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Tuesday	8:30 pm	444.475/(5.0)	UHF Net

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145.390/ 144.790	103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B)	PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540	Carries Access - SKYWARN	Service Liaison
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# From the President's Gavel

by ..... WCRA President

## From the "Acting President's" Gavel

By Steve Peterson, N9OA, Acting President

Greetings WCRA members!

As many of you know, Mike (AB9AX) was promoted at work, and left me acting like a president. Now I am acting like I am writing an article.

First, I would like to thank Mike for his hard work and dedication while he served as president, and I wish him well in his new endeavor. Next, I would like to thank Ruth (KA9RZG) for handling the club holiday party. The food was delicious. Good find Ruth. A big thank you to the Hamfest Committee lead by Bruce (K9OZ) for a terrific job putting on yet another great 'fest.

Next, I would like to make a plug for the April Annual Meeting which will include election of club officers. The office of Vice President and Treasurer are up for their two year terms, and President is up for a one-year term to finish the term vacated by Mike (AB9AX). That brings me to Property Custodian. This position has been officially vacant since the last election, and Roberto has been filling in because he was unable to vacate the office. To run for any of these offices, please see a member of the Nominating Committee- Bruce K9OZ or John N9NA.

Since the Office of Property Custodian and President are vacant, one has the opportunity to "try them out" until the election. If you wish to do so, please see a member of the executive board.

Finally, if you want to serve as the third member of the nominating committee, please see me.

Until next month (unless I am succeeded by a "real" president), 73!



**WCRA  
Meeting  
Minutes**

by: Mary James  
K9GAL  
WCRA  
Secretary

**WCRA Minutes from the January 7, 2005 Meeting**

Vice President and Interim President **Steve, N9OA**, called the meeting to order at 19:30. **Peter, N9HDW**, made a motion that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. **John, N9MWF**, seconded the motion, and it passed. Steve reminded members that **Mike, AB9AX**, had resigned as President, and that the club is looking for a replacement, along with three other board positions that will need to be filled at the April elections. Steve said the Hamfest is the January program, and all meetings through the end of his term are open. He asked members for program

ideas. Secretary **Mary, K9GAL**, presented a new membership application for **Marilyn, W9LUO**. **Bruce, K9OZ**, made a motion to accept the new member, **Pat, K9JAU**, seconded it, and the motion passed. Treasurer **Jack, KA9HEL**, reported on the budget. **Kurt, KB9RTO**, made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted, **Tom, N9CBA**, seconded the motion, and it passed. In Health & Welfare news, John informed members that **N9WRO, Joe's** wife has been diagnosed with cancer. Kurt said his stepfather is suffering from lymphoma, and that **Ed, W9UML**, has passed away. Members were asked for prayers. Kurt passed on a message from **George, N9EJS**, of Texas, who says, "Hello." Reporting on Training Classes, Jack asked if anyone would be interested in teaching the Technician Class at College of DuPage. **Dale, NJ9E**, said he would consider it. Dale reported that the club had placed first in 11A of Field Day 2004. Peter announced there will be a meeting about New Techniques & Technology for the next Field Day held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 before the monthly club meeting. Repeater Administrative Board **Larry, KA9KDC**, said the RAB is generally operational. Tom made a motion committee reports be accepted, **Paul, KB9RVS** seconded the motion, and it passed. In New Business, Steve asked for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee. Bruce and **John, N9NA**, volunteered, and are looking for additional members. As an Anchor, Jack reported he had a laptop computer for sale. Dale made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Peter seconded it. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 20:00.



## Hamfest 2005 -- the year of the snow

A couple days before the hamfest, John Faber, WT9Y called me to tell me we were effectively sold out on tables. We had ordered 240 tables, and sold 240 tables, advanced ticket sales were up, the buzz from last year's fest was positive, people on area repeaters and MidCars were talking about the hamfest. Then it started to snow.

We went backwards fast. Two major vendors cancelled, as the snow piled up Friday night. As everyone dug out Saturday, lake-effect snow squalls continued to fall, but when I arrived at Pheasant Run at 5 p.m. the parking lot was plowed, tables were neatly arranged, and we were ready for the hamfest. I'd had phone calls all day asking if the Hamfest was still on. "Yes," was the simple answer.

