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WCRA Field Day over the past several years. Make plans to join us at Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn East of Park Ave just south of Roosevelt Road



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From the President's Gavel

by Mike Wolff, AB9AX WCRA President



Dear Fellow Members:

Summer time is just around the corner, and your executive board has been working on the not-so-fun but necessary issue of the club budget. For those of you that attended the May meeting (which actually happened on the last day of April), you might remember that Joe (N9WRO) had asked that the executive board consider a resolution to require a balanced budget each fiscal year. Certainly, we are working towards that goal, and have focused on the items in the club budget looking for areas where we can cut expenses. Jack (our treasurer) has spent a great deal of time and effort working on reducing our insurance costs, and has come up with some savings there. The largest savings could come from a reduced rate on the club truck, but at this point, we have paid for insuring the club truck through next January, and we're not sure how much savings we would realize for this year, as our current insurance provider would refund us a small portion of what we have paid this year. On the other side of that coin, the next time we pay for truck insurance would be in January 2005, and due to cash flow considerations, it seems most prudent to change the insurance closer to the time it is up for renewal. The executive board did vote 4-1 to change the club's other
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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 Reprtr	

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**WCRA
Meeting
Minutes**

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

**WCRA Meeting Minutes for the May
2004 Meeting held on April 30**

President **Mike, AB9AX**, called the meeting to order at 19:32. Introductions were made by the board and all in attendance. **Joe, N9WRO**, made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and **John, N9LIN**, seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Mike thanked members for re-electing him, and announced that **Mary, K9GAL**, had been elected secretary. Vice President, **Steve, N9OA**, reported that the June meeting will be held in Room 250 (instead of #138) of the Billy Graham Center because of a schedule conflict with Wheaton College. Steve

announced that tonight's program will be on voice operating procedures for public service events presented by N9WRO. The June program will be on Field Day. Treasurer, **Jack, KA9HEL**, gave a report on current finances. Hamfest, **Bruce, K9OZ**, reported that fliers will be printed and distributed next month. He said the committee still needs co-chairs for the Hamfest and Flea market and a chair for Tickets. Public Service, Joe, N9WRO reported on the Special Olympics that was held on April 25 and announced the MS Walkathon would be held May 2. He reported on the Wheaton Fourth of July parade and the Glendale Heights parade scheduled for August 28. RAB, **Don, N9NYX**, presented a detailed report on the background and status of College of DuPage and the repeater antennas. Concerns about the tower site being wetlands have slowed the project dramatically. Don said there will be a new contact person soon that might be able to facilitate resolution of this matter, but he could not give an estimated time of installation. Don said he had received indication that the 440 machine was not operating well and that the RAB may need to make a visit to the site and tweak the repeater. Training, Jack, KA9HEL, said he will talk to his contacts at COD about the club's classes held at the college. Field Day, Dale, NJ9E, announced that this year's station captains must be current on their WCRA membership. Field Day, **Peter, N9HDW**, said a clipboard was being passed around for volunteers to sign up on. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, gave a report on the club truck usage and P.O. box. Newsletter, Don, N9NYX, reported he still needs volunteers to print and mail the Hamletter to those without internet access. He said contributors to Shack of the Month would be appreciated. N9WRO made a motion that the committee reports be accepted. **Marty, N9NTM**, seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it carried. Old Business: Don announced that the nominating committee is still looking for someone to run for the custodian position. New Business: Jack, KA9HEL, presented a proposed budget for 2004. He explained that the club needs to figure out ways to cut costs. There was a long discussion about the budget and much of it centered around the club truck. N9WRO asked whether the board had considered having a balanced budget requirement in the by-laws. Mike, AB9AX, said the board would take it under advisement. N9NTM made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. **Paul, KA9RVS**, seconded the motion, a vote was taken and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 21:17.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GAVEL:

umbrella / commercial insurance policy packages at this time. Another item on the agenda was the club truck. There are a lot of strong opinions for and against the club maintaining the truck. For those that are interested in making a change, I challenge you to provide a solution that is economically feasible. The truck issue is not simply one of and how to fulfill the functions that would be left vacant should the club dispose of the truck.

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Hamfest Report -- the elephant in the room

There is a big elephant in the room at every club meeting. Nobody seems to want to talk about it, so here goes. As Hamfest chairman – somebody who is putting in many, many hours to raise money for the club -- I'm trying to start meaningful dialog among club members on a pressing problem.

