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Jon, KC9OO, with his two-wheeled ham shack (1989 Honda Goldwing with a Icom IC-706 MKIIg) in the motorcycle parking area at the Hamvention. Picture by KC9OO

A small but rugged group of TWOs (Two Wheeled Operators) made the trip to Dayton this year, braving cold weather and rain. Jon, KC9OO, Ken, KB9VYV and Ray, ND9W, rode their ham radio equipped motorcycles through the cold and rain to take in this year's Hamvention. They were met by Dave, N9SSG, and Sarah, KB9ZPS, who rode down on Friday.



On Sunday morning, a group of hams had breakfast at the Clifton Mill, a water-powered grist mill originally built in 1803. Located in Clifton, OH, about 20 miles east of Dayton, the Mill still grinds its own flour and make the best pancakes this side of the E-layer.



Dave, N9SSG and Sarah, KB9ZPS by Dave's Goldwing equipped with an Icom IC-706. Picture by KC9OO

Pictured (l-r) are Chris KC9L, Kurt KB9RTO, Jon KC9OO, Dave N9SSG, Sarah KB9ZPS, Mike AB9AX, Sharon KB9ZUK, Ken KB9VYV and Peter. Picture by KC9OO

SEEN AT DAYTON 2002



Would this work at COD?

Spending my money takes my mind off my lecture on ATV's latter.



Have you SEEN the crowds at the ICOM booth?



Pat and friend Tom, K9IEK look over the goodies.

Grub Steak tonight? Other photos by N9NYX

From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRAPresident

Well another month has gone by. This one has had lots of interesting events. As I write this many of our club members are just back from the Dayton Hamvention. I am sure in the days to come there will be many interesting and exciting stories from Dayton. I wonder what new equipment the manufacturers showed there? I will be listening on the radio to hear the stories. I hope that those that went had a great time.

For those of you who did not attend the May meeting, Chris KC9L showed us how he built Amateur TV into his radio controlled car. It is absolutely amazing what is built into small modular hardware. Chris has done an amazing job of integrating the systems.

As you may know the club had an antenna "party" to put another antenna on our 2M repeater. The extra height and gain has really improved the coverage. A good group of folks turned out for the "party". In addition the 440 machine has been in field testing for a couple of weeks now. I am going to tweak a couple of settings for the RAB on the repeater and soon it will be moved back home. I know that we are all looking forward to that. The Daily Herald Newspaper had an article that COD was making progress on their new radio tower. Speaking of repeaters; there should be some interesting pictures of the old 440 machine in this newsletter. I wonder; who let the mouse in? No wonder the receiver was flakey when temperature or humidity changed.....

Coming up in June is another major event for Amateur Radio and the WCRA; Field Day! I know that Frank KG9H and Dale NJ9E are working hard to get everything ready. I am sure that they need some more help and more folks to come out and operate. For those of you that have never been to field day, it is a test of our ability to mobilize and to operate in the field. Most of us have a bit of a contester in us and field day is a good place to sharpen those skills. So if you like to operate, log, setup equipment, fish, or just enjoy the outdoors; Panfish Park in Glen Ellyn is the place to be on June 23rd and 24th. Frank and Dale will

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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) 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)

be conducting the program at our June meeting to talk more about Field Day! Maybe you too will get to observe Bob N9VR's skills with a fishing pole.

In kind with the previous request the executive board is looking to fill several positions. First is the Hamfest committee chair, next is someone to assist in managing the club truck, the Vice President needs two folks to assist him with his duties. During the executive board meeting I re-appointed George KA3HSW and appointed Larry KA9KDC to RAB positions, Gary N9VLL will continue as a technical advisor. We would like to transition someone into the historian position and are looking for someone to volunteer.

Finally the executive board approved the sale of the tow behind generator for \$200 what we considered the fair market value due to the glut of equipment in good working condition left from the Y2K market glut.

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Bob Fairbairn KE9A

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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 Saturday antenna changeout at Larry's, KA9KDC



Photo by W9DHX

Other photos by N9NYX



Photo by W9DHX



Photo by W9DHX



THE BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF JUNE:

Michael	KA9JMH	06-01-64
Sam	N9IER	06-04-18
Paul	N9TKX	06-12-82
Don	K9VGN	06-13-26
Ruth	KA9RZG	06-20-49
John	KC900	06-26-49

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



Why a 440 Repeater ceases to function after a family of rodents takes up residence



From these pictures taken in KE9A's garage, one can readily ascertain that certain parts of the WCRA UHF repeater may not function quite up to specification. From the size of the nest in the lower right corner of the 440 cabinet, our machine soon became Faulty Towers.