The move-in crew arrived and major vendors started to show up. By 9 p.m., when I went home, move-in was well underway and it was starting to look like a hamfest.

Sunday morning move in went very smoothly, again, thanks to our volunteers. But that last-minute rush at 7:30 of the guys driving in from Michigan and Iowa to fill two tables never materialized. They didn't show. As the Hamfest opened, the northwest corner, where we had put a lot of the little vendors and last-minute vendors, was nearly empty. Due to the weather there were a lot of no-shows.

The crowd at the door wasn't as heavy either. The snow kept attendance down. We are still figuring the final numbers, but it looks like we sold around 700 tickets at the door on Sunday. That's not bad, but down from last year.

In polling vendors, they were happy with the results. Yes, traffic was lighter, but everyone knew why. Eight to 12 inches of snow slows attendance, no matter how good your hamfest is.

I hope to have a rough accounting of our profit for the February meeting. We made a profit, just not the kind of profit we would have made with good weather and more feet coming through the door. We were very conservative with our spending this year, and that's a good thing.

I want to take a second to recognize John, WT9Y, for the excellent job he did as co-chair and flea market chairman. When he volunteered to be co-chair last year, he didn't know the flea market chairman was going to take a job in Virginia, leaving John as both flea market chair and hamfest co-chair. He handled both jobs ver well, and as I retire as hamfest chairman, it's nice to know we have a capable chairman waiting to step in.

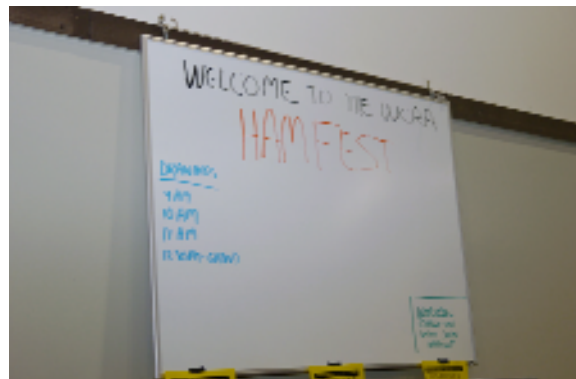
One person can't chair the hamfest and chair the flea market, so John will be looking for a flea market chairman for next year. I will stay involved on the committee, but have retired as chairman.

I also want to thank all the volunteers. We'll try to get a list of them together for the next hamletter, and we'll have some drawings for worker prizes at the February meeting. I want to recognize Peter, N9HDW, who stepped in as worker chairman and did an excellent job of contacting the club members and getting volunteers out for the hamfest.

The list of people to thank goes on and on, and if I start trying to list everyone, I'll miss someone, so

I'll stop there. All of you who have helped me stage these hamfests the past three years know who you are, and you have my thanks. Without you, we wouldn't have a hamfest.

Bruce K9OZ



# February QST Reviewed.....

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

Another fat issue of our ARRL magazine is in your mailbox if you are a subscriber. You can have a chance to subscribe at the Hamfest—look at the current issue—make comments to visiting officials. Here's what I like about this February issue.

Three big articles BIOLOGY, BALLOONS AND BIKES! In that order—

**BIOLOGY**—A retired physician, Denis Franklin, W6EW, always wanted to go to sea on an oceanographic expedition. In February of 2003, he realized his dream and combined his medical skills, his ham experience, and life-long love of research into an ocean voyage on the Research Vessel, NEW HORIZON. I think you'll enjoy his story of the variety of tasks he enjoyed, including phone patches for crewmembers to the folks back home. You'll perhaps think of some unfulfilled adventures of your own. (Page 47)

**BALLOONS** -- “A Lighter Than Air Flight of Firsts” is the title of an article by Aidan Murphy, EI5HW, an Irish ham, whose other hobby is hot air ballooning. He loves to do his hamming from the open-air basket with flames overhead. He's even formed a club for the cross-hobbyists—The Ballooning and Amateur Radio Club of Ireland. Aidan tells a great story about an evening flight and working Malta and North Carolina from his “aeronautical mobile.” You'll find it on page 54.

