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Field Day Pictures!



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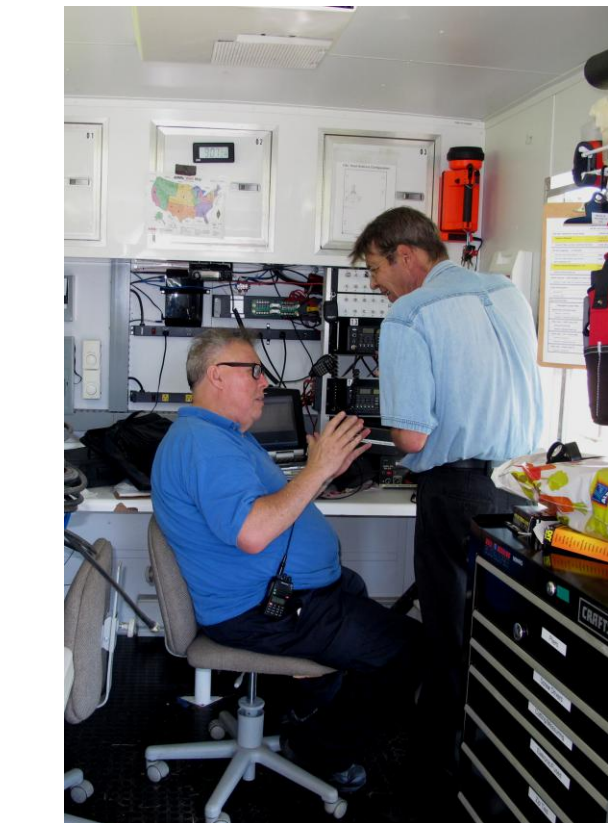
Sunday Night 2 Meter Net
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Next WCRA Meetings

July 8th
@ 7:30 pm

WCRA Picnic
August 7th

Field Day Pictures Continued!



April Meeting Minutes

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

Minutes of the Annual Meeting - April 1st, 2016, 1930 hours

OPENING

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Mike Wilson, president, at 1930hrs local time.
Opening Remarks/Announcements	
Approval of Agenda	N9HDW, W9DHX – Motion to approve. Motion carried. N9HDW, KD9DJX – Motion to accept Steve Peterson, N9OA. Motion Carried.
Introductions of Members/Guests	All present introduced themselves. In attendance: N0MO, KC9YFI, NJ9E, KB9FYL, KC9CUQ, N9MWF, KD9DJX, KD9DJT, AC9CN, K9ON, KA3HSW, N9CBA, KD9EZL, KA9RZG, W9UZ, N9HDW, W9DHX, K9ILF, WA9ACO, KD9EJD, KD9AUP, WA9E, and Scott Palluth, K9SPP (guest)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	WB9FEA is the correct call sign of KB9FEA as listed under interference.
Approval	K9ILF, N9HDW – Motion to approve. Motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

President (N0MO)	Fun-filled year. Last report as president.
Vice President (KC9YFI)	Tonight's program is DX videos.
Secretary (N9HQ)	
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	We are solvent. All has been paid thus far. We were \$3028 in the black for the last fiscal year due mostly to a check in reimbursement for \$3000 from the College of DuPage.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	Some things need to be prepared for Field Day. The '746 Pro has a bad backlight.

REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

RAB report (WA9E)	The RAB (Roberto, WA9E) is looking for budget information from Carol. Noise on 145.31 was discussed by the RAB via e-mail conversations. Tom, N9GBA made statement regarding the lack of inclusiveness of the digital FM modes. Tested DCS on 145.39 without an improvement on the Milwaukee system. A letter will be drafted to the Illinois and Wisconsin repeater associations. The IRA meeting will be attended this month.
Questions & Answers	Marty, KD9EJD, made additional comments about digital modes. Tim, KC9YFI asked additional questions regarding digital modes and a DVR. Bill, KD9AUP, asked about a modem and remote control.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

HAMLETTER (N9JPG)	The Hamletter will now be distributed quarterly.
Website (KD9EJD)	The new site is live. Multiple documents are in PDF that are being redone as HTML.
Public Relations (N9JPG)	No report.
Club Awards (N9MWF)	Awards will be given next month.
Public Service/Emergency (N9OA)	Special Olympics is May 1, and the Masonic Scottish Rite Dyslexia walk is May 1.
CSU (N9MWF)	The brakes need inspection with some level of work on them being likely required. There will be several work days prior to Field Day. Pretty much status quo at the moment.
Interference (N9VDQ)	No report.
Training (W9UZ)	The last day of the training class will be tomorrow afternoon. The class is doing well.
VE team (NE9ET, de facto rep.)	No report.
[Meeting] Program (KC9YFI)	This month's – time based – will be on DX videos. Next month's may be weather spotting. June's program will be Field Day. July will be a presentation will be a survey of AUXCOMM by John, N9MWF and Bill Springer from ILEAS.
Club Nets (KC9YFI)	Sunday, 2000 hrs. Always looking for net control operators. Will train.
Hamfest (KC9CUQ)	1/15 and 1/22/16 are the two dates. 1/15 is the 3 rd Sunday. 1/22 is the 4 th Sunday. The 3 rd was due to St. Louis. The 4 th is more traditional.
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	They are available. Dale will build a go kit from scratch for club members, \$200 with a \$20 donation to the

