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From the Vice-Presidents Gavel

Salutations fellow members. Our September membership meeting went rather well, and our new location in Billy Graham Center #138 was a bit bigger, on the first floor, and much brighter. The only hitch was knowing where to park. There is close parking wherever you may park, but there is a lot in the back with a door and handicapped ramp which leads to a stairway and ramp bringing you up to the first floor and our room is to the

WCRA's new meeting room in the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. The move was made for the September meeting.

left about 2/3 of the way down the hall. Our next two meetings will also be in that room.

The program for October will be "Emergency Preparedness for Amateur Radio" as presented by Joe LeFebvre, N9WRO. November will be an auction with yours truly pretending to be an auctioneer. December will be on a different and yet unknown date to accommodate our holiday party. January will be devoted to preparations/Q&A for the hamfest. February is tentatively set to be a presentation by the Chicago Area Monitoring Association (CARMA) related to scanning. March, April and May remain up in the air, so let me know if you wish to present something or if you have an idea.



John, N9MWF; Steve, N9OA; Marty, N9NTM; and Bill, W3MDM; discuss an item brought in for September's Show & Tell program.

Also, I have a request pertaining to program suggestions and the like. Please call me after the meeting night is over, e-mail me, or write me a note to remind me of the program idea and information on how to best contact you if I have any additional questions. Thank you in advance.



Until next month, 73.

-- N9OA

Steve is the club Vice-President and has article each month under the above heading. For those of you who cannot download all of the Hamletter this gives you a chance to read his monthly article. Editor

From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRA President



Presidents Message for October 2002 Hamletter

Hello all, we are havin' a good old fashioned hamfest. The committee is progressing well. I for one am really looking forward to this one. We need your help to make this a success. We need you to sell tickets, we need YOU to promote the date. It is never too early to start. So talk it up.

The hamfest committee has given me a good proposed budget for the 2003 fest. That information is one of the last pieces to develop the budget going forward. If the fest goes well so does the WCRA!

If your family and home life is like mine things are pretty busy this time of year, so I will keep this short and say 73 for now.

KE9A

PS It really does pay to put the antennas up BEFORE the snow flies!

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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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**WCRA
Meeting
Minutes**

by: Robert Mitillieri
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WCRA
Secretary



The business meeting was called to order at 19:31 by the President, **Bob KE9A**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made by **Joe, N9WRO** to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Steve, N9OA**; a vote was taken and the motion was approved. Next month's meeting will be on the second Friday. Tonight's program will be a show and tell, swap and sell, junk box clean out. Next month's program will cover emergency preparedness and Amateur Radio presented by N9WRO. Suggestions for

future programs should be forwarded to Steve, N9OA. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, thanked **Kurt, KB9RTO**, for bringing the truck to the Glendale Heights parade, and to **Peter N9HDW**, for the wooden wheel stops for the truck. The insurance policy should be in the PO box at this time. If you have any items belonging to the club please get them to Roberto so they may be inventoried. Peter reported that there are 3 286 PC's on the truck up for grabs. Health & Welfare, **Jim W9DHX**, reported that **Mac, N9LIN** got through his procedures ok but is still in intensive care. Hamfest, **Bruce K9OZ**, reported that he has a contract for the Kane County Fairgrounds. The Hamfest committee meeting will be a week from tonight. Bruce still needs many volunteers for all aspects of the Hamfest; contact him at k9oz@aol.com. The Hamfest info phone is working and flyers are available. Tickets will be available soon. Public Service chairperson Joe, N9WRO, reported that the Glendale Heights parade was a success. Joe received a request to cover a bike race in Wheaton on 9/21. Since Joe will be out of town and there are too many other events the club decided to decline. Bob, KE9A, reported that JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) is coming up in October (the 18th through the 20th). If interested, please contact Bob (it will be held in Rochelle). Due to the distance the truck will not be available. Hamletter, **Don N9NYX**, asked that if you are not receiving his email to please give him your correct email address. Don also reported that the link to the Hamletter on the web site should now be corrected. The RAB paid a visit to the WCRA 440 repeater site. **Larry, KA9KDC**, reported that there have been some mixing problems and that this was causing interference to the York repeater. An additional cavity has solved the problem. Don reported that the cable for the new repeater antennas has been delivered to the college. The second antenna will be delivered by 9/16. Training, **Jack, KA9HEL**, reported that there are currently only 3 students registered for the class and we will need at least 9 so the class will not be canceled. A motion to accept the committee reports was made by **John, N9MWF** and seconded by Steve, N9OA. A vote was taken and the motion was carried. New Business, **Bob, WB9FEA**, has an item that is in need of some repair. Bob, KE9A, said that he would take a look at it. A motion was made by **Marty, N9NTM**, to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Steve, N9OA. A vote was taken and the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 21:30.