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitilieri
N9EF
WCRA
Secretary



WCRA Minutes from the May 3, 2002 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:33PM by the President, **Bob KE9A**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. Members mentioned something fun they did with ham radio recently. A motion was made by **WB9VGJ**, seconded by **N9OA** and accepted to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Secretary, **Robert, N9EF**, reminded the members that he was now responsible for maintaining the membership records and that any update

to member data should be reported to him. Please report any updates to n9ef@arrl.net or to his phone in the roster. Robert also mentioned that rosters and membership cards were available after the business meeting. **John, W9LQL**, standing in for Treasurer, **Kim, N9XE**, reported on the club's financial. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, reported that he had met with **Kurt, KB9RTO**, for turnover of the club's inventory. Roberto mentioned that the truck needed some front end work and that he noticed a leak in the roof. Roberto also mentioned that he may be interested in the tow-behind generator for Field Day in case the truck is not available. **RAB, Don, N9NYX**, reported that the new UHF repeater has been purchased and mounted in a cabinet. It would be moved to Larry's, (KA9KDC) QTH for testing (this was duly noted by Carol). If all goes well it will then be moved back to the Esplanade. **Larry, KA9KDC**, asked for a few volunteers to move some antennas on his tower the coming Saturday. **Bob, KE9A**, reported that he was running the repeater from an external power supply that keeps it much cooler. He just needs to determine how to automatically restart it after a power failure. **Don** reported that there were two repair tags on the repeater, one to correct bad programming, and the second to replace a bad PA. **Don** also reported that the repeater has a ten day return offer, and that he and **Bob** burned it in. **Don** mentioned that construction on the COD tower has not yet started. **Hamletter, Don, N9NYX**, asked who did not receive an email notification that the Hamletter was available, and of those members that should receive a hard copy - how many did not. **Field Day, Dale, NJ9E**, reported that, at this time, we will be 3A for Field Day unless there are more volunteers for station captains. The final count will be determined by how many stations are ready to operate Saturday. Contact **Dale, NJ9E** or **Frank, KG9H** if you are interested in helping out. **Anchors: John, WB9VGJ**, reminded the membership that he is offering his antenna and tower for sale at an excellent price. Contact him at wb9vgj@arrl.net. A motion was made by **WB9VGJ** to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by **N9OA** and was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 20:08 and was followed by refreshments and a demonstration by **Chris, KC9L**, on radio controlled cars equipped with video cameras.

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Activities on the HF Bands

by: Peter Barr W9UF

Chris Lorek, G4HCL has been in Sanaa, Yemen since May 11 and will be in country until mid-June for a longer stay of three weeks. On a previous trip to Saana last month, he made a handful of contacts as 7O/G4HCL under the direct supervision of the Yemeni communications ministry. This time he expects to be able to operate on the amateur bands by himself from Sanaa and other locations in the country. He will be using a FT-990 with 100 watts to vertical or dipole antennas. This is not a DXpedition, as Chris is working in Yemen, and activity will be in his spare time only. QSL information will be announced at a later date.

Following their all-YL mini-DXpedition to Norfolk Island in 2000, YL's Elizabeth, VE7YL (CW), June, VK4SJ, Mio, JR3MVF, Raija, SMØHNV and Gwen, VK3DYL will next operate from Lord Howe Island (OC-ØØ4) as VK9YL

from September 15-29th. The YL mini-Dxers then plan to operate from Nauru (OC-Ø31) from October 1-14th where they hope to use the callsign C21YL. QSL both operations to VK3DYL (Gwen Tilson, 3 Gould Court, Mt. Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia) either direct with SAE and sufficient return postage or via the VK3 Bureau. Any direct cards received without the above will be returned via the Bureau.

World traveler Bert, PA3GIO is back in the Australian Islands. After a visit to Christmas Island (OC-002) as VK9XV last month, as you read this he is active as VK9LO on Lord Howe Island (OC-004) until June 7. He's operating all bands 10-80 meters (including WARC) with 100 watts and doublet with open feeder line, or Outbacker Perth mobile Ant. See his web pages at <http://www.pa3gio.nl/> or <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio>. QSL preferably via the bureau to PA3GIO.

