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“CERT” TRAINED HAMS JOIN FORCES AT “PREPARING FOR DISASTER” HOMELAND SECURITY & OEM EVENT



An all-day DuPage County Emergency exercise took over the Arts Center wing of the College of DuPage and a Hidden Lakes Forest Preserve site on August 21st, with a group of Community Emergency Rescue Team Hams going through the training program. The

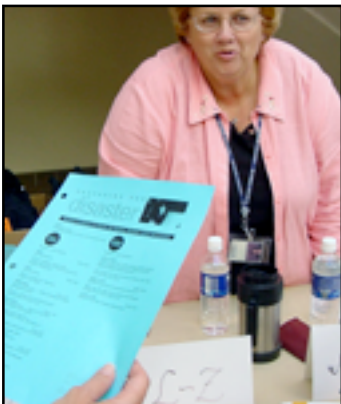
event had sponsorship by the County Board, Fire and Police Departments throughout the County, and featured reports from Region V FEMA Executive James Opoka and

other Emergency Leaders.

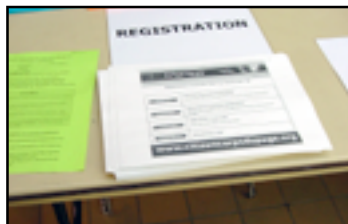
Opening the event was a Continental Breakfast provided by the Salvation Army Canteen, with their Volunteers serving the coffee and cakes. The first Speaker as Capt. Tom Mefferd, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the County. Following up was County Board Chairman, Robert Schillerstrom.

“How to Control Chaos...NIMS, The National Incident Management System” was the ominous title of the next seminar topic, with Lisle-Woodridge Fire Chief Tom Freeman speaking.

FEMA Speaker Opoka took the stage next with



sound advice: “Before You Can Help Others You Need to be Prepared.”
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From the President's Gavel

by Mike Wolff, AB9AX WCRA President



Greetings!

Well, fall is right around the corner, and looking at the calendar, a few things are quickly coming upon us. By the time this is published, the 2004 edition of the Glendale Heights parade will have passed, and Labor Day weekend will be fast approaching. I also wanted to remind you of two more opportunities that are coming up in October -- the Boy Scouts Camp-or-all, for which Bill Hollister has requested the club truck, and has arranged a special event call sign, and also the Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air event. Note that these are two independent, separate events. More details will be given at the September meeting, and published in the October Hamletter. I would encourage you to take the opportunity and participate in these events in the spirit of Amateur Radio, and in the spirit of just plain ol' fun!

The executive team remains at work for the club, which brings me to a point - Our custodian, as you may remember (Roberto, WA9E) did not run for re-election as the club custodian; however, he has agreed thus far to continue in the role until a successor has been found. It has been suggested to me that a written job description would be beneficial in helping prospective successors understand what the job is. I

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WCRA Staff

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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 Minutes from the August 6,
2004 Meeting**



**WCRA
Meeting
Minutes**

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

President **Mike, AB9AX**, called the meeting to order at 19:31. The board and all in attendance made introductions. **Joe, N9WRO**, and **John, N9MWF**, presented the program on Emergency Preparedness. **Dale, NJ9E**, lead laminated four-color, poster-size awards for Field Day participation. The business meeting was called to order at 20:58. Joe made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, John seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion carried. In the president's announcements, Mike thanked **Judy,**

N9TDU, for a generous donation to the club. Members showed their appreciation with applause. Vice President **Steve, N9OA**, gave his report, after thanking Joe and John for putting the program together at the last minute. (The original program had to be postponed a few days before the meeting.) Steve announced programs for the rest of the year including the Six-Meter Beam Antenna program in September, a Show & Tell session in October and an auction in November. Steve thanked **Pat, K9JAU**, for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Secretary **Mary, K9GAL**, presented applications for WCRA new membership. **Tom, N9WBW**, made a motion to accept the new members and **Paul, KA9RVS**, seconded it. The motion carried. Mary announced that updated rosters and membership cards were available at the front table.

Treasurer **Jack, KA9HEL**, gave his report. He thanked **John, N9NA**, for working on the filing of the club's taxes. In his report, Custodian **Roberto, WA9E**, said the Club is still in need of someone to run for the custodian position. He reported that a member had borrowed a piece of the club's equipment. He said he was still chasing down money allocated to the club for the tower going down. He reported that he hasn't been able to find medallions. A discussion about medallions and plaques followed. Jack and Dale offered to do research in these areas.