The Club has three computers available for transfer to club members who wish to own them. They are free and functional, but are older models which the club will no longer maintain. Contact Roberto Beltramelli (WA9E) to submit your request to have one or more. You may also contact Peter Richey (N9HDW) with technical questions.

Make	Model	S/N	CPU	RAM	OS	Video	HDD	Floppy
IBM	8530	none	286	640K	DOS 5	VGA	20 MB	3.5" 730kB
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CompuAdd 212 A002		352420	286	1 MB	DOS 6	VGA	40 MB	5.25"1.2 MB (A:) 3.5"1.44 MB (B:)

Each of the IBM 8530 computers has a monitor. The CompuAdd 212 A002 does not. See picture on page 5. No keyboards

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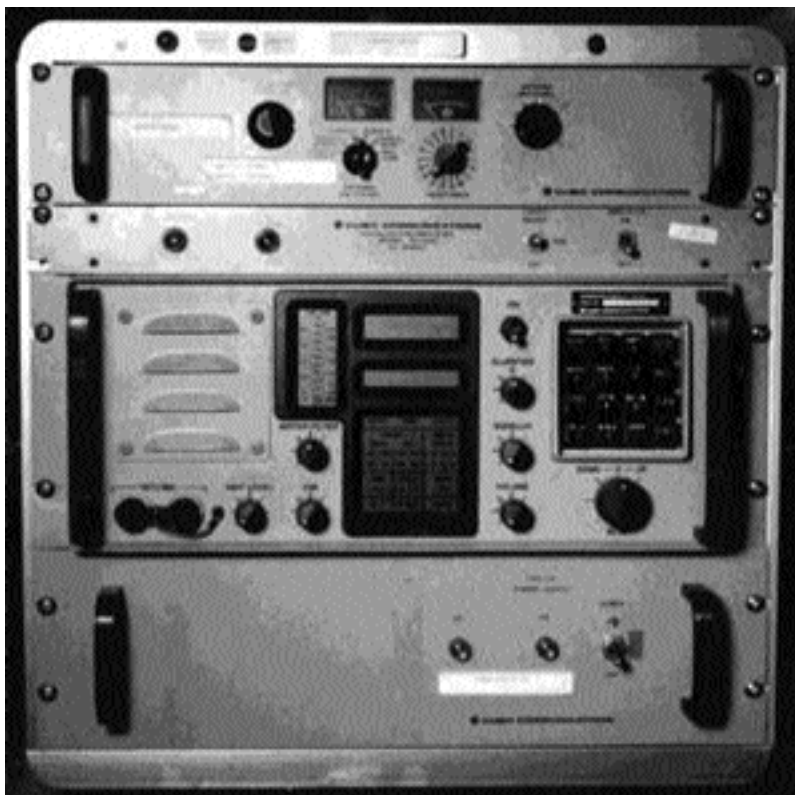
FOR SALE: A nearly complete ham HF station in one package. Just plug into wall and antenna and go!
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Cubic Communications RT-1393 Field Transportable HF/SSB Transceiver RT-1393/USQ is a solid state transceiver capable of continuous coverage from 1.6 - 30 MHz in 100 Hz steps (284,000 "channels" is Cubic's claims). It offers simplex and semi-duplex modes and operates in the USB, LSB, ISB, CW and AM modes. Filter bandwidths are 2.4kHz, 1.8kHz, 500Hz and 6kHz for AM operation. 100 channels can be programmed into memory which lends itself nicely to the scanning of favorite frequencies. Power output is 100W PEP. Power requirements are 20-32VDC or 115/230VAC.