Our membership is shrinking. Every year it is shrinking. This shrinkage can be attributed to many factors, but the club is not marketing its membership to anyone – including current members. A decision was made several years ago to quit mailing the newsletter to members to cut costs. That's about the time membership accelerated its nosedive. Why would anyone pay membership, if they get nothing in return?

Putting a PDF file on the web and expecting people to download it is not publishing a newsletter. A newsletter is delivered, whether its by mail or e-mail, it's delivered to every member and prospective members. This is not the place to cut the budget – this is membership recruitment and retention. Without that, the club will cease to exist.

Meanwhile, we should be a wealthy club. We have a franchise – a hamfest that can return \$4,000 to \$6,000 to the club's coffers each year. It takes some work, but most clubs would give their eyeteeth for that type of income.

Where is the money going? The truck. The truck will sink the club at the current rate it is going. Insurance for the truck is \$2,000 a year. Storage is \$69 a month. Last year we spent \$4,000 on the truck. So all of the hamfest income is going to maintaining a truck that gets trotted out for special events and Field Day.

Yes it's nice to have, but it's not worth \$4,000 a year. Special events can be handled by a mobile station or a quick portable setup. Field day can be handled with portable generators. Sell the truck – someone will buy it for the generator – and put that money into a storage trailer and portable generators.

Emergency preparedness – yes that takes a hit. But is the truck, in its current state of mechanical repair, really an emergency preparedness vehicle? It's only a matter of time until some other major thing malfunctions on the truck. Then we are faced with throwing more money down the black hole. I'm not anti-truck. I've used it, I've driven it, I've helped clean it and I've crawled underneath it with a wrench in my hand. It is nice to have, but not something we can afford to maintain.

In the last two years as Hamfest Chairman I've turned in more than \$10,000 to the club's coffers. Where has that money gone? The majority of it to the truck. So I've put in a lot of hours to keep the truck afloat financially. That's why I'm making my voice heard.

I operate the Hamfest off a budget. I had budgeted for \$6,000 profit last year at Kane County and exceeded that. I budgeted for \$4,000 profit at Pheasant Run and exceeded that. I have a budget for \$4,000 profit next year, which should be easily attainable, even with the higher rent.

The new board should act immediately to formulate a solvent budget for the club that does not include \$4,000 a year for maintaining the truck. It should include a healthy amount -- \$2,000 -- for mailing a newsletter to current and prospective club members. Membership recruitment and retention is key to survival of the club. Maintaining an old truck will kill the club if something isn't done.

FIELD DAY NEEDS YOU

WCRA will be participating in the annual ARRL Field Day June 26 and 27, 2004. The club will set up its emergency communications encampment at Panfish Park in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 AM. We plan to be on the air communicating with other hams across North America by 1 PM Saturday, continuing through the night until Sunday at 1 PM. (24 hour event).

Whether you are an experienced operator, new to the hobby or somewhere in between, come on out to Field Day (FD) and have some fun. Try new operating modes, learn about antenna setup, rub elbows with the veterans, but most of all have fun. This is amateur radio at its best - good friends, and good times. EOHE: Equal Opportunity Ham Experience. Age, gender, talent, cw proficiency, computer proficiency, etc. are not a factors for participating.. All are welcome.

The club June meeting (Friday 6/4/04 7:30 PM at Wheaton College's Billy Graham Center, room 250) will have as its program topic our upcoming Field Day 2004 plans. So be sure to be at that meeting to sign up. Volunteers are needed for: station captains, setup, teardown, operators (voice, CW, ATV, APRS, packet, PSK-31, etc.), club truck support, QSO logging, food, GOTA (Get on The Air) station, welcome table, etc. So there's a spot for you. (We'll make one if we haven't thought of the one you want!)

Here are some additional ways you can learn more about the WCRA FD 2004:

1. Contact any of the FD co-chairmen:

Frank Krozel KG9H, 630-924-1600, email: frank@electronicinstrument.com

(Also listens a lot on the 145.39 repeater.)

Dale Kwarta NJ9E, 630-858-8541, email: tis02@aol.com

Peter Richey N9HDW, 630-260-9447, email: n9hdw@yahoo.com

2. Join the WCRA-FD Yahoo Group on the internet, which serves as a WCRA FD email reflector and as a website loaded with lots of information regarding the club's participation in FD: useful URL links, files, photos, calendar, etc.

