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“W9CCU, 7A ILLINOIS”



The 10 Meter phone tent with Paul, KA9RVS racking up the contacts.



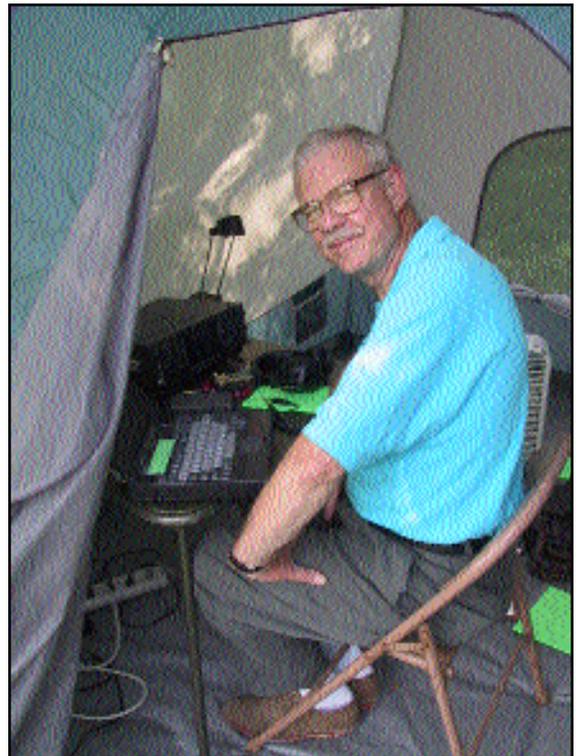
Mike and Ken gather Q's on 40 phone.



WCRA complied a respectable 8,100 plus points during the 2002 Field Day. Although the weather was typical of the 4th weekend of June, many of our members and friends had a good time and enjoyed this years annual emergency preparedness exercise.

Pictures courtesy of Bruce, K9OZ

Dale, Mike, and son combine to make the 80/15 SSB van hum.



Mark, W9UZ, practices being a CW op?



80 CW ran smoothly with Cedric, K9YO logging away.

From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRA President

There are lots of great things going in the WCRA and a few sad things. I am writing this the week before Field Day. I would like to thank Frank KG9H and Dale NJ9E for all their hard work and time organizing this fun event. I know it is hard for two small business owners to take time out of their work and family schedules to make Field Day great. I intend to assist in setup and if time allows to demonstrate QRP operation with my suitcase radio system.

I will present the budget to the executive board for discussion at our next meeting and to the membership for approval at the July meeting. We are still awaiting final numbers from our insurance carrier on what they will cover from the tower collapse at COD. At this point we will not be conducting a hamfest in 2003 so our budgets will have to be adjusted to reflect the loss of income. The budget I am preparing is for two years to help us fully understand our cash flow. We will most likely operate at a deficit for 2002 and possibly in 2003. This all depends on what expenses we can eliminate and what equipment we have to support.

We had our first meeting with the auditor to lay out the process and the documents required. We are developing a set of best practices and an on-going audit process to ensure proper transitions across board changes and to ensure our status as a corporation.

The RAB and the executive board have been working on plans to get our repeaters installed back at their normal homes as soon as possible. The new COD tower will be installed in the very near term.

As we approach the July 4th holiday we all need to take time out to remember those who have gone before and those who created this wonderful country of ours.

On a final note we mourn the passing of one of our own Eileen N9TWS.

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Note in order to not interfere with the Fourth of July

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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) PL Encode/ Decode	
145.310/144.710	WCRA, W9CCU-1 Full Duplex Packet Repr	

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From the President's Gavel (continued from page 2)

holiday we will have the membership meeting on the second Friday; July 12th.

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Bob Fairbairn KE9A



Bits & Pieces

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NEXT TECHNICIAN CLASS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Know someone who is interested in Ham Radio? The next Technician class will start this September at the College of DuPage. Here's a chance for them to learn about the exciting world of Ham Radio by taking an eight-week course, which culminates in an exam session. They will be assisted in learning both theory and operating practice by two experienced instructors: Bob Mitilieri, N9EF, and -----

Classes are held Monday nights in room K144, from 7:00 PM, to 9:00 PM. K144 is equipped with ham gear.