In Hamfest news, Mary reported that tickets have been printed and will be available at the next meeting. Public Service, Joe talked about the Glendale Heights parade planned for August 28. Lineup time is 1:30 p.m., the parade starts at 3:30 p.m. and the route is the same. He announced that the Club has received a donation from the Wheaton Jaycees for providing communications at the Wheaton Fourth of July Parade for many years. Members discussed the Camporall that will be held in Sandwich on October 9 and 10. The Club Truck will be there, and members were encouraged to participate. Training Classes Jack said the next class at College of DuPage would start September 27 if a minimum of six students enrolls. Field Day Dale did not have a report, but members gave him a big round of applause for the awards. Mike said that three elements had taken and passed the most recent Volunteer Exam session. Mike announced he had made changes to the Web Page and encouraged members to check it out. Tom made a motion to accept the reports, Joe seconded it, and the motion passed.

Under Old Business, the budget was discussed. In New Business, members mentioned interference they had been hearing on the 145.390 repeater. A member questioned John about the status on his request to put up a tower in Wheaton. John thanked everyone for their interest and support, and said he will let them know of future developments. Roberto asked why non-members' birthdays were being included in the Hamletter. No one had an answer.

Tom made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; **Don, K9VGN**, seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 22:52.

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After a short break, the Ham Volunteers and other Emergency Management attendees heard Chief Mefferd cover “Making the Initial Review of Damage After a Disaster”.

One of the most informative of the sessions followed with Com Ed and NiGas Emergency Service Experts reporting on how these utilities cope with their emergency events of power and gas outages.

After a Salvation Army provided luncheon, the “hands on” search and rescue training took place at Hidden Lakes Preserve for the CERT trained ham volunteers. A Will County Search and Rescue Team put the volunteers through the paces. The day wound up with more classroom training on Communications and Staging techniques.

On display at the site were OEM emergency vehicles, with antenna towers in place and equipment live. (See the photos)

Homeland Security/OEM officials are looking for more Volunteers from WCRA members as the new “Citizens Corps” organization develops.



FROM THE PRESIDENT’S GAVEL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

agree, and the executive team will work to put this together.

Unfortunately, Jack (KA9HEL), our treasurer has re-injured his back, just in time for a trip out to the western U.S., so he will not be joining us at the next meeting. I am sure your thoughts and prayers would be appreciated. Some good news is we have received a refund check from Traveler's Insurance for the remainder of the year. Remember, Jack worked out a deal for our insurance through State Farm to replace most of our insurance, at a cost savings of nearly 50% of what we were paying. This is a tangible amount of money, as you might imagine, and is a large part of the reason that we were able to come up with a balanced budget for this fiscal year.

I guess now is a good time to tell you that I will also be out of town for the October meeting, so I will leave the meeting in the capable hands of the Vice President in October.

73,

Mike - AB9AX

SEPTEMBER QST REVIEWED

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

Another whopping (180 page) issue of our “devoted entirely to AMATEUR RADIO” magazine, chock full of articles, ads, photos and news. The cover shows off an Audio Panel Interface built by K5AM, who describes himself as a hapirat (happy rat) because he's rid himself of the rat's nest of cables behind his transceiver. His real talent is getting his XYL to do all the wire wrapping. See pages 28-33.

HAM STATION ON THE USS INTREPID

Page 21 shows a great photo of the USS Intrepid, a WWII carrier, which is now tied up at Pier 86 on the Hudson River in New York City. A Ham Volunteer, W1BKR, runs the ship's radio room.

ANNIVERSARY WAS

Looking for a special award? ARRL is passing one out for WAS in the 90th Year of the Society. Read the details on Page 44-45.

NEATNESS COUNTS

Another idea for keeping the shack neat (besides having a wife who wraps cables) is “The Doctor is IN” suggestion to use platform casters to scoot your operating table. Good idea, Doc-see page 49.

TUNE IN TO TUNERS

Speaking of equipment, QST gives a review of “A New Generation of Balanced Antenna Tuners” on pages 60 through 66. Three manufacturer's tuners are covered in detail.

“HAPPENINGS”

This column gives a great review of the latest in BPL controversy. The bright spot is the fact that one Cedar Rapids ham is happy that the local field trial was discontinued. The FCC chairman is still convinced that BPL is a “win-win”. Hams don't share that opinion, from ARRL's David Sumner and the entire staff. This is on page 68.