Contact Peter N9HDW to join. (Sign the signup sheet at the club meeting, or send him email at n9hdw@yahoo.com asking to join the Yahoo Group.) (No charge.)

73 de N9HDW

Peter

FD 2004 Co-Chairman

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

On a more fun note, Field Day is right around the corner, and I hope you all will plan to participate! It was a grand time last year, and I have every reason to believe that this year will be a repeat.

73,

Mike -- AB9AX

QST REVIEWED—JUNE 2004 ISSUE

by Jim Ward, W9DHX

Another great issue—160 pages of well-illustrated and smartly written information about our versatile hobby. The wide diversity of the articles clues us in on the changes in amateur radio communications since the spark gap days!

Cover

Great Field Day shot of a New Mexico radio club hosting local politicians with a demo of a satellite contact being made with southwestern greenery in the background.

Survey

Want to know what you look like to an Interviewer? Actually, a QST reader survey gives an insight to “Joe Amateur” –who has 25 years in the hobby and has a HF style of license. For more about “you” go to page 45 of your copy.

Christmas Island DXpedition

You’ll enjoy second hand the fun that Coloradan Bill Leahy had organizing a trip to this Pacific Atoll. His adventures in finding the right companions and equipment make an interesting story—and a successful DX event on Page 48.

Kid’s Day Coming up –June 19th.

Sure, Field Day is June 26-27, but what about Kid’s Day on June 19th? That’s important to keeping our wonderful hobby alive and well. Do you have a son, daughter, niece or nephew—neighbor’s kid who wants to “get on the air”? This is the chance to do it! Details of how to participate are on Page 55. You can get the kid a colorful certificate, too, and have fun along the way. Go for it!

A Q&D (quick & dirty) Multi-Band Antenna for \$25

Yes, you can do it! Pictures and parts list (including a brick) go into this little wonder that comes from Michael Atlas, N7FC. It is perfect as a campground or park radiation device, as it is low profile and also packs into a small space for transport. Parts sources are Home Depot and Radio Shack. Read about the assembly process on pages 58 and 59.

Seven Pages on the Modernization of the Drake R-4

This is for serious owners who would like to bring their R-4 into the 21st Century, getting you full 1.5 to 30 MHz receive capability. Steve Hageman, although not a ham, has been an “analogoholic” since the 5th grade. He is a radio and test equipment designer. The article starts on Page 34 and contains full-size circuit diagrams.

National Trails Day

Trails and Health: A Natural Connection

**Saturday, June 5, 2004 - Illinois Prairie Path at Volunteer Park,
Wheaton**

(corner Liberty and Carlton)

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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We publish this notice as a courtesy to the members of the club who have participated in the past to help make this event a success.



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

Both the 425 DX News and Mike,GMØHCQ (VP8CMH/mm) report that Alex Cottle is wintering at the British Antarctic Survey Jordan Cove base on Bird Island in the South Georgia Islands. There is a very good chance that Alex will have activated VP8SGB by now. He only operates SSB and does not have a lot of experience with pileups. Look for him probably on 20 meters after 1800Z. QSL via GMØHCQ.

Oleg,XU7ARA in Cambodia reports several openings to the US in May after 1300Z. He has also been very active on 3.507 and 7.007 between 2130 and 2300Z. He reports usually having 59+20db local QRM 160. QSL via ES1RA.

Frank,VO2/VA2RC will be on the air from

Labrador City (CQ WAZ Zone 2) on July 31st and August 1st. Activity will be on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters on SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are as follows: SSB – 3.790-3.795, 7.050-7.060, 14.185-14.200, 21.250-21.275 and 28.420-28.450 RTTY – 3.580-3.600, 7.040-7.050, 14.085-14.090, 21.085-21.090 and 28.090-28.100. QSL cards go to VA2RC via the bureau. For more information you can check out <http://www.qsl.net/va2rc> or email to va2rc@rac.ca.

Choon,E2ØHHK has taken a job assignment in the northern part of Thailand where he will operate as E2ØHHK/6 and E2ØHHK/5, usually on CW, on 80-10M. QSL via E21EIC.

CT9X will be on from Madeira's Porto Santo, AF-014, for the IOTA Contest July 24-25. Operators will be Luis,CT1AGF; Antonio,CT1EPV; Luis,CT3EE; Herman,CT3FN(HB9CRV); Jose,CT3MD; Juergen,DJ2VO; Derek,G3KHZ; Toni,HB9EBV and Rajean,VA2AM. QSL to Kim Larson via N3SL.

