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## Comments From The CW Tent

By Bruce Plantz, K9OZ

Here's the summary from the CW stations at Field Day. These were two stations running simple verticals that can be put up in a few minutes by one man. We had four operators: John N9NA, Mark W9UZ and Greg WA9SGF, and myself. We tried to keep both stations running during the peak hours, and both were shut down from approximately 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. We shut down for good at 11 a.m., when the generator quit.

80 -- 216 contacts  
40 -- 312 contacts  
20 -- 194 contacts  
15 -- 21 contacts

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**WCRA Radio Nets**

Sunday	8:00 pm	145.390/(-600)	Net Control: Rotates
Sunday	8:30 pm	224.140/(-1.600)	Net Control: Marty KA9RCC
Tuesday	8:00 pm	145.390(-600)	ARES Net
Tuesday	8:30 pm	444.475/(5.0)	UHF Net

**WCRA Repeaters**

145.390/ 144.790	103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B)	PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540	Carries Access - SKYWARN Service Liaison	
444.475/449.475	114.8 Hz(2A)	PL Encode/ Decode
145.310/144.710	WCRA, W9CCU-1 Full Duplex Packet Repr	

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## From the President's Gavel

by Peter, N9HDW WCRA President

Field Day 2005 is just behind us but what a nice weekend! Fun, fellowship, good contacts, new technology, excellent weather, great food, youth involvement, public visitors, new station captains, great club effort and cooperation! I could go on listing the pluses which were so many. Congratulations to everyone for hosting such an excellent experience, and especially to the Field Day committee for organizing the weekend!

On a different note, the club survey results were reviewed by the Executive Board at the June meeting. The Board will be presenting a proposal for the club for its vision and direction at the July club meeting which will be on July 8 (not July 1). We'll vote on the proposal at the August club meeting which will be after the annual picnic at Herrick Lake. This is an intentional effort by the club leadership to clarify our direction and foster enthusiasm. The Board has been asking and listening to what club members see as important. The August vote will be an important milestone for our club as it will set the basis for our future plans, and how we use our resources. So note the date, 8/5/05, for the club picnic and Vision Proposal vote.

The club will be participating in the Wheaton July 4th parade as a public service unit providing radio communication assisting the Jaycees which run the event and the Wheaton emergency services agencies which provide support services. Contact Joe Lefebvre N9WRO or John Cheney N9MWF if you'd like to help.

Many of our club members will be traveling this summer so I encourage you to be thoughtful of safety, especially while in transit. **(Continued on page 4)**

## WCRA Minutes from the June 3, 2005 Meeting



### WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James  
K9GAL  
WCRA  
Secretary

President **Peter, N9HDW**, called the meeting to order at 19:31. As part of introductions, attendees answered the following questions: Did you attend Dayton Hamvention? If yes, name one thing that inspired you. Or how do you plan to participate in Field Day? Before the minutes of the May meeting were accepted, **Rich K9MGX** pointed out that his call sign was wrong. **Marty N9MTM** made a motion that the May minutes be accepted with that correction, **George KA3HSW** seconded the motion, and it passed.

Peter made the following announcements: the WCRA Executive Board will meet 19:30 on June 16 at his home. The main topic will be survey results and a rough draft of club's direction proposal. The membership survey is due to **Bruce K9OZ** by June 12. The board is seeking volunteers for open committee positions. Peter asked anyone interested in being a chair or committee member to see an officer during the break. He reported on the May board meeting and progress being made, especially on old insurance claims and membership survey. **N9HDW** concluded with information about interesting forums he had attended at Dayton.

In his report, Vice President Bruce said the June program is on Field Day. The date of the July meeting has been changed to July 8, and the program will be Pedestrian Mobile. The August meeting will be a picnic at Herrick Lake with a program on Direction Finding. There will be a special club event—a tour of the 911 call center at 10 a.m. July 16. Bruce announced there are paper membership surveys for anyone who wants one to fill out. The September meeting will be on Antenna Theory; October will feature CARMA.

Secretary **Mary K9GAL** invited members to look through recent mail the club had received. Treasurer **Ken N9HQ** gave a report. He said a donation had been made to the club to cover three memberships and go toward Field Day. The contribution was made because potential members helped a Ham take down a tower. Ken announced the club had been finally received insurance reimbursement for the antenna that was on the tower at College of DuPage, which went down in December of 2002. Custodian **Kurt KB9RTO** said he is still trying to find a place to store the club truck which would have easy access. He reminded members: "We do have items you can borrow."