**BIKES** – This is a great father and son project report, with son John (KC2MAN) and his dad (WA2KEL) Tom Tillander, pushing the envelope with bicycle mobiles. Detailed photos show the generators, solar panels, antennas, batteries that go along with the Kenwood Dual Band handhelds on the handlebars. What a set-up! John's story of his adventures makes good reading, starting on page 57.

As for other articles, how about “The Morse Meter”? Yes, it is a talking multi-meter that reads the dial for you. The two authors (the article begins on Page 66) tell you how to make it happen and show you photographs of the finished product.

Antenna fans—two articles for you in this month's issue. A Minnesota ham, Jack Falker, W8KR, turns his rose garden into an antenna farm (20 meter, 4-square phased vertical array). This was a compromise when his wife made him get ride of his 80-foot tower in the back yard. Jack promised to use it only when roses were out of season. In Minnesota that is a long time. It starts on page 28. The second antenna article, starting on page 36, “A Panel Reflector for 70 Centimeters” tells about a small portable with a low SWR. Tony Monteiro, AA2TX, shows a field day setup of his device atop a picnic table. It is really compact, and Tony's daughter models the finished product—only two feet square!

Remember to stop at the ARRL booth at the Hamfest and tell them you read QST—or at least read the review of QST!



## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

Ralph, KØIR and Bob, K4UEE released the following press release on January 14 regarding the much anticipated 3YØX DXpedition to Peter One Island which was to take place in January. . "There will be at least a two and one-half to three-week delay in the planned 3YØX DXpedition. Problems have arisen with completing the renovation and re-registration of the ship on schedule." "We currently have one team member in Chile gathering information. On January 17 a second team member will arrive. The two of them will travel to the shipyard and personally inspect the vessel. We will know more after

this meeting and will update you at that time." "Our entire team remains intact. We are all eager to be underway." There is a silver lining in this temporary delay that the team did not release. One of those is the fact that the team will now have more darkness which should help those seeking QSOs on the low bands.

German DXer Bernd Koch, DF3CB, just completed a DX 2004-review article for DARC's CQ DL magazine. Out of the 335 DXCC Entities on the ARRL DXCC list he believes that 287 countries were QRV last year. He believes the 48 DXCC countries that were not active in 2004 were as follows: 1S - Spratly Islands, 3B7 - Agalega & St. Brandon Islands, 3C - Equatorial Guinea, 3CØ - Annobon, 3D2/C - Conway Reef, 3Y-B - Bouvet Island, 3Y-P - Peter 1 Island, 7O - Yemen, 9X - Rwanda, BS7H - Scarborough Reef, BV9P - Pratas Island, CE0X - San Felix Island, CYØ - Sable Island, CY9 - St. Paul Island, D6 - Comoros, E3 - Eritrea, E4 - Palestine, FO/C - Clipperton Island, FR/G - Glorioso Island, FR/J/E - Juan de Nova and Europa, FR/T - Tromelin Island, FT5W - Crozet Island, FT5X - Kerguelen Island, FT5Z - Amsterdam & St. Paul Island, H4Ø - Temotu Province, HKØ/M - Malpelo Island, J5 - Guinea-Bissau, KH1 - Baker and Howland Island, KH3 - Johnston Island, KH5 - Palmyra, Jarvis Islands, KH5K - Kingman Reef, KH7K - Kure Island, KP1 - Navassa Island, KP5 - Desecheo Island, P5 - DPRK (North Korea), PYØT - Trindade & Martim Vaz Island, T31 - Central Kiribati, TI9 - Cocos Island, TL - Central African Republic, VKØH - Heard Island, VKØM - Macquarie Island, VK9M - Mellish Reef, VK9W - Willis Island, VP6/D - Ducie Island, VP8/S - South Sandwich Islands, VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands, ZK2 - Niue, ZL8 - Kermadec Island, ZL9 - Auckland & Campbell Island. Bernd also notes that in order for one to have "worked them all" you must have been chasing DX for more than 15 years as VU7 - the Lakshadweep Islands were last QRV in March 1989 and all other countries have been one since! This is clearly one of the reasons that the DXCC Award Program has many participants.