SIX METERS FOREVER!

Three pages 77-79 are devoted this month to those of you who love this band. Summer antenna building has been at a feverish pitch to get ready for a reportedly great sunspot cycle this fall.

HAM RADIO ON A 1923 FARM

The man who invented a winch that attached to the “Fordson Tractor” was also a ham-and spent his wealth on building a fantastic station on his Pennsylvania farm. The story of his good fortune and his unique station is good reading. Some of our more mature members may have worked Harry Myers; his call was 8-BRC.

FEST CALENDER - PAGE 91

Don't miss those great Ham Fests-QST lists two and a half pages of them!

SCHOLAR PHOTOS

Bright-eyed and busy-tailed young men and women grace the magazine this month on pages 88 and 89. These are the recipients of ARRL Foundation Scholarships. Perhaps one of our young Club members could get one next year. All it takes is an application and that worthy person.



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

The Kings County Repeater Association and The Metropolitan 222 ARS will co-sponsor the activity of KC2RA, a Memorial Station on Governors Island, NY (NA-026), September 11th. Operations will take place between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM EDT (1500-2000z) on 28340 kHz, 21340 kHz, 14250 kHz and 7250 kHz (+/- QRM); also VHF/UHF if possible.

11 operators from JM1YGG, Mitsubishi Electric Tokyo ARC, will be active as FK/JM1YGG and FK/home callsign from New Caledonia between September 16 and 19. Operators will be JA1BAB, JA1IWP, JA1RNO, JA1RTG, JR1KHM, JI1EOP, JJ1EWN, JK1EBA, JA3RAF, JR3OET and JF3IPR.

They plan to operate on 10-80 meters CW, SSB and FM. There was no mention of digital modes. QSL via JM1YGG either via the bureau or direct to JM1YGG, Mitsubishi Electric Tokyo Amateur Radio Club, 2-1-1 Marunouchi, Tokyo, 100-8310 JAPAN.

Ely, IN3VZE is once again planning to be a trip to Africa and will operate as 7Q7CE from the southwest shore of Lake Malawi. Look for him to be QRV on 10 through 160 meters from September 9 to 23. You can QSL via the bureau or direct to his home call IN3VZE, Ely Camin, Corso 3 Novembre 136/2, 38100 Trento, ITALY.

Fred, WW4LL and John, K4BAI, will be on the air from Bonaire, December 8th through December 15th as PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/K4BAI. They will also be QRV from as PJ4Z during the ARRL 10-Meter Contest. Look for Fred and John to be active on 10 through 160 before and after the contest, as well as 6 meters. All QSLs via K4BAI.

AA4NN, Joe, and W4GMY, Chuck, will operate from two separate CW stations in Swaziland from November 17-22. They will be QRV as 3DAØNN and 3DAØCG on 10 through 160 meters. Starting on November 24 they will set up a station in Mozambique for a multi-single effort (10-160) in the CQ World Wide CW DX Contest using a callsign yet to be assigned.

Once again four members of the Western Washington DX Club will be hitting the DX trail, this time to VP5 land. Roger, W7VV; Ralph, VE7XF; Rick, KT7G and Dick, K7BTW will operate the 2004 CQWW CW contest from VP5JM's location on Providenciales Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands. During the contest they will be operating as VP5W and outside of the contest, from November 21st through November 30th, they will use VP5/home calls. QSL VP5W to W7TSQ, outside the contest QSL to home calls. Outside the contest the concentration will be on WARC bands and 6 meters with CW, SSB and digital modes.

Franz, DL9GFB will be heading to Africa on October 7th. First stop will be Namibia (V5). He will then head to St. Helena (ZD7) on October 11th, via ship. The trip will take about 3 and half days between Walvis Bay, Namibia and St. Helena. After operating from ZD7 he will go back to V5 for a few days of activity.

Willi, DJ7RJ and Klaus, DJ4SO will be on the air from the Seychelles beginning October 3, 2004 for 2 or 3 weeks. They will be operating as S79RJ (DJ7RJ) and S79SO (DJ4SO) on 6 to 40 6 meters CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Use of the 80-meter band has not been authorized but they will be requesting permission to operate on 80 meters during weekends (3505 +/-). QSL via home call.

