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THE END OF AN ERA



Photos by Larry, KA9KDC

Recently several members of the club gathered at Bartel's Expert Wrench at Gary and St Charles Road to empty the club truck of its contents in preparation for selling the vehicle. After the recent clutch failure, the club took a vote on whether it wanted to continue attempting to keep the truck in running order and useful to the club for emergency needs, public serviced events, or as a recruiting tool in the community. The club membership voted to cease repairing the vehicle and if possible attempt to sell it through various means. At this writing the truck is up on eBay at auction. We wish her well in her new future.

Meeting News

Bruce Plantz, K9OZ

October

The October meeting will be held one week late, on October 14 in the Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College. We are forced to push the meeting back a week due to a conflict with the college, so our apologies to disrupting everyone's routine.

We have an excellent program on the hobby of scanning – that's listening to everything from police dispatchers to the floor help at your local Wal-Mart on a wide range of equipment. Rich Carlson, N9JIG, of CARMA, the Chicago Area Radio Monitoring Assn., will present our program. It should be interesting, informative and fun.

Meeting again is October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

November

In November we're going to try something slightly different by combing two popular programs – the Show (Continued on Page 4)

WCRA Staff

Elected Officers

President	Peter	N9HDW
Vice President	Bruce	K9OZ
Secretary	Mary	K9GAL
Treasurer	Ken	N9HQ
Custodian	Kurt	KB9RTO

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Field Day	Dale	NJ9E
Field Day	Peter	N9HDW
Hamfest	John	WT9Y
Refreshments	Bruce	K9OZ
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Membership Retention	Robert	N9XS
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VHF/HF Awards	John	N9MWF

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WCRA Repeater Administrative Board (RAB)

Chairman	Don	N9NYX
Secretary	Doug	W9NJM
Member	George	KA3HSW
Member	Larry	KA9KDC

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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From the President's Gavel

by Peter, N9HDW WCRA President

Emergency Preparedness certainly has been in the news recently with the hurricanes damaging the Gulf States. Many hams have been helping on site in the affected areas and back at home, passing messages, and volunteering in other ways. It's a moment to reflect, both on the needs of the affected, and on how well each of us is prepared: as persons, family members, and as amateur radio operators. I've spent some time inspecting my radio setups, and making some long overdue repairs, getting better setup for the quick call. I've wrestled with whether to register for the ham operators emergency deployment relief effort, and been listening a lot more on the air. Perhaps you've done similarly. If you sense the Call, I encourage you.

In a similar vein, the club has been pro-active better preparing itself to serve the community and the club members. At the September club meeting, the new Mission Vision Statement was passed by all. We are already acting to start implementing the directions outlined in that. The general membership also voted at the same meeting to confirm the Executive Board vote to not spend any more money repairing the club truck and to dispose of it. As I write this, the truck is up on eBay in a 10 day auction to close October 5. Sept. 10, several members helped remove the club gear from the truck and into a storage unit, so the truck could be ready to sell.

At the September Executive Board (EB) meeting, the Repeater Administrative Board (RAB) presented its recommendation for the club's repeaters for the next year. If you'd like to give input on this, please plan to attend the next EB meeting Wednesday 10/26/05 7 PM at my QTH: 1555 Orchard Road,

Wheaton, or provide your comments to any Board member (RAB or EB) in advance.

At the same EB meeting, a budget for fiscal 2005 was approved. This will be presented at the club meeting October 14, 2005 for general membership approval. This will help us be financially responsible and direct our monetary resources effectively.

We are looking for a volunteer to lead the Vehicle Definition Task Force. This club member would chair a short term (likely 2 months) ad hoc committee to define what the club needs in a vehicle,
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WCRA Minutes from the Sept. 2, 2005 Meeting



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

President **Peter N9HDW** called the meeting to order at 1930. He asked members to take a moment to pause and reflect on victims of Hurricane Katrina. As members introduced themselves they answered this question: “What you are doing or hope to do to encourage youth to participate in amateur radio?”

Before the minutes of the August meeting were accepted, Peter said they should be amended to include his announcement thanking **Bruce K9OZ** for organizing

the club picnic. **Steve N9OA** made a motion that the August minutes be accepted with that correction, **Marty N9NTM** seconded the motion, and it passed.

In president’s announcements, Peter said the next Executive Board meeting will be held on Sept. 21 at his QTH. Main topics on the agenda are a plan/proposal for the Repeater Administrative Board and the budget. He said there are open positions on the Vehicle Definition Task Force and for Membership Chair. He reported on the picnic, and thanked **Tom N9CBA** and friends for presenting an excellent program on Fox Hunting. He reminded members there would be a vote on the club’s Mission Vision Statement later in the meeting. He let them know another vote would be taken on the club truck disposal proposal. He concluded with news that a web team is being formed. He said **Tom N9WBW** will chair the team and anyone interested in serving on the committee should talk to Tom during the break.

