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WCRA Annual Picnic

The annual club membership picnic was held August 7th and there was a good turnout on a beautiful day.



New .39 Repeater Installed



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Event Calendar



Sunday Night 2 Meter Net
145.31 Mhz

Next WCRA Meetings
October 7th
@ 7:30 pm

Chicago Marathon
October 9th

Radio Merit Badge Class
October 15th

Tech License Class
October 29th - Part 1 of 2
November 5th - Part 2 of 2
@ 9:00 AM

WCRA Meeting
November 4th
@ 7:30 pm

WCRA Christmas Dinner

John Bryant, III, K9QLS – Silent Key

Long time Glen Ellyn resident and member of the WCRA, John Bryant, III, died on May 9th at the home of his nephew in Delafield, WS. John held an Extra Class license, was a WW II veteran, serving in the Signal Corps and had a long and successful career working in a variety of jobs with major corporations. John served as Club Secretary for the year 1975, and as Vice-President in 1982.

In 1958 he moved to the Chicago area and spent most of his active career with Chicago Bridge and Iron. Due to health problems in recent years, he distributed major parts of his ham station to friends, and moved to Delafield. A small station he maintained has been donated to the WCRA and will be in the November Auction; items not sold will be at the Member's Table during the January Hamfest.

WCRA expresses condolences to John's brothers, Charles and Anthony, and other members of his family. He was a devoted Uncle to his many nephews and nieces. He will be interred at the Prairie Home Cemetery in Waukesha, WS. Funeral services will be private.



John adjusts his antenna on a Fox Hunt in 1979

July Meeting Minutes

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

July 8, 2016, 1930 hrs

OPENING

Call to Order	7:30 PM
Opening Remarks/Announcements	None
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Introductions of Members/Guests	N9HQ,KB9FYL,N9VDQ,N0M0,W9DHX,W9MWF,KA9KDC,KD9DJT KA0DSF,KC9YFI,K9ILF,AJ9M,KD9DJX,AC9CN,AB9TA (GUEST), N9HDW,W7GW,WA9FTS,N9CBA,KA3HSW,W9NJM,KD9EJD,NJ9E, WA9ACO,KD9EJD,KD9AUP,NV9R,N9OA,WA9E

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	None
Approval	Approved (April, May, June)

OFFICER REPORTS

President (K9ILF)	Field Day was successful. The park district was ecstatic with the clean up.
Vice President (KC9YFI)	None. Tonight's presentation will be on AuxComms
Secretary (N9HQ)	None
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Balances were given. The club is solvent. All bills are paid.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	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)	Numerous technical problems with the existing website. Marty recommends moving to another service.
Public Relations (N9JPG)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	None
Public Service/Emergency (N9OA)	The Wheaton 4 th of July parade was a success. Thanks to all that helped. A donation was made to the club from the park district. The Chicago Marathon will be the next PS event, October 9. Steve will be resigning as PS Chairman as of October 10.
CSU (N9MWF)	The generator requires a new battery. The new Fusion 2 meter is being installed in the black rack.
Interference (N9VDQ)	None
Training (NJ9E)	None
VE team (NE9ET, de facto rep.)	None
[Meeting] Program (KC9YFI)	Intro to AuxComms by Bill Springer and John Cheney. Next month will be the club picnic at Herrick Lake.
Club Nets (KC9YFI)	Sunday nights at 8pm. The net will be modified to open check-ins. Numbers have been dwindling. The Shriners Net will be beginning soon.
Hamfest (KC9CUQ)	January 22, 2017. A special event station may be set up.
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	None
Field Day (W9UZ,KC9YFI)	Due to medical issues, Mark Potter and the CW station was nonexistent. Thanks to everyone who helped setup, operate and teardown. An award ARRL pin was presented to Mark/N9VDQ for the running water and flush Toilets. Tim will not be chairing FD next year.
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	Will be in December.
Membership (open)	None

July Meeting Minutes (cont)

REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB) RAB report (WA9E)	
Questions & Answers	The 440 machine had a minor incident earlier this month. The timer automatically reset the repeater. The Downers Grove site (145.39) should be up and running by the end of the month. A cabinet will be purchased this weekend. The 31 antenna may have some issues and may be replaced with the old 39 antenna. An amplifier was donated by Bill and will be placed on the 440 machine. The next RAB meeting will be August 24.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	None

NEW BUSINESS

	The First Presbyterian Church is interested in starting a merit badge class. There Are 10 kids already interested. Peter has the information. A signup sheet was Passed around.
Field Day Observations/KD9EJD	Nobody was prepared. Nobody was ready to setup. He expected everything to be ready and to be set up. Al explained that this was an exercise in emergency setup. The CSU is a mess and why did it take hours to set it up. Nobody knows how to Set it up. Tim explained to Marty how FD works. Dale advised that the station Captains are responsible for their own station setup. He also questioned who The club is affiliated with regarding emergency communications. The program Tonight should answer some of his questions.

CLOSING

Anchors	There are numerous items on the counter free for the taking.
Announcements	The club picnic will be August 7, 2-7pm, Herrick Lake, West Shelter
Guest Comments	None
Member Comments	None
Adjournment	8:40pm

September Meeting Minutes

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

September 2, 2016, 1930 hrs

OPENING

Call to Order	7:30PM
Opening Remarks/Announcements	None
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Introductions of Members/Guests	N9HQ,W9DHX,N9HDW,N9VDQ,N9OA,N9MWF,AJ9M,KB9FYL,KA9KDC,K9ILF,KD9CHL,KA0DSF,N9LTW,KD9EJD,NJ9E,N9CBA,KD9AUP,K9ZL,WA9ACO,KA3HSW,NV9R,N9HLGN0MO,N9BQA,K9SGT,N9CBA,WA9EMO,KD9EZL,WA9FTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	None
Approval	Approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President (K9ILF)	The paperwork for the State of Illinois has been submitted and we are up to date.
Vice President (KC9YFI)	Absent, due to new daughter. Mom, daughter, and Tim are doing well. The video tonight will be on DX.
Secretary (N9HQ)	None
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Balances were given. All bills have been paid.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	The club has acquired 10 VOM test meters as a donation. These meters will be used by the upcoming class. The club also has a linear amp for the club Hamfest.

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HAMLETTER (N9JPG)	None
Website (KD9EJD)	Technical issues. Marty is once again requesting that we move from the current hosting service to another more responsive service (Blue Host). A brief presentation was given.
Public Relations (N9JPG)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	None
Public Service/Emergency (N9OA)	An event will be held at Willowbrook HS on September 25. See Mike/N0MO. The Chicago Marathon will be held October 9. See John/N9MWF for help and information. A clipboard was passed around.
CSU (N9MWF)	The battery was replaced on the generator. A battery maintainer/float is being considered for future purchase. The CSU will be used for both upcoming PS events in Villa Park and Chicago.
Interference (N9VDQ)	None
Training (NJ9E)	A merit badge class will be October 15 for the church's boy scout troop. A tech class will be held in November. Specific dates to be announced. This will be in conjunction with the Medinah Shrine. A potential after school study session at Glenbard South HS is being looked at.
VE team (NE9ET, de facto rep.)	None
[Meeting] Program (KC9YFI)	A video will be shown regarding DX.
Club Nets (KC9YFI)	The nets are up and running. One more net operator is needed.
Hamfest (KC9CUQ)	January 22, 2017. The tickets have been printed. Flyers are available. Letters are going out next week.
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	None
Field Day (W9UZ,KC9YFI)	None
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	The location of this year's party will be the same as last year.
Membership (open)	K9ZL,KS9V, WA9MNF were voted in as new members.