In Health & Welfare news, Peter expressed sympathy for **Tom N9CBA**, whose father passed away recently. He said the Executive Board had sent a card to Tom. Hamfest **John WT9Y** said the new location is official—DuPage EXPO (across the street from Pheasant Run in St. Charles). He asked for volunteers to be on the Hamfest committee. Public Service **Joe N9WRO** thanked **John N9MWF** for covering for him for the past couple of months. John announced a last-minute request from the Lions of Illinois to provide communication support on Sunday, June 5 at Danada Equestrian Center. Anyone interested was asked to sign up on the sheet being passed around. John thanked club members who had worked at the Special Olympics and MS Walk. The Club received some good PR, John said, because announcements about WCRA's involvement were made at the events.

Representing the Repeater Administrative Board, **Larry KA9KDC** reported that some RAB members had serviced the UHF repeater about a month ago. Field Day **Dale NJ9E** said he and Peter would update everyone on the event during the program following the meeting. Questions about the committee reports were taken. Steve made a motion to accept the committee reports, Joe seconded the motion and it passed. Members made announcements; Mary presented a new membership application. (Continued on page 5)

**From The President's Gavel** (Continued from Page 2)

My daughter and I are planning to visit W1AW and Glace Bay, Nova Scotia on our July RV trip with Bob KX9RJ and his son. W1AW is the amateur radio station at the ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT. Glace Bay is the location of Marconi's first West-to-East trans-Atlantic radio transmission in 1902. We may even try an HF cross-pond CQ or two. No Sked yet. I'm looking forward to operating in th same place where over a century ago one of the great innovators of wireless made his historic QSO.

I encourage you to enjoy our wonderful amateur radio hobby this summer, and share it with a friend or family member.

Peace,  
Peter



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That's a total of 743 contacts -- 2,972 points. My guess is that will be a high percentage of the club's overall score -- done with four operators using an "old, outdated mode."

The bulletin was copied and a message sent for extra credit -- on CW, so add a couple hundred other points for the CW ops.

So let's not hear any more disparaging remarks about CW. As far as efficiency communicating with other stations in tough conditions, CW works. My only disappointment is that we don't get a lot of people coming by to watch, or to try to have a little of the CW mojo rub off. Field Day is a simple, relatively slow contest. Next year, if we'd like to see more beginning CW operators. If you're not trying CW, you're missing a lot of the fun.



# JULY QST REVIEWED—LATEST NEWS ON BPL

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

## **YOU KNOW IT IS IMPORTANT WHEN**

--The CEO of ARRL is photographed working on the story  
--The W1AW Lab Manager's car is equipped with a BPL station  
--Three full pages, three full color photos and a color chart are devoted to the subject matter. That's what it took to cover the latest news on the "end of the argument" on BPL. You'll have to read it carefully, but beginning on page 50, the author explains how the fundamentals of economics will end all the fuss about the issue. It just won't be a moneymaker!

## **PHOTO ACTION WITH HAMS IN THE NEWS**

Squeezed in the early pages of the issue (20 and 21) are some great shots of public service activities—from Civil War reenactments to High School Rocket launching projects. There are activities for all at all ages!

## **ULTIMATE PORTABLE ANTENNA PROJECT**

Just when you thought you had seen a compact portable antenna, along comes another one to be even smaller, more flexible and easier to use. This time the author has designed one for his front yard, and it will go from 60 to 10 meters and requires minimum trips to the hardware store. An extensive parts list is included. Pages 28-31

## **SHENANDOAH VALLEY "QUIET ZONE" –AN EXPERIMENTAL GARDEN**

I wasn't aware that there was a part of the USA set aside as a "quiet zone". It is near Greenbank, West Virginia, and starting on page 35 QST devotes seven pages of photographs and narrative to the testing activity in this beautiful part of the country.

Hams play a vital role in the work being done there.

## **"PRIDE OF THE FLEET" –A BOAT ANCHOR YOU'D LOVE TO HAVE**

The Classic HT-37 was just too much for the author of this article to pass up—so you'll have a chance to enjoy the restoration, beginning on page 47. Great photos will make you want to try a similar stunt someday.

## **THE COVER STORY—"SPANNING THE ATLANTIC ON 2200 METERS"**

There is plenty of nostalgia recaptured in this article beginning on page 42. The authors include a schematic and detailed parts list. Plus they give the five-page article a "hands-on" touch that gives you the "I could do that" feeling. Lots of luck—but I'm going to just enjoy the reading, not the building!

## **MINUTES (Continued from page 3)**

Joe made a motion the member be accepted, Steve seconded, and the motion passed.

In New Business, Dale made a motion that \$600 be allocated to Field Day, Steve seconded. Kurt amended the motion to allocate \$675 to the event. Members voted on the amended proposal, and it passed. Members presented anchors.

Motion to adjourn was made by John N9MWF, seconded by Steve, and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 20:28.

# Field Day 2005 - An Excellent Experience

by Peter N9HDW

WCRA participated in the ARRL Field Day June 25 and 26, 2005 at Panfish Park in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. We ran 8A IL. Total club score has not been compiled yet but look for those results in the August Hamletter. We had a great turnout of club members, families of members, and public visitors. We had several youth visitors and most of them operated stations, making QSOs. A reporter from the local Sun newspapers (Wheaton and Glen Ellyn) came to the site to gather material for an upcoming article.