SYSTEM INCLUDES:

ST-3MR Antenna Matching Unit: select and manually tune among several antennas, including balanced and unbalanced lines (built-in balun), PR-8252 Receiver Pre-Amplifier, PS-7013 Power Supply: provides required voltage for operation of radio. Wired for 115V operation.

All parts are mounted in a small 19" rack. Legs have been added to the bottom of the rack to raise it to desk level. A microphone is included. Operating and service manuals included. This system regularly sells for \$2,200 at surplus.



Hamfest Plans Well Underway

Plans for the 2003 Hamfest continue, with the Hamfest Committee meeting in September and sub-committee members meeting with officials of the Kane County Fair to iron out further details.

Moving to a new site presents a new set of problems, and the committee is working through them. We were forced to move from the Hawthorne Race Course as the track was applying for January race dates and wasn't interested in hosting a Hamfest the morning after Saturday racing. We were lucky to find the Kane County Fairgrounds available on short notice, and booked the site.

The Fairgrounds, located just north of the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Randall Road in the western part of St Charles, IL, contains two buildings, each roughly 19,000 square feet. The buildings are separated by a couple hundred yards of hard gravel parking, with more parking available behind the second building. Plans are to put commercial vendors and early-move-in flea markets in one building as space permits, with the remainder of flea markets in the second building.

There is a kitchen in the main building, and we are working to obtain a food vendor, so a light breakfast/lunch and coffee and drinks will be available. We also have found a room suitable for VE testing.

So things seem to be on track. We have close to 20 club members involved at the committee level in planning for this year's hamfest. Flyers have been distributed at hamfests, and requests for tables are coming in via e-mail. Tickets are in the process of being printed, and should be available at the October meeting.

The new location will require more volunteer help the day of the Hamfest than we've gotten by with the past few years. We will have to control ticket sales and parking -- things the track took care of for us before. So in coming months we will be beating the drums loudly for two things -- ticket sales and volunteers. We all need to pitch in to make this a successful hamfest and help refill the club's depleted coffers.

So mark January 26 on your calendars for helping at the hamfest.

Computers offered by club to a good home.





Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

The Japanese Amateur Radio League (JARL) will be celebrating their 75th anniversary with special event station 8J1OGA operating from the Ogasawara Islands (JD1). The islands are located about 1,000 kilometers south of Tokyo. The only way to get to the islands is via a 25-hour boat ride from Tokyo. There will be multiple groups heading to this separate DXCC Entity between September 15 and January 31, 2003. The preliminary license was issued by the Japanese Tele-communication authority, which permits all modes including satellite. This authorization also includes kilowatt operation on HF and 500 watts on 6 meters. This will be the first maximum legal power operation from Ogasawara. Two complete stations will be set up and yagis on self-supporting

towers along with dipoles and ground planes for the low bands. Look for a serious effort in the JIDX SSB Contest along with the CW WW SSB and CW DX Contests. Special emphasis will be made towards Europe and the East Coast of the US on the low bands. So far, scheduled operations include:

Dates	Operators	Dates	Operators
Sep 15-18	JE1CKA, JF1PJK, JM1RFT, JR1AIB	Nov 8-11	JO1RUR, JP1JFG
Sep 27-Oct 5	JQ2EHG, JO1LVZ	Nov 14-23	Unknown
Oct 2-5	JJ2UNR	Nov 27-30	JA1ELY, JA1IDY
Oct 8-16	7K3EOP, WA1S (YLs)	Dec 4-24	Unknown
Oct 20-Oct 23	Unknown	Dec 27-Jan 1	JA7AYE
Oct 26-29	JA1WSX, JS1DLC	Dec 31-Jan 4	JA1WSX
Oct 26-Nov 4	JA1MRM, JA1LZR	Jan 4-31	Unknown

They will QSL all stations via the bureau however if you wish to QSL direct, you may send requests to Saburo Asano, JA1MRM, 3-26-8 Toyotamakita, Nerima, Tokyo 176-0012, Japan with SAE and one IRC. A web site with log search is available at <http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/>.