ST. Paul island (CY9) will be on June 29-July 8 by ops W7XU, NØQJM, WØSD, WØOE, WV2B, VE1AAO and VE9DH. There will be two fulltime stations and a third one part-time during peak propagation. The QTH on the west side of the island will have a clear shot to Asia, South America, North America and most of Europe, though landing there is more difficult due to difficult prevailing winds and, consequently, higher seas. No previous operations have been done from the west side. On 6M they will be on 50157 listening up, with a beam and kilowatt amp, SSB and CW. Liaison on 28885 and email updates on the 6M sites. On HF: a Hex beam for 20-10 and vertical for 30 and 40. No operation is planned on 80 and 160 due to the time of year. On HF it'll be RTTY, SSB and CW on 7.080, 10.115, 14.080, 18.080, 21.080, 24.908, 28.080, 7.005, 10.105, 14.020, 18.100, 21.020, 24.900, 28.020, 14.195, 18.145, 21.295, 24.945 and 28.495 (+/- QRM). QSL to W7XU.

As of last month, and through the end of the year, amateurs in Argentina whose prefixes begin with LU/LW/AZ will be using new prefixes. This is to celebrate the program "Radio Amateur, a safe way for our children" supported by the Radio Club USHUAIA (LU8XW). Look for stations to use the following prefixes: LUs can use AY, LWs can use L5 and AZs can use L6. Details are available at the Web site: <http://geocities.com/rcushu>.

On the same note, The Radio Club Ushuaia (on the Island of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina) will have the special callsign AY8XW for the rest of 2002. The QSL Manager for AY8XW is Patrick, WD9EWK. PLEASE NOTE: Patrick is not the QSL Manager for contacts with the normal club callsign, LU8XW. EA5BD is the QSL Manager for these contacts with LU8XW. Patrick has a Web page with information about AY8XW at: <http://www.qsl.net/wd9ewk/ay8xw.html>.

The radio club also has it's own Web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/rcushu/>

Mac,W3HC recently informed OPDX that there is a new ham in Iran; his name is Hessam, and his call-sign is EP3DX. His uncle is EP2MRD who Mac is the QSL Manager for. Hessam has been spending time near 14.214 kHz around 133Øz. QSL all cards direct to: Hessam D. Jodakei, P.O.B. 16765-4114, Tehran, Iran. ADDED NOTE: Visit Mac's, W3HC, Web site at: <http://macswitch.tripod.com/macsindepage/>

A new operator for station LU1ZA, named Jose Luis, has arrived on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (Orçadas base, WABA LU-014). However, he has not yet been active due to his work duties on the base. He is expected to be active beginning this month. Look for him after 22ØØz. QSL via LU4DXU.

There are the 10 special Japanese callsigns to mark the FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan soccer tournament: 8M1C, 8N1C, 8J1C, 8J2C, 8N3C, 8J3C, 8J6C, 8J7C, 8J8C and 8JØC. The dates: May 1-June 30. Local hams supported by the Japan Amateur Radio League will man the stations and will be able to legally use a kilowatt of power, which is something new. Notice all the suffixes are the letter C. To get the "2002 Suffix-C" award, work one or more, send a list of contacts, no QSL cards necessary, but list date, band and mode to JARL Award Desk, 1-14- 5, Sugamo,Toshima-ku, Tokyo 170-8073 Japan. The fee is eight IRCs or \$8 U.S. (or 1,000 Japanese yen). You can request any three of the following endorsements: single band, single mode, QRP/QRPp or satellite. Send questions to oper@jarl.or.jp.

To go along with the 10 Japanese special callsigns to commemorate the FIFA Japan-Korea World Cup soccer games, HL17FWC will be on the area from South Korea also. The station will be followed by 10 special Korean callsigns during the games May 31-June 30. They are DT1FWC in Seoul; DT2FWC in Busan; DT3FWC in Daegu; DT4FWC in Incheon; DT5FWC in Gwangju; DT6FWC in daejeon; DT7FWC in Ulsan, DT8FWC in Suwon; DT9FWC in Jeonju; and DTØFWC in Seogwipo. QSL all via HLØHQ. Individual ops in South Korea will be allowed to substitute the number 17 for their usual callsign number. Special awards are available for working them. Contact DS1BHE at centaurs@hitel.net for that information. For more information go to <http://fifaworldcup.yahoo.com/en/da/>.

During the weekends of June, August, October and December, look for the special callsign IU7LE to be used by the Leece and Salento DX Team from Italy to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the National A.R.I. Activity will be on the HF and WARC bands CW/SSB. A special QSL will be available via I7PXV, by the bureau or direct.