I15MD will be a special event station from the ARI Versilia club June 11-13 to honor telephone pioneer Antonio Meucci for "Meucci Day."

SJ9WL and LG5LG will be the Morokulien callsign on the air the last week of May 24 through June 2 including the WPX CW contest. Morokulien is on the border of Sweden and Norway and either the special Swedish or special Norwegian callsign may be used from there. Operators will be Roel,DL3KWR, and Hardy,DL3KWF. QSL both of these callsigns via SM5DJZ.

Bob,N6OX, Bob, is making his second trip to Belarus and has his EW/N6OX license. He will be on all bands SSB and RTTY June 14-22. He will operate for two days in Moscow as R3/N6OX on the way to Belarus. QSL both via EU7SA.

Mike,AD5A and Michael,AB5EB will go portable /VO2 from zone two and Battle Island, Labrador, NA-Ø44, June 19-21, 80-10M including WARC, CW and SSB. They will have two stations with solid state 300- 400 watt amps to verticals. QSL via N6AWD.

The UK's Cray Valley Radio Society, CVRS, will have a group on St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, EU-Ø11 July 21-25. In the IOTA contest they will sign M8C. The rest of the time, GØVJG, M3CVN, G4BUO, GØFDZ, 2EØATY and G7GLW will put /p behind their call, or use the G3RCV/p callsign. QSL via G4DFI.

Aru,JAØKNM; Jun,JJ1EQW; and Kai,JE3NJZ are traveling to Yonaguni, AS-Ø24, the westernmost Japanese island, to operate June 4-7. They will each sign their callsign /JR6. Look for them on 40-2M CW, SSB, 6M AM, and RTTY. QSL to their home calls.

TM7BDX will be the callsign for a one-day operation from Cordouan Island, EU-159, June 12th. Operations will take place on 40- 10M CW and SSB. Operators will be F2VX, F5OZF, F5RXL, F5SSG, F6EXV and F8BBL. QSL via F8BBL.

Special event callsign EO60FO has been issued in the Ukraine to celebrate the liberation of Odessa region in WWII. Activity will last until August 27th and will start from Odessa City and then all 26 regions

accordingly to the date of their liberation back in 1944. Activity will be on all bands/modes. QSL via the Ukrainian Bureau.

OPDX has announced that all stations in Slovenia are allowed to use additional "Ø4" in their prefix to celebrate the new members entering the European Union (ex. S5500 can use the callsign S5Ø4500, S56A S5Ø46A etc....). Also, the ZRS will be active with the special callsign S52ØØ

Jose,N4BAA, who is in the Navy, is on his way to the Persian Gulf again. He has the following licenses and will be operating as YI9BAA, 9K2/N4BAA, and A92/N4BAA starting around July 29th and will be in the area until November 15th. Jose states that he will be emphasizing 160-40 meters CW and a little RTTY on 20 meters.

Ken Holdom,ZL4HU (Group Organizer/Team Leader/QSL Manager), member of the Kermadec DX Association, reports the issue of commemorative envelopes for the ZL9CI DXpedition in January 1999 was one of the significant milestones for this record setting DXpedition. The Kermadec DX Association has a small limited supply of these envelopes left, and they are anxious to find a good home for these amongst the very finest of collectors, DXers, and others worldwide. They are now selling these at the very modest sum of \$10.00 USD per envelope postage paid. If you are interested please reply directly to: zl2hu@clear.net.nz

Look for special event station TM6MKI to be active June 1-14th, from the Panazol and Haute Vienne area (Limousin Province, France), for the 60th anniversary of the Landing in Normandy. (D-Day, 6th of June 1944). This activity also commemorates the killing of most of the inhabitants in the village of Oradour sur Glane, who were shot and burnt in a church (10th of June 1944), by the "Das Reich" SS division, in retaliation of partisans actions. The suffix "MKI" has been chosen to symbolize the famous transceiver "MKII" used by the partisans during WWII. Some TM6MKI activities are scheduled using an original MKII transceiver, on June 5th and 6th. QSL per operator's instruction.

