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"Thanks to all who helped make the WCRA Mid-Winter 2005 Hamfest a success, especially those club members who came on the weekend and worked the show as volunteers. TNX de Peter N9HDW, Hamfest Worker Chairman"

The volunteer workers list, people who actually came to the show and worked as a volunteer in some capacity, is attached. The list may have missed someone if s/he did not sign in at the show.

Peace,
Peter

2005 WCRA Hamfest Workers List

Call	First	Last	Showed and Worked Hamfest				
				K9MUF	Don	Webster	1
				N9MWF	John	Cheney	1
N9BT	William	Thompson	1	N9NA	John	Siepmann	1
N9CBA	Tom	Geletka	1	W9NJM	Douglas	Totel	1
KC9CUQ	Kelsey	Schroeder	1	N9NTM	Marty	Stark	1
KC9CZP	Samantha	Schroeder	1	N9NYX	Donald	Motz	1
AH6DA	Gordon	Denno	1	N9OA	Steve	Peterson	1
W9DHX	James	Ward	1	KB9OAQ	Robert	Shek	1
KA0DSF	Bruce	Dillingham	1	K9OZ	Bruce	Plantz	1
NJ9E	Dale	Kwarta	1	NV9R	Bob	Schlotzer	1
KA9EPK	Jon	Peters	1	KB9RTO	Kurt	Rubin	1
WB9FEA	Robert	Ailor	1	KA9RVS	Paul	Lubinski	1
KB9FYL	Carol	Schroeder	1	KA9RZG	Ruth	Kwarta	1
K9GAL	Mary	James	1	W9UZ	Mark	Potter	1
N9HDW	Peter	Richey	1	WB9VFC	Donald	Snyder	1
KA9HEL	Jack	Feldman	1	K9VGN	Donald	Drake	1
N9HQ	Ken	Kwasniewski	1	N9WBW	Thomas	Negele	1
KA3HSW	George	Henry	1	K9WH	William	Hollister	1
N9IRY	Robert	Elz	1	N9WRO	Joe	Lefebvre	1
KB9IYY	Scott	Taylor	1	N9XS	Robert	Noles	1
K9JAU	Pat	Byrne	1	WT9Y	John	Faber	1
KF9JC	Wayne	Kiser	1	KA9RCC	Marty	Kennedy	1
KA9KDC	Larry	Schroeder	1	N9MXW	Miles	Masek	1
K9KGU	Glenn	Muzik	1				
KB9LBG	David	Lincoln	1				
W3MDM	Robert	Seaberg	1	TOTALS		48	
K9MGX	Richard	Devries	1				

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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 WCRA President

Field Day New Techniques and Technology Meeting

Friday March 4, 2005

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

This event repeats on the first
Friday of every month, until
Saturday June 11, 2005.

The next reminder for this event
will be sent in 5 days, 4 minutes.

Event Location: Room 138,
Billy Graham Center, Wheaton
College, Wheaton
Phone: Peter N9HDW 630-260-
9447

Notes:

One hour before the regular
monthly club meeting in the
same room. Bring ideas for new
technology and techniques for
FD which is June 25 & 26 ,
2005.

WCRA Minutes from the February 4, 2005 Meeting



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

Vice President and Acting President **Steve, N9OA**, called the meeting to order at 19:31. **Kurt, KB9RTO**, made a motion that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. **Peter, N9HDW**, seconded the motion, and it passed. In announcements, Steve said, "We need a president!" Speaking as Vice President, Steve said there is no program for February. He asked for program ideas. Some possibilities are weather spotting and pedestrian mobile, which will be presented in March or May. Steve thanked **Pat, K9JAU**, for bringing refreshments.

