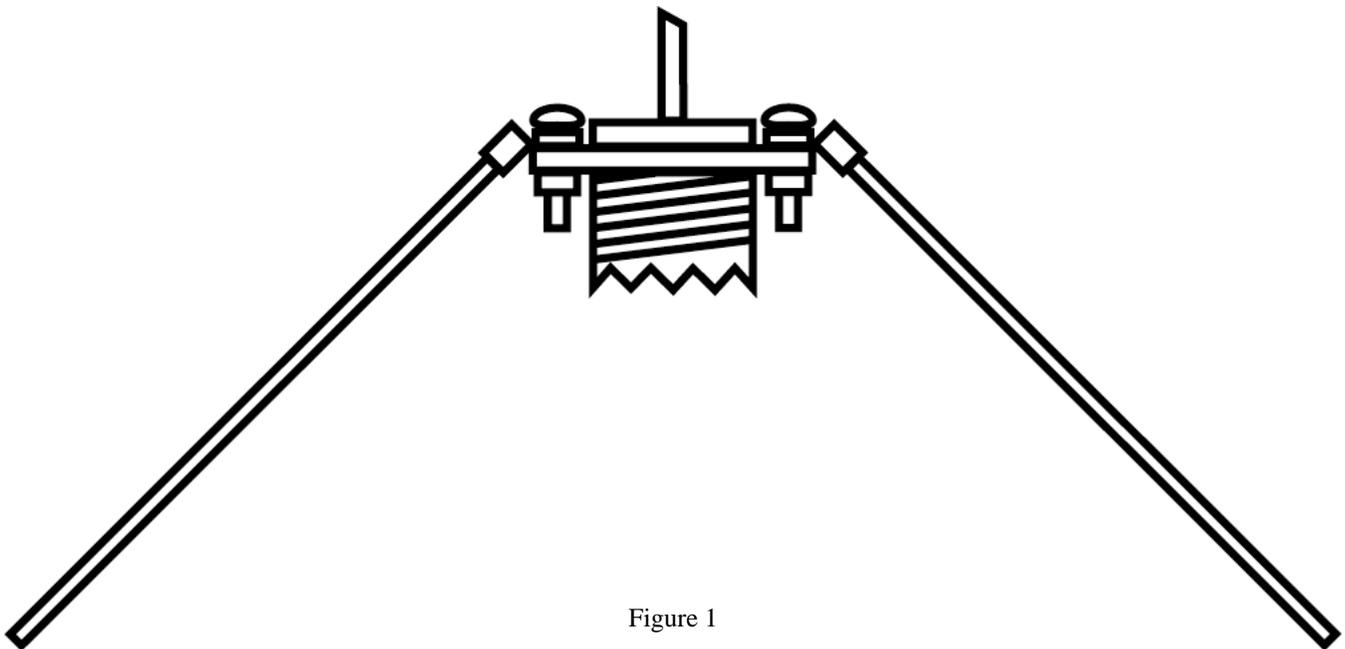
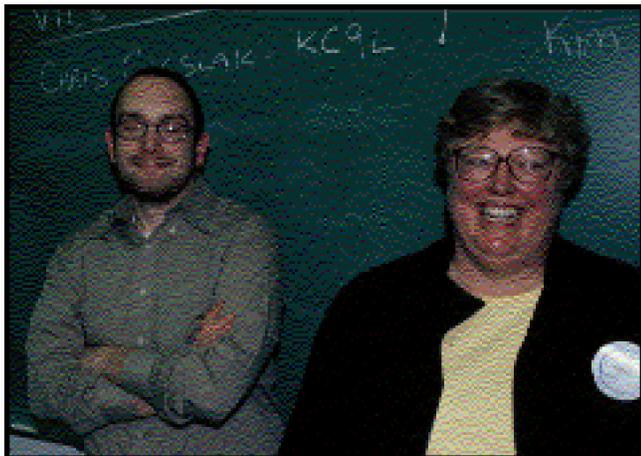