Many of you have taken part in discussions with me, or heard me talking about beacons on HF as a Dxing and propagation aid. Below is a list of beacons that may be helpful to you. While this is not a complete listing of all beacons that you'll hear in our bands, it should get you started.

Schedule of IBP/NCDXF Beacon Transmissions

Country	Call	Frequency				
		14100	18110	21150	24930	28200
United Nations NY	4U1UN	00.00	00.10	00.20	00.30	00.40
Northern Canada	VE8AT	00.10	00.20	00.30	00.40	00.50
USA (CA)	W6WX	00:20	- 00:40	- 01:00		
Hawaii	KH6WO	00.30	00.40	00.50	01.00	01.10
New Zealand	ZL6B	00.40	00.50	01.00	01.10	01.20
West Australia	VK6RBP	00.50	01.00	01.10	01.20	01.30
Japan	JA2IGY	01.00	01.10	01.20	01.30	01.40
Siberia	RR9O	01.10	01.20	01.30	01.40	01.50

China	VR2HK	01.20	01.30	01.40	01.50	02.00
Sri Lanka	4S7B	01.30	01.40	01.50	02.00	02.10
South Africa	ZS6DN	01:40	01.50	02:00	02:10	02:20
Kenya	5Z4B	01.50	02.00	02.10	02.20	02.30
Israel	4X6TU	02:00	02:10	02:20	02.30	02:40
Finland	OH2B	02:10	02:20	02:30	02:40	2:50
Madeira	CS3B	02.20	02.30	02.40	02.50	00.00
Argentina	LU4AA	02:30	02:40	02:50	00.00	00:10
Peru	OA4B	02.40	02.50	00.00	00.10	00.20
Venezuela	YV5B	02:50	00.00	00:10	00:20	00:30

W6WX is not currently licensed for 18 or 24 MHz.

IBP = International Beacon Project beacons transmit for ten seconds on each frequency in turn in the sequence shown above. They send callsigns at 22 wpm and 100 watts, then four 1-second dashes at 100w, 10w, 1w and 0.1w. Equipment is TS-50, Cushcraft R-5 multiband vertical and a Trimble Navigation GPS receiver to ensure synchronization, with a control unit built by NCDXF.

Jacques, FR5ZU, will be on Tromelin Island (AF-031; DIFO FR-006) for his job, from June 5th to July 5th. Look for him on the air during his spare time on all HF bands SSB and RTTY, as FR5ZU/T. At the beginning of his work duty, his activity hours will be: 0200-040000z, 0900-1000z and 1300-1500z. Jacques expects to be active more towards the end of his stay. QSL via FR5ZU: Jacques Quillet, 1 Cite, Meteorologique, Le Chaudron, 97490 SAINTE CLOTILDE, Reunion Island via France. Some pictures of Tromelin, Europa and other Islands attached to Reunion Island, can be viewed at the following Web site: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jacques.quillet/index.html>.

Egbert, ON4CAS UBA Award Manager, has informed the DX community that an international mailing list is now available to award hunters. He states, "Time has come to offer award enthusiasts a forum where they can discuss award hunting in general. Any licensed HAM or SWL with a genuine interest in this part of our hobby is invited to join the list." More details can be found on the Web page at: <http://users.pandora.be/egbert.hertsen/awardlist.htm>

Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports "Cards for 3DA0FR, 3DA0DF and 3DA0FOC have been inadvertently rejected for 'No documentation Received.' This error has been corrected." If you have had one or more of these cards rejected, contact DXCC for correction at:

E-mail: dxcc@arrl.org
 Fax: (860)594-0259
 Voice: (860)594-0234

In addition, the following operations from Cambodia have been approved for DXCC credit: XU7ABR, XU7ZBT, XU7ABU and XU7ABV. You can contact DXCC to update your record at dxcc@arrl.org or include it with your next submission. Lastly, QSLs for TT8JLB are not being accepted by DXCC. ARRL has gotten no documentation. E-mail from the operator indicates he lost the paperwork while traveling in Europe and says it's too expensive to get duplicate documentation.