Vice President Bruce said **Paul Sexauer K3VIX** is giving the program following the business meeting and break. Paul said his topic would be Antenna Theory (and a little bit of everything). October’s meeting will be held a week later than usual on Oct. 14, and the program will be on CARMA. Bruce asked members for assistance in finding a new meeting place (with more affordable rent). **Bob W3MDM** volunteered to help out on the search. Treasurer **Ken N9HQ** gave a budget report, and said he is considering moving money from checking to the money market account.

Custodian Kurt KB9RTO was absent, but sent a report that was given by Peter and Steve. Peter said the club is looking for a place to store all of the club equipment. The facility should be dry, lockable and accessible. Speaking for Kurt, Steve said he had a sign-up sheet for volunteers willing to help move the club’s equipment from the truck into a storage space on Sept. 10. Peter announced that a MFJ antenna analyzer is still missing from truck inventory. Anyone with information was asked to contact Kurt.

In Health & Welfare, Peter announced that **Robert N9XS** has moved. He congratulated members who have birthdays in September. Hamfest **John WT9Y** said he is planning on having a committee meeting in the next two to three weeks. John asked anyone interested on being on the committee to see him at the break. Public Service **Joe N9WRO** reported on the last event of the year—the Glendale Heights parade. He said a lot of the same people worked at the parade, and he would like to figure out ways to get different people interested in these events. Hamletter **Don N9NYX** asked anyone who did not receive the e-mail notice about the newsletter to let him know.

Marty made a motion that reports be accepted, Steve seconded, and it passed.

In old business, Peter asked members to accept the Mission Vision Statement proposed by the Executive Board. He summed up how copies had been made available to all members. Peter made a motion

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and Tell and Auction – into one program. So bring anything you'd like for show and tell, that fancy radio, that little radio, that special key, etc., etc and be prepared to talk about it for a minute or so.

In addition, bring some of the goodies on the bottom shelf of your shack for our annual auction. You can have the same item in both, you can talk about it in Show and

Tell, and then put it up for auction. These programs have always been good for quite a few laughs and for the astute buyer, a few great bargains.

November will meet on our regular evening, Friday, November 4, at the Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College.

December

Yes, December. We are having a December meeting on our regular meeting night of the first Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Dessert and Rag Chew – two topics that are always popular with hams. We want this to be a social meeting, similar to the picnic, which was a big hit. Along those lines, we're encouraging members to bring along XYLs and Harmonics. We ask that people bring a desert – a pie, a bag of cookies, etc, to share. The club will provide soft drinks and coffee. The format will basically be everyone sitting around, sharing desert and stories, with some special surprises.

We'll also have a demonstration radio or two running showing some different modes of operation and other interesting stuff.

We'll be making a strong effort to get a big crowd for this meeting – a short business meeting and plenty of time to talk, eat and have fun.

If you're thinking we can't sit around tables eating cookies at our meeting location at Wheaton College, you're right. Starting in December we're moving our meeting location to the First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. The church is in central Wheaton at the northwest corner of Jefferson and Ellis streets. There's lots of parking, easy access, and a multitude of room sizes and configurations. For December we'll be in the Fellowship Hall, with access to a kitchen (for coffee) and plenty of room and tables. Starting in January we'll move into a smaller classroom, similar to what we've been using at the college.

We'll have more details on the new location in coming months. We're excited about the new location. This will put an end to us moving our meeting dates to accommodate conflicting schedules.

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and whether it needs one at all. We have several members who have volunteered to be on the VDTF, but need a leader. The VDTF does not have to get a vehicle. It just has to talk to club members, gather information, and compose a definition of what a vehicle is supposed to do, what it is supposed to have in it, and what configuration it should be (trailer, truck, size, etc.). If you're interested in exploring this important opportunity to lead this important direction setting effort, please

contact me or any club officer. We'd like to get this started right away. You could be done by Thanksgiving Day!

In an effort to reduce the cost of club meetings, we are changing venues from the Wheaton College classroom where we have met for several years to a new location commencing in December 2005. We'll hold a

December meeting on Dec. 2, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, 715 N. Carlton Ave., Wheaton, IL. This will be primarily a fun social gathering, replacing the

Christmas Party we have held in the past. (See more about this meeting in Bruce K9OZ's announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.) We have arranged for meeting at the church on the first Friday's of the following months into 2006. We are hoping to have less schedule disruption with the new venue, too.

Some upcoming things in the club should be noted. Our Hamfest is less than 4 months away. The Hamfest committee is meeting getting things prepared. If you are interested in helping, contact John WT9Y and let him know of your skills or interest. Soon we'll all have the opportunity to sell tickets for the Hamfest. This is our only fundraiser each year. Our entire operations are funded through the Hamfest proceeds, member dues, and donations. So let's all consider how we can make our Hamfest a success. Perhaps you can sell tickets, help setup on Hamfest Eve, be a door guard at Hamfest itself, or help tear down. Perhaps there are other ways you can contribute. Share your ideas and service offers with John or any member of the Hamfest Committee. hamfest: selling tickets, staffing, hamfest committee, 4 months

Jamboree on the Air is coming the weekend of 10/15/05 and 10/16/05. This is an international opportunities for Scouts (Girl and Boy) worldwide to experience the joy of talking with each other through Amateur Radio. Consider offering your service to the local troop in your area by offering a visit to your ham shack, or joining them at a meeting or campout to help them contacts far-away scouts on the air. I am awaiting the reply from my local troop at my church regarding my invitation. The youth you help today might be the ham op of tomorrow.

