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MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE, WCRA IS CHANGING THE MEETING LOCATION FOR ITS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEET- INGS. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

November to combine show-and-tell and auction

November

In November we're going to try something slightly different by combining two popular programs – the Show 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

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.

We're moving in December

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.

WCRA Staff

Elected Officers

President	Peter ,	N9HDW
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Secretary	Mary ,	K9GAL
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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 Repr

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club which would focus on that aspect of the hobby. I'd be interested in meeting with those interested in IRLP or satellite, for example. And of course, have fun. It's a great hobby we share!

73 de n9hdw.

Peace,
Peter



From the President's Gavel

by Peter, N9HDW WCRA President

Thanksgiving Day is a month away. Our club has many things for which to be thankful. Some of these are friendships, diversity of skill and interests, and how well our club runs when each member contributes and shares. And there has been much of that this year. I am thankful for the renewed spirit and enthusiasm that seems to be spreading through the club.

I'm very thankful for our Executive Board who has been meeting monthly since April, and really digging in to address a variety of topics to help our club to thrive. Take a moment and extend your thanks when you see them or catch them on the repeaters or Sunday evening net.

I'm very thankful for the club members helping in so many ways: newsletter, repeaters, public service, nets, field day, hamfest, etc. You are the heartbeat of the club.

And while not related to ham radio, I'm thankful the Sox won.

Thanks for your insights, help, enthusiasm, and patience this year as we've addressed several subjects to make the club thrive. The difference is refreshing.

Remember to come to the Friday December 2 club meeting which will be in lieu of a separate Christmas Party. Bruce K9OZ has more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, please sell Hamfest tickets. We're only 3 months away from our Hamfest which is the only fund raising event we sponsor each year. Bruce K9OZ is the ticket person so to see. And Todd KC9HKN is the Volunteer Coordinator. Be sure to let him know how you will help during Hamfest weekend (1/22/06).

Our next Executive Board meeting is Tuesday November 15, 2005 at 7 PM at my QTH. All club members are welcome. Let me know if you are coming.

Last, it's a good time to think about amateur radio things that you'd like to do with 2 or more other club members. Perhaps you'd like to form an Interest Group in the

WCRA Meeting Minutes from October 14



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

Taken by Janie Gallina AE9JG for Secretary Mary James K9GAL

The meeting was called to order by President **Peter N9HDW** at 1930. Introductions were made, with Peter asking members and guests to answer the question: "What mode and/or band of amateur radio operating would you like to try that you have not yet?" The majority of members wanted to try satellite.

Under President's Announcements, Peter covered the following: The next Executive Board meeting will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at his QTH, and that all members are invited, especially those interested in giving input on what the club wants in its repeater service. Chairmen are

needed for the Vehicle Definition Task Force and New Membership. The club truck was sold for \$1,075. Vice President **Bruce K9OZ** and **Mary K9GAL** are absent due to a family emergency.

The Vice President's report was given by Peter in Bruce's place. The next club meeting slated for Nov. 4 will be Show & Tell and auction. In lieu of the usual Christmas Party, there will be a holiday meeting on Dec. 2 First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, 715 N. Carlton Ave. The Secretary's Report was given by Peter in Mary's place. A new member application was presented for vote by club and accepted. The new member is **William Ponall KA9WLS**, Lee, Illinois, sponsored by **Roberto WA9E**.

Treasurer **Ken N9HQ** gave a report. Custodian Report was given by **Kurt KB9RTO**. The Club truck has been sold and buyer will pick up title and truck on Oct. 25. Club lettering on side of truck will be removed before title transfer. Several club members gathered on Sept. 9 to clear out club gear from the truck in preparation for sale. Kurt said the missing club MFJ analyzer may have been found.

Happy Birthdays this month went out to **John W9LIN**, **Gerald WB9WBN**, and **Steve N9OA**.

Under Public Service, **Joe N9WRO** said First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton is sponsoring a Sleep Out for the Homeless overnight Saturday, Nov. 5 into Sunday morning Nov. 6. The church has requested radio-equipped Watchers to provide perimeter security for the members of the congregation who will be sleeping outside on the church lawn to experience a bit of what it's like to be homeless for a night. Need three persons per shift: 6 to 9 p.m., midnight to 3 a.m., and 3 to 6 a.m. Signup sheet is being passed around, Joe said.

In **Tom N9WBW**'s absence, Peter gave the Web Team report. Team has formed and begun meeting, has procured service through West Host of Utah. Will be establishing update processes so regular postings such as Hamletter can be performed.