The class is listed in the Quarterly in two places. Under Adult and Continuing education for those who have graduated high school, and under the Teen program for students 13, and up. If the student is under 13, they should simply notify the instructor that they plan to attend. They need not register. Registration can be done over the phone using a credit card to pay for the course. The course costs \$30, payable to the College. See the Quarterly for registration instructions.

The text is Now You're Talking published by the ARRL, and available at -----.

Watch this space for more information when it becomes available!

THE BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF JULY:

Rick	W6BVA	07-05-54	David	N9DKB	07-19-43
John	N9MWF	07-05-52	Stanley	K9GBL	07-22-40
Robert	K9DT	07-08-37	David	W9AOK	07-22-37
Carol	N6YL	07-10-40	Dale	NJ9E	07-25-50
Bill	K9WH	07-11-36	Allen	N9NHZ	07-27-31
Ken	K9KPM	07-17-21			

LET'S ALL REMEMBER TO WISH THESE FOLKS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



WCRA Teams Assist with Bike Traffic On National Trails Day, June 2nd

"Early Bird" WCRA members helped the Conservation Foundation stage the National Trails Day event at Danada East Forest Preserve, on June 2nd. Shown here are (l. to r.) (left picture) Event Coordinator, Jim, W9DHX; with Steve, W9SRB; Michelle and Marty, KB9VHI; and Robert, N9XS.

Late Shift team members ready for assignment were: Peter, N9HDW; Wayne, KF9JC; and Mark, W9UZ.

Team members deployed to key intersection points along a 50 mile, and 25 mile bike-hike route to assist the rider crossings and report progress to the event leaders. Steve, W9SRB, was net control for the early birds, and Wayne, KF9JC handled the net for the late riders. (Pictures by Jim, W9DHX.)



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitilieri
N9EF
WCRA
Secretary



The June meeting minutes were not received in a timely manner from the Vice-President, Chris, KC9L.

Field Day Does Double Duty

by Wayne Kiser, KF9JC

While most of the WCRA club members were running field day from Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn, a small group of its members were conducting field day activities at a DuPage County Forest Preserve. The second site was organized under the auspices of the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). As well as making field day contacts, our members were part of a training exercise providing communication in case of natural or man-made disaster.

The station, KB9RDZ, ran 3 alpha with 80, 40, 20, 15, 6 and 2 meter contacts. Some QSOs were made between the two field day locations. The OEM operation also tested equipment and strategies used in government communications. In addition to the battery of county communications vehicles, the group of WCRA amateurs and the members of the OEM erected the new 100 foot antenna tower purchased by the County. The trailer seemed harmless enough when it rolled into the park, but when it was fully erected, it was truly impressive. On top were placed antenna for two repeaters transmitting on government frequencies that allow greater distance communication from handi-talkies in the field. At the 65 foot level, an 80 through 10 meter dipole was connected and used by club hams.

A few people dropped by to see the field day in action~a jogger, a shortwave listener from England and several horseback riders.

Although the station didn't take any prizes, it did give a lot of training to some members of our club who had never participated in a field they before, and it gave all the hams needed practice in working with the other members of the OEM. "Tom [Medford] was quite impressed," says John Cheney, N9MWF. "He is already talking about how we can improve on the one next year."

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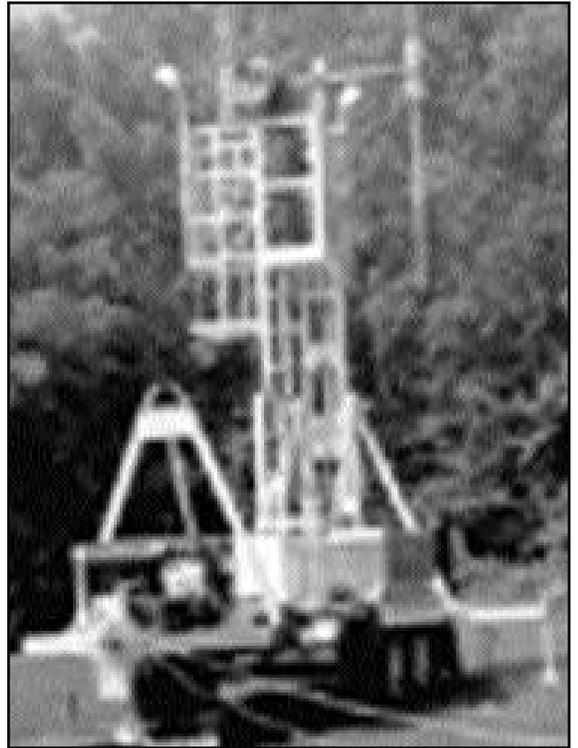
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John (N9MWF), and Joe (N9WRO) inspect the tower-bearing trailer which is a compact unit with a self-contained generator, lighting system and space for the repeaters.