Look for Bela, N8SHZ Luis, XE1L and Julio, EA5XX to operate in a 5 day DXpedition to Western Sahara this month. Operations are planned in the October 9-14 timeframe. Operator Luis will have the S07L callsign, Bela will sign SO7B and Julio will also have an S07 callsign but the last letter is still not known. They plan 40-10M operation using several 100-watt rigs. 80M is possible. They will be using a "Buddipole" antenna (<http://www.buddipole.com/>) and plan to be on SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. They will power the station with a generator in the day and batteries at night. They are trying to get another generator on site to make QRO high power possible. QSL info will be announced later.

Dave, K4SSU who has operated Navassa Island in the past, would like to go back. Dave has announced that he has been looking into it for the last several months. Many DXers may not know that the ARRL received a call from an official in Washington DC some time back, asking that Navassa and Desecheo be taken off the DXCC List. Of course, that request was not granted. Dave informed the DX community that "There is a serious effort underway to work out the details for an operation". If you are interested in knowing more about Navassa, go to Dave's website at: <http://www.members.aol.com/davidpb4/navassa.html>. In the photographs taken in 1999, the wire rope ladder to get on the island is still there, but the catwalk is gone.

Future DXpeditions to Johnston Island, KH3, may be much more difficult. The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) has approved a U.S. Army plan to permanently close a chemical weapons disposal facility on Johnston. Four million pounds of such weaponry have been disposed there since the facility opened in 1990. The task of destroying the stockpile was completed two years ago. With the closure of the Army facility, the atoll will continue as a wildlife refuge and administration will be turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Johnston became a wildlife refuge in 1926. It is an unincorporated U.S. territory, 825 miles southwest of Hawaii. The closure will mean fewer personnel present and less flights to and from Johnston.

Look for the callsign GB2IOM will be used from the Isle of Man IOTA EU-116) from October 5-11th. The QTH will be the Point of Ayre Lighthouse (L/H number IOM-013) which is in the rare WAB Square NX40. Operators Bill, G3WNI, Tom, GØPSE and Richard, M5RIC will be active on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau or direct to GØPSE. E-mail requests go to g0pse@qsl.net to receive a QSL card via the Bureau. About one week after the DXpedition, the logs will be available on-line at: <http://www.qsl.net/g0pse>.

As mentioned last month, the ZL7 Chatham Island DXpedition will begin transmitting on October 17th (providing the weather is favorable), and they will be operational for approximately 11 days. The team will be operating through the CQWW SSB Contest and closing down immediately after this contest. Their special call-sign will be announced in the very near future. They made an earlier announcement that there would be no Web site and no on-line logs, but due to the considerable number of requests that have been received, they will now be offering both facilities. I'll try to have these details to give out over the repeater if you're interested – catch me during drive time. QSL to Kermadec DX Association, P.O. Box 7, Clyde, Central Otago, New Zealand.

The CQ World Wide DX Contest has added a new category to its most popular contest. Multi-Operator/Two-Transmitter was added to "bridge the gap between the big guns of the Multi-Multi category and some of the inherent limitations of the Multi-Single class." For complete details of this new category check out the CQ World Wide DX Contest Web page at <http://www.cqww.com/>.

Here's a quick look at some of the activity to be found in this year's CQWW contest on the 26th & 27th:

Sho, JA7HMZ will be active as V63DX from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) Micronesia, October 25-31st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. QSL via the bureau or direct. Sho will also be active in the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest as V63B as a Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via JA7AO.

Alfredo, WP3C will be active from Puerto Rico as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via W3HNK

Cristian, F6HLC will be active in Senegal as 6W/F6HLC as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via F6HLC CBA or Bureau.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Saty, JE1JKL will once again be active as 9M6NA from Labuan Island (OC-133), East Malaysia. He will be a Single Op/Single Band (15m) entry in the contest. QSL via JE1JKL (E-mail request for Bureau return is welcome). Also, check out his Web at: <http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html>.

Dennis, NB1B says his group will ensure activity from Zone 2 during the Contest. The team will use VC2C on all bands from October 21 to 28. A special emphasis will be made to work JA's on 80 meters.