Hamfest Chair **John WT9Y** reported that major positions are filled. The next committee meeting will be Nov. 6. A Saturday visit to the site is being arranged. Tickets have been printed but are not present tonight. John will notify people how to get them shortly.

Representing the Repeater Administrative Board, **Larry KA9KDC** said the 220 machine is off the air due to failure. The RAB is investigating. The 2-meter machine okay. 440 machine apparently had a power interruption, but is fine now. Executive Board approved \$300 allocation request for lightning protection gear for the 2m machine.

Motion passed to accept the reports as given.

In general announcements, Ken announced the Club had placed Fourth in ARRL Field Day 2005 contest in 8A with approximately 6,000 points. First place 8A had over 10,000 points.

Old Business: On behalf of the club, Peter presented **Jack KA9HEL** with a plaque in appreciation for his service as Club Treasurer 2003 to 2005.

New Business: Peter presented the 2005 budget the Executive Board had drawn up and approved at the Sept. 21 Executive Board meeting. Approximately \$6,400 in expenses and about the same for income, not including the truck sale proceeds. Motion to confirm and accept the budget presented, by Steve with second by Joe, was passed.

Carol KB9FYL and Larry advocated the RAB request for allocation for the 2m repeater lightning protection gear needed to be approved by the club per the By-Laws, even though the Executive Board had approved it. Peter purported such vote was not required by By-Laws, but to be sure entertained a motion by Joe, seconded by **Marty N9NTM**, to confirm and approve the allocation. The motion passed. Peter invited interested parties to examine current By-Laws at the break, after the club meeting before the program session tonight, to clarify this.

Motion to adjourn passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

QST SCORES A HIT WITH REPORTS ON KATRINA DISASTER

Jim Ward, W9DHX, reviews articles of special interest in November Issue

UP TO THE MINUTE REPORTS

For a monthly magazine, QST has done a great job of timely stories of “behind the scenes” work by ham communicators. Page 43 starts “The Katrina Chronicles” with dramatic photos and narrative of hams in action. Page 49 gives a complete Transcript of ARRL’s President Haynie’s “Message to Congress” on the work done by Emergency Volunteers from the Ham service. Even the cover illustration highlights the “eye of the storm.”

On page 12 the Editors tell their story of how they collected the data. The state section managers played an important role in organizing the relief efforts with the Red Cross and other agencies.

“THE HAM’S ESSENTIAL TOOL KIT”—CHECK IT OUT!

How does your tool kit look? Don Daso, K4GSA, takes page 63 to tip you off on how to update yourself. He also lists two website that could help you out: www.jensentools.com or Micro Mark—www.micromark.com. These catalogs will offer you lots of ideas.

NEW WRINKLE IN BPL SYSTEMS FROM MOTOROLA

“POWERLINE LV” is the name chosen by Motorola for their new BPL entry. Unlike other BPL system sponsors, Motorola’s team went to ARRL before they put their designers to work on the project. Now on page 85, ARRL Headquarters gives a report on a test of their developed product. So far, no interference on ham bands has been found. The principal staff engineer is Dick Illman, AH6EZ. Stay tuned, as it may be a winner.

FATHER OF RADIO” CONTROVERSEY GETS HELP

We’ve always considered Marconi as the “Father of Radio”. If you live in Russia, it is a different story. They consider A. S. Popov, a Russian scientist, as “Big Daddy of the Air Waves.” A Page 20 story tells about “Amateur Ambassadors” who have attempted to build a bridge between the two positions on the discovery. How? The self-styled “Ambassadors have presented a “Marconi Pioneer Award” plaque to the new St. Petersburg Museum bearing the Popov name.

ANTENNAS ANYONE?

Page 21 describes a 160 foot tower put up for KG4FRZ in Tennessee. He called in a 22 ton skyhook crane to get it going with five different antennas. (The Wheaton Zoning Board wouldn’t like that height)

If you need a new 2-meter antenna, turn to Page 66 for “Fox Finder”. It comes complete with a handle for aiming at the fox. The parts are all locally available except for the aluminum tubing, which can be ordered from Texas Towers.

For apartment dwellers, MFJ is offering a “balcony/window mount” antenna—see Page 70—that covers from 80 to 6 meters. It is rated at 200 watts.

And if you seek a low profile with your antenna, the page 31 article is for you. It features a “stealth” wire antenna plan. The author gives you five pages of advice on getting top performance out of a “hidden wire.”