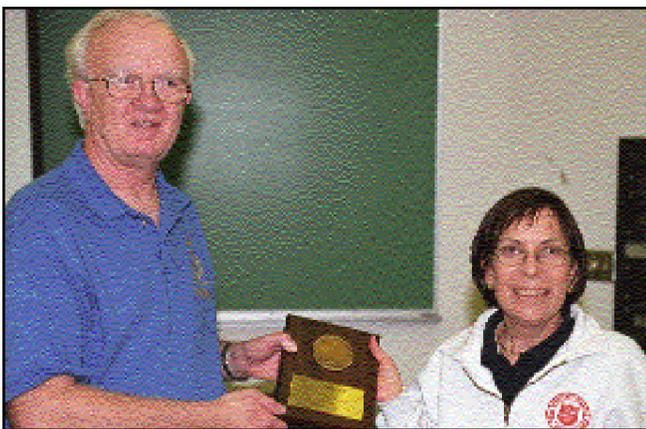
Figure 1

## Welcome our new officers:

Vice-President Chris Cieslak, KC9L,  
Treasurer Kim Wiese, N9XE



Thanks Janie and John!



President Joe LeFebvre, N9WRO, presenting outgoing treasurer John Truitt, N9LQL, (top) and Janie Gallina AE9JG, (bottom) with plaques of appreciation for their years of service to WCRA as Treasurer and Vice-President at the May meeting.

## Anchors

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You will notice that we do not have any anchors this month. Why not you ask? Are too many of you visiting a weekend hamfest and neglecting to list items for sale with your lonely Hamletter? Shame on you! Please remember those of us that are less fortunate and are unable to attend the many local, regional, and worldwide hamfests and must out of necessity rely on these pages to upgrade their own shack.

## Remember

The meeting location is changed for the month of August only to Armerding Hall instead of Breyer Hall. Room 18 in the basement. Armerding Hall is just to the east of Breyer Hall.

# WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitiileri  
N9EF  
WCRA  
Secretary



WCRA Minutes from the July 6, 2001 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, **Joe, N9WRO**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Vice-President, **Chris, KC9L**, reported that tonight's program will be a presentation by **Steve N9OA** on changes in testing for amateur radio licenses. Treasurer, **Kim, N9XE**, gave a report of the club's financial condition. Membership, **Carol, KB9FYL**, Two new members were voted in at this meeting. Health & Welfare, **Dale, NJ9E**, reported that **Eileen, N9TWS** was admitted to Edwards Hospital. She is on a ventilator and in stable condition. Dale printed a large poster for club members to sign to wish Eileen a speedy recovery. Elmer, **George, N9GWR** reported that the Know Code class scheduled for July 9 is the last for the summer. George would like members' opinions on whether the current schedule is okay. Please respond to [W9GWR@arrl.net](mailto:W9GWR@arrl.net). Public Service, Joe, N9WRO, reported that there was a good turnout for the July 4th parade. Truck, Steve, N9OA, reported that the truck was at the July 4th parade and it will be at the Glendale Heights parade. Historian (retired), **John, N9LIN**, has extended the deadline for applications for position as WCRA Club Historian. Training, **Rich, AA9KZ**, requested funds for new training tapes for the Technician Course. Field Day, Dale NJ9E, reported that WCRA Field Day was covered in two newspapers and on cable television. The approximate tally is 10,600 points. **George, KA3HSW**, succeeded in working the International Space Station (ISS) during Field Day. Dale also reported that WCRA will be featured on the Wild Chicago program some time in January. New Business: Joe, N9WRO, distributed the proposed budget for 2001 and discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20, refreshments were served, and the presentation followed.

# NOTICE

Would any of you like to volunteer to interview fellow club members for a Shack-of-the-Month article for the Hamletter? The job takes a tremendous amount of time each month but this is more than made up by the large salary the club pays people to write for this publication. If you have any interest please contact the editor.

## BIRTHDAYS OF JULY

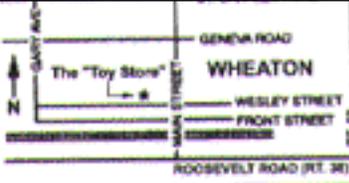
George	N9EJS	08-04-29
Peter	W9UF	08-04-55
Keith	KA9HPL	08-11-62
Jim	W9DHX	08-12-21
William	N9BT	08-14-52
David	WD9EBQ	08-14-54
James	N9NWU	08-17-51
Harry	K9HK	08-19-54
Barbara	N9EXY	08-21-55
Orrin	WA9VAA	08-21-32
Greg	WA9EZZ	08-23-46
Robert	N9EF	08-24-50
Ralph	W9VQM	08-25-40
Greg	KB9NGJ	08-30-56

If your birthday does not appear in the month of your entry upon the area please eMail a note to the editor. The many call sign changes over the past several years has also added to some people being left off the birthday list by mistake. The FCC no longer lists birthdays in their database.