A French team of 8 to 12 operators has planned a major DXpedition to Glorioso Island during May of this year. This one is in the top 10 most wanted DXCC Entities and has not been activated since May 2000. The team, which is made up of some of the TO4E/TO4WW expedition operators, plans to operate all bands on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK, with an emphasis on the low bands. They will be making sure to have full time AC power for this operation. They will also be putting in special efforts to work those in the more difficult areas. Glorioso Island is a wild life protected area and permission to land on this rare one is quite difficult to obtain. The team will be shipping equipment from France to Reunion Island, then taking it on to Glorioso. Look for expected activity from May 15th to May 30th. Plans are to have five stations on HF plus one dedicated full time 6 meter station (with EME WJST or Beacon). The team will be specifically looking for North America, Pacific and East Asia. Most of participating operators are experienced DXpeditioners. They are requesting financial assistance. All sponsors will be credited as a supporter and identified on the QSL card, the official Web site and other publications. They have opened an account for this expedition and your donations can be sent to: F5OGL, Didier Senmartin, Boite postale 7, 53320 Loiron, FRANCE. You can also send an email to him via F5OGL@club-internet.fr. The final list of operators has not been decided but could possibly include: F5OGL, F5CW, F5IRO,

TZ6SA, F5PTM, F1AKK, F5AEP, F8UNF, F5MSR, F0CRS, F5JKK/FM5JC, FR5ZU, and FR5IZ. At the moment no YL is expected to operate. The QSL manager will be F5OGL. I'll have more information next month, as it becomes available.

A German team headed by Sigi, DL7DF, now planning their next DXpedition to the British Virgin Islands - VP2V from February 23rd to March 9th. Operators and call signs will be VP2V/DL7DF, VP2V/DL7UFR and VP2V/DL4WK. They will use three transceivers and two amplifiers, a Titanex V80 vertical, a R7, a Hexbeam, plenty of wire, a K9AY loop and probably also a 6-meter yagi. One of the stations will be running full time. They will put in an emphasis on the low bands. Look for activity on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV.

And while we're on the subject of Germans, operators DL7CM and DM2AYO are heading to Botswana. They plan to be QRV as A25/DL7CM (or A25CM) and A25/DM2AYO on 6 through 160 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Look for activity from April 6 to 20. They will have two complete stations with amps. For antennas they will use a 27-meter GP, 3 element 5-band beam, HF9V and 4-element 6 meter beam. The two have a Web site at [www.qsl.net/dl7cm/A2.htm](http://www.qsl.net/dl7cm/A2.htm). QSL via their home calls.

Art, NN7A, will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye, Belize (IOTA NA-180), February 10-14th. This will be a one-person operation with 100 watts, a vertical and wire antennas. Operation will be CW on 40-10 meters including the WARC bands; some 80m and 160m is possible. Some SSB is possible on 20 and 15-meter IOTA frequencies, if conditions are permitting. NA-180 was opened as a new IOTA by Art and Mike Sharp, NG7S / V31RL, in February 1993. This will be Art's 5th operation from South Water Caye, and his 11th trip to Belize since 1988. QSL via NN7A, by the ARRL W7 Bureau or direct to: Art Phillips, P.O. Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002

There has been a fair amount of activity by a station signing 3CAK (Yes, this is the complete call sign) and stating his name as Vladimir in Malabo on Bioko Island (this is Equatorial Guinea, IOTA AF-010). He's been active on 20 meters (around 14,200-205 kHz) at various times. This is one of those to work first and worry about later. Don't send your QSL to this one until reliable information about this operation can be obtained from your favorite DX publication or newsletter. The operator states he will be there until April. QSL information being reported is: Vladimir Arseniev, Gagarina St. 14A/1, Zelenogradsk 238530, Kaliningrad, Russia.