If you want KHØ, KHØR is currently active. And, you can look for KHØAA from Saipan, Northern Marianas, in the contest. Operators will be Saty, JE1JKL, Seiichiro, JF1SQC and Yoichi, JP1NWZ. They will be a multi-single entry. QSL via JA5DQH.

Rich, KH6/NØHJZ will represent Hawaii (along with others-hi). Rich will be single op all band low power. QSL, with SASE of course, to his home call.

Jose, CT1BOH will be on as PTØF from Fernando de Noronha this month for CQWW, after which he'll will again travel to Aruba where he'll activate Emily's P4ØE callsign in the CQWW CW in November. He'll be single op all band high power in each contest. QSL via W3HNK.

HI9X will be a multi-single station this month. The operation by Bill, W4WX, Clarence, W9AAZ, Cory, N1WON and Bob, K9MDO will be on from October 22-30 inclusive. They will be home call stroke /HI9 outside the contest and plan all HF bands plus 6M, CW, SSB, PSK-31 and RTTY. QSL HI9X via W9AAZ and the individual ops, when using their own calls stroke HI9, via their own home calls. Roger, K9RB will act as a pilot station and "back home info coordinator".

This is a great contest for the casual and beginning operators to test the waters of DX. Depending on the amount of time you care to invest that weekend, you can very easily work your hundred countries for DXCC. Just ask Frank, KG9H the next time you hear him on the air.

Gabi, SV4/HA3JB will be on October 11-19, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV from Greece. Here's his plan: PSK31 on 14.Ø7Ø, 21.Ø7Ø and 28.12Ø. RTTY on 14.Ø83, 21.Ø83 and 28.Ø83. SSTV on 14.227, 21.343 and 28.683. He also plans to put in some time on 40 and 80. Phone operation is not mentioned. QSL to his home call in Hungary.

Members of the SK7DX Southwest Scania Radio Amateurs (SSRA) will activate Rarotonga Island (OC-Ø013) and Mangaia Island (OC-159) in the South Cook Islands, October 1-14th. Operators will be Bengt, SM7EQL and Ronnie, SM7DKF. Look for the operators to sign ZK1EQL and ZK1DKF and be active on CW and SSB. QSL to the respective operator's home address. More information is available at <http://www.qsl.net/sm7eql/>.

Lali, VE3NE has announced that he has received landing permission from the Canadian Coast Guard for a Sable Island operation. He doesn't expect any problem with getting the CYØMM callsign he has requested. The operation is scheduled for November 15-25 pending financing. His group is now trying to raise the funds. He notes that the charter plane alone costs \$8,031 Canadian. Anticipated gear: 6M, 4-el yagi and TS-690; HF gear, IC-765 and amp, FT-1000MP and amp and a TS-930 to a TH-3 for 10/15/20, A3WS for 12 and 17 and delta loops for 30, 40, 80 and 160. They plan to be on CW, SSB and RTTY. The roster of operators and QSL information has not been released, but I'll have updates next month as information is made available.

Have you been hearing "Lima November" prefixes this last month and haven't been able to find them on your Icom prefix chart? Norway's PTT has given permission for hams there to use the LN prefix during some HF contests, among them last month's All Asia contest, Worked All Europe and the CQWW RTTY contest. Most club stations in Norway are now using 2X1 calls of silent keys, e.g. LA1V. The LN prefix was used just once before, in 1995 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the World War II liberation of Norway.

CANADIAN SPECIAL PREFIXES. Just a reminder that Industry Canada has authorized Canadian amateurs to use the following special prefixes to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Canada. This authority is valid through October 31, 2002. Special event prefixes are:

CK1 for VE1	CJ1 for VA1
CK2 for VE2	CJ2 for VA2
CK3 for VE3	CJ3 for VA3

CK4 for VE4	CJ4 for VA4
CK5 for VE5	CJ5 for VA5
CK6 for VE6	CJ6 for VA6
CK7 for VE7	CJ7 for VA7
CK8 for VE8	CK9 for VE9
CY1 for VO1	CY2 for VO2
CZ0 for VY0	CZ1 for VY1
CZ2 for VY2	

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Normandie-Niemen Airborne Squadron, which was created by General de Gaulle in 1942, look for the special event callsign TM4ENN to be on the air now through October 9th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. QSL via the French REF Bureau or via F6BZH.