In this black and white photo, the antenna is assembled and the tower is on the way up.

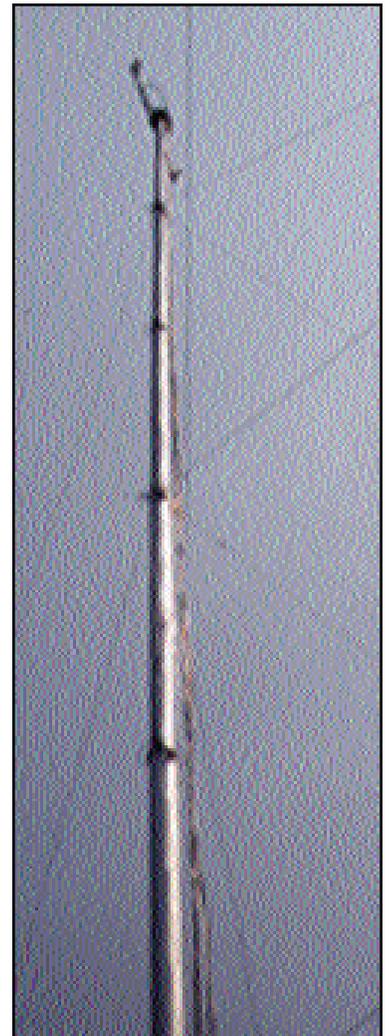


WCRA members who participated in the OEM exercise were: (left to right, upper row) Joe (N9WRO), Wayne (KF9JC), Bruce (KA0DFS), and John (N9MWF). Front row: Robert (N9EF), and Curt (KB9RTO). Appaji (KB9ZFL), Janie (AE9JG) and Jack (KB9OAR) were not available at the time the photo was taken.



Jack (KB9OAR) and Appaji (KB9ZFL) operate the 20 meter station with a dipole anchored 65 foot off the portable tower.

Here the portable tower is fully extended. Some of the dipoles can be seen as well.





Activities on the HF Bands

by: Peter Barr W9UF

Look for CY9 activity to take place from St. Paul Island, CY9, late June 29th through July 9th. Operators will be WV2B, VE1AAO, VE9DH, WØSD, W7XU, NØQJM and WØOE. Quarter wave verticals with 24 radials each will be used on 30 and 40 meters. Given the time of the year and logistics, there will be no 80 or 160 operation. Suggested/planned frequencies are as follows:

RTTY - 7080, 10115, 14080, 18080, 21080, 24908 and 28080

CW - 7005, 10105, 14020, 18100, 21020, 24900 and 28020

SSB - 7095, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz

The operation will also feature a full time, dedicated six meter station operated by W7XU, NØQJM, WØSD and

WØOE. The six meter station WILL ONLY transmit on 50.157 listening up 5 kHz and more when needed. Meteor scatter will also be split. They will not work transceive, only split. A beam and amplifier will be used with operations on SSB and CW. Liaison will be available on 28885 kHz, and updates will be provided to the appropriate Six Meter Internet sites and reflectors. The Grid Square will be FN97. A special effort will be made to work Europe on double hop sporadic E in addition to North America and Caribbean areas! The operation has now been expanded to two meters with WSJT being used and other modes if propagation is available. The frequency will be 144.157 listening up five. All QSL's via W7XU.