Dave, VK3KR, a Senior Communications Technical Officer, is now active as VK0MT from Macquarie Island using an ICOM IC-706, 100 watts and a long wire antenna. He can be active only during local night times. His other duties on the base are Anaesthetics Assistant, Waste Management, SAR Team and Webmaster. In January, Dave was working from a small hut at Water Fall Bay using only a multi-band dipole that was only 10 or so feet off the ground, but was heard and reported stateside on all non-WARC bands 80-15 Meters. His activity was between 1000-1330z on or around 3.795, 7.085 and 14.185 kHz (+/- 5 kHz). Currently, most of his operations will be SSB, but CW, PSK and RTTY may be an option later. By the time you read this, Dave should be back at the main base. Victor, ZK1CG, reports that Dave may show up on some nets like the Southern Cross DX net on 14.239 kHz at 1100z, the W7PHO net on 14245 kHz at 1400z, the ANSA net on 14183 kHz at 0515z and the 247 net on 14247 kHz at 2100z. Masa, JE1LET, is his QSL Manager. Dave will send logs to Masa and a nice picture of the Island for the QSL card.

VE7HA has informed the DX community OPDX that things are solidifying nicely for his upcoming trip to Niue. Murray and his wife Konomi, leave Vancouver on February 2nd bound for Niue via Honolulu and Samoa. They don't actually arrive in Niue until early February 7th, since they must wait 4 days in Samoa for their plane connection. The Managing Director of Niue Telecom has informed Murray that his call sign will be



ZK2ML. He will receive the license upon his arrival. Murray adds that since they plan to be in Niue for about 2 months, he hopes to be active to some degree in the ARRL DX CW and SSB Contests, and also CQ WPX SSB Contest. PSK operation is a possibility, which he presumes would be appreciated from this DX location. Weight limits on Polynesian Airlines are really restricting what Murray can take.

Crew members of the James Clark Ross (GMØHCQ, DL9LB, etc.) anchored off the South Georgia Islands in mid-January and Lars, DL9LB, was put ashore at Husvik.. He is expected to be there for about 5 weeks. This is not a DXpedition. Lars will be working on the island during this time frame and plans to be on the air in his spare time. Most likely 30 minutes +/- sometime around 2100z, but not every day. Suggest listening frequencies are as follows: CW- 3.505, 7.005, 10.115, 14.035, 18.083, 21.135, 24.915, 28.045. SSB- 3.775, 7.055, 14.165, 18.150, 21.195, 24.955, 28.435 QSL via DB3LSP.

Magnus, SM6WET and a team of operators will be on both the North and South Cook Islands in February and March. First, Aitutaki Island, OC- Ø83, South Cook, January 31-February 17 with callsigns ZK1WET, ZK1XMY, ZK1SDE and ZK1SDZ, mostly SSB but WET will be on RTTY, CW and maybe PSK31 - and in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. Next stop, Manihiki Atoll, OC- Ø14, North Cook, February 17-24, ZK1SDE and ZK1SDZ. Third stop, Aitutaki Island, OC-Ø83, South Cook, February 24-March 3, ZK1SDE and ZK1SDZ. The operation will be on 160-10M with special emphasis on 20 and 17M. They plan a fancy double-sided QSL for each station. QSL via the bureau or, preferred, via M3SDE direct. Here's the web site: <http://www.zk1sde.co.uk>.

Paul, PA7FM is back in Sudan as ST2PN, likely stationed near Khartoum with the UN. He expects to have more time on the air this trip. Expect some RTTY operation soon. QSL via PA7FM. Direct requests received now are already being answered. Bureau cards will not be started for a while. Logs and new photos are at <http://www.pa7fm.nl>.

The 2005 edition of the WAP (World-wide Antarctic Program) Directory now contains more than 400 WAP References, such as bases, camps, and refuges. The callsign data base directory now has a huge collection of over 3,000 Antarctic, Sub and Peri Antarctic callsigns. You can download them at [www.ddxc.net/wap/dnw.php](http://www.ddxc.net/wap/dnw.php).