Vincent,F5MJV, who is a member of the French Navy, will be departing Europe for the French Polynesian territories (Tahiti, Marquesas and Astrals) for a one year stint, starting on July 1st. He has requested a FO5 callsign. Vincent will be running 100 watts and a vertical antenna when operating from a boat. Most activity will be on CW. He will also be operating from several islands with the same set up. Both rare and semi-rare IOTA stops are expected along with stops from several other Pacific Ocean countries (ZL, 3D, W6, KH6, VK). He has a Web page (in French) at <http://f5mjv.com>. QSL via F5NQL (either direct with SAE + postage or via the French REF Bureau)

Many noticed ZA/OH2BH and ZA/OH2PM signals bouncing in from Albania last month. Indeed, some 6000 QSOs were made--not only to please the "Deserving", but also to remind us about our shared responsibility to help those in need. This time, five stations were fully equipped: ZA1BH, ZA1BS, ZA1DC, ZA1DJ and ZA1S. These callsigns were launched into the battle and these fine people made their first radio contact to the world. Signals reached all parts of the world with ease and also many U.S stations were on hand to experience the first day of operation by these Albanian operators. Radio equipment was donated by W3UR, K9MM, G3TXF, EA2NO and OH2PM, but many more recently licensed ZA hams are still in need of any gear to bring more ZA signals to the bands and make the Albanians welcome to this great passion of ours. You are welcome to join this undertaking by making your old gear active from Albania. Your contacts are K7JA <c.margelli@vxst-dusa.com>, N7NG <n7ng@arrl.org> and K9LA <k9la@arrl.net>. For tax purposes, your donations can be processed by the Northern California DX Foundation. Contact W6OSP <w6osp@aol.com> for details."

Dave Anderson,K4SV and Neil King,VA7DX announced in Mid May that they would be returning to Africa this summer. Dubbed "Africa Triple Hop DXpedition 2004," the operation will take place between July 28 and August 17. Dave and Neil will operate from Lesotho July 29th to August 6th, Swaziland August 7th to August 11th and Mozambique August 12th to August 17th. They will be QRV on 10 through 160 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and other digital modes. Activity will be subject to daily propagation conditions, with a focus on the low bands, nightly. Special effort will be made to work the US general portion of the bands. Verticals will be used on 30-160 meters with 4 element A4S and WARC beams at 75 feet for the higher bands. Last years call-

signs will be reactivated with Dave using 7P8DA and 3DAØSV and Neil will use 7P8NK and 3DAØWC. Their calls for Mozambique have yet to be announced, but will be posted on the net. Information on how to QSL and on-line logs will be available at <http://www.k4sv.com>. Logs will be uploaded daily and will be updated with the date of any QSL requests received and sent. The QSL manager for the entire operation will be Mike Grose, K4YL, P.O. Box 183, Flat Rock, NC 28731- 0183.

Vlad, UA4WHX reports that the first batch of QSLs from his 2003 Pacific Ocean DXpedition went out in mid-May. It was mostly European and single QSL requests. Those who sent multiple QSLs will be worked on next.

4W3CW, East Timor, is QRV again, active Saturday and Sunday on many of the CW bands.

Dave, G4WFQ/HI9 will be on the air from the Dominican Republic, NA-Ø96, June 12-24. Dave will be QRV on 80-10M CW and with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via G3SWH.

Norman, VY2/W1MO will be on Prince Edward Island, NA-Ø29, in the IOTA contest July 24-25. QSL to his home call.

Mark, W4CK will be active as HR1/W4CK from Honduras between July 8 and 15. He plans to be QRV daily.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sainte Marie du Mont, France: Reseau des Emetteurs Francais, TM6JUN. May 31-June 13. 60th anniversary of Allied disembarkment at Utah Beach. SSB and CW 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter bands. QSL. Denis Villemion, F5RJM, Le Flaquet, 50470 Tollevast, France.

Ponca City, OK: Kay County Amateur Radio Club, K5P. 21ØØz June 4-2ØØØz June 5. Ponca City Oklahoma's Annual Jumpin in June celebration. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL or certificate. Joseph Widner, 3644 Ashbury Rd, Ponca City, OK 74604.

Willow Run, MI: Yankee Air Museum, W8YAF/AM. 13ØØ-16ØØz June 4 and 21ØØ-24ØØz June 6. Celebrating the restoration of WWII B-25D Mitchell bomber Yankee Warrior-aeronautical-mobile enroute to and from Reading, PA, Airshow. 146.55. . Yankee Air Museum, Mr Sevim Ablay, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590. www.yankeeairmuseum.org/YAFFly.html.