A recent ARRL letter reported that a ledge in the Antarctic has been named after a ham who provided phone patches for scientists working in the region. Larry Skilton, K1IED, says that to his knowledge, he's the first Amateur Radio operator who's never been to Antarctica to have a place named after him for services rendered. Skilton Ledge is described as a relatively flat rectangular rock platform at the southeastern margin of Midnight Plateau in the Darwin Mountains. K1IED worked a regular nightly schedule for 11 years between 1990 and 2001 and arranged the completion of several thousand calls.

The WRTC 2002 will take place during the IARU HF Championship on July 13 and 14. Participants will be using the special prefixes OJ1-OJ8. Risto Lund, OH3UU will handle the logging program and scoring management. At the end of the event he will be taking all of the participants logs and running the log checking software to see if the participants copied the correct call. Lund, a sound engineer foreman for a Finnish broadcasting company, will be collecting logs from non-WRTC competitors immediately after the contest to verify contacts with WRTC team stations. Those submitting logs for check log purposes will be entered into a raffle for special WRTC prizes. Logs should be sent to logs@wrtc2002.org within hours of the contest. Risto says, "logs are not going to be forwarded to outsiders for any other purpose. They will be used strictly as part of the WRTC2002 team log checking procedures." For more details about WRTC-2002 check out their web page at <http://www.wrtc2002.org>.

The DL7DF crew is happy to announce its next Dxpediton to Guinea using the callsign 3XY7C. Operations will take place between October 30th (evening local time) and November 13th (noon local time). They will have several stations on the air on all bands from 160-6 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. An attempt will also be made at SSTV. Their experienced crew includes DJ6TF, DJ7UC, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL7UFR, DL7BO and DL7DF. I'm sure many of you will recognize some of these calls. The equipment consists of 4 transceivers (2 x IC735, 2 x IC706), two 1 kW linears (maybe 3), a TH3 for 20/15/10, a A3WS (17/12), 2 Titanex V80E Lowband Verticals, a GP for 40/30, another R5 Multiband GP as well as 5 laptop computers. The QSL route is either direct or via the bureau to DL7DF. An on-line log will be available and updated during their DXpediton. For more details, check the 3XY7C website at: <http://www.qls.net/dl7df/3x>. Their pilot sta-

tion for this DXpedition is Bernd,DF3CB (bernd@df3cb.com).

Gus,SM5DIC/9U5D informs the DX community that his good friend and colleague, UN Chief Communication Coordinator, Christian Alemanni in Bujumbura, Burundi, now has his Ham Radio License. His callsign is 9U5A. The ARCT bureau accepted his application and gave him a full legal license. He will be sending a copy to ARRL DXCC to be confirmed. Christian has little experience, especially with pile ups. He only has had a French low class license and only worked VHF traffic over repeaters back home. Since he is a new DXer, be patient with him. Christian will have a French ham as QSL manager. More details should be forthcoming. Gus himself, reports he may be back in 9Q, Democratic Republic of Congo, this fall. Gus says he expects to be stationed in Burundi for another year. His activity is limited by frequent travel in and out of the country. He says, at night when he can't sleep he gets on the air. His antenna is an old B&W dipole between two coconut palms. His rig is a TS-450S. He is still working out his QSL manager situation and is hoping his niece will do it for him. He passes along this mailing address, apparently for her: Emilie Mouraux, Avenue de la Liberte, Ludelage, 57710, Aumetz, France.

Chris Post,N3SIG has informed OPDX that he is currently back stateside. However, he will be back on Ross Island in the Antarctic(AN-011) on August 15th and plans to be active on HF shortly after his return. He also mentions that he got approval for his Antarctic New Zealand license to be renewed, so he will have the special ZL5CP callsign again. He will also use KC4/N3SIG from McMurdo Base Station. His QSL Manager will be AI3D for both callsigns.

The French Benin Dxpediton Team has provided more information on their July 15th to August 14th operation to Grand-Popo, just near the southern border of Togo. Their shack will be 2 km away from the ocean. Their aim is to contact as many stations as possible from all continents, especially on WARC bands as well as low bands. Six meter and Satellite activities are also planned. Due to the proximity to Togo, they expect to transmit from the southern part of that country. At this time, they are looking to get a license but it is not a sure thing. In Benin, they know of several young guys who are really interested in ham-radio, but they don't have the money to pay for licences and gear. The team has asked for an extra license. Their antennas will stay there and they will provide a transceiver. They really hope to leave the country with at least 1 station (permanent resident) active. Their relations with the OPT (Ministry of Telecommunications) were excellent during their operation last year. That's why they want to work hard to promote ham radio in this country. So they are currently looking for donations.