Remember, The United States Postal Service announced last month that new postal rates will go into effect June 30th. The single-piece, one-ounce first-class mail rate will increase three cents (from 34 to 37 cents). The additional ounce rate for single-piece first-class mail will remain at 23 cents. The single-piece card rate (e.g. QSL cards) will increase by two cents (from 21 to 23 cents). What this means to us is that any SASE's sent to stateside managers should include the rate hike NOW, not after the 30th. For more details, please visit the USPS Web site at: <http://www.usps.gov/ratecase/>

DX POTPOURRI

Elizabeth,VE7YL (CW), June,VK4SJ, Mio,JR3MVF and Gwen,VK3DYL plan to operate next from Nauru (OC-031) from October 1-14th where they hope to use the callsign C21YL. QSL to VK3DYL (Gwen Gilson, 3 Gould Court, Mt. Waverley, Victoria. 3149, Australia) either direct with SAE and sufficient return postage or via the VK3 Bureau. Any direct cards received without the above will be returned via the Bureau.

Jean-Luc,F5AEP will be in Papeete, French Polynesia, starting September the first for two years. He will try to get out to various islands in the group including the Marquesas and Gambier Island. His call is still unknown.

CN2PM in Morocco is manned by G3WQU, Peter. He will be on most weekends, CW and PSK31, for the next two years.

Look for this station T3ØTM from West Kiribati on 20 meters SSB around 1Ø3ØZ. QSL via VK8TM.

Saad,YK1BA regularly puts Syria on the air, and likes 20 meters SSB between Ø1ØØ and Ø4ØØZ. QSL via N5FF.

Robert,5V7BR in Togo can sometimes be found on 17 meters SSB around Ø7ØØz. Keep an ear near 18120. QSL via F5RUQ.

Six Japanese operators will be on from Ogasawara June 8-10. They will be JA1UII/JD1, JG1GGU/JD1, JH1HHC/JD1, JI1LET/JD1, JK1KNB/JD1 and 7N2UTO/JD1. The details and logs will be available at: <http://www.geocities.co.jp/Technopolis-Mars/9110/>. QSL to home calls.

Stig,LA7JO/EP3UN is currently in Afghanistan, but will return to Tehran around June 18. QSL via LA7JO. His website is at: <http://www.qsl.net/la7jo/qslep3un.html>.

Jesse,AB5RY continues to be active as VQ9J. He is on duty on Chagos Island for the U.S. Air Forces for about another 4 months. His activity will be on all bands CW/SSB. QSL with a SASE to K5QM.

Dimitris,SV2DGH, Chris and, Giannis,SV2FPU will be on from Alonissos Island (EU-072) June 2-16 as J48ALO. They plan to be on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6M SSB and CW. QSL to SV2DGH. Logs appear on-line at <http://www.qsl.net/sv2dgh>.

EM11E (EM-eleven-echo) will be the call for operations from several Ukrainian islands May 1-August 31. The islands, in the Dniپر River, the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea may not all be IOTAs. If any are, it would be those in the Black Sea. QSL to UR5EAW.

Len,VE9MY, and Linda,VE9GLF plan to operate from St. Pierre & Miquelon (NA-032 for IOTA) at the end of July including in the IOTA contest. They were told this one is particularly sought after in Asia and Oceania.

Ken,G3OCA will active some Philippine islands in September. Among them, the Calamian group (OC-090), the Cuyo Islands (OC-120) and Sarangani islands (OC-175). He will be CW and SSB with 100 watts to a yagi or vertical.

Christian,TT8DX is back in Chad until August. In September he will return for holiday to France then head to a new job in Cameroon (TJ). This new job will give him access to make visits to several African countries including TT8, TR8, TY, 5T, TU, 5N, D2, 5H, and others. More news will follow in the coming months!

As some of you may have heard, Jean-Claude,TR8XX passed away several months ago. Didier, F5OGL, will be working closely with Christian, TT8DX, and TR8XX's XYL to get the TR8XX and 3C2JJ logs. QSLs may now be sent direct or via the bureau to F5OGL, however please be patient.

A car hit well-known Dixer & YL DXpeditioner Nellie de Lazard,XE1CI last month in her apartment house garage as she was walking her dogs. The driver of the car said he did not see her. Nellie had to have a hip replacement, but prior to going into surgery, her heart acted up and she ultimately had to have a pacemaker put in. The good news is that Nellie is home with nurses round the clock although she cannot bend, or get in a car for about 3 month or so. She is confined to bed. Nellie will not be going to Dayton or Hamcom in

Dallas. For the time being, she will not be on the air, as she has to find out if RF will interfere with her pace-maker. She is a very special lady, and get well cards to her, along with your prayers will be appreciated. Her address is: Nellie de Lazard, Sierra Chalchihui 235-502B, Mexico City, 11000, Mexico.