The members of the radio amateurs Dzhambulskoj oblasti (Taraz of Kazakhstan) will be activating a special prefix UO2ØØØ to celebrate the city's name change to TARAZ (formerly DZHAMBUL). Look for the following callsigns to be active:

UO2ØØØT - Vladimir, UN6T will be active on all bands, 160m and the WARC bands.

UO2ØØØTFN - Evgenij, UN7TFN will be active on 3 bands.

UO2ØØØTO - Aleksandr, UN7TO will be active on all bands and the WARC bands, except for 160m.

UO2ØØØTS - Sergej, UN7TS, will be active on all bands, CW only.

UO2ØØØTX - Bek, UN7TX, will be active on all bands and modes.

A special printed QSL will be available. All QSLs for these stations go to the QSL Manager RW6HS. QSL only to the following address: RW6HS DX QSL SERVICE, Vasilij M. Kasyanenko, Stavropolskij kr., 357300, g. Novopavlovsk P.O. Box, 0, (ZERO), RUSSIA

Special event stations HL14AG and DT14AG are active now through October 23 to commemorate the 14th Busan Asian Games in South Korea. Activity is on all bands including WARC. QSL via HLØBHQ.

Several people have reported working Ed, P5/4L4FN in North Korea on CW. Ed recently wrote to The Daily DX directly and said "I do not have permission for CW yet and up to that 'glorious' moment I'm not going to do any CW. Please advise all – do not believe anyone who claims he is P5/4L4FN - on CW." RTTY yes, but CW no. In fact, RTTY is where Ed is spending most of his operating time. If you're still chasing North Korea and haven't tried RTTY yet, now may be a good time.

A group of Italian operators known as the Diamond DX Club will be on from some islands in Micronesia for a couple weeks. Here's the plan: Nomwin Island (IOTA-NEW) in the Hall Islands Group, October 24-27; and Ta Island (IOTA-NEW) in the South Mortolok Group, October 30-November 4. The group will be equipped with a Yaesu FT-900AT, Icom IC-706, Kenwood TS-50, two and 5 KW Honda generators, 500W amplifier, R6000 vertical, rotating dipole for 10/15/20, Mosley tribander, and dipoles for lower bands. Visit <http://www.ddxc.net/v63> for more information

KC4/N2TA will be manned by Mike Fokin, RW1AI from the "East Camp," the U.S. camp that is co-located with Russia's "Vostok base" in Antarctica. Mike is on the air now, and will be there for five months through the Antarctic summer. QSL to P.O. Box 392, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA. QSL answers will be sent out starting early next year.

Effective August 23rd Lawrence, 9N7RB, went QRT, and the country of Nepal fell silent on the ham

bands. During his period of activity Lawrence made some 12,000 QSOs in 289 countries and was responsible for putting 9N in the logs of many for a new country, especially on CW. QSLs for his activity may be sent via direct to W4FOA. Lawrence's equipment and antennas will be left behind in Nepal. Nepal is not presently issuing any ham licenses due to political unrest.

The DXCC DESK is pleased to announce the addition of the 30-Meter (10 MHz) Single Band DXCC award. Applications for this award will be accepted beginning October 1, 2002. 30-Meter DXCC certificates will be dated but not numbered. 30-Meter credits will count toward the DeSoto Cup competition ending September 30, 2003. They will also be included in the DXCC Annual List totals for the period ending on that date. A 30-Meter endorsement to 5 Band DXCC will also be available. The 30-meter band was added to the standard printout in January 2002. If you received a copy of your record since then, you already have a copy of your 30-meter credits. If you do not know which credits you have on 30 meters, you can contact DXCC for a copy of your record. If you have web access and can handle ADOBE (pdf) files, contact DXCC at dxcc@arrl.org > for a copy of your record. If you do not have web access, please send a note to DXCC along with \$2.00 (US and Canada), \$4.00 (outside the US and Canada) for postage and handling. For further information, please contact DXCC at: dxcc@arrl.org.