Bruce, KK5DO QSL manager for P5/4L4FN in North Korea says Ed is working on getting clear, written operating permission for RTTY. He has already been given permission but is now trying to get it properly documented. It is our belief that if he was not permitted to do RTTY he would have been quickly shut down. CW seems to be a lower priority at this time. That may come a little later. Here's an interesting quote from Ed that shows what it's like to be rare DX: "Funny operating on SSB, people are asking for RTTY. Operating on RTTY they request SSB. You never know." Ed says he will be on the air from 1000-1100z for at least one to 1-1/2 hours on his working days and as much as possible on the weekends. Until now he has not been able to get on the air until 2200z due to his work schedule.

GM4YXI, Keith, will be in West Malaysia again. License renewal is underway for his August operation. He plans operation August 9-11 from Pulau Ketam (IOTA AS-074), the same QTH he was on from in June, 2000. August 16-19 he will be on Pulau Babi Besar (AS-046). For both locations he plans 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 CW and SSB with 100W and verticals. QSL via N3SL.

Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE will operate from Miquelon (NA-032) August 11-19 as FP/K9OT and FP/KB9LIE. Operation will be on 6-80 meters CW and SSB only. 160 meters will be attempted. This is a low key vacation trip with 100 watts to wire and vertical antennas. Rigs will be a Ten-Tec Jupiter, Yaesu FT-900 CAT, and Alinco DX-70TH. Special emphasis will be on 30, 17, and 12 meters. Their entry in the North American QSO Party SSB contest will use the Green River Valley ARS club call as FP/K9WM. QSL via home-call except FP/K9WM QSLs go to NN9K.

The 6th ANNUAL WORLDWIDE MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND is being sponsored by the "USS

Salem Radio Club" during July 20-21st, 2002. It begins at 0000z and runs for a full 48 hour period. They are expecting participation by more than 70 Museum Ships from throughout the World. Each participating ship will issue their own QSL cards. A certificate will be available from the "USS Salem Radio Club" for working 10 or more ships during the weekend event. The certificate is available by sending a 9 X 12 SASE along with log information of ships worked to KC1XI: George Clisham, 126 Billings Rd, North Quincy, MA 02171.

Suggested operating frequencies are:

SSB - 3860, 7260, 14260, 18160, 21360, 24960, 28360 and 50160

CW - 3539, 7039, 10109, 14039, 18099, 21039, 24899 and 28039 kHz

QSL for K1USN contacts: Send Business Size SASE to K1RV - Harold Pugh, 78 Temple St. Abington, MA 02351 k1rv@arrl.net. For additional information and complete list of participating ships check their web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/k1usn>. Also, many ships plan to activate some of their original equipment during this event! Check their web site for particulars. The "USS Salem Radio Club" is continually looking to get more Museum Ships on the air.

Frosty, K5LBU, is going to South Africa and Swaziland (3DA0) this July for several weeks. Frosty has several African call signs: 3DA0CF, 9J2CF and 9L1CF. He hopes to leave for South Africa by July third, although he is flying standby. He is taking along an Icom 706MKIIG to ZS6WPX, who also has a Kenwood TS-850 or similar rig. They will also have a Worth-Moore solid state amplifier and a rigblaster. Frosty says, "If I learn how to use it I will do some RTTY and PSK31." A week in Swaziland is planned. Frosty teaches 11 to 13-year-old students and has to be back in the classroom by August 9th. Antennas will be a three element 20 and three element 10, mounted on a portable 60-foot tower. He's not sure what the 15 meter antenna will be.

JH1EFP/JD1, Osamu Kaneko, will be on Marcus Island (Minami Torishima) July 16-August 6. He will be using 50 watts to a long wire. In his last visit he favored 18120 KHz 8-12Z and 20-23Z. He is a radio op and LORAN-C engineer for the Japanese Coast Guard, which is what takes him to the island.