The following were great:

Weather, station captains and crews, setup crew, food, publicity, truck crew, and many more. Look for a full list of participants in the August Hamletter.

On a special note of encouragement, Dale NJ9E, FD Co-Chair and I were very impressed by the new station captains this year! They did an excellent job. Way to go "first-timers"! These were Kevin N9OBO 40 SSB, Peter KB9KZO VHF/UHF, Victor KB9WXV APRS + 15 SSB, John WT9Y 80 SSB, Dale NJ9E + David KB9LBG 20 SSB, and Bob KX9RJ GOTA + Welcome Table. Very inspiring!

Thanks to the other returning station captains: Bruce K9OZ 40/15 CW, John N9NA 80 CW, George KA3HSW Satellite, Peter N9HDW Computers and Logging, and Roberto WA9E Truck. Excellent repeat efforts!

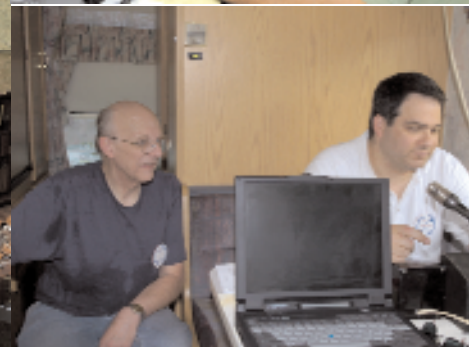
We all owe a major thanks to Cassie and Scott, N9OBO's sister-in-law and brother-in-law who drove in from Rockford and provided us with excellent food all weekend. Cooking outdoors in 90+ degree weather, and always full of grace and cheer! Our hats are off to you!

This was a wonderful example of the spirit of our club, and this was very evident to our visitors. Kudus and thanks!

73 de n9hdw

Peace,  
Peter

FD 2005 Co-Chair





## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

The Peter I DXpedition has been rescheduled for early 2006. Contracts have been signed with two Chilean companies to provide a vessel and helicopter for the DXpedition to Peter I, Antarctica during January/February 2006. The actual dates of the operation will be released on or about September 1st of this year, but the general time frame will be between January 16 and the end of February 2006. The actual dates depend on the vessel scheduling and weather considerations.

It is the team's objective to be at Peter I for a minimum

of two weeks with the actual operating time to be determined by weather and set-up time. Because of the likelihood of it being a very long time before Peter I will be activated again, the team has set some very high QSO goals. Nine stations will be established on the island and QRV on all bands 160-10m, using the most common communications modes.

Most of the members of the failed 2005 team will participate in the 2006 DXpedition, but there are several slots available for new team members. If your interested, contact either: K4UEE (mallphin@aol.com) or KØIR (rfedor@cloudnet.com) for more information. This adventure is not for the faint-hearted! Sponsors from the 2005 attempt are on board for 2006 see [www.peterone.com](http://www.peterone.com) for a complete list.

This is a very expensive project. Although the team will be putting up approximately 70% of the DXpedition's expenses, additional contributions from sponsors are being sought. Contributions by check or PayPal would be are very much appreciated. Information on donating is available from their website.

A three-man DXpedition team is heading to Swaziland this month. Wayne, W5KDJ/3DAØKDJ, Frosty, K5LBU/3DAØCF and Daniel, ZS6JR/3DAØJR plan to be active on all bands through 160 meters July 8th to 18th. They will have three 800-foot beverage antennas aimed towards Europe, Japan and the US. Plans are to have two very tall verticals for 80 and 160 meters (they are at least 70 ft. tall, and they will try to put them at least 1/8th wave apart). On 40 meters they will have the 40-meter kits on a Cushcraft A4S antennas which will be close to 40 meters high. During the IARU Contest, on July 9 and 10, they will be QRV as 3DA5HQ.

Gab, HA3JB plans to once again be active as SU8BHI in Egypt from July until the end of the year. Look for activity on CW, RTTY, SSTV, PSK and SSB on all bands. QSL direct only via HA3JB, Kutasi Gabor, P.O.Box 243, H-8601 Siofok, Hungary. An on-line log search will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb>.

Rex, VK7MO, will activate both Cocos-Keeling and Christmas Island in late summer/early fall. Look for him as VK9CMO from Cocos-Keeling Island, August 18th to September 1st. Also, look for him as VK9XMO from Christmas Island, September 1-22nd. These operations are solely 2m EME using the digital modes (no HF), and will be staged from the Christmas Island Cricket and Sporting Club (same venue as for VK9XD in 2003/2004). This is the first ever known attempt at EME from either of these Zone 29 islands. Visit the following Web page for more info: <http://www.qrz.com/vk9xmo>

On HF, David, VK2CZ and Charlie, WØYG will go to Christmas Island on October 22nd. They will be active from October 23rd until November 6th. They plan to be active as VK9XD in the CQWW SSB Contest that next weekend. Before and after the contest, Charlie will be on the air as VK9XG (mostly on RTTY and CW), and David will be active as VK9XD. David will return to Australia on November 7th. On November 7th,

Charlie will move over to Cocos-Keeling as VK9CG and be active starting November 8th on the same bands as from Christmas Island. QSL all contacts with VK9XG and VK9CG direct only to WØYG. QSL VK9XD via David's QSL Manager VK6NE.