April Meeting Minutes (cont)

	club. That includes the battery and all accessories other than the radio.
Field Day (W9UZ,KC9YFI)	Timothy is requesting action. They are looking for a 20m captain out of the CSU.
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	
Membership (OPEN)	No new members.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	
Budget	<p>Considerable discussion of the \$1,000 line item for the RAB. The RAB chair consented to the red the budget to \$600. Insurance liability was increased by unanimous consent to \$800. We are proje \$1900 net loss for the year.</p> <p>Motion to approve as amended by W9DHX, second by W9UZ. Motion carried. WA9E opposed.</p>

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers	<p>The following were elected by acclamation:</p> <p>N9OA, KD9AUP motioned to close the floor to nominations. Motion carried.</p> <p>N9OA, W9DHX motioned to elect K9ILF as president, N9HQ as secretary, and NJ9E as property by acclamation. Motion carried.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion to donate \$25 to "Cure PSP" in the name Bob Seaberg, W3MDM by WA9ACO, second by N9HDW, W9DHX to increase the donation to \$50.00. Motion to amend carried. Main motion ca</p> <p>Adjourned 2112 hrs.</p>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/s/ Stephen J. Peterson, ARS N9OA
 Secretary Pro-Tempore
 04/01/2016

A New Look for our Club Website

Our club website at w9ccu.org has successfully been updated by new club member Marty KD9EJD. Thank you Marty!

The screenshot shows the website for Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs (W9CCU). At the top, there are logos for ARRL, W9CCU, and the club name. A navigation menu includes links for Home, News, Events and Activities, Repeaters, Nets, Hamfest, Newsletter, Classes, About Us, Join W9CCU, and Contact W9CCU. The main heading is "W9CCU's Home on the Web".

ARRL Field Day Is History
 Thanks to all that came out and volunteered their time and energy. Results will be posted as soon as they are compiled.

At First Glance
 Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, Inc. was founded in 1948. We are a group of amateur radio operators who promote the advancement of the hobby and science of amateur radio through:

- member participation in training and testing of new amateur operators;
- providing local communications infrastructure via repeaters;
- supporting local emergency services with secondary communications;
- and offering communications support for many local charitable and social groups.

W9CCU is involved in all facets of Amateur Radio, supporting the healthy growth of the hobby through diversification and participation. If this sounds like a group you'd be interested in joining then come to one of our events and see what kind of folks we really are!

Our Mission Statement
 The mission of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs is to further the art of radio communications and electronics by mentoring anyone with like interests, participating in community events, preparedness in assisting in the event of a disaster where other communication modes can fail, while promoting social camaraderie among its members.

Event Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
Jul 8 (date change)	Membership meeting	7:30 PM	First Presbyterian Church

Saturday Night Fox Hunting
 Fox Hunting is a just-for-fun activity in which the "hunters" use radio direction finding (RDF) techniques to locate a transmitter within a fixed geographical boundary. Hunters gather about a half hour before the hunt. Everyone is invited to participate or ride along (call in advance). All hunts start at 8PM.

Recurring Monthly Schedule

Saturday	Start Location	Frequency
1st	KiKart Parking lot, Elmhurst, Rt 93 north of St Charles Rd	CFAR input 147.750MHz
2nd	Diener's Grove Golf Club parking lot, off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av	Simplex 146.565 MHz
3rd	Centennial Park, Addison, Rohlfing Rd	CFMC input 146.160 MHz
4th	Wood Dale Rd between Thorndale and Irving Pk Rd	Simplex 146.34 MHz

For further info contact Mike WA9PTS or call (708) 457-0966.

At the bottom, there is a weather widget for Wheaton, IL (77°F / 25°C), solar X-rays (NOI/MIL), and geomagnetic field (QUIET).

May Meeting Minutes

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

May 6, 2016, 1930 hrs.