September Meeting Minutes

REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

RAB report (WA9E)	The 39 machine will be hopefully installed this week at the new site in Downers Grove pending manpower. The site has not been coordinated with the Illinois Repeater Board. A question was raised about the 31 antenna swap. There was a failure of communication between the parties. Roberto will be following up on this matter.
Questions & Answers	See above

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	None

NEW BUSINESS

	Tom requested that we are consistent in keeping the meetings on the first Friday of each month. A brief discussion ensued.

CLOSING

Anchors	Mike Brost has some items in the back. Jim Ward announced that 10 items will be sold at our Hamfest. Another donor, Rich Williams, has hundreds of items that he is willing to donate to the club or members. Information was distributed.
Announcements	None
Guest Comments	None
Member Comments	None
Adjournment	8:30pm



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FACEBOOK

FCC Updates Notice on Amateur Radio Operation in CEPT Countries

ZCZC AG34
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 34 ARLB034
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 20, 2016
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB034
ARLB034 FCC Updates Notice on Amateur Radio Operation in CEPT
Countries

The FCC has updated its Public Notice on Amateur Radio operation in European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) countries that have adopted certain recommendations regarding the US. The updated notice, in English, German, and French, includes some additional countries where operation is permitted. Licensees operating in CEPT countries must have a copy of the Public Notice, proof of US citizenship, and evidence of an FCC Amateur Radio license grant. These must be shown to "proper authorities" upon request.

More information about CEPT can be found at, <http://www.cept.org/> .
The Public Notice can be found in PDF format at,
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2016/db0916/DA-16-1048A1.pdf

Subject to regulations in force in the country visited, a US citizen holding an FCC General, Advanced, or Amateur Extra Class Amateur Radio license grant "is authorized to utilize temporarily an Amateur Station in a [CEPT] country that has implemented certain recommendations with respect to the United States," according to the notice.

Advanced or Amateur Extra class operators are granted CEPT Radio Amateur License privileges, in accordance with CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended). General class operators are granted CEPT Novice Radio Amateur License privileges, in accordance with ECC Recommendation (05)06 (as amended).

CEPT countries participating in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 as of September 16, 2016, are Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland, and the Faroe Islands), Estonia, Finland, France (including Corsica, Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, St Bartholomew, St Pierre and Miquelon, St Martin, Reunion and its Dependencies, Mayotte, French Antarctica, French Polynesia and Clipperton, New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom (including Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man).

CEPT countries participating in ECC Recommendation (05)06 as of September 16, 2016 are Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland, and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and Switzerland.

Information regarding countries participating in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 and Recommendation (05)06 after September 16, 2016 is available from the European Communications Office (ECO).

The Public Notice includes complete details. For more information, contact Scot Stone, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418-0638, or via email at, Scot.Stone@fcc.gov .

Reprinted from the ARRL

Dear Ann Ode...

Dear Ann Ode,
I heard you applied to be a civilian ham radio operator
aboard the next space shuttle.



I'm surprised; I thought you are claustrophobic.

Signed, Curious

Dear Curious:

I am claustrophobic; however, I will be fine once I have a little space.

You can tell your ham radio problems and concerns to Ms. Ode at
ann.ode@w9ccu.org

You can tell your ham radio problems to Ms. Ode at ann.ode@w9ccu.org

Saturday Night Fox Hunting

1st Sat Hunt - KMart Parking lot, Elmhurst, Rt 93 north of St Charles Rd - CFAR input 147.750MHz

2nd Sat Hunt - Downers Grove Golf Club parking lot, off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av - Simplex
146.565 MHz

3rd Sat Hunt - Centennial Park, Addison, Rohlwing Rd, 0.4 miles south of Lake St - CFMC input
146.160 MHz

4th Sat Hunt - WoodDale Rd between Thorndale and Irving Pk Rd - Simplex 146.34 MHz

For further info contact Mike WA9FTS or call at 708-457-0966

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!

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Vice President - Timothy Wheeler, KC9YFI
Treasurer - Carol Schroeder, KB9FYL
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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.