Maggie, C91MJ and her husband Ben are permanently at Muapula in northern Mozambique, working at a missionary station. Maggie has had the C91 callsign for a few years but just got active this year. She is new on the ham bands and only operates phone so far. She has a Kenwood TK-80 HF rig, with the only power source a 12V battery that is charged with a solar panel during daylight, 100 watts maximum output. Her multiband dipole works on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 12M. Maggie's mother will be handling her QSLs, with guidance from ZS2NJ and other South African hams.

VD2X is a callsign from Canada, CQ zone 2, Labrador, through mid July. Pete, VE3IKV will be there to study high latitude sporadic-E propagation in Northern America and the influence of the nearby magnetic North Pole. The callsign marks 100 years since explorer Mina Hubbard's trip across Labrador. Pete will be on the air until July 15. Particularly look for him on 6M. QSL via VE3IKV. <http://www.mina2005.ca/mwm/2>

Look for Kurt, SV5/HB9XCL to be QRV from the Dodecanese Islands through early July. He will be on HF on SSB, CW, and the digital modes. QSL via the bureau or direct to Kurt Hess, Grabneweg 4, CH- 3423 - Ersigen, Switzerland. If you miss him, Hubert, DK9NKC plans to be operating from Rhodes, Dodecanese Islands as either SV5/DK9NKC or J45R from August 6 to 20. He will be active on all bands 10-160 meters. QSL via the bureau or direct to Hubert Metz, Heinrich-Schatzelstr. 17, D-97337 - Dettelbach /Effeldorf, Germany.

The IARU HF World Championships event will be held on July 9th and 10th. This is the 'Olympics' of ham radio with members of the International Amateur Radio Union (i.e.: ARRL) each sponsoring a team. Some of the contestants announced so far include:

Bulgaria, which will be active giving out the BFRA multiplier as LZ7HQ. The QSL manager will be LZ1BJ. An exact list of ops has not been completed.

Kenya's IARU HQ Station 5Z4R representing the Amateur Radio Society of Kenya (ARSK) may or may not be active, it has yet to be determined. If so, operators will include Ted, 5Z4NU and Vladimir, 5Z4/UA4WHX. QSL to the ARSK QSL Bureau. 5Z4RT and 5Z4DZ may also participate in the event.

Members of the Radio Club of Costa Rica along with some U.S team members plan to be active as TIØHQ from the Costa Rican HQ as a Multi-Multi effort. Look for them to have 3 or 4 stations on the air from different locations. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via TIØRC. Operators mentioned are TI2MOT, TI2GBY, TI2JCY, TI4ZM, TI3TLS, TI2CCC, TI2VW, TI2KAC, TI3MAO, TI2DLL, W4BW, K4UN, W4KTR, N5VI and possibly K4PI.

From the Netherlands will be Hans, PB1T handing out the REGION 1 multiplier. Other operators were not listed.

HQ headquarters station LU4AA will represent Argentina. They will give out RCA on SSB and CW.

The Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League (CTARL) will activate BVØHQ during the contest from Taipei City, Taiwan. QSL via BV2QB.



The Austrian Amateur Radio Society (OVSV) will OE5ØA and will give out the HQ-Multiplier as OE5ØA. OVSV is also sponsoring two diplomas. The first is the W-OE-XHQ Diplom, which is for working OE1XHQ-OE9XHQ or OE50A on 6 different bands/Modes.

The second is the OE5Ø-Diplom for working Austrian Amateur Radio Operators with the special OE5Ø prefix all through out 2005. Austria is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the State Treaty, which established political autonomy for the Austrian Republic after occupation by the Allied countries - the USA, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union. Diplomas can be obtained by contacting OEVSV Dachverband-Diplomreferat, Eisvogelgasse 4/1, 1060 Vienna, Austria. For more information you can send an email to [diplom@oevsv.at](mailto:diplom@oevsv.at).