## IOTA

Information about the "All Croatia Islands Award Group" and "All Croatian Islands Awards" can now be found in English on the Web page of the ACIAG at: [www.9a7k.com](http://www.9a7k.com). In addition, a log for anyone chasing this award can be downloaded at [www.9a7k.com/acia/acia-log.zip](http://www.9a7k.com/acia/acia-log.zip). In the log you can find information regarding the ACIA award program and a list of 1013 Croatian Islands.

Members of the Canary Islands DX Society will be active from Burrero Rock, AF-ØØ4 as EF8BDX, February 12-13th. Burrero Rock is valid for the Spanish Islands Award (D.I.E) S-349, the D.M.E. 35.011 and the Grid Locator: IL27HV. Activity will be on 15 meters SSB only. The team that is activating AF-ØØ4 are all licensed EC8 operators. They are restricted to operating below 21.200 kHz, but will also be split part of the time on 21.200 and listening 21.300 +/- 5 kHz for restricted operators in the IARU Zone 2. QSL Manager is Dunia, EC8ADU (more details on QRZ.com). All QSLs will be sent through the URE Bureau after their operation. To see their special QSL of this activity, please visit [www.easyqsls.com](http://www.easyqsls.com).

DEØMST, DF9MV, DL5MFL, 9A3KB, 9A2WJ and 9A6AA will be active as 9AØCI from Struga Island/Lighthouse (EU-Ø16) from May 14-21st. Other reference numbers are: IOCA CI-051, WLOTA LH-0815,

MIA MC-196, ARLHS CRO-148 and ADLL E3544 Visit their Web page at [www.hamradio.hr/9a6aa/struga/las-tovostruga.htm](http://www.hamradio.hr/9a6aa/struga/las-tovostruga.htm). . QSL via DEØMST.

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

## ON THE WEB

Photos and on-line logs from the CW5R expedition to Lobos Island, SA- Ø39, are now available: [www.dx-men.com](http://www.dx-men.com).

J16KVR reports that the logs for 3GØYM and 3GØYP (Easter Island SA- ØØ1) are now on-line on: <http://www.qsl.net/3g0ym/logs.htm>.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Lubbock, TX: Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 2200Z Jan 28-0400Z Feb 4. 46th anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 28.336 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. W5B Buddy Holly QSL, c/o Bryan Edwards, 3801 68th St, Lubbock, TX 79413. [www.amcrc.com/w5b](http://www.amcrc.com/w5b).

Pacific Grove, CA: Naval Postgraduate School ARC (K6LY), K6P. 0001Z Feb 1-2400Z Feb 7. Point Piños Lighthouse 150th anniversary. 14.270 21.370 28.370 7.270. QSL. G. Costello, WC6DX, PO Box 1332, Monterey, CA 93942. [www.k6ly.org](http://www.k6ly.org).

Dayton, OH: Dayton Amateur Radio Association, W8BI. 0000Z Feb 1-2400Z Feb 28. Celebrating 75 years as a club. 40 20 15 10 m. QSL. DARA, Lori Perrenboom, K8XTQ, PO Box 44, Dayton, OH 454041. [www.ceitron.com/dara/](http://www.ceitron.com/dara/).

Washington, PA: Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. 1600Z Feb 3-2000Z Feb 6. Washington County Sportsmen's Show. 28.400 21.300 14.250 7.260. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. [wacomarc.org](http://wacomarc.org).

Nacogdoches, TX: Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. 1300Z Feb 5-0100Z Feb 6. The Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery Special Event. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. NARC, 167 County Road 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. [www.w5nac.com](http://www.w5nac.com).

Plymouth, MI: Plymouth Historical Society Amateur Radio Club, KC8SWR. 1400-2000Z daily Feb 12-Feb 13. Lincoln Exhibit celebrating Lincoln's birthday. 28.380 21.380 14.280 7.280; CW PSK 20 40 m. Certificate. Plymouth Historical Museum Amateur Station, 155 South Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. [www.qsl.net/kc8swr](http://www.qsl.net/kc8swr).