The ARRL has approved for DXCC credit 9U5A (May 28, 2002 through May 27, 2003), A53ED (October 23, 2001 through November 1, 2001), A52OM (January 1, 2002 through February 5, 2002) and 5X1CW (March 19, 2002 through March 1, 2003).

The League has also received the DXCC accreditation submission from YA/GØTQJ. Wayne Mills, N7NG/1 says he does indeed appear to have permission from the military and claims further authority under a "joint agreement." ARRL has asked for further information on whether that agreement applies to amateur radio.

DX Potpourri

Kenji, JA4GXS, and his XYL will be operating as FO/JA4GXS on 6-160 meters SSB and CW from Rangiroa Island (OC-Ø66), French Polynesia between October 8 and 13. Look for him on 21.260 and 14.260 +/- QRM. QSL via JA4GXS, Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cho, Yamaguchi-city, 753-0038 JAPAN.

J11JKW and J11WTF plan to be QRV from the Marquesas Islands as FOØSAI. Look for activity on HF and six meters from October 8 to 11. QSL to home call.

Look for Oleg, R1ANF from the South Shetland Islands on 20 meters CW or SSB around 2ØØØz. QSL via DL5EBE.

Masa, JE1DXC is currently operating as YJØAXC from Sola, Vanua Lava, Banks Islands (OC-1Ø4). Look for activity on 15, 17 and 20 meters mostly on CW. The island has no electricity or telephones, but he brought a 1 KW generator and is running 100 watts. QSL via JE1DXC.

WEB PHOTOS

Nodir, EY8MM reports that a few pictures can be viewed on the Web of their operation/trip to "Amateur Radio Peak" at: <http://www.qsl.net/ey8mm/ey1arp.html>

Photos and other information on the recent FO/JJ8DEN (OC-057) Maupihaa Island DXpedition can now

be found at:<http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage35.htm>.

Photos and information of the recent XYØTA (AS-165) DXpedition are at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage34.htm>.

Dany,F5CW is at the moment in Tadzikistan for the next couple of months. He is currently waiting for an EY callsign.

Ranjith,4S7KM is new on the air from Sri Lanka. He operates CW on 20 and 15 and has been very active. Particular times to watch for him are 1Ø3Øz and 143ØZ on 20M.

Here's the September contest lineup.

TIME /DATE	CONTEST/EVENT NAME	BAND	MODE
15ØØz Oct 5 1859z Oct 5	European Autumn Sprint	80-20 Meters	CW
Ø8ØØz Oct 5 Ø8ØØz OCT 7	Oceania DX Contest	160-10 Meters	Phone
18ØØz Oct 5 18ØØz Oct 6	QCWA QSO Party	160-UHF	All Mode
16ØØz Oct 5 22ØØz Oct 6	California QSO Party	160-10 Meters	CW Phone
Ø7ØØz Oct 6 19ØØz Oct 6	RSGB Phone Contest	15-10 Meters	Phone
14ØØz Oct 9 Ø2ØØz Oct 11	YLRL CW Anniversary Party	160-10 Meters	CW
Ø8ØØz Oct 12 Ø8ØØz Oct 13	Oceania DX Contest	160-10 Meters	CW
16ØØz Oct 12 22ØØz Oct 13 (mandatory off time Ø5ØØz-13ØØz)	Pennsylvania QSO Party	160-10 Meters	CW, Phone
17ØØz Oct 12 21ØØz Oct 12	FISTS Fall Sprint	160-10 Meters	CW
ØØØØz Oct 13	North American		

0400z Oct 13	RTTY Sprint	80-10 Meters	RTTY
1400z Oct 16	YLRL Phone		
0200z Oct 18	Anniversary Party	160-10 Meters	Phone
0700z Oct 20	RSGB CW		
1900z Oct 20	Contest	15-10 Meters	CW
1800z Oct 20	Illinois		
0200z Oct 21	QSO Party	160- 2 Meters	CW, Phone
0000z Oct 26	CQ WW		
2400z Oct 27	DX Contest	160-10 Meters	Phone
2100z Nov 2	ARRL CW		
0300z Nov 4	Sweepstakes	160-10 Meters	CW
2300z Nov 8	Japan Int'l		
2300z Nov 10	DX Contest	80-10 Meters	Phone
0000z Nov 9	Worked All Europe		
2359z Nov 10	DX Contest	80-10 Meters	RTTY

Special thanks this month to The Daily DX, DX-NL Newsletter, ARRL, OPDX and the SK3BG Contest Service for information used.