73 de n9hdw,

Peace,
Peter

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that club members accept the Vision Statement. John seconded the motion, and it passed. Peter presented service awards to Steve for serving as Vice President of the club and **Robert N9EF** for serving two terms as club secretary.

In new business, Peter gave background information about the Truck Disposal proposal. On behalf of and with the endorsement of the Executive Board, Peter placed before attendees for approval by the general membership of the club, the Executive Board's decision to dispose of the club truck by selling it, donating it, or designating it for salvage, as may be timely and cost-effectively achieved. Tom N9WBW seconded the motion. The floor was open for discussion, and everyone was given a chance to voice opinions. The question was called, and the motion passed.

Marty made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Don seconded, and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Could this be a good place to advertize an anchor you have for sale?

QST GIVES (MOUNTAIN) TOP POSITION ON COVER TO “UPWARDLY MOBILE” STORY

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

If you belonged to The Colorado 14ers Club, you'd have a “back pack” mobile. You'd need it to take your portable rig up a Colorado mountain of 14,000 feet or more – then you'd get a chance to work some super VHF DX. Last year club members climbed Mt. Antero (14,229 feet), but the August 2005 site was not named. We hope they pick an easier site in 2006 (Mt. Evans and Pike's Peak are available by car.) The record 2-meter DX was 551 miles into a transmitting point in South Dakota. The article is on page 49 and their website is www.14er.org.

New “Mobile” Book from ARRL

On page 12 a new book, “Amateur Radio on the Move”. After reading it you will have all the answers to questions about these methods: auto, truck, maritime, motorcycle, RV, aeronautical, and backpack. That's seven, not even counting bicycle. There are multiple contributors, all with varied experience in their respective specialties. The website that will bring you a closer look at it is arrl.org/shop. It is announced on page 12—no price tag is given

Award Winners from the Midwest

On page 46 and 47 you'll find the names and pictures of three ARRL Award winners. A 17 year old from Raytown, MO, Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT, won the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award. She received a plaque and a \$1,500 check.

The other two Midwest honorees were Chicago suburbanites. Rich Davidson, K9RD, of Lake Forest, won the Herb Brier “Instructor of the Year” Award. A Libertyville man, Jerry Martin, KC9BDA, won the “Silver Antenna” Award for assisting in an ARRL public relations project. He helped put together the story of how ham radio assisted in the December 2004 Tsunami disaster. Congratulations to all!

School Club Roundup 2005

Every year we hear about a School Radio Club that has a great time in the Annual “Roundup”, when Club members all over the country get on the air in February. It is a great way for young people to get acquainted with the hobby. Page 103 highlights the 2005 activity of 57 different schools and comments from participants. When you read about it, you'll wonder why WCRA can't find a school club in this area to help participate. An Elmer assignment for all of us!

Morse Code Debate Continues

Update yourself on the code or no-code debate by reading “Happenings” on page 75. Italy and Canada are the latest countries to join the no-code column. The smart money says the FCC will okay “no Morse” to operate below 30MHz.



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

Ron, WB2GAI will be operating from Crete Island (SV9) from September 26th until November 10th. Look for activity on 10 through 80 meters on CW. He will be using Force12 vertical dipoles. QSL via the bureau.

Serge, F6AML plans to operate from both Reunion Island (FR) and Mayotte (FH) this month. As you read this, he is currently on Reunion Island until October 9th. Next he will go to Mayotte between October 10th and 14th before going back to Reunion for more activity until October 23rd. He'll be using an FT857D and antennas will be a

MA5V vertical, R7 vertical and dipoles. Activity will be on CW and SSB on 10 through 40 meters. Suggested frequencies

are as follows:

CW - 7014, 10115, 14014, 18071, 21014, 24892, 28014

SSB - 7057, 14266, 18140, 21266, 24966, 28444

Serge will be QRV especially during his mornings and evenings. Plans were to have special callsigns for these operations, however they were not available as this was being written. Keep an eye on the DX Clusters for the prefixes mentioned above. QSL cards go via F6AML though the bureau or direct. Remember one US \$ is not enough for postage from France to USA. Direct requests will need two dollars (\$2.00) or one IRC.

9M6DXX is the new East Malaysia callsign for Steve Telenius-Lowe, G4JVG. He's not active with this five-year license yet, staying as he is in a rented apartment while having a house built. He may be able to get on from time to time and hopes to go to the Coastal Islands, Group, OC-133 for some IOTA action. QSL to Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527,88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

Charles, S9SS has gotten conditional written permission to operate from 7100-7200, in addition to the 7000-7100 privileges he already had on Sao Tome. Now he will be able to be more effective working North America on 40 SSB. Look for him between 7150 and 7200.