Boston Harbor area, MA: USS LST-325 Amateur Radio Club, W2T. June 4-June 14. USS LST-325 46-day, 4119 mile trip up the east coast of the United States. All amateur bands. QSL. Robert Wilder, AF2HD, 6032 Idlemoore Ct, Theodore, AL 36582-4036. Trip begins May 24; WW2LST/MM will also be used.

Badin, NC: Montgomery Amateur Radio Society, NC4MC. 14ØØ-21ØØz June 5. 60th Anniversary US Navy B-25 lost in Badin Lake, NC. 28.480 21.360 14.260 7.235. Certificate. Jim Aderholt, KI4DH, 128 Northwood Ln, Robbins, NC 27325.

Cobb Island, MD: Charles County Amateur Radio Club, K3SMD. 12ØØ-21ØØz June 5. Celebration of Cobb Island Day 2004. 28.345 21.345 14.245 7.245. QSL. CCARC, PO Box 73, Accokeek, MD 20607.

Tylertown, MS: Southwest Mississippi Amateur Radio Club, KD5QNC. 1500Z-2200Z June 5. Walthall County Dairy Festival. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Southwest Mississippi ARC/KD5QNC, 1545 Friendship Ln NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601. <http://www.swmarc.cjb.net/>.

Union, IL: Illinois Railway Museum, W9T. 14ØØ-21ØØz June 5. 51st Anniversary of the Museum. 145.390 28.350 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Larry Zacharias, 1031 Pershing Dr, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Camden, NJ: Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station, NJ2BB. 12ØØz June 5-2359z June 6. 50th anniversary of the four Iowa Class battleships sailing together. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR, 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08055.

Green River, WY: Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, WY7U. 18ØØz June 5-18ØØz June 6. Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch UPRR train robberies. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.915. QSL. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, 1000 South Dakota, Green River, WY 82935. www.qsl.net/wy7u -- special certificate for working

both Jun and Aug events.

Linthicum, MD: Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W3HEM. 1300z June 5-2200z June 6. The contributions of electronics to D-Day invasion. 14.244 7.244 14.044 7.044. Certificate. HEMARC, PO Box 746 MS4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. <http://www.qsl.net/w3gr>.

Streetsville, ON: Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. 1400-2000z daily June 5 and June 6. Annual Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5L 1M6. Include \$1 US, 2 IRCs or 2 green stamps for postage. <http://www.marc.on.ca/>.

Windsor, Ontario: Amherstburg Radio Club, VE3TMG. 1600z June 5-2359z June 6. Commemorating CKLW radio station on the air since 1932. 28.460 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Terry Greenwood, 2210 Janette Ave, Windsor, ON, Canada N8X 1Z8. Include \$1 US for postage.

Birmingham, AL: D&G Amateur Radio Association, W4V. 1500z June 5-2400z June 13. Celebrating the restoration of the Vulcan statue. 14.260. QSL. W4DAI, PO Box 51, Alton, AL 35015-0051. <http://www.valcanpark.org/>.

Atkinson, NH: Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. 0401z June 5-0400z June 20. Celebrating Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 28.370 21.370 14.270 7.230. Certificate. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.

New Orleans, LA: Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5D. 1400-2200z June 6. 60th anniversary of D-Day from New Orleans. 14.250. Certificate. W5GAD, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033. <http://www.qsl.net/w5gad/>.

West Chester (Cincinnati area), OH: West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA. 1200z June 6-0500z June 7. 60th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. 28.305 21.305 14.275 7.275 CW up 35 kHz 10 15 20 40 m. QSL. WC8VOA, PO Box 913, West Chester, OH 45071. www.wc8voa.org .

Various, England, Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6OL. 0700z June 6-2359z July 3. 60th Anniversary of Operation Overlord 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. www.rsars.org.uk .

Fond du Lac, WI: Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W9W. 1800z June 11-1800z June 13. Walleye Weekend Festival. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Dave Witt, WD9W, 1160 S Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Clearfield, PA: Quad County Amateur Radio Club, N3QC. 1400-2000z June 12. Clearfield County Bicentennial. 444.625 146.865 14.230 7.225. Certificate. QCARA, Jeffrey Rowles, 3319 Allport Cutoff, Morrisdale, PA 16858. www.qcarc.com .

Weatherly, PA: Anthracite Repeater Association, KB3AGZ. 1300-2000z June 12. Weatherly Hill Climb. 7.280. Certificate. Jack Provizzi, PO Box 356, Beaver Meadows, PA 18216.