Rapid City, SD: Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA, W0DAK. 1500Z Feb 12-0300Z Feb 13. Commemorating the 28th anniversary as a QCWA Chapter. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, NU0F, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Fort Myers, FL: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W4LX. 1500Z Feb 14-2100Z Feb 18. The Edison

Festival of Light and Thomas Edison's birthday. 28.430 21.330 14.250. Certificate. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. <http://fmarc.net>.

Windsor, ON, Canada: Amherstburg Radio Club, VE3TMG. 1600Z Feb 19-2200Z Feb 20. 40th anniversary of the Canadian flag. 14.268 7.268. Certificate. Terry Greenwood, 2210 Janette Ave, Windsor, ON Canada N8X 1Z8. Include \$1 US for postage--US stamps cannot be used in Canada.

Marquette, MI: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, K8LOD. 0001Z Feb 19-2359Z Feb 21. 16th Annual U.P. 200 Sled Dog Championship Race. 28.370 21.370 14.255 7.285. Certificate. Rich Schwenke, N8GBA, 21 Smith Ln, Marquette, MI 49855. [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod).

Santa Ana, CA: Anaheim Police ARC, K6I. 0000Z Feb 19-2400Z Mar 5. 60th anniversary of The Battle of Iwo Jima in WW2. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799.

Centralia, IL: Centralia Wireless Association, Inc, W9CWA. 1600Z-2200Z daily Feb 25- Feb 26. 75th anniversary of the founding of the CWA. 21.360 18.150 14.260 7.260 147.27. Certificate. Centralia Wireless Association, Inc, PO Box 1166, Centralia, IL 62801.

Clay County, FL: St Augustine Amateur Radio Society, N4AUG. 1500Z-2200Z Feb 26. 10th Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival. 21.270 14.270. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086-0084. [www.saars.net](http://www.saars.net).

Davis Mountains, TX: Tyler Amateur Radio Club, K5TYR. 1200Z Feb 26-2400Z Feb 27. DM-80 TXpedition commemorates the Last Unspoiled Frontier. 432.150 144.250 50.150 14.250. QSL. Tyler Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 6393, Tyler, TX 75711. [www.tylerarc.com](http://www.tylerarc.com).

Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z Feb 28-2230Z Feb 28. 62nd anniversary of the launching of USS Kidd, DD-661. 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](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).

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.

## DX POTPOURRI

The "425 DX News" reports that Charlie/HA8IB and Eli/HA9RE are currently active from Rotuma (3D2/R – no call sign was available) until February 21st or 22nd . Their plans were for two stations active on 160-10 meters CW, SSB and RTTY.

Masa, JA1BVA, a former member of Japan Meteorological Agency Amateur Radio Club at Minami-Torishima (JD1YAA), has reported that an active member of JD1YAA will visit Minami-Torishima for a three month job assignment this coming summer. QSL procedures and a manager for this JD1YAA activation have yet to be decided. Further details will be announced as the operation date gets closer.

Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, on Mount Athos was reportedly quite active as this was being written in January His activity has been on 80/40/20 meters SSB. Watch 80 or 40 meters between 1730-1830z and 20 meters between 0830-0930z.

Jim Neiger, N6TJ will be making his first of two trips to Ascension Island (ZD8Z) this year. He will be arriving on March 21 and plans to be QRV for ten days, including the CQ WPX SSB Contest. QSL via VE3HO. He is also scheduled to be on Little Cayman on February 16 to participate in the ARRL CW DX Contest as ZF2TJ. Again, QSL via VE3HO.

Greek operators SV1CIB, SV3FUO and SV3BSF will participate in the CQ/RJ WW WPX RTTY Contest on February 12 and 13 as J43BSF. They will be Multi-Single. QSL via SV1CIB.

Lars, SM0CCM is heading back to Dominica. He'll once again be QRV as J73CCM this time from February 16 to March 14. He will be mostly on CW and RTTY. QSL his home call.

Didier, F5TNI plans to be active from Reunion (FR) between February 1st and February 22nd. He may also take a side trip over to Mauritius (3B8). Look for him on CW and the digital modes on 10 through 80 meters. QSL via F5TNI.