Carl Smith, N4AA, Editor/Publisher of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine, announced that the 2005 Most Wanted survey conducted by The DX Magazine is now available at: <http://www.dxpub.com>

Carl states, "Please let all of your DXer friends know about the survey. The more input we get, the better the results. Deadline for response is October 15, 2005. Click on the survey notice at the bottom of the home page and submit your 'needs'. Please be careful when marking the boxes for your Continent and/or USA TIME ZONE. Marking the wrong box will invalidate your response. The complete results will be published in the Jan/Feb 2006 issue of The DX Magazine, with a breakdown by mode in the Mar/Apr 2006 issue. The Top 100 will be posted to the web site in mid-January 2006."

NEWS FOR THE UPCOMING DX CONTEST SEASON

W7EJ is putting his super station CN2R, Morocco, back into action in the CQWW CW this fall, 80M single

band. Look for him DXing beforehand and afterward, November 22-30. QSL via W7EJ.

Jack, N2VW says it's time to announce his 2005 trip to VP5, Turks and Caicos, for the CQWW SSB. Jack will be joined by Frank, WA2VYA October 25-November 1. Their callsign in the contest will be VP5T, from the VP5JM contest station. Before and after they will concentrate on CW and the WARC bands signing VP5/home calls. QSL those to their home calls. QSL VP5T to N2VW, with SASE or SAE plus return postage, as is standard.

AA3B will be manning V26K, Antigua, November 23-28 including the CQWW CW. It will be an all-CW operation. He will be single op all band low power in the CQWW. QSL via AA3B.

Jim Neiger, N6TJ also known as ZD8Z, will sign his original 9Y4AA call in the CQWW CW contest from Tobago in November. Jim moved to Trinidad in 1969, after 15 months on the air as ZD8Z on Ascension island, and he won both modes of the CQWW that year, a rare accomplishment at the time. Jim will be single op all band as he continues to go for a major DX contest win in a fourth decade. He will be back at ZD8Z a month later, where he will be 20M single band.

QSL both his operations via VE3HO, Garth Hamilton.

Bob, W9XY and Steve, K9WD will operate stroke HI7 from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic October 16-22 with two separate stations. They'll be on CW and SSB, 40-10M, possibly some 6. They'll be at "the all-inclusive Sunscape 'The Beach' resort." Look for them in the evenings. QSL to their home callsigns, direct or bureau.

J3A will be in the CQWW SSB from Grenada. Harry, AC8G and Kelly, NØVD, will be making all the noise from this one. Total time on the air will be from October 26 to November 1. Before the contest action AC8G will sign J37K, NØVD is still waiting to see what call he'll have. In addition to the traditional bands, they'll get on 17 and 12 and possibly 6.

IOTA

Members of the Purple Mug Team DX Group (PMTDXG) will activate the Island of Alderney (EU-114), the most northerly island of the Channel Islands group, from Wednesday, October 12th to Wednesday, October 19th. A group of four amateur radio operators from around the U.K. will be operational on all bands, SSB, and hopefully, some satellite activity. They hope the first calls will be made during the evening of the 12th; most probably on 80/40 meters. Worked All Britain (WAB) and Lighthouse activity may take place depending on the availability of portable power supplies/generator. Further information is available from: dave@g1ocn.com Skeds are welcomed and encouraged. Callsigns and QSL route(s) are: GU5XW via G5XW, GU1OCN via G5XW, MWØJZE via G5XW and MU3SDE via M3SDE. For more information, see individual callsigns on QRZ.COM. Also, visit the PMTDXG Web page at: <http://www.pmtdxgroup.co.uk>

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

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

5X1B - Uganda, for August 3-12th, 2005
KH9/AH8H - Wake Island, for operations in 2003 and 2004
TT8BZ - Chad, for March 31st through August 23rd, 2005