73, Peter, W9UF

I am sending this message to all WCRAmembers for whom I have email addresses. Please be assured that mass mailings of this sort will be very few. At the last meeting there was a bit of confusion about email lists, especially the Hamletter mail list vs. the WCRAmail reflector. I'll attempt to clarify the purpose of the different lists.

Don, N9NYX, maintains an email list for the purpose of notifying members that the most recent copy of the Hamletter has been posted on the Web - that address is <<http://www.WheatonHamfest.org>>www.WheatonHamfest.org - follow the links to obtain the Hamletter. Remember that, even though we have resumed printing the Hamletter, the printed copy is a much more abbreviated version than is available on the Web site. If you are not receiving email from Don, please contact him with your email address. His email address is <<mailto:donlin@xnet.com>>donlin@xnet.com.

The WCRAmail reflector was created to provide a place for WCRAmembers to post notes of interest to other club members, including items for sale. Unlike the on-the-air nets, there is no restriction on listing prices. Many members have refrained from subscribing to the reflector due to bad experiences with other mail lists (lots of noise, little content). The WCRArelector has very few postings (last month there were 3!)

Only WCRAmembers may subscribe to the reflector. I personally look up every subscription request and attempt to match the email address against the club roster. If I can't find a match, I send an email to the requestor asking for their call sign and then I look that up in the roster. Not one spammer has ever succeeded in subscribing to our list. I also prevent spammers from harvesting email addresses from the list by preventing anyone (even subscribers) from obtaining a list of subscribers.

Some members may be concerned about obtaining a virus through list postings. Messages posted to the list may not contain attachments and must be plain text only (no HTML). In addition to these precautions the list server has very good virus protection.

If you would like to subscribe to the list, go to <<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/wcra>><http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/wcra> and enter your email address and a password. Please remember that the email address that you enter must be the address that you will use to post messages. So if you use an alias such as <mailto:your_call@arrl.net>your_call@arrl.net you will need to configure your email software to have this as the return address - this is not possible with all ISP's. If in doubt just use your normal email. Posting a message to the reflector is as easy as sending a message to <<mailto:wcra@mailman.qth.net>>wcra@mailman.qth.net

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at <<mailto:n9ef@arrl.net>>n9ef@arrl.net

Thanks & 73, Robert

BIRTHDAYS OF OCTOBER



Ron	W9WL	10-01-57
Marilyn	KB9FEI	10-01-31
John	N9LIN	10-10-30
Gerald	WB9WBN	10-11-47
Marc	W9KAN	10-16-41

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Yeasu FT-50 dual bander \$175.00 and Icom IC-Q7A \$85.00. Contact Kurt KB9RTO@arrl.net

AN/GRA-4 Field Antenna System \$150.00

This field portable "kit" consists of 16 interlocking alloy sections, 12 guy ropes w/rings, 1 halyard, 1 counterpoise, 1 mast tip, 4 metal guy stakes (at least), one base plate, one base swivel stake, one isolator (insulator), and the carrier for transporting the kit. The mast is 45 feet high when completely assembled, and can withstand very high winds when correctly guyed. Excellent for hoisting dipoles and other wire-type antennas, for field day or otherwise. By using the isolator, the mast itself can also be used as a vertical radiator.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st of October: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 3rd of October: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Gargen, Carol Stream
- 11th of October: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #138 in the Billy Graham Center. The Billy Graham Center is located on the South side of Seminary Avenue across from Old Main. Classroom #138 can be reached by entering the front of the building, turning right and then left when reaching the hallway. Proceed south down the hallway until classroom #138. Program for the October meeting will be emergency preparedness and Amateur Radio presented by N9WRO, WCRA's Public Service
- 15th of October: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER.** Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 24th of October: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - October 11th - 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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