**WE NEED
YOU
TO SELL HAMFEST
TICKETS**

**November is the club
auction but you
could still advertise
an anchor here!**



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

Kimo Chun, KH7U, and another unnamed radio amateur, are to go to Palmyra on November 5th for two weeks. They will be conducting the annual maintenance and repairs to the island electronics for "The Nature Conservancy". They are also going to install two, BiggIR 6.9 to 54 MHz verticals kindly donated by the NCDXF and SteppIR. Another tower is also to be installed. This is another phase in constructing two amateur HF stations on the island. Though access to these stations may be very limited, it is hoped that it will lead to more and regular operations from this rare DX entity. Palmyra is first a pri-

vately owned (Cooper Island) scientific research station and wildlife sanctuary (the rest of the islets and surrounding waters.) In their spare time they will try to operate one or two stations on SSB/CW/RTTY. It is not known if operations on 80/160 will be made. It may not be possible to take or erect an antenna on this trip. Please QSL via published QSL Managers for the respective operator or by their direction on the air. KH7U/KH5 is via AH6NF.

A multi-national team is heading to Malyj Vysotskij Island (MV Island) during mid to late November, including the CQ World Wide CW DX Contest. They expect to land on November 15th and will set up equipment for 10-160 meters and 2 meters scatter. They will not be QRV on 6 meters as their license does not include 50 MHz. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Before the CW WW CW, they will be QRV as R1MVW. During the Contest they will operate as R1MVC in the multi-multi category. This will be the first time ever an operation has taken place from MVI during the CQ WW CW.

For equipment they will be using three FT1000MPs, three TS850SATs, two 1.5 KW amps and two 1KW amps. Four generators will be used. For antennas they will be using a 25 meter high Inverted L on 160 meters, multi band (30-160) vertical for 80 meters (20 meters high), quads for 12, 17, 15, 20, 30 and 40 meters and a 5 element yagi for 10 meters. Team members will include: DL3DXX, DL5LYM, IW9BBX, LA8AJA, LA9VDA, OH5LID, OH5NE, RA1AR, RA2FW, RA6LBS, RK3FA, RN9XA, RU1AS, RV1CC, RV1AC, RV2FW/1 (team leader), RX1CQ, RX1AX, UA2FB, UA2FF, UA2FM, UA2FZ and UA9XC. The sponsors for this DXpedition are NCDXF and R-Quad (antennas and towers). The team plans to have a Web page at <http://www.r1mvi.com/>. It is currently under construction.

They are still looking for additional support. Anyone donating 100\$ will be listed on the QSL card. Also a special color QSL will be available for anyone donating \$5 with their QSL card. QSL info is via DK4VW for direct cards or via the UA2 QSL bureau.

The "Worldwide Antarctic Program" (WAP) has announced that the 3rd Antarctic Activity Week will be held February 20-26th, 2006. The AAW is a way to highlight worldwide interest in the Antarctica as a land of study, research and peace, with its main objective as knowing more about the icy Continent, as well as to share and promote initiatives among Hams, Antarctic hunters, World- Wide Antarctic enthusiasts and supporters. Visit the WAP Web page at: [http:// www.ddxc.net/wap](http://www.ddxc.net/wap)

Bhagwati, VU3BPZ continues to be very active from the Indian Maitri Base (WAP IND-03), Antarctica, for the XXIV IAE (Indian Antarctic Expedition). He is generally around (+/- QRM) 21.275 after 1400z and 14280 kHz between 1700-2000z. Bhagwati is the Communication Officer at the Base and is there during their win-

ter with a team of 25 people. They will stay at Maitri until the end of March 2006. QSL manager is VU3MKE. Please notice that the address on QRZ.com is incorrect. The new address is: Mr. Manoj Kumar Dhaka, Trupati Valley No 7, D-Lane, Kewal Vihar, DEHRADUN, Uttaranchal-24001, INDIA. His E-mail address is: manojdhaka@yahoo.com

Personal and researchers are ready to leave October 19th to participate in the XXI Italian Antarctic Expedition. They will be heading to the Italian base "Mario Zucchelli Station" (MZS) at Terra Nova Bay (near the U.S. McMurdo Base) in the Antarctica. Activity is expected again to begin in November and last through February 2006. The scheduled frequency is 14.280 kHz (+/- QRM). More information will be available on the WAP Web site listed above

DXCC NEWS

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports he has had problems with the DXCC email address (dxcc@arrl.org). Bill has a one working day turnaround on all mail and he even checks mail in the evenings and weekends from home and often when he travels. The problem has been fixed. If you have emailed the DXCC Desk within the last six weeks or so and not received a response please resend request to Bill.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now - Feb 28, 2006, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. The Rotary Club of Midrand, ZS1ØØRI. HF/VHF/UHF. QSL. Via QSL manager Craig Bergsteedt, ZS6CKB, Halfway House, Midrand, Gauteng 1685, South Africa.