## IOTA

Mike, GM4SUC, reports that as of Sunday, June 19th, there are already 164 stations in 31 countries that have confirmed their participation in the 2005 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, August 20-21st. A list of the stations with QTH and QSL information can be found at:  
[http://illw.net/2005\\_list.htm](http://illw.net/2005_list.htm)

If you want to join in the fun during the ILLW, please listen for other lighthouse or lightship stations. They wish to remind non-U.S. CW stations to operate above 14.025 kHz to allow access by Advanced Class U.S. amateurs. Every effort is made to remind those non-U.S. stations participating to keep operations above the U.S. Extra Class sub-bands. Last year there were 376 lighthouse/lightship stations active during the ILLW. So come and join them in the fun during the ILLW and make a total of over 400 lighthouse/ship station contacts. An entry form can be found on the web page at:  
<http://illw.net>

JAØHNA, JEØOMG and JHØOLD plan to be active as homecall/p from Awa Island (JIIA AS-117-062) Niigata prefecture, from July 8-11th. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. Visit the JIIA Award Web page at: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage61.htm>

Jacques, ON4AJV and Willem, ON6TZ plan to be active as XU7TAS from Koh Tas Island between October 30th and November 10th. Activity will be around the clock on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via ON4AJV (QRZ.com).

Look for 7L3ATQ/8 to be active from Teuri Island (JIIA AS-147-008) Hokkaido coast Island, now through June 21st. QSL via the home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

Martin, SMØDTK, will be active as SMØDTK/1 from Gotland Island now through August 28th. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

Steve, GØSGB, will be active as EA5/GØSGB from either Tabarca Island (DIE E-006) and/or Benidorm Island (DIE E-007), June 20-30th. Look for him primarily on SSB on 14264 kHz daily. QSL via his home callsign, direct only.

Activity by MSØIRC/p from Rockall Island took place Thursday, June 16th. Some 262 QSOs were made, enough for the operation to meet IOTA qualification requirements. Operation was cut short due to weather.

Rick, W7AV, Darleen, K6JEN and Bob, KB7TX will be active from Utila Island (Grid EK66), Honduras, now through June 30th. Callsigns were not mentioned but will probably be HR9/homecall. Their activity will be on 40-15 meters CW/SSB/PSK. They are expected to concentrate on 6 meters when and if the band is open. There will be a breakable CW beacon (HR9/W7AV) directed towards the U.S. on 50110 kHz. QSL to their home callsigns.

Tad, WF4W will be active as WF4W/4 from Jekyll Island from October 28th through November 2nd including a Single-Op effort in the CQWW SSB Contest. Outside of the contest, Tad will operate on the suggested IOTA frequencies, mostly CW, 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. There is a possibility of some SSB and RTTY operations. QSL via his home callsign, direct or via the Bureau.

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

Visit the new Web site for the "Worked All Italian Lighthouses Award" (WAIL) at: <http://www.wail.it/>

There are new rules and many new references numbers. Other lighthouse Web sites to visit are:  
<http://www.arlhs.com> and <http://www.wlota.com>

## DXCC NEWS

The following operation was approved within the last 30 days for DXCC credit:

Saudi Arabia, HZ1EX, from October 27, 2004 though December 31, 2005.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

July 1-July 10, 1200z-2200z, Marco Island, FL. Marco Island Radio Club, N4M. Founding of modern Marco Island. 21.260 18.128 14.260. QSL. Karl L Geng, 695 Embassy Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145. [www.marcoisland.org/k5mi.htm](http://www.marcoisland.org/k5mi.htm).

July 2, 0800z-1500z, Ashland, KY. River Cities Amateur Radio Association, KA4OIL. Summer Motion 05. 28.400 7.250 3.940. Certificate. RCARA, PO Box 612, Ashland, KY 41105.  
[www.geocities.com/kg4dve/rcara.htm](http://www.geocities.com/kg4dve/rcara.htm).

July 2, 1400z-2200z, Smithville, TN. DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club, K4F. 34th Annual Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree & Crafts Festival. 28.425 21.325 14.280 7.275. QSL. William Freddy Curtis, KC4GUG, 288 Dogwood Cir, Smithville, TN 37166-2712. [www.geocities.com/kg4bto1/darc\\_warc.html](http://www.geocities.com/kg4bto1/darc_warc.html).

July 2-Jul 3, 1400z-2130z, Winona, MN. Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W0NE. Great River Shakespeare Festival. 14.250 7.250 7.050 3.870. Certificate. Leslie Hittner, K0BAD, 1340 Conrad Dr, Winona, MN 55987.  
[www.w0ne.org](http://www.w0ne.org).

July 4, 1300z-2100z, Van Wert, OH. Van Wert Amateur Radio Club, W8FY. Holiday at Home—Van Wert

County Historical Museum. 14.320 7.260. Certificate. Van Wert Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 602, Van Wert, OH 45891.

July 4, 1500Z-2200Z, Independence, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. Celebrating Independence Day from Independence, Iowa. 28.340 21.240 14.240 7.240 50.140. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. [www.qrz.com/w0fsb](http://www.qrz.com/w0fsb).

July 4, 1600Z-2300Z, Beecher, IL. Hams of Beecher, W9B. 5th Annual Welcome Home Beecher Train Depot. 28.340 14.270 14.040 7.270 144.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.