OPENING

Call to Order	7:30PM
Opening Remarks	Welcome Al/K9ILF to his first meeting as president.
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Members/Guests	N9HQ, KD9SGT, N9VDQ, N9LTW, AC9CN, W9DHX, K9ILF, KB9FYL, KC9CUQ, NJ9E, AJ9M, KA3HSW, N9HDW, KA0DSF, KD9DJT, KD9EJD, KB9RCO, N9MWF, KD9DJX, N0MO, WA9EMO, N9CBA, N9HLG, NV9R, W9UZ, K9ON, Zack/W9CLR, Mike/W7GW, David/W9ASP (Guests)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	None published
Approval	None

OFFICER REPORTS

President (K9ILF)	The club has decided to allow the Medinah Shrine club access to the 440 repeater to use on Tuesday nights for their net.
Vice President (KC9YFI)	None
Secretary (N9HQ)	None
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Totals were given.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	None

REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

RAB report (WA9E)	The 39 machine will be taken down prior to the end of June for relocation due to Mark selling his house. The York club asked us to split the cost of internet service with them. The RAB voted it down. The 39 machine is un-coordinated. Paperwork has been submitted to the ILRA for coordination. A brief synopsis of The ILRA annual meeting was given by Mark Spoo.
Questions & Answers	None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee chairs are requested to keep reports brief and concise.

Please hold any and all questions for continuing business.

HAMLETTER (N9JPG)	None
Website (KD9EJD)	There are a few issues that are being worked on. Secure, password protected areas are being looked at (for members only.)
Public Relations (N9JPG)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	Former president Mike Wilson was given an award for past president.
Public Service (N9OA)	Several club members participated in the Special Olympics event last Sunday. Next weekend the club will be participating in the Scottish Rite Dyslexia Walk. Members were also advised about the Wheaton 4 th of July parade. A signup sheet was passed around.
CSU (N9MWF)	Mark Decker gave an estimate (\$900) on repairing the CSU brakes and bearings. A discussion was held on the lack of maintenance records.
Interference (N9VDQ)	Nothing to report.
Training (NJ9E)	Dale will be taking over as training chairman. All 5 of the last members passed and are licensed. The 440 repeater needs to be utilized more.
VE Team	None
[Meeting] Program (KC9YFI)	None tonight. The spotter class will be tomorrow morning at the Addison Fire Department.
Club Nets (KC9YFI)	The Shriners will be starting a net on the 440 machine in the near future.

May Meeting Minutes (cont)

Hamfest (KC9CUQ)	January 22, 2017 at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Kelsey is looking for a vendor Chairman.
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	Dale is finishing up two go kits with EVERYTHING for \$180. All you need to Do is add the radio.
Field Day (KC9YFI)	Only 40 meter CW has been confirmed. More stations are needed. The 746-Pro Needs repair for the backlight. The entire park including the storage room Will be accessible for club use. Station captains are needed. Cleanliness is Stressed.
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	It will be in December.
Membership (open)	A new member Jeff Spicer/KD9SGT was voted in. Michael Bauer/W7GW was Also voted in.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	None

NEW BUSINESS

CSU Repair	A contingency allocation of up to \$900 was made for repair of the CSU brakes And bearings.

CLOSING

Anchors	Bill has some power splitters for sale.
Announcements	Kelsey was granted her father's call sign KA9KDC.
Guest Comments	None
Member Comments	None
Adjournment	8:45 pm

Amateur Electronics Supply (AES) to Close...

Many of us have purchased our radio equipment from AES over the years. CQ Magazine reported that all of their stores will be closing at the end of July. No particular reason was noted.



Check us out on
FACEBOOK

June Meeting Minutes

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS May 3, 2016, 1930 hrs.

Call to Order	1930 HRS
Opening Remarks/Announcements	Field day preparations. We need help for teardown on Sunday. Please Volunteer so teardown can be done quickly. The RAB report was moved to the end of committee reports due to the chairman being late.
Approval of Agenda	APPROVED
Introductions of Members/Guests	N9HQ,N9VDQ,KC9YFI,NJ9E,K9ILF,N9MWF,W9DHX,AC9CN, KD9DJT,N9HLG,KB9FYL,KA9KDC,KD9EJD,KB9RCO,N9OA, K9POL (GUEST), KA0DSF,KD9AUD,KD9SGT,N9NJM,W9UZ, N9JPG,KD9BLP,KD9AHH,N0MO,W7GW,N9CBA,W9UZ, KD9AUQ,N9HDW,WA9EMO,KA9EMO,N9MJM Guest),W7GW, N9NYX