Board and attendees made introductions. Secretary **Mary, K9GAL**, presented a new membership application for **Rick, N9HLG**. **John, N9MWF**, made a motion that the new member be accepted, **Bob, N9BR**, seconded the motion, and it passed. Mary asked for help on Membership. **Wini, KC9BJJ**, volunteered. Treasurer **Jack, KA9HEL**, reported on the budget and told members he would like to resign. **Marty, N9NTM**, made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted, **Doug, W9NJM**, seconded the motion, and it passed. No action was taken on the resignation request.

Hamfest **Bruce, K9OZ**, said this year's profits were down dramatically because of the snow. However, the committee "really watched expenses," so profits were better than they could have been. **Tom, N9WBW**, asked that the minutes reflect what a great job the committee did on Hamfest--especially Bruce, John, Peter and Kurt. John, N9MWF, made a motion, Wini seconded the motion and it passed. Workers' prizes were awarded. John announced that his grand prize winnings from Hamfest will be donated to the club's Emergency Preparedness efforts.

In Field Day news, Peter reported 10 people had showed up for the New Techniques and Technology before this meeting. **Dale, NJ9E**, reported that the group is hoping to find a new location for Field Day to be held June 25-26, 2005. Representing the Repeater Administrative Board, **Larry, KA9KDC**, said there had been activity on the tower at College of DuPage. A wireless company is interested in putting an antenna up there; this could be a good sign for the club and its antenna. Larry invited members to look at photos he had brought of the cabinet that he has built around the repeater in its temporary location (his home).

John gave a report on Public Service. He encouraged members to participate not only for the fun, but also because it's good practice for emergency communications. He announced the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will hold Advanced Severe Weather Training Programs on March 11-12.

Talking about Training Classes, Jack announced the club is no longer associated with the College of DuPage. There wasn't enough interest in the Technician Class held there. Dale volunteered to do one-on-one training if any interest develops in the future. **Gordon, AH6DA**, talked about the VE Program's efforts at Hamfest and in January. Marty made a motion that committee reports be accepted. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed.

In Old Business, Bruce said he and **John, N9NA**, are looking for another member to join the Nominating Committee. He emphasized the importance of putting together a strong board. Steve went into New Business with the appointment of **John, WT9Y**, as the new Hamfest chair. In other New Business, members discussed ideas for building membership, sending hard copies of the newsletter to those who don't have internet access and an Open House that the DuPage Amateur Radio Club is having on Feb. 12. Kurt announced the Salvation Army is looking for a liaison officer for DuPage County. Anyone interested can see Kurt.

Doug made a motion the meeting be adjourned, John seconded it. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 20:58.

ATTENTION

The Public Service Chair has asked that we make the membership aware that we have two upcoming public service events: The Special Olympics on April 24th and the MS Walk on May 1st that need volunteers. If either or both of these dates are free please consider signing up to work these events. It would be nice if we had enough volunteers to staff two complete shifts. Sign up at an upcoming meeting or contact Joe, N9WRO.

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W1AX, compiled pictures and narrative on major actions that changed a lot of lives and landscapes. The article is on page 38 through 42.

“BEAR HUNT” WITH FOX HUNTING EQUIPMENT?

Would it work? Of course, if the hunted animal is wearing a radioactive collar! Section Manager Jeff Ryan, K0RM, spins an unusual yarn about a Colorado Springs emergency. The Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Association was asked to help find a “lost” bear that was off limits. The RDF gear and foxhunters were called into action—the bear was located and Wildlife Rangers took over with the dart gun. Ham radio to the rescue again! (p.43)

COLLECTORS – READ THE ADS!

Want some Chinese Military Field Set gear? A Canadian group claims to have Korean-Vietnam era HF equipment in original (wax sealed) cartons. Buyers beware—it sounds like those Jeeps protected by cosmolene in wooden crates. The ad is in the upper left hand corner on page 144. Their website is: (www.redstarradio.com)

MARCH QST – A “BUILDER’S SPECIAL” ISSUE

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

Five great building projects, complete with color illustrations and parts lists. Even if you don't need the items, it's fun to follow the authors through their construction adventures.