Nov 3-Nov 6, ØØØØz-24ØØz, Whitefish Point, MI. Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, N8F. Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald. 14.260 21.360 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard A. Barker, W8VS, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116. www.qsl.net/w8njh.

Nov 4-Nov 7, 2ØØØz-Ø4ØØz, Split Rock Lighthouse (near Two Harbors), MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association, WØJH. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Shel Mann, NØDRX, 1618 W Pine St, Stillwater, MN 55082. www.radioham.org.

Nov 4-Nov 8, Knokke-Heist, Belgium. UBA Section ONZ, ØØ4CLM. Canadian Liberation March/Canadian Week. SSB and CW 80 40 20 17 15 10 2 m bands. ØØ4CLM Special Event, Postbox 1006, B-8300 Konokke-Heist, Belgium. www.on4clm.be.

Nov 5, 15ØØz-2ØØØz, Rocky Point, NY. Radio Central Amateur Radio Club, W2RC. 75th Anniversary of RCA Transatlantic Wireless Transmission. 14.260 14.050 7.260 7.030. Certificate. Radio Central ARC, PO Box 396, Centereach, NY 11720. www.rcarc.org.

Nov 5-Nov 6, 13ØØz-23ØØz, Moscow, PA. Northeast Pennsylvania Special Event Club, KV3T. 85th anniversary of pioneer broadcast radio station, KDKA. 21.240 14.240 14.045 7.240. QSL. David Samsell, W3LOW, 923 Clearview Rd, Moscow, PA 18444. <http://kv3t.tripod.com>.

Nov 10-Nov 13, 15ØØz-2ØØØz, Arlington Heights, IL. Armored Force Amateur Radio Net, KA9NLX. To honor the memory and efforts of military veterans. 18.095 14.325 7.283 7.030; conditions permitting 28.640 21.375 7.298. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Nov 11, Ø4ØØz-23ØØz, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ

Veterans Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Nov 11, 1300Z-1900Z, Butler, PA. Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. Celebrating Veterans Day from the Butler VA Hospital grounds. 14.280 7.250. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003. <http://qsl.net/w3udx>.

Nov 11, 1330Z-1930Z, Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance, W8USA. Veterans Day from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. 14.250 14.040 7.250 7.040. QSL. MARA, PO Box 670, Comstock Park, MI 49321-0670. www.w8usa.org.

Nov 11, 1500Z-2330Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. Veteran's Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm.

Nov 11-Nov 12, 2200Z-2200Z, Philadelphia, PA. Warminster Amateur Radio Club, K3DN. Union League of Philadelphia. 14.300 7.250 3.800. Certificate. Tony Simek, N3YNH, Warminster Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 113, Warminster, PA 18974. www.k3dn.org.

Nov 11-Nov 12, 1400Z-2100Z, Topeka, KS. SCSWARC and KVARC, N0G. Veterans Day. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.200. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, 2503 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

Nov 11-Nov 14, 2300Z-0600Z, San Antonio, TX. San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. Coral-Gold II--San Antonio Radio Club's 86th birthday party. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Steve Cerwin, WA5FRF, 1619 CR 270, Mico, TX 78056. www.w5sc.org.

Nov 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Roseland, NJ. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, K2GQ. 60th anniversary of the Rosland ARC. 146.52 21.345 14.260 7.245. Certificate. Harvey Moskowitz, W2YWC, 7 Burlington Rd, Livingston, NJ 07039. www.qsl.net/k2gq.

Nov 12, 1400Z-2000Z, South Padre Island, TX. CHARRO Amateur Radio Club, W5CRC. "Return of the Snowbirds" to South Texas. 28.330 14.330 21.330. Certificate. Bob Austin, W5CRC, 107 W Park Dr, Brownsville, TX 78521. www.qsl.net/w5crc.

Nov 12-Nov 14, 1700Z-0200Z, West Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association, W2ZQ. 75th anniversary of the DVRA. 14.275 7.275 3.975. QSL. DVRA, PO Box 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628. www.w2zq.com.