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	Minutes were tabled until next month's meeting due to late publishing.
Approval	Approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President (K9ILF)	None
Vice President (KC9YFI)	Field day prep.
Secretary (N9HQ)	None
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Bank totals were given. All bills have been paid.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	The Icom 746 was repaired by KD9AUP.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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HAMLETTER (N9JPG)	The end of June will be the next letter. Submit articles to Kevin by July 4 th .
Website (KD9EJD)	We cannot send e-mail from the W9CCU website. A \$12 fix has been Approved. A new provider is being considered. Some minor issues Have been fixed.
Public Relations (N9JPG)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	None
Public Service/Emergency (N9OA)	The Wheaton 4 th of July parade is approaching. Volunteers need to be On site by 0700 hours.
CSU (N9MWF)	The brakes are fine after a thorough cleaning. The CSU is operational.
Interference (N9VDQ)	None
Training (NJ9E)	Brochures will be printed for the fall. A joint effort with the Shriners Is being considered for a class. Glenbard South High School is being Looked at as a potential antenna site and training site.
VE team (NE9ET, de facto rep.)	None
[Meeting] Program (KC9YFI)	Field day preparations. July's program will be on AuxComms.
Club Nets (KC9YFI)	The Medinah Shriners will begin using the 440 machine for Tuesday Night nets.
Hamfest (KA9KDC)	January 22. Tickets will be available next month. Vendors are
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	None
Field Day (W9UZ,KC9YFI)	Program tonight.
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	Will be in December. A banquet is being considered at the Shriners.
Membership (open)	Mike Malloy, W9MJM, was voted in as a new member.

REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

June Meeting Minutes (cont)

RAB report (WA9E)	The RAB held a meeting recently. The 39 machine will be removed from Service this weekend. It will be reconfigured for 440 and replace the Existing 440 machine on June 14. The old 440 machine will be re-Configured for 39 at its new location. The 440 and 31 machines will be Configured for auto/auto. Once the 39 machine has been put back on the air, the auto/auto feature will be revisited on the 31 & 440 machines. Another antenna site is being looked at in Downers Grove. More information will be forthcoming at the July meeting.
Questions & Answers	None

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	None

NEW BUSINESS

Hamfest	The FRRL is having their Hamfest on July 10 at Aurora Central Catholic High School

CLOSING

Anchors	None
Announcements	None
Guest Comments	None
Member Comments	None
Adjournment	2028 hrs.

WCRA Picnic

There will be no meeting in August and instead we will hold our annual picnic on August 7th at Herrick Lake at the West shelter off of Herrick Road. The shelter is close to the parking lot and food will be provided by the club. The time will be confirmed at the July meeting.



W9UZ Tower Party



Dear Ann Ode...



Dear Ann Ode,
I am a very wealthy ham radio operator, age 65. I own a factory that makes ham equipment. I recently began having QSO's with a newly licensed YL in the next town. She emailed me her photo. She is a very pretty 23 year old. I'm contemplating a marriage proposal. Do you think she will marry me if I tell her that I am 45 years old?

Signed, In Love

Dear In Love,
Your chances are better if you tell her that you are 90.

You can tell your ham radio problems to Ms. Ode at ann.ode@w9ccu.org
If you've sent me a message to comment on for the article, please resend it as there's been a problem receiving email that has been recently resolved.

Radio Merit Badge Counselors Needed

WCRA is looking to host a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge class in an upcoming month. A few experienced hams are needed to help teach a small group of scouts about the radio and make a few contacts as part of their badge requirements. If interested, contact...

Tim, Wheeler
Email: kc9yfi@gmail.com

Saturday Night Fox Hunting

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Hunters gather about a half hr before the hunt. Everyone is invited to participate or ride along (call in advance). All hunts start at 8PM.

CQ Hamletter Contributors

I'm excited to lead the Hamletter and would like it to be an extension of our club meetings to help keep the members connected to one another. There are many amateur radio related activities taking place each month and I encourage you to take pictures and share a brief note with myself. I'm interested in both club organized events and related things you may be doing yourself. Here are some example ideas to consider: working on your shack, participating in a contest, enhancing or fixing the CSU, working on the repeater, or helping out at a club event. Send me whatever you have and I'll get it added.

Kevin - N9JPG

WCRA General Membership Meetings

WCRA meet the first friday of most months at the First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton at 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 snacks. This is followed by an amateur radio related program. We would like to see you there to share the enthusiasm. If you want to join the WCRA, visit our web site to get the application and join us at an upcoming meeting!

WCRA OFFICERS

President - Al Sawyer, K9ILF

Vice President - Timothy Wheeler, KC9YFI

Treasurer - Carol Schroeder, KB9FYL

Secretary - Ken Kwasniewski, N9HQ

Custodian - Dale Kwart, NJ9E

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