July 4- 5, 1400Z-0100Z, Thompson, OH. Lake County Amateur Radio Association, N8GB. Heritage of Our Country—Happy Birthday America. 28.450 7.247. Certificate. George R. Bair, 386 Cedarbrook Dr, Painesville, OH 44077.

July 4- 5, 1600Z-0300Z, Klamath Falls, OR. Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association, W7VW. Centennial of incorporation of the city of Klamath Falls. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Douglas Clarke, N7KF, 4801 Glenwood Dr, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

July 5- 31, 1300Z-2100Z, Port Colborne, ON, Canada. Niagara Peninsula ARC, VE3WCD. Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. 28.350 21.250 14.250 7.250. QSL. Doug Frame, VE3JDF, 895 Lakeshore Rd E, Port Colborne, ON, Canada L3K 5V3. [www.nparc.on.ca](http://www.nparc.on.ca).

July 6- 10, 1800Z-2400Z, Austin, TX. Naturist Amateur Radio Club, NU5DE. Nude Awareness Celebration/Nude Recreation Week. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.265. QSL. Naturist Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 200812, Austin, TX 78720-0812. [www.nu5de.org](http://www.nu5de.org).

July 8- 10, 1400Z-2359Z, Trenton, MI. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. 30th Annual Trenton Mid-Summer Festival. 14.244 14.044 7.244 7.044. Certificate. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM, PO Box 337, Wyandotte, MI 48192. [www.W8MRM.org](http://www.W8MRM.org).

July 8- 10, 1800Z-0600, Salmon Arm, BC, Canada. Shuswap Amateur Radio Club, VA7C. Salmon Arm Centennial Celebration. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. Shuswap Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2613, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4R5.Canada. [www.jetstream.net/sarc](http://www.jetstream.net/sarc).

July 8- 18, 1400Z-1800Z, Steamboat Lake State Park, CO. Castle Rock Repeater Group, K0CRG. New US Islands activation CO-12, grid DN60, Routt County. 14.260 14.030 7.260 3.960. QSL. Roger Krautkremer, K0YY, 41 Cedar Way, Evergreen, CO 80439. [www.crrg.org](http://www.crrg.org).

July 9, 1800Z-2200Z, Los Alamos, NM. Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, W5PDO. Earthwatch Institute Student Challenge Awards Program from Fenton Hill Observatory. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Don Casperson, AA5PA, 1423 43rd St, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

July 9-10, 0000Z-2359Z, Hannibal, MO. Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, W0MTL/MM. National Tom Sawyer Days from the Mark Twain Riverboat. 14.259 7.258. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305. [www.ewingmissouri.com/w0kem/](http://www.ewingmissouri.com/w0kem/).

July 9-10, 0900Z-1600Z, Somers, NY. Peekskill Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, W4H. 4H Fair at

Muscot Farms. 21.310 14.275 7.255. QSL. W2NYW Peekskill Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 146, Crompond, NY 10517.

July 9- 23. Lewis and Clark County, MT. Capital City Amateur Radio Club, K7L/C. 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark "discovering" Lewis and Clark County, MT. SSB and CW: 25 kHz down from the top of each band; PSK31. Certificate. Forrest Christian, AC7DE, 50 11th Ave, Helena, MT 59601-3642. County stations also signing /LC. [www.w7tck.org/lc](http://www.w7tck.org/lc).

July 10, 1400z-1900z, Upton (Long Island), NY. National Weather Service Upton NY and Town of Babylon ARES, WX2OKX. Annual NWS OKX Open House, promoting the partnership between NWS and Amateur Radio in the Tri-State SKYWARN Program. 28.320 21.320 14.320 7.250. Certificate. NOAA/NWS, Attn: WX2OKX, 175 Brookhaven Ave, Bldg NWS-1, Upton, NY 11973. [www.erh.noaa.gov/okx/Skywarn/open-house05.html](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/okx/Skywarn/open-house05.html).

July 10-21. Israel Amateur Radio Club, 17th Maccabiah Games. Israel Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 17600, Tel-Aviv, 61176 Israel. For complete information go to: [www.iarc.org/~4z4tl/Maccabiah17\\_main.htm](http://www.iarc.org/~4z4tl/Maccabiah17_main.htm).

July 15-17, 1800z-1200z, Kane, PA. Kane Amateur Radio Operators, AA3GM. Celebrating the annual Kanesfest Festival. 21.355 14.255 7.255 3.875. Certificate. Kenneth T. Frankenbery, 5111 Glenwall Dr, Alquippa, PA 15001.

July 16, 1300z-1900z, Wapakoneta, OH. Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QYL. Celebrating the anniversary of the landing on the moon. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Tom Kaup, KA1UP, 421 Lewis Ave, St Henry, OH 45883.