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## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

DXCC is pleased to announce the addition of the 12-Meter Single Band DXCC award. Applications for this award will be accepted beginning July 2, 2001. 12 Meter DXCC certificates will be dated but not numbered. 12 meter credits will not count toward the DeSoto Cup competition until October 1, 2001, but they will be included in the DXCC Challenge totals. If you do not know what credits you have on 12 meters, you may contact DXCC for a copy of your record. Note: the 12-meter band was added to the printout on January 1, 2001. If you received a copy since then, you already have a copy of your 12-meter credits. This will help avoid duplicates and additional costs. If you have web access and can handle ADOBE (.pdf) files, contact DXCC at [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org) for a copy of your record. If you do not have web access, please send a note to DXCC along with \$2.00 for postage and handling. For further information, please contact DXCC at [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org)

Attention Prefix Hunters! Marc, WC1X is a U.S. ham operating in Israel with a rare prefix. He will be there until June of 2002, using the callsign 4Z8BB. There is only one other licensed operator that shares the "4Z8" prefix. Although Israel is certainly not a rare country, the prefix '4Z8' is. Marc has worked many stations on 20/15 meters SSB (mostly North Americans). He would like Dixer's to know he can also be found on RTTY on 20 meters. His schedule is Ø33Ø-Ø43Øz on 14082 +/- QRM, 7 days a week. The QSL manager is WC1X.

The Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association announces that it will undertake an IOTA DXpedition to Ducie Island, (OC-182) with operations to begin at ØØØØz on November 16, 2001. I wrote previously that Ducie is in contention as a possible new DXCC entity, based on PIARA's acceptance into the IARU. This operation will utilize three stations operating around the clock, with emphasis on providing contacts to as many different individual stations as possible. The leader of the DXpedition is well known operator Tom Christian, VP6TC president of PIARA. Other DXpedition members are VP6DB, JA1BK/VP6BK, JA1SLS/ex-VR6BB, JF1IST, and three other operators to be named later. This international DXpedition will be attempting to provide worldwide coverage for this rare IOTA. Satellite

logchecking is planned by the team. The QSL Manager will be Garth Hamilton, VE3HO, and the Pilot station will be Bill Avery, K6GNX. Further information will be provided as the date approaches.

Gerard, PA3AXU has announced another DX trip into the South Pacific. This time during September 2001, he will be heading to T30, C21 and 3D (Fiji). He also hopes to give everyone a new one on SSB/CW/RTTY/SSTV and/or PSK31. Gerard will start his activity on Tarawa, West Kiribati, as T30XU, beginning September 4th. He will then travel to Nauru and sign C21XU beginning September 11th. His activity will end in Fiji signing as 3D2XU, from September 20-28th. For more details and up-to-date information, check the Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3axu/2001>. Gerard requests to please submit any comments/remarks/suggestions on his 2001 Pacific trip in the guestbook on his Web site.

John Janssen, K4ANA (ex-KZ5RQ, WA4WKY, C9RJJ, C91J and KH2/K4ANA) is now living and working in Kyrgyzstan. He has been on the air signing as EX/K4ANA. Anyone needing John's card from EX-land can QSL via the 4-Land QSL bureau to K4ANA or via the 2nd district QSL bureau to W2PS. Direct requests can be mailed to Ben Bond, W2PS, 55 Eberle Road, Latham, NY 12110 ([w2ps@nycap.rr.com](mailto:w2ps@nycap.rr.com) for E-mail requests).