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Oct 1, 1300z-1700z, Anamosa, IA. Jones County Amateur Radio Club, N0CWP. 17th Annual Pumpkinfest and Weight-Off. 14.260 ± QRM. Certificate. Jim McClintock, 301 Vine St, Morley, IA 52312.
- Oct 1, 1300z-1900z, Coalwood, WV. Pocahontas Coalfield ARC, W8C. October Sky Festival--Rocket Boys. 21.340 14.250 7.245 3.870. QSL. David R. Sexton, AB8D, PO Box 65, Maybeury, WV 24861.
- Oct 1, 1300z-1900z, Temecula, CA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 11SR 16-07, KN6PR. USCG Auxiliary 66th Anniversary. 14.350 7.250. QSL. Joseph R. Terrazas, KN6PR, PO Box 2289, Temecula, CA 92593.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2100z, Harlem, GA. Columbia County Amateur Radio Club, W4O. Annual Oliver Hardy Festival. 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Dean Maples, 1053 Blackfoot Dr, Evans, GA 30809.
<http://ccarc.hamradioman.com>.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2200z, Flowery Branch, GA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary D7Div2, W4A. Canadian and United States USCG Auxiliary Anniversary. 21.360 14.285 7.275 3.875. QSL. Albert Miles, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2300z, Pass Christian, MS. US Coast Guard Auxiliary/Mississippi Coast Amateur Radio Association, W5P. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 66th anniversary special event. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. Glover Hayden, PO Box 415, Pass Christian, MS 39571.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2300z, Wilmington, NC. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N5S. 66th anniversary USCG Auxiliary. 28.305 21.360 14.265. QSL. Dan Caywood, 9001 River Rd, Wilmington, NC 28412.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2300z, Ashland, VA. USCG Auxiliary Division 3, 5th District SR, N4I. USCG Aux Event celebrating ISAR 2005 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. 28.410 21.400 14.260 7.250. QSL. Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. www.ccg-a-gcac.org/isar2005/english/home/index.asp.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2300z, Coram, NY. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K2K. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 66th Anniversary. 28.630 21.345 14.320 7.280. QSL. Larry R. Cohen, K2KGB, 15 Canterbury Dr, Coram, NY 11727.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2300z, Hyattsville, MD. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A/K3UAL. 66th Anniversary USCGA. 28.350 21.340 14.280. QSL. Joe Saunders, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785.
- Oct 1, 1300z-2400z, Cincinnati, OH. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Div 5-8ER, W8E. 66th USCG and 25th Canadian CG Auxiliary anniversaries. 28.400 21.400 14.247 7.267. QSL. David F. Stroup, 6095 Drum Hill Ln, Milford, OH 45150-2275.
- Oct 1, 1400z-2100z, Media, PA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 66th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.
- Oct 1, beginning 1500z, Mobile, AL. Coast Guard CW Operators Association, NR4DL. 7th Annual Reunion from the Battleship Alabama. 14.052. QSL. KL7IBT, Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705. www.comm-one.org. Certificate for this and Sep 28-30 event.
- Oct 1, 1500z-2100z, McPherson, KS. McPherson Amateur Radio Club, W0TWU. Paying tribute to early traders on the Santa Fe Trail. 21.280 14.280 7.280 3.928. Certificate. Stan Stephenson, WD0EUF, 1428 Homestead Pl, McPherson, KS 67460. www.stjohnks.net/santafetrail.
- Oct 1, 1500z - 2300z, Green Valley, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. Historical Titan Missile

Museum using site discone antenna. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Gene Schouweiler, 214 N Crocodile Rock Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Oct 1, 1800z -2300z, St Thomas, VI. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N2A. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 66th Anniversary & ISAR 2005. 28.320 21.310 14.260. QSL. Deborah Thomas, PO Box 9280, St Thomas, VI 00801.

Oct 1-Oct 2, 1400z - 2100z, Middletown, RI. Newport County Radio club, W1SYE. 31st Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair--Family Emphasis. 21.350 14.275 14.071 7.245. QSL. Newport County Radio Club, Box 3103, Newport, RI 02840. www.qsl.net/w1sye.

Oct 1-Oct 3, 1700z - 0500z, Canoe Camp, ID. Clearwater Valley Amateur Radio Club, W7S. 200th anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment on the Clearwater River. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 145.520 145.490 146.520. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave, Moscow, ID 83843-3539. www.73se.com.

Oct 1-Oct 8, 1400z-2000z, Middletown, PA. Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, N3M. Celebrating the 250th anniversary of Middletown, PA. 14.270 7.265 3.755. QSL. Larry Robbins, W3CEI, 118 Grandview Ave, Middletown, PA 17057. <http://hrac.tripod.com>.

Oct 1-Oct 16, 1300z-2000z, Bedford, VA. Lynchburg ARC, N4J. Annual Thomas Jefferson Poplar Forest Home Special Event. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ed Narwid, W4OAF, 1799 Otter Hill Rd, Bedford, VA 24523. www.k4cq.net.

Oct 2, 1600z-2000z, Youngstown, OH. Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association, W8QLY. Boardman Oktoberfest. 28.480 21.340 14.265 7.265. QSL. MVARA, PO Box 2950, Youngstown, OH 44511. www.mvara.org.

Oct 2-Oct 9, 1900z-1500z, St George Island, FL. Tennessee Valley DX Association, W4I. St George Island, NA-085, Mini DXpedition. 10-80 m SSB CW PSK and RTTY. QSL. Via bureau or direct to Paul J. Pagano, WA4AA, 7725 Royal Harbour Cir, Ooltewah, TN 37363-9154. www.tvdxa.com.

Oct 7, 1200z-2400z, East Lansing, MI. Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, W8S. 50th anniversary of MSU College of Commercial Arts & Sciences. 20 m 40 m 145.39. QSL. CMARC, PO Box 27321, Lansing, MI 48909-7321. www.qsl.net/cmARC.

Oct 7-Oct 24, 0000z-2359z, Moorestown, NJ. Burlington County Radio Club, K2TD. BCRC 50th anniversary and Jersey Devil Special Event. General portions HF and VHF 80-2 m. QSL. K2TD, BCRC, PO Box 65, Fort Dix, NJ 08640. www.k2td-bcrc.org.