PORTABLE J-POLE

Page 31 gives you step-by-step instructions to build a “Portable J-Pole” for only \$15! Every WCRA member needs a fold-up/pop-up 2-meter antenna. Cleverly designed with a bungee cord inside, the copper tubing springs to life and you are radiating! Author Mike Heiler, KA0ZLG, is a Minnesota area Emergency Coordinator. If you get into problems with assembly, email him at ka0zlg@arrl.net

BAND YAGI

More complicated, but certainly an elegant device to have for your shack is KC6T's Beam for 10/15/20 meters with “backwards” coverage of 12! Leave it to those Californians to figure that out. It has a total weight of 65 pounds and read the four pages beginning on page 34 for the details. Bill Stein is a computer peripheral expert and loves HF, and reports ideal working height of 37 feet for this beauty.

FLEXIBLE MOBILE ANTENNA

On page 53 you can read about a mobile antenna installation that boggles the mind. Using PVC and a lot of ingenuity, Bob Schetgen, KU7G, has created a platform on his '93 Subaru wagon that his wife calls “The Plumber's Mobile.” He needed to support one of those big fold-over masts, and the sheet metal of the car wouldn't take it. Thus the “structure” he put together. You'll enjoy his rising to the challenge.

APARTMENT ANTENNA GROUNDING SOLUTION

On the same page 53, another ham has solved the problem of cave dwellers to need to ground their rigs to get efficient radiation. His solution—copper foil and 73 empty beer cans arrayed on the floor and connected to the foil by wire with alligator clips on the pull tabs. He's four floors up and uses a 20-meter dipole connected to a nearby tree. He claims to get great DX with only a 100 watts.

BATTERY PACK FOR PORTABLE OPERATION

Phil Salas, AD5X, has come up with a low-cost solution to battery pack construction; he picked up a couple of Radio Control batteries and a smart charger for \$56.95! That is the foundation of the system he put together for his away from home operation. The details are on pages 51 and 52.

HURRICAN HEROISM

So you're tired of building things, and want to read about the emergency work done by your fellow hams? Plenty to report on four hurricanes, Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. This was a busy season for the Florida folks, and the 2004 year was one to be remembered. Steve Ewald,

Author unknown but I think it's safe to say a Marine wrote this.

US Marine Corp Rules for Gunfights

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive ENOUGH, quickly ENOUGH.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a "4."
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral & diagonal preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years, nobody will remember the caliber, stance, or tactics. They will remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating.

Navy SEALs Rules For Gunfights

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Return quickly to looking cool in latest beach wear.
4. Check hair in mirror.

US Army Rangers Rules For Gunfights

1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from "Higher" to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.

Army Rules For Gunfights

1. Select a new beret to wear
2. Sew combat patch on right shoulder
3. Change the color of beret you decide to wear

US Air Force Rules For Gunfights

1. Have a cocktail
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner. See what's on HBO
4. Determine "what is a gunfight"
5. Request more funding from Congress with a "killer" Power Point presentation
6. Wine & dine 'key' Congressmen, invite DoD & defense industry executives
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets
8. Declare the assets "strategic" and never deploy them operationally
9. Tell the Navy to send the Marines

US Navy Rules For Gunfights

1. Go to Sea
2. Drink Coffee
3. Watch porn
4. Send the Marines



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

The DX Magazine has announced their annual "Most Wanted Survey" for 2004. The survey was taken between the middle of September and late October in 2004. Here are the top "10 Most Wanted DXCC Entities":

- 1) North Korea (P5)
- 2) Andaman & Nicobar Islands (VU4)
- 3) Scarborough Reef (BS7)
- 4) Lakshadweep Island (VU7)
- 5) Yemen (7O)
- 6) Peter I Island (3Y/P)
- 7) Navassa Island (KP1)
- 8) Desecheo Island (KP5)
- 9) Bouvet Island (3Y/B)
- 10) Kure Island (KH7)

You can find DX Magazine's web page at www.dxpub.com.