Andy, K2LE will be in Aruba again this month. Starting February 1st he will be signing P40LE, not P4/K2LE as in previous years. Plans are to be mostly QRV on the WARC bands until February 26th.

Curt, W3HQ will be on from the British Virgin Islands, January 26-February 5 including the CQ 160 CW contest. He's rented a house on the beach on Virgin Gorda's northeast corner. The callsign will be VP2V/W3HQ. He will be CW only beforehand, on 160, 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15M, concentrating on 160 and 80.

Bill, W4TXL is heading to Belize for a few days in February, with arrival on February 3 and departure on the 12th. It is likely to take a couple days before he's on the air. It will be a non-ham vacation, but he hopes to get on the air some, but isn't used to pileups so be sure to take it easy. This is likely to be mostly SSB on 160-10M. Bill's callsign will be V31WC. He'll be staying at V31MD's cottage. QSL to his home call.

All QSLs for the December 2004 operations of 8P9HR, 8P9Z, PJ4Z, PJ4/WW4LL, and PJ4/K4BAI that have been received by QSL manager K4BAI have been answered. John still has all 8P9HR, 8P9HT and 8P9Z logs since the station was first established in 1987. Steve, K4FJ/8P9HR has loaded many 8P9HR and 8P9Z logs to LOTW and he will be loading John's 8P9Z and 8P9HT logs to LOTW soon.

## CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
1800z	Feb 5	Mexico Int'l		
1759z	Feb 6	RTTY Contest <a href="http://home.online.no/~janalme/rules/xertty.txt">http://home.online.no/~janalme/rules/xertty.txt</a>	80-10M	RTTY
0001z	Feb 5	10-10 Int'l		
2359z	Feb 6	Winter QSO Party <a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>	10M	SSB

0000z	Feb 6	North American		
0400z	Feb 6	Phone Sprint	80/40/20M	SSB
		<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>		
2000z	Feb 6	Winter Fireside	80-10M	SSB
2359z	Feb 6	SSB Sprint		
		<a href="http://2hams.net/ARCI/">http://2hams.net/ARCI/</a>		
1100z	Feb 12	Asia/Pacific		
1300z	Feb 12	Spring Sprint	20/40M	CW
		<a href="http://jsfc.org.apsprint/">jsfc.org.apsprint/</a>		
1700z	Feb 12	FISTS		
2100z	Feb 12	Winter Sprint	80-10M	CW
		<a href="http://www.fists.org">www.fists.org</a>		
0000z	Feb 12	CQ Worldwide		
2359z	Feb 13	RTTY Contest	80-10M	RTTY
		<a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>		
0000z	Feb 13	North American		
0400z	Feb 13	CW Sprint	80/40/20M	CW
		<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>		
1400z	Feb 13	Classic Exchange		
0800z	Feb 14	QSO Party	160-10M	CW/AM/SSB
		<a href="http://qsl.asti.com/CX/">http://qsl.asti.com/CX/</a>		
1300z	Feb 14	School Club		
0100z	Feb 19	Roundup	160-10M	All Modes
0000z	Feb 19	ARRL Int'l		
2359z	Feb 20	DX Contest	160-10M	CW
		<a href="http://www.arrl.org">www.arrl.org</a>		
2100z	Feb 25	Russian PSK		
2100z	Feb 26	Worldwide Contest	80-10M	PSK31
		<a href="http://www.qrz.ru/contest/">www.qrz.ru/contest/</a>		
0000z	Feb 26	CQ Worldwide		
2359z	Feb 27	160 Contest	160M	SSB
		<a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>		
1800z	Feb 26	North American		
0600z	Feb 27	RTTY QSO Party	160-10M	RTTY
		<a href="http://www.ncjweb.com">www.ncjweb.com</a>		

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.

# THE BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF FEBRUARY



BRUCE	K9OZ	02-03-53
JOHN	K9FID	02-06-46
BILL	W9GMO	02-18-21
RICHARD	K9MGX	02-23-38

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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## FEBRUARY 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. 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 be .....
- 15th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for January. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 24th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

### Next WCRA General Membership Meeting - February 4th '05 - 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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