Tad, JF6OJX is now living and working in Shanghai, China and is often active as BY4AOH, especially during weekends on CW. BY4AOH is one of the Amateur Radio stations of the Shanghai Radio Sports Association, which has 3 element yagi for 10, 15 and 20 meters and a ground plane for the lower bands. The station can also operate on 12 and 17 meters, but not 30 meters at the moment. Tad will soon put up a new wire antenna for 40 and 80 meters. He is planning to obtain an interface for RTTY for activity on this digital mode. The QSL cards for BY4AOH should be sent to BY4AOH's address, do not send to JF6OJX. Tad plans to be in China for the next couple of years.

Pierre-Marie Calvet, HB9DTM/F6FNL is now QRV from Burundi. He's been there since mid-August and his paper work has come through; callsign 9U6PM. It is valid for six months, so he expects to be on the air until February. He has a TS- 450 rig to a six-element log periodic and a folded dipole. He will be on SSB first because he forgot to take along his electronic keyer. He will be asking friends back home to send one to him because Burundi is much needed on CW - and RTTY as well. He's also trying to get a RTTY interface from home. He does not yet know what his typical operating schedule will be. QSL via his home address:

Robert, 3B9FR has been very active on RTTY lately from Rodrigues Island. Watch 15/17/20 meters between 1400-1700z and after 0230z (on 20 meters). He has no QSL manager. QSL direct to: Robert Felicite, P.O. Box 31, Citronelle, Rodrigues Island, VIA MAURITIUS ISLAND, INDIAN OCEAN.

Longtime English DXer Laurie Margolis, G3UML, is joining an October DXpedition to Lord Howe Island (VK9L), organized by VK4FW and the Oceania DX Group. A team of Australians, Italians, and now one Englishman, will arrive on Lord Howe on October 9th for a well-equipped two week operation. I hope to have full details next month. G3UML has been active since 1965 and holds DXCC completed and full 5BWAZ, as well as much contest experience.

IOTA

IOTA frequencies -

CW 28.040 24.920 21.040 18.098 14.040 10.114 7.030 3.530

SSB 28.560 28.460 24.950 21.260 18.128 14.260 7.055 3.765

George, K3GV, will be active until September 12th as K3GV/VY2 from Prince Edward Island (IOTA NA-029, CIA PE-001). Activity will be on 15 and 20 meters around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign.

Lanny, W5BOS will be active from Pulap (Pollap) Island (OC-155), West Chuuk in the Federal States of Micronesia as V6O from October 18 to 23. QSL via N6AWD.

Mike, G8VHB will be on the air as SV8/G8VHB from Santorini Island (EU-067) from September 14-30. Activity will be on 20 and 40 meters with some 6 meters if the band is open. He will be running 100 watts and inverted V antennas on HF.

EU-136 in Croatia (9A), will be put on the air by Antonello, IN3YGW and Claudio, IN3DEI through September 6th.

Tom, WA6WPG will be operating from Santa Barbara Island (NA-066) over the September 25-26 weekend. He will be using solar panels and two large batteries. Tom expects to be able to run 100 watts both days on 10-80 meters on CW and SSB. The call sign will be WA6WPG/P. QSL direct or via the bureau to WA6WPG.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Canfield, OH: 20 Over 9 and MVARA Radio Clubs, W8F. 1400-0200Z daily Sep 1-Sep 6. 158th Canfield Fair. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Allan Avnet, AB8AA, 2050 East South Range Rd, New Springfield, OH 44443. www.qsl.net/20over9/w8fair.htm.

Tacoma, WA: Radio Club of Tacoma, W7J. 2200Z Sep 3-1900Z Sep 6. First BSA Washington State Jamboree "WashJam." 147.28 14.260 7.260 3.910. QSL. Radio Club of Tacoma W7DK, PO Box 11188, Tacoma, WA 98411.

Argonia, KS: Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society of Wichita, KS, KC0AHN. 1400Z Sep 3-2000Z Sep 6. Airfest (sponsored by Klodubusters). 28.365 21.365 14/265 7.265. Certificate. Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society, Randy Wind, N0LD, 13038 SW 186th St, Rose Hill, KS 67133-8559. www.ourtownusa.com/~bears/.

Piqua, OH: Piqua Amateur Radio Club, W8SWS. 1400Z-2200Z Sep 4. Piqua Heritage Festival-- celebrating Piqua's rich history. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Susan Popp, 1411 Nicklin Ave, Piqua, OH 45356.