Oct 8, 1100z-2300z, Grandfather Mountain, NC. Goldsboro Amateur Repeater Club, W4GOL. 2nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Mile High Special Event. 144.200 50.125 21.325 14.280. QSL. Ray Lane, KD4FV, 612 Gloucester Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

Oct 8, 1200z-2359z, Belleville, MI. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. Boy Scouts Fall Camporee. 14.280 14.040 7.280 7.040. Certificate. N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. www.w8mrm.org.

Oct 8, 1300z-1900z, Lake Placid, NY. Northern New York ARA, N2Y. NNY Hamfest/Convention. 14.270 7.240 7.040. Certificate. Richard Sherman, WZ2T, 25 Pines Rd, Malone, NY 12953. www.nnyara.org/hamfest2005.htm.

Oct 8, 1300z-2200z, Rockford, IL. Boy Scouts of America, K9BSA. BSA Air Camp at Historic WWI WWII Camp Grant. 28.390 21.360 14.290 7.290. Certificate. Steve James, 10855 Ernest Dr, Marengo, IL 60152-9160. www.qrz.com/k9bsa.

Oct 8, 1400z-2000z, Robbinsville, NC. Smoky Mountains Amateur Radio Team, N4GSM. Anniversary of opening of Cherahala Skyway. 50.242 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 517, Robbinsville, NC 28771. www.main.nc.us/graham/smart/.

Oct 8, 1400z-2100z, Nowhere, KS. Douglas County (KS) Amateur Radio Club, W0UK. At the Midland Historical Association Railway southern terminal. 28.440 21.365 14.222 7.244. Certificate. DCARC--W0UK, 211 Pinecone Dr, Lawrence, KS 66046. www.w0uk.net.

Oct 8, 1400z-2000z, Sterling, VA. Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, K4NVA. Sterlingfest 2005. 14.260

7.240. QSL. SPARC, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167. www.qsl.net/sterling.
 Oct 8-Oct 9, 0801z-2300z, Tampa, FL. St Joseph Hospital Amateur Radio Club, W4TCH. Breast Cancer Awareness. 28.475 14.250 21.300 7.238. QSL. Morris Bernstein, 6507 La Mesa Cir, Tampa, FL 33634.
 Oct 8-Oct 9, 1200z-2400z, Carencro, LA. Acadiana Amateur Radio Association Inc, W5C. City of Carencro Centennial Celebration. 28.340 21.320 14.270 7.240. Certificate. Roland J. Guidry, NA5Q, 701 S Arenas St, Rayne, LA 70578-6311. www.w5ddl.org/w5c.
 Oct 8-Oct 9, 1600z-0300z, Menlo Park, CA. 12th Month, Amateur Radio-Technology Day, N6T, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. 14.240 14.044 7.240 7.044. QSL. David A. Cooper, 270 Redwood Shores Pky, PMB #41, Redwood City, CA 94065. www.fars.k6ya.org.
 Oct 8-Oct 16, 1200z-2100z, Ellijay, GA. Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, W4A. 34th Annual Georgia Apple Festival. 18.120 14.235 7.235 3.860 up 20 kHz from low edge of Gen SSB 80 40 20 17 and 15 m. QSL. Dave Meadows, PO Box 1371, East Ellijay, GA 30539. www.qsl.net/w4hhh.
 Oct 11-Oct 12, 1600z-2359z, Lewiston, ID. Lewis and Clark Amateur Radio Club, W7C. 200th anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment at Snake and Clearwater Rivers confluence. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 146.880. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave, Moscow, ID 83843-3539. www.73se.com.
 Oct 15, 1700z-2000z, Hillsboro, MO. Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club, KB0TLL. Great Ozark Chili Cook Out. 147.075 14.250 7.245. QSL. Roy Nelson, KA0UMJ, 8080 Hwy 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050.
 Oct 15, 1000z-2300z, New Concord, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8S. Ohio's S-Bridges. 14.260 7.235 7.245. QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8VP, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. www.w8vp.org.
 Oct 15-Oct 16, 1400z-2200z, Dahlonega, GA. North Georgia Amateur Radio Club, W4QQ. Dahlonega Gold Rush Days. 14.260. QSL. NGARC, 150 Hickory Nut Trl, Dahlonega, GA 30533.
 Oct 15-Oct 16, 1400z-2200z, Standish, MI. Ogemaw-Arenac Amateur Radio Society, K8OAR. Arrival of Polar Express at Standish Historical RR Depot. 21.350 14.270. QSL. OAARS, PO Box 4358, Prescott, MI 48756.
 Oct 16, 1700z-2359z, Los Gatos, CA. Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club, N2RDT. 16th anniversary of the Oct 17, 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. 147.54 52.00 14.250 7.250. Certificate. David Katinsky, 25570 Radonich Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95033.
 Oct 22, 1300z-1900z, Ferrum, VA. Franklin County Amateur Radio Club, W4FCR. Celebrating the 2005 Blue Ridge Folklife Festival. 146.520 50.150 14.300. QSL. Paul Johnson, KD4MB, 257 Lindsey Ln, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.
 Oct 22, 1400z-2200z, Brainerd, MN. Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club, W0UJ. BAARC celebrates 40 years of community service. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. BAARC, PO Box 801, Brainerd, MN 56401. www.brainerdham.org.
 Oct 22, 1430z-1830z, Randleman, NC. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, NC4AR. 17th Annual NASCAR Days Festival. 14.268 7.268. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370. www.qsl.net/nc4ar.
 Oct 22, 1500z-2200z, Chicago, IL. Metro DX Club, W9TY. Commemorating the Club's 25th anniversary. 21.320 14.320 7.250. Certificate. Metro DX Club, 5045 Oak Center Dr, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. n9lah@arrl.net.
 Oct 22, 1400z-2200z, Palestine, TX. Palestine/Anderson County ARC, K5PAL. Hot Pepper Fall Festival. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. David Carnathan, 504 S Micheaux, Palestine, TX 75801. www.pacarc.org.
 Oct 28-Oct 31, 1300z-2100z, Sycamore, IL. Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club, W9P. Commemorating Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. SSB 14.265 7.265 CW 14.042 7.042. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. www.kish-club.org.
 Oct 29, 1400z-2400z, Mountain View, AR. Stone County Amateur Radio Club, K5B. Annual Beanfest & Outhouse Races. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Willy Peake, 600 Pepperbox Rd, Mountain View, AR 72560. www.k5b.info.
 Oct 31, 1600z-2400z, Brevard, NC. Transylvania County Amateur Radio Club, K4HXZ. Halloween in