Willy, 9A4NA/T98N has been in Peshawar, Pakistan since early May and will stay for at least two more months. He will occasionally operate from the station of Asad, AP2AUM, which is equipped with a Kenwood TS-50S and A4S with 40 meter add on kit. He suggests to look for him during his local evening (after 1200z). This is not a DXpedition and Willy will only operate on the bands after completing his duties at the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Telecoms. He doesn't have a key so look for SSB activity, mostly after 1200Z in his spare time. A log search for QSOs made by Willy can be found at <http://www.t93y.com/logsearch>. QSL via KK5DO.

Vlado, Z35M has been QRV from Tirana, Albania as ZA/Z35M since June 1. He'll be working there for several years and will be QRV on both CW and SSB. The band plan from Albania is limited to 3750-3800 on 80 meters and 7040-7100 on 40 meters. For more details check out Vlado's home page at <http://www.qsl.net/z35m>. QSL direct only to Z35M, Vladimir Kovaceski, Box 10, Struga 6330, Macedonia.

Paul, ET3PMW can be found daily as follows: first he starts on 1823.5 usually around 0200z. From there he usually goes to 3504 between 0250 and 0300z. Then he either goes to 40 or 30 meters. Yesterday he was on 7055 on CW and then SSB. His license only allows him from 7050 to 7100. If he goes to 30 meters it's usually around 10108 until 0330z. QSL via W7KEU.

The Cambridge University Wireless Society announces that its annual summer Islands On The Air DXpedition this year will be active as GM6UW from various locations in the Hebrides, Scotland from 10th - 20th July. Plans are to start from Lewis Island (EU-010), Outer Hebrides on July 11. From July 12-15 they hope to activate the Shiant Islands (EU-112). Last stop will be Treshnish Islands (EU-108) from July 17-19. QSL either direct or via the bureau to M0BLF.

Take, JI3DST/8 will once again be active from Okushiri Island (AS-147) from July 26 to August 5 with activity in the RSGB IOTA Contest. Look for him on 40-10 meters SSB (including WARC). QSL via JI3DST, Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-Cho Abeno-Ku Osaka-city, Osaka 545-0021, JAPAN.

The VP6DI Ducie Island DXpedition took place between March 16 and 27 making some 51,137 QSOs.

The first 500 QSLs were mailed on June 1. Another 500 will go next weekend. The next batches will not be mailed until mid June when the QSLs arrive via a sea shipment. So starting around July 1 batches of 500 are expected to go out until they are complete sometime in August.

PanAmerican Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend will take place the beginning of next month. Activity will be on all modes and sponsored by the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society from 0001z, August 3rd through 2359z, August 4th. Suggested frequencies are:

CW -- 1830, 3530, 7030, 14030, 21030, 28030 kHz

SSB -- 1970, 3970, 7270, 14270, 21370, 28370 kHz.

Exchange: ARLHS member or lighthouse number or year first licensed, name, and SPC. For complete guidelines and awards, see the Web site at: <http://www.waterw.com/%7eweidner/arlhs/page3c.html>. Or send a SASE to ARLHS, Box 2178, Riverton, NJ 08077.

Boyan, LZ1BJ states that mail theft in Bulgaria is very bad. He currently recommends that there is no sense to send direct QSLs to LZ, because of the situation in the Bulgarian Postal system. If you send direct, avoid using green stamps, use IRC only and pack letters very secure, using scotch tape. Boyan has received about 200 opened letters over the past 2 years.

The DXAC has once again received an application from Francis Kremer, F6FQK (the station manager for TP2CE, TP3CE, TP4CE, TP50CE and TP2000CE), to make The Council of Europe a DXCC Entity. For more info on The Council of Europe, check the Web site at: <http://www.ewwa.net>.