Stroudsburg, PA: Pocono Amateur Radio Klub and Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association, W3PRK/N3IS. 1400Z-2000Z Sep 4. Pocono Garlic Festival. 7.250. Certificate. Dave Haney, W3SJ, RD 1 Box 1250, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. www.qsl.net/w3prk.

Heston, IN: NorthWest Indiana Skywarn, K9NWI. 1000Z Sep 4-0500Z Sep 5. Labor Day Steam Show. 28.500 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Bernie Gawronski, 951 North 100 West, Chesterton, IN 46304.

Laguna Woods, CA: Leisure World Amateur Radio Club, W6LY. 1700Z Sep 4-2100Z Sep 5. Celebrating the 40th Birthday of Leisure World, Laguna Woods. 28.380 14.250 7.250 14.070 PSK. Certificate. Ernie Senser, 3031 Calle Sonora Unit B, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

Newark, DE: NERDS, NY3C. 0000Z Sep 4-2300Z Sep 6. Only Revolutionary War battle fought in Delaware at Cooch's Bridge. 21.270 14.270 7.270 3.870. Certificate. Gene McDowell, NY3C, 1705 Godwin Dr, Newark, DE 19702.

Paradise, AZ: Cochise Amateur Radio Association, K7RDG. 1800Z Sep 4-1600Z Sep 6. 25th anniversary Trek to Ghost Town of Paradise, AZ. 21.307 18.115 14.305 7.230. Certificate. Cochise ARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1855.

Schaumburg, IL: Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, N9RJV. 1300Z Sep 4-0300Z Sep 7. Septemberfest. 21.340 14.250 14.035 7.250. QSL. Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 68251, Schaumburg, IL 60168-0251. www.n9rjv.org.

San Bernardino, CA: Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, W6A-W6O. 0000Z Sep 4-2400Z Sep 12. 5th annual Route 66 On The Air. 28.466 21.266 14.166 7.266. Certificate. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. www.qsl.net/w6jbt.

New Philadelphia, OH: Tusco Amateur Radio Club, W8ZX. 1300Z-1800Z Sep 5. Harry Clever Field Aviation Fly-in and the Wright Flyer. 14.300 7.250 3.950. Certificate. Tim Ashcraft, 502 Oakdale Dr, Dover, OH 44622. www.noard.com/tuscoarc.htm.

Parsons, WV: Mountain State Transmitters Amateur Radio Club, W8T. 1400Z-2000Z Sep 5. The Tucker County Hick Festival. 14.235 14.050 7.235 7.050. Certificate. Mountain State Transmitters Inc, PO Box 1492, Elkins, WV 26241.

Paterson, NJ: Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. 1200Z-2200Z Sep 9. CQ Labor Day from Great Falls. 28.460 14.260. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Hebron, CT: NARL, W1H. 1600Z Sep 9-0200Z Sep 12. Amateur Radio promotion for the general public. 28.385 21.350 14.260 7.235. Certificate. Ronald F. Cady, 110 Four Mile Rd, West Hartford, CT 06107. www.narl.net.

Rochester, MN: Rochester Amateur Radio Club, W0U. 0000Z Sep 9-0000Z Sep 20. Rochester MN Sesquicentennial. 28.380 21.380 14.280 7.280. QSL. W0U Rochester 150, c/o Chuck Gysi, N2DUP, PO Box 142, Rochester, MN 55903-0142. www.RARChams.org.

Findlay, OH: Findlay Radio Club, W8F. 2200Z Sep 10-1900Z Sep 12. 65th Annual Findlay Hamfest. 147.15/75 14.300 7.250. QSL. Bill Gaines, 624 S Main St, Bluffton, OH 45817.

West Alexander, PA: Washington Amateur Communications, WA3COM. 2200-0300Z daily Sep 10-Sep 12. West Alexander Fair. 21.300 14.250 7.275 3.975. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

Boulder, CO: Boulder Amateur Radio Club Kids Auxiliary, K1D. 1600Z-2200Z Sep 11. BARC/JR has been getting young hams on the air for 11 years! 21.310 14.310 7.310. Certificate. Richard Weingarten, 1133 Northridge Dr, Erie, CO 80516.