July 16, 1300z-2000z, Chambersburg, PA. Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club, W3ACH. 50th Anniversary of the CVARC. 14.240 7.240 50.125 146.550. Certificate. Cumberland Valley ARC, PO Box 172, Chambersburg, PA 17201. [www.cvarc-pa.com](http://www.cvarc-pa.com).

July 16-17, 0001z-2359z Portland, OR. Oregon-Idaho DX Group, W7P. Museum Ships Weekend, from the Sternwheel Tug Portland. 28.360 28.039 21.360 21.039 14.260 14.039 7.260 7.039 3.860 3.539. QSL. via K7VAN, Box 12941, Salem, OR 97309. Info: [k7vv@msn.com](mailto:k7vv@msn.com). Participating ships: [www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html](http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html).

July 16-17, 0001z-2359z, Quincy, MA. USS Salem Radio Club, K1USN. Museum Ship Worldwide Radio Event. 14.260 14.039 3.860 3.539. Certificate for working ten participating ships. Robert Callahan, 56 Acorn St, Scituate, MA 02066. [www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html](http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html).

July 16-17, 1200z-0100z, Mount Vernon, OH. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, W8V. Mount Vernon, OH, Bicentennial Celebration. 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Mike McCardel - Bicentennial, 23695 Bear Run Rd, Danville, OH 43014. [www.mvarc.net](http://www.mvarc.net).

July 16-17, 1400z-1900z, Jackson, MI. Cascades Amateur Radio Society, W8JXN. 23rd Annual Jackson Hot Air Jubilee. 14.260 7.250 3.890 145.05. QSL. CARS, PO Box 512, Jackson, MI 49204-0512. [www.w8jxn.org](http://www.w8jxn.org).

July 16-17, 1400z-2230z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. Museum Ships Weekend Event. 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.

July 17-18, 1700z-0300z, Disneyland, CA. WD6MM. Celebrating the Happiest Place on Earth, Disneyland's 50th. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Archie Willis, W6LPJ, 9276 Borden Av, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

July 19- 23, 1200z-2400z, Fremont, MI. Newaygo County Emergency Communications Group, W1B. National Baby Food Festival. 14.265 7.264 3.965 146.470. Certificate. Mike Foster, 7937.E 36th St, Newaygo, MI 49337.

July 21- 22, 2000z-0200z, Manchester, MI. Chelsea Amateur Radio Club, W8C. Manchester Chicken Broil - We 8 Chicken! 14.250. Certificate. WD8IEL Chelsea ARC, PO Box 43, Chelsea, MI 48118. kn8a@arrl.net.

July 23, 1400z-2000z, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. Promote Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. 21.35 18.15 14.25 7.261. QSL. Larry Wheeler, 163 Lakewood Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

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## What's coming

July Meeting -- July 8 The July meeting has been moved from the first, to second Friday, to avoid conflict with the long holiday July 4 weekend. The program will be on pedestrian mobile, with Bruce, K9OZ, giving a demonstration of his pedestrian mobile setup. If the weather and band permits, we can attempt to make some /pm QSOs from the parking lot. The meeting will be held in its usual location in the Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College.

August Meeting -- August 5 We're planning something different for the August meeting. We're reinstating the annual club picnic that evening, with the picnic/meeting held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the East Shelter at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. Herrick Lake is about two miles west of Rice Lake Square on Butterfield Road. Pull in the parking lot, head to the east side, and you won't be able to miss us. We'll furnish a simple meal, and everyone -- harmonics, XYLs, OMs, etc., is invited to attend. We will ask for a small donation (\$5 per head) to help cover our food costs.

We'll have a short program at the meeting on direction finding and talk about fox hunts.

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# OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JULY

JOHN	N9MWF	07-05-52
CAROL	N6YL	07-10-40
BILL	K9WH	07-11-36
DAVID	W9AOK	07-22-37
DALE	NJ9E	07-25-50

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Jul 23, 1500z-2200z, Saline, MI. ARROW Communications Association, W8PGW. Saline Railroad Depot Museum Open House. 14.260 14.040 7.260 7.040. QSL. ARROW Communications Association Inc, PO Box 1572, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. www.w8pgw.org.

July 23-24, 1800z-2200z, DeSmet, SD. Huron Amateur Radio Club and Lake Area Radio Klub, W0NOZ. Annual Little House on the Prairie Pageant. 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. HARC, PO Box 205, Huron, SD 57350. www.huronarc.info.

July 23-25, 1200z-0200z, Springfield, OH. Independent Radio Association, K4H. Birthplace of the 4H Clubs of America. 21.370 14.265 7.235 3.865. QSL. Independent Radio Association, PO Box 523, Springfield, OH 45369.

July 25-31, 0000z-0000z, Tiffin, OH. Seneca Radio Club, W8ID. Celebrating the 2005 Seneca County Fair in Ohio. 14.275 7.275 3.860. Certificate. Seneca Radio Club—W8ID, c/o Fair Special Event 2005, 126 Hopewell Ave, Tiffin, OH 44883. www.w8id.com/SCF2005.