Denis, 9A3ZG informed the DX community through OPDX that the official URL address of the Croatian Amateur Radio Association is now: <http://www.hamradio.hr>. For the moment, everything is only in the Croatian language. The most interesting thing on the Web page is the news about the future and all past activities from all islands qualifying for the "Croatian Islands of Croatia Award" (IOCA). Also, if you click on the callbook on the main menu, and then in the appropriate field write any 9A call-sign, you will get the address you are interested in. Denis states, "Every suggestion is welcome. I am the chief editor of the Web page and Kreso, 9A5K/K5CRO is the webmaster. The E-mail addresses to contact them are [9a3zg@hamradio.hr](mailto:9a3zg@hamradio.hr) or [9a5k@hamradio.hr](mailto:9a5k@hamradio.hr)

The RKØFWL teams plan to visit Moneron Island in August. It is the first Marine National Park in Russia. Ken is the team leader of this operation. For some information on the island (map and photos) check the RAØFF special Web page at: <http://dx.bgtelecom.ru/moneron/island.html> or contact Ken at [prokushev@stmobile.ru](mailto:prokushev@stmobile.ru)

Richard, KL7AK, Jim, K9PPY, Larry, KF6XC and Bob, WL7QC, will be active as KL7AK from Sitkinak Island (NA-053) in August. The group plans to be on the island from approximately August 9 to 14. QSL via N6AWD. Look for them on the standard IOTA frequencies -  
CW 28040 24920 21040 18098 14040 10114 7030 3530  
SSB 28560 28460 24950 21260 18128 14260 7055 3765

James Brooks, 9V1YC has announced that he has updated his web

site with full details of the new Heard Island/VKØIR video release: <http://home.pacific.net.sg/~jamesb/vk0irvideo.htm>. James states, "For those that saw the original DXpedition video, this one might interest them even more, as it includes extremely rare footage of the first Americans and Australians to ever visit Heard Island. Since 1998, the film ("Outpost at the Edge") has been shown to a few million people worldwide on television, but only just made available for home video. See, we originally made two programs from the original footage I shot - one video for the hams (without all the archive footage, history, extra wildlife etc.) and one TV program for the general public (which includes some of the ham stuff too - but not all). This new release is the 'general public' version which many DXers had been asking about for years." According to his Web page, the video was to be released June 30th.

Dick, K9APW, will be here on the Turks and Caicos Islands beginning Thursday evening, August 2nd, through Sunday morning, August 12th, as VP5/K9APW from North Caicos Island (NA-002), and NOTProvidenciales! He states, "While this is the same IOTA, it is a different grid square for the 6 meter fans." His operations will be from the villa owned by K4ISV on Whitby, North Caicos Island. His main emphasis will be on 6 meters, hoping to give out not only a new DXCC for many USA and EU 6 meter fans, but also a new grid square for the deserving. Operations will be CW/SSW on all bands, 160 through 6 meters. QSL to home call, CBA, which has been good for past 25 years.

KU9C says there's been interest in the 10-minute PWØS expedition video since it was shown in Dayton. Steve says he has a few copies he's made and will sell them for \$10 plus \$3.50 priority mail. If you just want to borrow one to show to your club meeting, send him a note and he'll oblige for the cost of the postage. He notes this was a budget operation, "what DXing is all about," and wishes we could all see the ops while the 49-foot boat was at anchor in 30 foot seas offshore, waiting to land. He says the amateur video gives a good flavor of what the Brazilian team went through to give many folks a new one and/or a new band/mode QSO. Once you see the video you'll realize why professional video equipment was not taken along, he says.

Kelly, KE9KD, wants everyone to know that the DX-Central Website has been redesigned. There seems to be some "paranoia" about the use of cookies so the new redesign allows visitors to use the site even if they have cookies disabled. There have also been some changes in the user interface and features of the site. Kelly states, "Hopefully these changes will make it a little easier to use. As always, if anyone has comments or suggestions, feel free to let me know." The Web site is at: <http://www.dx-central.com>

GMØHCQ is going back to South Georgia (VP8) and possibly also South Orkney (VP8) late this year. Starting October 10, he will be on the air from the Royal Research Ship Ernest Shackleton, presumably as GMØHCQ/MM. Once the ship nears the Falklands he will change calls to VP8CMH/MM. As the date approaches, look for his itinerary on [www.qsl.net/gm0hcq](http://www.qsl.net/gm0hcq), and

once underway on [www.hfdx.co.uk](http://www.hfdx.co.uk).