Transylvania County. 28.335 21.365 14.295 7.237. Certificate. TCARC, PO Box 665, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768.

Oct 31-Nov 1, 0500z-0500z, Frankenstein, MO. Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club, W0O. All-Saints Day/Halloween. 21.378 14.315 7.233 3.943. QSL. Keith Haye, WE0G, 70 NW 601 Rd, Centerview, MO 64019-9228. <http://waarci.dyndns.org>.

Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special-event stations offering them, send your QSO information along with a 9?12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope to address listed in the announcement. To receive a special event QSL card (when offered), be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope along with your QSL card and QSO information.

CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
0000z	Oct 1	TARA Fall Classic		
2359z	Oct 1	PSK Rumble	80-6	PSK31
1500z	Oct 1	European		
1859z	Oct 1	Autumn Sprint www.qsl.net/eusprint	80/40/20	SSB
0800z	Oct 1	Oceania		
0800z	Oct 2	CX Contest www.oceaniadxcontest.com	160-10	SSB
0700z	Oct 2	RSGB 21/28		
1900z	Oct 2	Contest www.rsgbhfcc.org	15/10	SSB
1400z	Oct 5	YLRL		
0200z	Oct 7	Anniversary Party www.ylrl.org	All Bands	CW
1500z	Oct 8	European		
1859z	Oct 8	Autumn Sprint www.qsl.net/eusprint	80/40/20	CW
1700z	Oct 8	FISTS		
2100z	Oct 8	Fall Sprint www.fists.org	80 – 10	CW
0800z	Oct 8	Oceania		
0800z	Oct 9	CX Contest www.oceaniadxcontest.com	160-10	CW

ØØØØz	Oct 9	North American	
Ø4ØØz	Oct 9 Sprint		
14ØØz	Oct 14 YLRL		
Ø2ØØz	Oct 16 Anniversary Party	All Bands www.ylrl.org	SSB
Ø7ØØz	Oct 16 RSGB		
19ØØz	Oct 16 21/28 Contest	15 & 10 www.rsgb.org	CW
ØØØØz	Oct 29 CQ Worldwide		
2359z	Oct 30 DX Contest www.cqww.com	160-10	SSB
ØØØ1z	Oct 29 10-10 Int'l		
2359z	Oct 30 Fall Contest www.ten-ten.org	10	CW/Digital

DX STRAYS

ST2T is on from Sudan with S57CQ, Dane, operating. He's there for another year with 14,000 QSLs in the log so far. QSI via S57DX.

Gibraltar can be hard to find on the air. ZB2/ON5UR, ZB2/ON5MRT and ZB2/ON6NP will be on SSB and digital October 27-November 3 including the CQWW SSB. QSL via ON5UR. These guys call themselves "The United Radio DX Team." More info: <http://www.on5ur.be/UR.htm>

Ian, ZD8I's stay on Ascension has been extended until June, 2008. QSL via G4LTI direct or bureau. Ian has a web site, <http://www.zd8i.net>.

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

Have you planned where you are going to sell 30 tickets for the Hamfest this year?

OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

JOHN	N9LIN
GERALD	WB9WBN
STEVE	N9OA

Remember that if you do not see your birthday on this monthly list it is because the FCC stopped including this piece of data several years ago and the editor does not have your information in his database. If you would like to see your birthday appear here please forward your information to the editor.