Nov 13, 1500Z-2200Z, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. Anniversary of the Loss of USS Juneau and the 5 Brothers. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703.

Nov 19, 1500Z-2100Z, Guthrie, OK. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, K5EOK. Oklahoma Statehood Day in original State Capital Building. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 48, Edmond, OK 73083. www.k5eok.org.

Nov 20-Nov 26, 1600Z-0400Z, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Murgas ARC, K3YTL. Centennial of Rev Joseph Murgas

wireless overland transmission. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. May request certificate or QSL. Murgas ARC, PO Box 1094, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. www.qsl.net/k3ytl.

Nov 25, 1400Z-2200Z, Provincetown, MA. National Park Service, W1P. 107th anniversary of the loss of the Steamship Portland. 14.260 14.050 7.260 7.050. QSL. Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club KM1CC, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Rd, Wellfleet, MA 02667. www.nps.gov/caco/heritage/Portland.pdf.

Nov 26-Nov 27, 0000Z-2400Z, All Call Areas, USA. Ten-Ten International, W6OI. Celebrating 43 years and 75000 members. 28.340 28.400 CW and PSK. QSL. Jack Moore, K5CC, 371 Ridge Creek La, Bulverde, TX 78163. www.10-10.org. (Certificate for working all call areas.)

Nov 26-Nov 27, 1400Z-2000Z, Plymouth, MA. Whitman Amateur Radio Club, WA1NPO. The first Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts. 18.140 14.280 7.250 3.890. Certificate. Whitman ARC, PO Box 48, Whitman, MA 02382. www.wa1npo.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 9x12 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
0200Z	Nov 2	ARS QRP		
0400Z	Nov 2	Spartan Sprint	80-10	CW
		www.arsqrp.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules_new.html		
0600Z				
1000Z	Nov 5	Int'l Police Assn ARC		
1400Z	Nov 5	CW Contest	80-10	CW
1800Z		www.iparc.org		
1200Z	Nov 5	Ukrainian All Mode		
1200Z	Nov 6	DX Contest	160-10	CW/SSB/RTTY
		www.sk3bg.se/contest/ukrdxc.htm		
2100Z	Nov 5	ARRL		
0300Z	Nov 7	CW Sweepstakes	160-10	CW
		www.arrl.org/contests		
0600Z				
1000Z	Nov 6	IPARC		
1400Z	Nov 6	Phone Contest	80-10	SSB
1800Z		www.iparc.org		

ØØØØz	Nov 12	Worked All Europe		
2359z	Nov 13	RTTY DX Contest	80-10	RTTY
		www.darc.de/referate/dx/xedcwr.htm		
Ø7ØØz	Nov 12	Japan Int'l		
13ØØz	Nov 13	DX Contest	80-10	SSB
		http://je1cka.jzap.com/jidx/		
12ØØz	Nov 12	OK/OM		
12ØØz	Nov 13	DX Contest	160-10	CW
		http://okomdx.crk.cz/g.html		
12ØØz	Nov 19	Bulgarian		
12ØØz	Nov 20	DX Contest	80-10	CW/SSB
		http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/lzdxc.htm *		
21ØØz	Nov 19	ARRL		
Ø3ØØz	Nov 20	Phone Sweepstakes	160-10	SSB
		www.arrl.org/contests		
ØØØØz	Nov 26	CQ WorldWide		
2359z	Nov 27	DX Contest	80-10	`CW
		http://www.cqww.com/		

* SK3BG contest site has not updated rules since 2003

The following DXpeditions/Multi Operations are planned for this month's CQWW:

QTH/Call	Class	QSL Info
Israel – 4XØG	Multi-Op, Single Station.	QSL via W3GG
Columbia – 5J1W	Multi-Op, Single Station	QSL via NN1N
Senegal – 6W1RW	Single-Op, All Band (high power)	QSL via F6BEE
Jamaica – 6Y5/KN5H	Multi-Op, Multi Station (high power)	QSL via KN5H
West		
Malaysia – 9M2/E21EIC	Unknown	QSL via E21EIC
East		
Malaysia – 9M6NA	Single-Op, Single Band (20 M)	QSL via JE1JKL
Trinidad &		
Tobago – 9Y4AA	Single-Op, All Band (high power)	QSL via VE3HO
Taiwan – BVØJ	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via BWØIR
Bahamas – C6AWS	Single-Op, All band (low power)	QSL via W6SJ
Morocco – CN2R	Single-Op, Single Band (80 M)	QSL via W7EJ
Thailand – E21ZC	Unknown	QSL via E21ZC
Balearic – EA6IB	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via EA6IB
Tajikistan – EY8MM	Single-Op, Single Band (40 M)	QSL via K1BV
St. Pierre &		