His correct mailing address is: Mike Gloistein, 27 Stormont Way, Scone, PH2 6SP, Scotland.

#### LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Croatian Navy - HRV.Ratna Mornarica, look for special event station 9A1ØHRM to be active from the lighthouse on Brijuni Islands (EU-110, CLH-101, CI-139 and WLH-1651). This operation is organized by Kresimir,9A7K along with 5 to 7 operators of the Croatian IOTA Hunters Group and Members of ARC "Koprivnica". Activity is now through August 3rd (with a possibility of 2 or 3 extra days). Operations will be on HF, WARC and 6M. Hams interested in these DXpeditions and the Croatian LightHouse Award can get all the details on the following Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/9a7k>. QSLs for 9A1ØHRM and 9AØLH go to 9A7K: Kresimir Juratovix, P.O. Box 88, HR-48001 Koprivnica, CROATIA.

The Orkney Amateur Radio Club will be active as GB5RO from Hoy High Lighthouse on the Island of Graemsay for Lighthouse Weekend, August 18-19th. Graemsay is OR-20 for the Islands of Scotland Award, and EU-009 for IOTA Award. Operation is from mid-afternoon on the 18th until 12ØØz on the 19th. QSL to GM4DZX.

On August 3-4th, look for special event WØMTL - "Mark Twain Memorial Lighthouse", from Hannibal, MO (ARLHS USA-915). A Photo QSL and certificate will be available. Send QSLcard and a 9x12 SASE with 55 cents postage to WØMTL CBA. This is a joint special event by the Hannibal, MO ARC and the Western Illinois ARC.

Members of the Castalia Island DX Association and the Tar River ARC of Rocky Mount, NC, will participate in the International Lighthouse Weekend August 18-19th with an operation near the Currituck Beach Lighthouse (USA 212) on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The Callsign for the operation will be K4UP. QSLs go to K4UP. More information can be found at: <http://www.qsl.net/cidxa/currituck.html>

Over the last few years, more and more DXers have been taking an interest in lighthouses/lightships activity. Recently, the OPDX Bulletin published this message from Jim Weidner, K2JWX President of the "Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society" ARLHS. He states the following: "The ARLHS is the world's largest amateur radio society devoted exclusively to ham radio and lighthouses. Less than a year old, our membership already totals several hundred worldwide, with an average of 2 new members being added every day. In addition to sponsoring expeditions to lighthouses and lightships around the world on a weekly basis, we also sponsor four operating events throughout the year. The next events are the immensely popular NLLW and ILLW annual operating events. (The latter event is in co-sponsorship with GM4SUC.) We offer an extensive lighthouse award program and maintain perhaps the internet's largest and most complete list of

the lighthouses and lightships of the world. Full details can be found on our main web pages at: <http://arlhs.com>. Our main web site contains our stated purposes in sponsoring expeditions to remote lighthouses as well as details about our worldwide organization, the largest ham radio society devoted to lighthouse/lightship operations. Membership details and FAQs are also accessible from this main page."

(1) National Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (NLLW) - August 4-5th. Guidelines are on the web page at: <http://www.waterw.com/~weidner/arlhs/page2a.html>. For the first time awards and prizes are offered for this event. The prize drawing is an exquisitely detailed miniature collectible lighthouse, signed limited edition, and donated by one of their sponsors.

(2) International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) - August 18-19th. Guidelines are on the web page at: <http://www.waterw.com/~weidner/arlhs/page2b.html>

### DX POTPOURRI

Michal,3W7TK in Vietnam has been very busy lately on 15 meters CW/SSB. Check between 1245 and 1830z on or around 21255 or 21012 kHz. QSL via OK2HWB.

S52N is now stationed in the Golan Heights, YK, with U.N. peacekeeping forces. Dusan will be there for a year and has applied for a Syrian license.

Look for John,KX7YT to be active as S21YV from Dhaka, Bangladesh through August 5th. He will operate on 20/15 meters SSB/PSK31 between the hours of 1400-1800z.