The ARRL's expanded online coverage of ARRL contests is now available. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/> to see it. It looks very good, and extensive, with band-by-band QSO totals for not just the top 10 but for everyone, for example. Sweepstakes CW 2001 is the first contest reported in the new way. Other innovations: Complete check and section info for all who submitted logs and all soapbox comments sent in with the logs are included in an expanded soapbox section. And, unconstrained by space, there is an expanded write-up by K5ZD. VE4XT is completing his work on the SS Phone 2001 write-up now, by the way. The capability to upload soapbox comments, photos, etc. on-line just after a contest is coming soon.

Now here's what's happening in June to sharpen your Field Day skills.

1200z June 1 WW South American

1800z June 2 DX Contest 80-10 Meters CW

0000z June 8 Portugal Day

2400z June 8 Contest 80-10 Meters SSB

1200z June 8 TOEC (Sweden) WW Grid

1200z June 9 Contest 160-10 Meters SSB

1000z June 8 RSGB (UK) Jubilee

1000z June 9 Contest 80-10 Meters CW & SSB

This is a one-time contest to mark the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

1800z June 8 ARRL VHF

0300z June 10 QSO Party 6 Meters & up All Modes

0000z June 15 All Asia

2359z June 16 Contest 160-10 Meters CW

0000z June 15 SMIRK

2359z June 16 QSO Party 6 Meters All Modes

1800z June 16 West Virginia

2400z June 16 QSO Party 160-10 Meters CW & SSB

1800z June 22 ARRL

2100z June 23 Field Day 160 & up All Modes

1800z June 22 HM The King of Spain

1800z June 23 Contest 160-10 Meters SSB

0000z July 1 RAC Canada

Remember, 30, 17 and 12 Meters are never used as Contesting bands.

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

Shack of the Month

By: Bruce Plantz K9OZ



AE9JG

Janie Gallina

Elmhurst

First licensed: 1997

Favorite rig: Kenwood TS 440S

Janie Gallina, AE9JG, says she fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a ham when she was licensed in 1997. She was introduced to ham radio years ago when she was dating a doctor who was a ham. "He was very active with a mobile rig, and it sparked my interest," she says. "But I didn't think I could pass the code, so I didn't pursue it." Then in 1997 someone directed her to the Technician classes at the York Radio Club. She was licensed at KB9RTQ, fulfilling that dream. But 2 meters wasn't what she was interested in. She wanted the thrill

of working HF, so she started working to upgrade.

"It took me 11 months to pass the 5 word per minute code test, but I passed. She kept studying, upgraded to General, Advanced, and Extra in 2000.

Since then she has been active on the HF bands, discovering the thrill of working around the world. "Some Elmer's helped me put up a G5RV and I started making contacts." She lists Israel and the South Pole as two of her most exciting.

She enjoys 20 meter and 40 meter SSB and also operates some PSK and a little CW. "Every time I make a contact I get excited. You can turn on the radio and listen and talk to anywhere in the world. It's a unique hobby," she says.

Janie says she put her station together "for a song." Her HF transceiver is a Kenwood TS440S she picked up used. At various hamfests she has found the matching power supply and speaker. She has a computer for PSK, MFJ tuner for the G5RV and is happy to be able to work around the world with the modest station. She says she has an old vertical in the garage she wants to get up this summer. Another goal is to try QRP operating in the near future.

Her shack is housed in a cozy corner room with plenty of lighthouses – one of her other passions – and a couple of old tube shortwave receivers. An immaculate Hallicrafters S 38D sits on one side of the shack. "I picked it up at a garage sale from a lady who used to work at Hallicrafters," says Janie. Her shack cat, Piper Marie, makes a habit of sleeping right behind the keyboard.

Janie had known Pat, K9JAU, before she was a ham, and he directed her to the WCRA. Janie quickly got involved with the WCRA and served as vice president for a two-year term. She has been active on the Hamfest Committee and in other public service activities. She is also very active with the Salvation Army. "On September 11 I was working with the Salvation Army helping to feed people at the airport and on the 12th I was operating the HF station at their headquarters. That was memorable, to say the least."

Janie is grateful for the help of her many Elmers who helped her fulfill her ambition and get on the air. As a result, she believes in giving back to the club and being active in the behind-the-scenes work that's vital to the club's health. And she just plain enjoys getting on the air. "You tune around and you work somebody," she says. "I still get a big thrill out of that."



JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 7th of June: 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.
- 4th of June: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 6th of June: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 15th of June: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR JULY.
- 22nd of June: WCRA Field Day at Panfish Park in Glen Ellyn.
- 27th of June: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - June 7th - 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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