Maple Valley, WA: Maple Valley Amateur Radio Club, KC7KEY. 1600Z June 12-0400Z June 13. Tenth Anniversary of Maple Valley club founding. 28.455 21.347 14.267 3.965. Certificate. Tom Patterson, PO Box 488, Maple Valley, WA 98038. www.kc7key.org .

Warsaw, IN: Hoosier Lakes Radio Club, W9W. 1500-2300z June 19. Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Warsaw, IN. 14.240 14.040 7.240 7.040. Certificate. Joe Sanburn, WA9PSV, 1095 W 200 S, Warsaw, IN 46580. www.maplenet.net/~lmelton/ .

Lake Angelus, MI: McMath Hulbert Solar Observatory, K8MHO. 1600z June 19-2000z June 20. 70th anniversary of the first movies of surface of the sun. 21.350 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate. McMath Hulbert Astronomical Society, 895 N Lake Angelus Rd, Lake Angelus, MI 48326. www.mcmathhulbert.org .

Fayetteville, AR: Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest, W5F. 1400-2400z June 19-20 and 1400-2400z June 20-21. Airfest 2004. Bottom portion of General band 20m 15 m SSB. QSL. ARKAN, PO Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR 72702. www.arkan.us .

Rock Island, IL: Green River Valley Amateur Radio Society, K9G. 1800z June 23-1800z July 4. Grand

Excursion 2004--150th anniversary of America's first railroad connection to the Mississippi River. 14.270 21.305 7.260. QSL. Peter Beedlow NN9K, 741 Greenway Ave, Colona, IL 61241. www.grandexcursion.com.

Boston Harbor area, MA: USS LST-325 Amateur Radio Club, W2T. June 26-July 1. USS LST-325 46-day, 4119 mile trip up the east coast of the United States. All amateur bands. QSL. Robert Wilder, AF2HD, 6032 Idlemoore Ct, Theodore, AL 36582-4036. Trip begins May 24; WW2LST/MM will also be used.

Landrus, PA: Nessmuk Amateur Radio Association, W3BGK. 1500-2100z June 26. 1890 coal mine ghost town of Landrus, first electric coal mine in area. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Nessmuk ARA, W3BGK, PO Box 101, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

Los Alamos, NM: Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, W5PDO. 1500-1800z June 26. Earthwatch Institute's Student Challenge Awards Program from Fenton Hill Observatory. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Don Casperson, AA5PA, 984 Nambe Loop, Los Alamos, NM 87544. <http://laastro.lanl.gov/earthwatch>.

Rocky Mount, NC: Castalia Island DX Association, K4UP. 1800z June 26-1800z June 27. Annual emergency communications readiness demonstration. 14.225. QSL. K4UP, PO Box 3, Castalia, NC 27816. www.qsl.net/w4rmt/fieldday.shtml.

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The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

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9Q0AR	January 1st - March 31st 2004
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XF4IH	March 3-20th 2004
YI/AB8DY	July 2, 2003, to Current
YI/N3YPI	August 22, 2003 to Current

CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
0000z	June 12	Portugal Day		
2359z	June 12	DX Contest	80-10	SSB
1100z	June 12	Asia Pacific		
1300z	June 12	Sprint	15 & 20	SSB
1800z	June 19	Kids		
2359z	June 19	Day www.jzap.com/k7rat/	20/15/10	SSB
0000z	June 19	All Asia		
2359z	June 20	DX Contest	160-10	CW
1800z	June 26	ARRL		

2100z	June 27	Field Day	All bands	All modes
1800z	June 26	QRP ARCI		
2100z	June 27	Milliwatt Field Day	Same as ARRL	Same as ARRL

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THE BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF JUNE



DENNIS	KE9VG	06-04-45
SAM	N9IER	06-04-18
PAUL	N9TKX	06-12-82
DONALD	K9VGN	06-13-26
RUTH	KA9RZG	06-20-49

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Resturant, Glen Ellyn
- 3rd: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 4th: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in **classroom #250** (Note change for this month) in the Billy Graham Center. The Billy Graham Center is located on the South side of Seminary Avenue across from Old Main just east of Washington Street.. Classroom #250 is on the second floor at the rear of the building on the west side. This months program will on Field Day.
- 15th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR JUNE. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 24th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.
- 26-27: WCRA Field Day at Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn. Runs for 24 hours from 1PM Saturday. Check it out!

WCRA General Membership Meeting - June 4th - 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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