July 28- 31, 1400z-2100z, Oshkosh, WI. Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W9ZL. EAA AirVenture 2005 Fly-In. 14.270 7.250 146.52 146.76. Certificate. Bernie Hengels, N9YMC, PO Box 5233, Appleton, WI 54912. www.fcarc.us.

July 30- 31. Douglas, Isle of Man. Scarlett Point Radio Group and Isle of Man Business School, GB5MOB. Isle of Man's 175th Maritime Anniversary/Mutiny on the Bounty and Peter Heywood. All HF bands CW VHF UHF Echolink. Scarlett Point, 42 Close Rushen, Castletown, Isle of Man. www.scarlettpoint.com.

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
0000z	July 1	RAC		
3459z	July 1	Canada Day www.rac.org	160-2 meters	All
1500z	July 2	Original QRP		
1500z	July 3	Contest www.qrpcc.de/contestrules	80/40/20	CW
2300z	July 4	MI QRP 4th of		
0300z	July 5	July Sprint www.qsl.net/k8dd/miqrp/miqrp.htm	Not Stated	CW

1700z	July 9	FISTS		
2100z	July 9	Summer Sprint	80-10 meters	CW
		<a href="http://www.fists.org/sprints.html">www.fists.org/sprints.html</a>		
1200z	July 9	IARU HF		
1200z	July 10	World Championships	160-10	CW/SSB
		<a href="http://www.iaru.org">www.iaru.org</a>		
1800z	July 16	North American		
0600z	July 17	RTTY QSO Party	160-10	RTTY
1800z	July 16	CQ WW		
2100z	July 17	VHF Contest	6-2 meters	All
		<a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>		
0000z	July 23	Great Lakes		
2359z	July 24	Sweepstakes	80-2 meters	CW/SSB/PSK
		<a href="http://mdxal.org/GLSWEEPSRULES.html">mdxal.org/GLSWEEPSRULES.html</a>		
1200z	July 30	RSGB Islands On		
1200z	July 31	The Air (IOTA)	80-10 meters	CW/SSB
		<a href="http://www.rsgbiota.org">www.rsgbiota.org</a>		

## DX POTPOURRI

Takkuma, JF1EGV has been issued A52EGV by the Bhutan Telecommunications Authority. His license is good through August 8, 2005. He has been active on 15 meters using SSB. QSL via the operator's instructions.

The CY9SS DXpedition is QRV from St. Paul Island until July 7. Activity is on all bands, including 6 and 2 meters, using CW, SSB, WSJT-MS and EME. QSL direct to VY2SS.

Special event station 9A10KC is now active through the end of the year as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Community for the Technical Culture of the City of Koprivnica. QSL via 9A7K.

Scotty Redd, K0QD (also known as YI3Q, A92Q and P40Q), has been nominated by President Bush to be Director of the National Counter-Terrorism Center in McLean, Virginia. Scott, a retired Admiral with 36 years active duty in the Navy, is an active contest operator.

Ian, G8WVW and family are now living on Ascension Island through March, 2006, where he will be using the callsign, ZD8I. Ian will be on 80-6M SSB – (not 30 meters). Look for him around 3.737, 7.077, 14.237, 18.137, 21.337, 24.937 and 28.537. QSL via G4LTI. Ian may also visit the Falklands, from time to time.

JA1KJW/8, JJ1JGI/8, JK1EBA/8 and 7N4AGB/8 will be on from Rebun Island, AS-147, Hokkaido, July 15-18. A second Island, Rishiri, also AS-1478, will be July 18-21.

Franco, HB9OAB is now active as HI7/HB9OAB from the Punta Cana area of the Dominican Republic. He is on 10-40 meters until July 15th. QSL via his home call.



Lain, MMØTFU will be active from Arran Island (EU-123) from July 29 to August 5th. Look for him on 10-80 meters SSB near the IOTA frequencies. QSL via the bureau or direct to MMØTFU, Iain Macalister, 33 King St. - Crosshill, Maybole - KA19 7RE, Scotland – UK

GB2CD will be on the air July 1-3 from the Forest Scout Camp at Sandiway, during the Chester District Scout Camp. Arthur, G7BQY and others will operate, on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10M. QSL via the bureau or direct to G7BQY

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.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE WCRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET ON JULY 11TH, 2005, AT 7:30 TILL 9:30 PM AT THE HOME OF PETER, N9HDW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT PETER SO HE WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT CHAIRS AVAILABLE.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 5th: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 7th: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 8rd: 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 coonstruction 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. The program will be on pedestrian mobile, with Bruce, K9OZ, giving a demonstration of his pedestrian mobile setup.
- 15th: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS** for August. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 28th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

### Next WCRA General Membership Meeting - July 8th, 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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