Hermitage, MO: Old Hickory ARC, KØA. 1300Z-2100Z Sep 11. Hermitage Fall Festival. 18.115 3.963 147.180 147.060. Certificate. Richard E. Hut KCØFDF, PO Box 96, Wheatland, MO 65779.

North Judson, IN: Starke County Amateur Radio Club, W9JOZ. 1300Z-2100Z Sep 11. Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Open House. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Starke County ARC, 405 W Jackson St, Knox, IN 46534.
Roanoke, VA: Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. 1400Z-2100Z Sep 11. Commemorating N & W Steam Locomotives. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175.

Plattsburgh, NY: Champlain Valley Amateur Radio Club, W2UXC. 1300Z-1600Z and 1900Z to 2100Z Sep 11. The Battle of Plattsburgh Commemorative Weekend. ±14.270. Certificate. CVARC W2UXC, PO Box 313, Morrisonville, NY 12962.

Decatur, IL: Macon County ARES, K9MCA. 0900Z Sep 11-1600Z Sep 12. Special Olympics Weekend. 21.350 14.280 7.275. Certificate. Don Wright, 134 N Westdale Pl, Decatur, IL 62522.

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium: GDV Group (Club Station ON4GDV), ON60USA. 0800Z Sep 11-1800Z Sep 12. From the WWII American Military Cemetery, honoring the memory of all men who gave their lives in WWII. 21.250 14.205 14.044 7.044. QSL. Groupe-ment Radio-Amateur de Verviers, Rue des Prairies, 8, Verviers, Belgium B-4800. www.qsl.net/on4usa.

New York City, NY: New York City Transit Amateur Radio Club, K2IRT. 1000-2200Z daily Sep 11 and Sep 12. Centennial Celebration of the New York City Subway 1904-2004. 28.325 21.340 14.250 7.240. Certificate. Robert Lobenstein, NYCT-ARC, 333 W 53rd St, New York, NY 10019. roloben@nyct.com.

Brooklyn, NY: Kings County Repeater Association, KC2RA. 1300Z-1900Z Sep 12. September 11th Memorial Station from Owls Head Park. 28.340 21.340 14.250. QSL. KCRA, PO Box 285, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Rain date is September 19, 2004. kc2ra.org/special.htm.

Alexandria, MN: Runestone ARC, WØW. 1100Z Sep 13-2300Z Sep 24. Kensington Runestone Discovery. 21.070 14.250 14.050 7.200. Certificate. Bill Klundt, 509 Pine St S, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

Big Rock, IL: DeKalb County Amateur Radio Operators, W9P. 1300Z Sep 15-2100Z Sep 20. 110th Annual Big Rock Plowing Match. 28.390 7.245 14.275 7.115 CW. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, PO Box 341, Sycamore, IL 60178. www.w9icu.com.

Mena, AR: Ouachita Amateur Radio Association, W5HUM. 1300-2000Z daily Sep 17 and Sep 18. Lum'n Abner radio program and 100th anniversary of museum building. 21.300 14.250 7.235 3.895. QSL. OARA, 268 Polk 36, Hatfield, AR 71945.

Freedom Township, OH: Portage Amateur Radio Club, KB8UUZ. 2100Z Sep 17-0200Z Sep 20. National POW/MIA Awareness Day. 28.375 21.375 14.235 7.245. Certificate. Tom Parkinson, 9992 State Route 700, Mantua, OH 44255.

Bennington, VT: Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club, N1B. 1300Z Sep 18-1700Z Sep 19. Bennington Antique Car and Motorcycle Show. 14.285. Certificate. Ken Lanoue, KB1GSZ, 30 East St, Bennington, VT 05201. www.classypages.com/sovarc/.

Sardinia, OH: USS Jurassic Star Trek and Amateur Radio Club, W8J. 1400Z-2100Z Sep 18. Tenth Anniversary of the USS Jurassic club. 14.280 gen portion 40/20/15m. Certificate. Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hamersville, OH 45130. www.qsl.net/k8ssj.

Slidell, LA: Ozone Amateur Radio Club, W5SLA. 1300Z-1000Z Sep 18. 40th Birthday of the Ozone Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.035 7.240. QSL. Ozone Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 553, Slidell, LA 70459.

Butler, PA: Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. 1300Z-1800Z Sep 18. Birthday of the Jeep. General bands 80 to 10. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003.