Bob Moore, NC1L DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

Western Sahara: S07U and S07X

Mauritania: 5T5RUZ, 5T5CQT, 5T5GCW, 5T5PBV, 5T5UPA and 5T5U

Vietnam: 3W2DC

Democratic Republic of the Congo: 9Q0AR, 9Q1A and 9Q1YL Lord Howe Island: VK9LY

North Cook Island: ZK1NCP

Myanmar: XZ1DB and XZ5DB

Pratas Island: BQ9P

DX POTPOURRI

Charles, S9SS and his wife Lesley, S9YL are now QRV from Sao Tome. They will be there for several years and both plan to work SSB and CW, 160 thru 10 meters, as time permits. Charles has been active on 17 meters with a borrowed rig but they are awaiting their household shipment to arrive with the rest of their gear. QSL via N4JR with SASE please.

PJ2Y will be active from Curacao (SA-006) during this year's IOTA contest. Operators G3XSV, G3TKF, G4FKA, G0HFX, M0WLF will be signing PJ2/owncall from the 22nd of July through to the 31st of July. QSL for PJ2Y via G3SWH, or direct to the operator home calls for other QSOs.

Maurice, ON4BAM reports that he will spend his vacation in Malta this year and has just received an E-mail confirmation of his callsign, 9H3Z. Look for him to be active from July 15-30th on all HF bands with his TS-450S and wire antenna on SSB and PSK. This will be a holiday style operation except during the IOTA contest. QSL via ON4BAM.

Lanny, W5BOS, will activate IOTA NA-121, Walrus Isls, Alaska, July 8-10th. His callsign will be W5BOS/KL5. Operation will be on 20-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via W5BOS direct.

Bob Blumberg, K4RB reported he has just been issued an Egyptian license with the call sign SU9US. An unidentified British citizen who is with the UN in Egypt also has been issued an SU9 call.

A6AA, Emir, will be on 40 and 20 phone from Zeca Island (EU-136) July 26 and Visoki Island (also EU-

036) July 27.

9G1AA, Ghana, will be put on the air by PA3AWW, Henk, in July and August. Henk will be working at the Dormaa Hospital in Dormaa-henkro. He will be on 40, 20 and 15, mostly CW. QSL via PA3ERA.

ON4BAM will be on as 9H3Z from Malta (EU-023) on all HF bands, SSB and PSK31, July 15-30 including the IOTA Contest. Logs from previous operations are available at <http://www.qsl.net/on4bam>.

MMØBQI/p, Jim, plans to be on 80-6 SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 from Tanera Mor, in the Summer Isles (EU-092) June 7-10 and July 26-29. GB5SI is another call to be used.

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Philippines Amateur Radio Association, Philippine stations may use special prefixes 4D7Ø, and DZ7Ø for clubs, through the end of 2002.

Wally, RU1ZC is QRV from the Mirny Station as R1ANZ.

He is generally active most days on 20 meters around 1500z. QSL via operator's instructions.

Chris, GØTQJ, is QRV as YA/GØTQJ from Kabul, Afganistan until the end of July. QSL to home call.

Here's what's happening in July to keep the HF bands warm.

ØØØØz July 1 RAC

2359z July 1 Canada Day 160-2M CW & SSB

23ØØz July 4 Fourth of July

Ø3ØØz July 5 QRP Sprint 160-6M CW & SSB

ØØØØz July 6 Venezuela SSB

2359z July 7 Contest 160-10M SSB

12ØØz July 13 IARU HF

12ØØz July 14 Championship 160-10M CW & SSB

ØØØØz July 20 Colombian Independence

2359z July 20 Day 80-10M CW & SSB

18ØØz July 20 Georgia QSO

Ø359z July 21 Party 80-10M CW & SSB

and

14ØØz July 21

2359z July 21

ØØØØz July 27 Venezuela CW

2359z July 28 Contest 160-10M CW

12ØØz July 27 Islands On The Air

12ØØz July 28 (IOTA) Contest 80-10M CW & SSB

18ØØz Aug. 3 North American

Ø6ØØz Aug. 4 QSO Party 160-10M CW

As always I'd like to give special thanks to The Daily DX, OPDX, World Radio and the ARRL for information used this month.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2nd of July: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 11th of July: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 12th of July: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #8 in Breyer Hall. Breyer Hall is located just to the East of the library and is two buildings East of Edman Chapel. Room 8 is in the basement at the base of the stairs. Program on installing a mobile radio without 'holes'.
- 15of July: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR AUGUST.** Remember we are going back to a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 25th of July: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - July12th - 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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