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I was among a team of Yavapai County ARES/RACES members that went to Phoenix Thursday to help with amateur communications at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the state fairgrounds where a little over 600 New Orleans evacuees are being housed. Here is a blurb I posted to one of the Lucent newsgroups I belong to. Feel free to share this with the WCRA members.

73,

John, WB9VGJ

I spent Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix as an amateur radio communications volunteer. The shelter has a little over 600 evacuees from New Orleans. I thought I'd share some impressions I got from the experience.

First, I, and other operators with me, were very surprised at the apparent high spirits of the vast majority of evacuees. The few I had direct contact with were all extremely friendly and pleasant to talk to. In observing so many of them all day, I was impressed with how they seemed to be handling such a traumatic experience.

The Red Cross is very strict on privacy of the evacuees. No one calling in is given any information on any individual. Phone messages are taken, along with a callback number, and a note posted on a bulletin board so evacuees can see if any friends or relatives have called to contact them. Many folks were coming to the Coliseum to take evacuees out to eat or somewhere else. These were friends and relatives. The Red Cross will not confirm the presence or absence of any evacuee, but will page for them. The person(s) coming to take them out can only wait to see if the person shows up.

Security is tight. The number of police officers and armed military personnel is very high. Evacuees can come and go, but must sign out and back in. They are issued a photo ID card when they first arrive and if they go out and lose it, it is extremely difficult for them to get back in. They have to go through metal detectors when they first come to the shelter and when they come back after leaving the building. We volunteers did not have to go through the security check.

The strangest thing, though, was the smoking deal. One exit was open to allow access to an exterior stairway used for the smoking section. Police barricade tape was put up at the top of the stairwell to prevent them from leaving and military guards were about 20' away as this was adjacent to the south entrance to the building.

Anyway, they were supposed to sign out to go out and smoke and sign in when they came back. There was a Red Cross volunteer at the sign-in table, but he wasn't making anyone sign in or out. I spent most of my day near there and notice some folks faithfully signed in and out and some didn't. There was also a written note on the table giving the maximum time anyone could stay outside at a given time. That wasn't being enforced. One couple asked me, when the RC volunteer wasn't there, if they had to sign out to go smoke and I told them no; I said I wouldn't do it if I was a smoker. :-)

Families with children had their cots in a separate part of the building away from the main group of folks. This is probably appreciated by those who don't have kids. :-)

When getting fed, we all had to sanitize our hands in the chow line. An RC volunteer pumped some anti-bacterial gel on our hands just before we got our food. One kind for the women, one for the men.

There are numerous agencies and folks providing all kinds of service to the evacuees. Many evacuees were filling out job applications for the job openings many companies are making available to them. One agency was helping them find area housing.

Overall, it was just amazing to see all the various agencies and volunteers and how many people it takes to handle all the duties and logistics of a shelter. We can be glad the Red Cross has so many volunteers. The AZ Department of Public Safety, in addition to providing state police personnel for security, had a trailer set up so folks could get an AZ driver's license. The amount of clothing and other items that had been donated was amazing to say the least.

Here are some of the pictures I took:

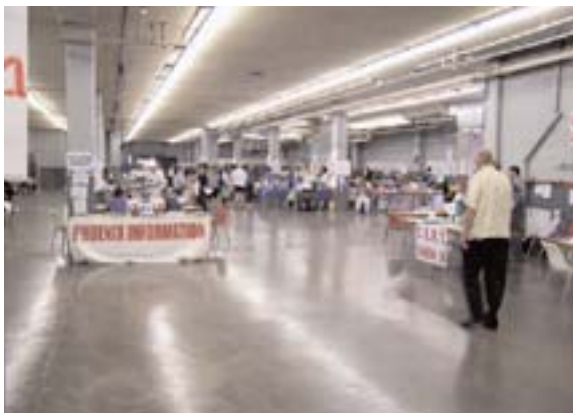
73,

John, WB9VG



The team of amateurs I was with from Yavapai County (I'm in the middle) (I discovered you should really not try to get five people in a Chevy Lumina - the County provided the vehicle. Luckily, I was in the front seat and I barely had enough leg room there.). From left to right: W7JLC, AB7NK, WB9VGJ, KC7TIL, AC7HP:

The main floor of the Coliseum



Lunchtime

Area where various organizations offered information and services





The radio room where net control for amateur radio operation was located

The smoking 'lounge' with signin table in foreground



Finalist in the
“Last Photo I Ever
Took”

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4th: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 6th: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 14th: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in **classroom #138** in the Billy Graham Center. This is not a function of Wheaton College. The Billy Graham Center is located on the South side of Seminary Avenue across from Old Main just east of Washington Street.. Parking just to the East of the Billy Graham Center due to construction of a new power plant behind the Center. Classroom #138 is on the first floor at the rear of the building on the west side. Program will be on the hobby of scanning-that's listening to everything from police dispatchers to the floor help at your local Wal-Mart on a wide range of equipment.
- 20th: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS** for September. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 27th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting -October 14th, 2005 -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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