Luray, VA: Richmond Amateur Radio Club, K4R. 1000Z Sep 18-1600Z Sep 19. Richmond Amateur Radio Club Fall Expedition Event. 14.245 7.245 3.845 144.190 50.190. QSL. Richmond Amateur Radio Club Fall Expedition Event, PO Box 35279, Richmond, VA 23235. www.rarclub.net.

Waterloo, AL: Muscle Shoals Amateur Radio Club, W4JNB. 1400Z Sep 18-0200Z Sep 19. Commemorating the 1838 Indian "Trail of Tears" in SE USA. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. MSARC, PO Box 3782, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662.

Fredricksburg, TX: North Texas Renewable Energy Group ARC, W5S. 0000Z Sep 23-2359Z Sep 26.

Club will operate a solar powered station at TRE Roundup. 28.400 21.320 14.270 7.260. Certificate. Greg Hall, 18011 Old Preston Ct, Dallas, TX 75252.

Eldon, MO: Lake of the Ozarks Amateur Radio Club, W0W. 1600Z-2200Z Sep 25. Early Days Power and Tractor Show. 28.400 21.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. John Baremore, KC0CRO, 182 Bear Paw Cr, Camdenton, MO 65020.

Otsego, MI: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club, KC8ITU. 1200Z-1700Z Sep 25. 17th Annual Art Festival. 21.335 14.235 7.235. Certificate. ACARC, David Catalano, N8KQS, 3324 Pine Tree Dr, Allegan, MI 49010.

Springfield, IL: Sangamon Valley Radio Club, W9DUA. 1600Z Sep 25-2000Z Sep 26. 3rd Annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival. 14.280 14.250. QSL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, 1025 S Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. www.w9dua.com.

Tulsa, OK: Tulsa Amateur Radio Club, W5IAS. Sep 25. From Chandler Park, celebrating 80 years of service to the Tulsa area Amateur Radio community. 10 15 20m. Certificate. Tulsa ARC, 3701 Stevens Ave, Sand Springs, OK 74063. www.w5ias.com.

Fairmount, IN: Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. 1500Z-2200Z Sep 25. James Dean Country Where Cool Was Born and Car Show. 146.79 28.430 14.243 7.244. Certificate. L. B Nickerson, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. www.grantarc.com.

Milton, ON, Canada: Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VC3HCR. 1400-2000Z daily Sep 25 and Sep 26. 50th Anniversary of Halton County Radial Railway Museum. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON L5N 1X6 Canada. www.marc.on.ca. Non-Canadians, send 2 IRCs or Green Stamps to cover postage.

Springfield, MO: Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club, WØEBE. 1500Z-2300Z Sep 25. Vote for your favorite grilled picnic meat! 14.300. Certificate. Erik Weaver, NØEW, 4857 E Farm Rd 136, Springfield, MO 65809. www.smarc.org/k0g/.

APPROVED FOR DXCC

Effective immediately, the ARRL DXCC Branch will accept QSLs for operation taking place in the Somaliland (northwestern Somalia) and Puntland (northeastern Somalia) autonomous areas as well as the southern and central areas of Somalia. Operations possessing written permission from any recognized authority that is acknowledged to be in control of a particular region will be accredited. These QSLs will count for the Somali Democratic Republic (Somalia). QSLs for past operations will be accepted where proper documentation has been submitted. This is subject to change based on future developments in Somalia.

This change in DXCC policy was made as there is, at this time, no central government in Somalia. In addition Wayne mentioned that the 6OØX (1999 & 2002) and 6O1Z (1999) operations from Somaliland would count for Somalia for DXCC credit. Somaliland is just one of the provinces that make up Somalia. The thinking here is that Somaliland is a part of Somalia, as recognized by most governments and worldwide agencies. Somaliland has been trying, for several years, to succeed from Somalia.

CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
13ØØz	Sept. 4	AGCW Straight		
16ØØz	Sept. 4	Key Party	40	CW
		www.agcw.de		

ØØØØz	Sept. 4	All Asian		
2359z	Sept. 5	DX Contest	160-10	SSB
13ØØz	Sept. 4	IARU Region 1		
1259z	Sept. 5	Field Day	160-10	CW
ØØØ1z	Sept. 5	FISTS Straight		
2359z	Sept. 11	Key Week	All Bands	CW
23ØØz	Sept. 6	MI QRP		
Ø3ØØz	Sept. 7	Labor Day Sprint	160- 6	CW
		www.qsl.net/k899/miqrp/miqrp/htm		
14ØØz	Sept. 8	YLRL		
Ø2ØØz	Sept. 10	Howdy Days	40-10	SSB/CW
		www.qsl.net/ylrl		
ØØØØz	Sept. 11	WAE		
2359z	Sept. 12	DX Contest	80-10	SSB
		www.waedc.de		
16ØØz	Sept. 18	Washington		
Ø7ØØz		Salmon		
16ØØz	Sept. 19	Run	160- 6	SSB/CW
2359z				
		www.wwdxc.org		
ØØØØz	Sept. 19	North American		
Ø4ØØz	Sept. 19	Sprint	80-20	CW
ØØØØz	Sept. 25	CQ WW RTTY		
2359z	Sept. 26	DX Contest	80-10	RTTY

Remember that no contesting takes place on WARC bands

DX POTPOURRI

Bob, AP2JZB has been reported lately putting Pakistan on 17 meters around 1530z. QSL direct.

Paul, ST2PN works for the UN World Food Program in Sudan and is usually active from Khartoum as time permits. QSL direct via PA7FM.

Acho, TJ1AD in Cameroon has been QRV on 20 meters around 23ØØz. QSL via operator's instructions.

Clark, N5XX is currently signing as YJØXX on Vanuatu for a few months. He uses mostly CW on 40, 30 and 20 meters. He plans to visit various islands in the New Hebrides. QSL via W6YOO.

30 meter DXers have reported A61Q of the United Arab Emirates regularly around 0200z.

The husband and wife team of Lot,DJ7ZG and Babs,DL7AFS will be in Bosnia & Herzegovina from September 2 through 12. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS.

Harry, GØJMU is back in Malawi as 7Q7HB for at least three months. Look for him on 21.325 just before 1800z. QSL via GØIAS. Les, 7Q7LA should be going back out to join Harry this month.

The Aland Islands will be represented by the callsign OH0I in the CQWW SSB October 30-31, with a group of Latvians operating. They are YL1ZF, YL2KL, YL2LY and YL3CW. YL2KL will return for the CW weekend November 27-28 to go single operator. QSL both via OH3BHL.

Ari, OH5DX will also be on from Aland in both modes as OHØZ, single operator both times. QSL to his home call, OH5DX. His former callsign was OH1EH. His web page is www.qsl.net/oh0z.

Rafat, YI1HXXH in Iraq can usually be found on 20 meters SSB from 1900 to 2100z.

Thanks to Bernie, W3UR and his Daily DX Bulletin, Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW and the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin., WA7BNM Contest Calendar and the ARRL for information used this month.

Some humor in place of a long list of anchors that you'al forgot to send me curtesy of Cybersalt Beat.

While waiting in line at the bank, a coworker developed a very loud case of hiccups. By the time he reached the teller's window, the hiccups seemed to have worsened. The teller took my friend's check and proceeded to run a computer verification of his account. After a minute she looked up from her terminal with a frown and said that she would be unable to cash his check.

"Why not?" my friend asked incredulously.

"I'm sorry, sir," she replied, "but our computer indicates that you do not have sufficient funds to cover this amount. As a matter of fact," she continued, "our records show your account overdrawn in excess of \$5000."

"It CAN'T be!" he cried. "You have GOT to be kidding!"

"Yes, I am," she answered with a big smile, counting out his cash. "But you will notice that your hiccups are gone."

THE BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF SEPTEMBER

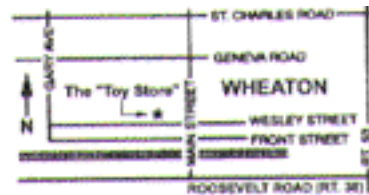


JOHN	WB9VGJ	09-01-40
JUDY	N9TDU	09-02-37
VICKIE	KA9OEB	09-04-20
CARL	N9GZR	09-04-24
JACK	KA9HEL	09-05-33
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2nd: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 3rd: 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 just east of Washington Street.. Classroom #138 is on the first floor at the rear of the building on the west side. This month's program will on Six-Meter Beam Antennas .
- 7th: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Resturant, Glen Ellyn
- 15th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR October. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 18 & 19th: **Radio Expo 2004** at the Lake County Fair Grounds Rts. 45 & 120 Grayslake. Sat 8-4; Sun 8-3
- 23rd: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - September 3rd - 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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