A special event station will be on the air from now through the end of August to commemorate the "Copa America 2001" soccer tournament that will be held in Colombia. The Copa America is the most important football tournament in South America. All South American national teams will compete for this prestigious cup. The special callsign to be used is 5K3CA, which will be active on 80 through 10 meters, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and SSB. Operators are HK3DDD, HK3WGQ, HK1APN/3, HK3PDX, HK3LGO, HK3CW, HJ3ISB, and HJ3JSF. QSL via HK3DDD direct or via the bureau. The QSL will be a color photo depicting the highlights of the tournament.

Pablo,OA4DJW, Sergio,OA4DKC and Manuel,OA4AHW report that their scheduled date for the San Lorenzo Island (SA-Ø52)operation had to be postponed possibly until the latter part of August or the beginning of September. The reason for the change of date is due to the delay of the permission paperwork, licenses and some logistic problems. They state that they are very enthusiastic about this small DXpedition, however big for them, project. They are trying to fix all the problems as fast as possible and trying to also increase the crew so they can work more people.

Here's a look at some of the activity coming up this month:

1800z August 4 North American	
0600z August 5 QSO Party	80-10 M CW/SSB
0000z August 5 Romania	
2000z August 5 DX Contest	80-10 M CW/SSB
0000z August 11 European	
2359z August 12 DX Contest	80-10 M CW
1600z August 11 Maryland-DC	
2359z August 12 QSO Party	80-UHF All Modes
0000z August 18 SARTG	
1600z August 19 RTTY Contest	80-10M RTTY
(Mandatory off time - 0800z-1600z 8th, & 0000z-0800z 9th)	
0000z August 18 South East	
2359z August 19 Asia Net	160-10M SSB
1200z August 18 Keyman's Club of	
1200z August 19 Japan Contest	160-10M CW
2000z August 18 New Jersey	
0200z August 20 QSO Party	160- 2M CW/SSB
(Mandatory off time 0700z-1300z)	
1800z August 18 North America	
0600z August 19 QSO Party	160-10M SSB
1200z August 25 TOEC Field	
1200z August 26 Contest (Sweden)	160-10M CW
1600z August 25 Hawaii	
2200z August 26 QSO Party	160-Microwave CW/SSB
0000z Sept. 1 All Asia	
2359z Sept. 2 DX Contest	160-10M SSB
1200z Sept. 1 LZ DX	
1200z Sept. 2 Contest (Bulgaria)	80-10M CW
0000z Sept. 1 Michigan QRP Club	
0000z Sept. 2 Labor Day Sprint	160-6M CW
0000z Sept. 2 North American	
0400z Sept. 2 Sprint	80-20M CW

That's it for me this month. August has quite a bit to offer on the HF bands, and I hope you take the opportunity to enjoy it.

Thanks to the Daily DX, OPDX Bulletin, 425 and the ARRL for items used this month. Also an extra thanks to all who came out and contributed to making this another successful Field Day. It's only 11 months until the next one – Let's start planning now!

## August Calendar of Events

- 2nd of August: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 3rd of August: **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR AUGUST ONLY** Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #18 in Armerding Hall. Armerding Hall is located just to the East of Breyer Hall. Room 18 is also in the basement.
- 7th of August: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn  
There will not be a Club dinner in the month of August
- 12th of August: **HAMFESTERS RADIO CLUB HAMFEST** Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, Illinois. Doors open 8:00AM. Flea Market open 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM. FREE parking. Tickets are \$5 advance(two stubs) and \$6 at door(one stub). Talkin 146.52 Simplex or STARS Repeater 146.64(-107.2)
- 15th of August: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.**
- 23rd of August: WCRA monthly VEC testing will be held from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard. Testing will be in the Col Plum Auditorium.
- 26th of August: The Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society's 16th Annual Hamfest 2001, Inwood Recreation Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St (Rt 52), Joliet, Ill. \$4 adv and \$5 at gate. Opens 8 AM Talk-in 147.33+ & 224.54-. VEC testing. Door prizes hourly.

### WCRA General Membership Meeting - August 3rd - Wheaton College - 7:30 PM

WCRA was founded in 1948 and continues to be involved in all facets of Amateur Radio supporting the healthy growth of the hobby through diversification and participation. Our members have always been our most important asset and we would like to see you join us for our next meeting. Our business meetings are followed by a break for conversation, coffee, soda pop, and fat pills. This is followed by an amateur radio related program. We would like to see you there to share the enthusiasm.

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