Miquelon - FP/K8DD	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via K8NA
St Martin- FS/K7ZUM	Single-Op, All Band	QSL via K7ZUM
Isle of Man – GD6IA	Single-Op, All Band	QSL via GD6IA
Galapagos- HC8N Dominican Republic – HI3A	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via W5UE
Thailand – HSØZCW	Unknown	QSL via AD4Z
Thailand – HSØZGH	Single-Op, All Band	QSL Unknown
Greece – J43F	Single-Op, All Band (low power)	QSL via G4UZN
Guam – KH2/JA3EGZ	Unknown	QSL via SM4DHF
Virgin Is.- KP2/K3MD	Single-Op, All Band	QSL via JE3EGZ
Puerto Rico- KP4KE	Single-Op, All Band (high power)	QSL via K3MD
Lithuania – LY7A	Single-Op, All Band (high Power)	QSL via KP4KE
Bulgaria – LZ9W Aland Islands – OHØZ	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via LY2ZO
Aruba – P4ØW	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via LZ1PM
Netherlands Antilles – PJ2T	Single-Op, Multi Station	QSL via WØMM
St. Maarten- PJ5NA	Single-Op, All Bands (high power)	QSL via N2MM
Surinam – PZ5C	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL via N9AG
Mali - TZ5A	Single-Op, All Band	QSL via K1NA
Antigua – V26K	Multi-Op, Unknown	QSL via PA7FM
Cocos (Keeling) Is. – VK9AA	Multi-Op, Multi Station	QSL G3SXW
Puerto Rico – WP3C	Single-Op, All Band	QSL via AA3B
	Single-Op, All Band (low power)	QSL via DL8YR
		QSL via W3HNK

DX STRAYS

Nick, G3RWF, has been reissued his old 5Z4 callsign after 35 years and will be active as 5Z4LS in Kenya from November 24th to December 1st. His activity will include the CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via G3RWF.

Ole Martin Pedersen, LA9NOA is now stationed on Jan Mayen and plans to be QRV soon as JX9NOA. He will soon be putting up a five element yagi when he has some decent WX.

Denise, F6HWU is heading back to the Indian Ocean. She plans to be QRV as S79WU from Praslin Island (AF-024), Seychelles between November 11th and December 2nd. She will be mostly active on CW.

Jean Michel, F6AJA is heading to Bucharest, Romania and expects to be active as YO/F6AJA from the YO3KPA club station during his free time from November 2-8. QSL via F6AJA.

Look for Ben, OZ5AAH to be active from Latvia in the IPARC Contest November 5th and 6th. He'll be QRV as YL/OZ5IPA on CW and SSB. QSL direct via home call.

Look out for pirate activity by a station signing VP8MM on 15 meters. This station is claiming to be on the

South Orkneys Islands refers QSLs to F8IXZ. Jean Marc, F8IXZ, states he does not know who this station is. Save your green stamps/IRC on this one.

Thanks to NG3K, Bernie, W3UR and his Daily DX Bulletin, Tedd, KB8NW and the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin, and the ARRL for information used this month.

Received this email and picture from JOHN, NA9A, showing his new tower.

Thanks for the announcement, Don. Thought you and the other club members would like to see the completed and fully approved (by the City of Wheaton) tower and Yagi installation here at my QTH. The wire antennas have been hung, but are not yet deployed and cut to frequency. Please also advise the other members that unfortunately I will be unable to attend the October meeting due to a family event, all are invited to view the installation. We're hoping for a grand opening invitation to all probably in November. Have to complete the shack and adjacent basement improvement project before the public would feel safe. I hope to be fully QRV for the CW SS contest however. Best regards to all and many thanks to all for the support and encouragement.

73,

John, N9NA (Number Nine New Antenna)



OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

MARK	W9UZ
ROBERTO	WA9E
LARRY	KA9KDC
JOE	N9WRO
ROBERT	N9IRY
JOSEPH	KA9UJI

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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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 3rd: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 4th: 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 is auction and show and tell. Last meeting at this location. See page 1 for details.
- 20th: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS** for December. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 17th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting -November 4th, 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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