Bernie, W3UR has received a report on the December 2004 DXpedition that turned into a relief effort when the tsunami hit the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in late last year. The report was written by VU2MYH. The story is in a PDF file (1.2 meg size) and includes photos. It can be downloaded from his web site at <http://www.dailydx.com/VU4.htm>. Also the April issue of How's DX in QST (written by Bernie) will be on the VU4 DXpedition, turned relief effort.

The Clipperton DXpedition team has received official written clearance to organize a 2005 Glorioso DXpedition. They will use the prefix "TO4G**" and be active between May 15th and June 1st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, on CW, SSB and Digital modes. Operators mentioned are: Didier, F5OGL (leader); Christian, TZ6SA; Dany, F5CW; Eric, FM5JC; Pascal, F5PTM; Freddy, F5IRO; Yves, F5MSR; Vicent, /F8UNF; Luc, FR5IZ; JeanLuc, F5AEP; Olivier, F1AAK and David, FØCRS. The QSL Manager is Didier, F5OGL. QSL via the REF Bureau or direct to: Didier Senmartin, Boite postale 7, F-53320 Loiron, FRANCE. A web page is currently under construction and can be view at: <http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/index-fr.htm>

Eddie, DU1EV, informs OPDX that Nicodemus, DU1JXP; Mike, DU1MHX; Ed, 4F1OZ; Gilbert, 4F2KWT; Bebe, 4F3BA and himself will be active on the Philippine side of the Spratly Island Group (Kalayaan Island) from January to May under the callsign DXØK. According to Eddie, he should be on the air and be active by himself for about a month. Towards the end of March 2 or 3 other operators are expected to join for around three weeks. Eddie mentions that they might pack up early after two weeks, or towards the tail end of April, as the typhoon season will be about to set in and they will be leaving there by boat. Activity is planned for all bands 160-6 meters including the WARC bands, mostly on CW and SSB. During March they "just might" work some digital modes like RTTY and SSTV. Eddie also mentions that this is a Hamcation/ DXpedition, and these are their tentative plans. A Web page is in the planning stage. QSL Manager is 4F2KWT.

Pierre, F6FXS and his XYL will be vacationing on the main Island of Guadeloupe (NA-1Ø2) from March 4-22nd. Pierre will be active as FG/F6FXS, and his activity will be CW only on 40-10 meters. During his holiday style DXpedition, he will use a FT817 and wires. Suggested frequencies are 7.013, 10.115, 14.045, 18.083, 21.045, 24.903 and 28.045 kHz. QSL direct (CBA) or via the bureau.

A Japanese group will be heading to the Pacific islands for their DX-vacation. Activity will be from Majuro Atoll (OC-029) between March 18-28th. Operators mentioned are Shigeo, JA1JQY (V73JY); Hisashi, JA1KJW (V73KJ); Yasumasa, JA1HEE (V73HE) and JI1FPO (V73OP). The team will do their best to make many QSOs with USA stations on 160/80 meters. Activity will be on CW, SSB and RTTY (if possible), using the following suggested frequencies:

CW – 1.822, 3.507, 7.007, 10.107, 14.007, 18.077, 21.007, 24.897 and 28.007

SSB – 3.798, 7.080, 14.170, 18.130, 21.270, 24.940 and 28.470 kHz

Leo, W3LEO is active again this year from Portpatrick, Scotland until March 29. He's currently QRV as MMØLEO and plans to operate in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 5-6) as GM3W, the Wigtownshire ARC contest call. During the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27) and the rest of the time, he

will use MMØLEO. He's got an Icom 706, an R-5 vertical [10, 12, 15, 17, 20 meters], and a 40 meter dipole. QSL both calls via W3LEO.

Ronald, PA3EWP and Tom, GM4FDM will be in Gibraltar from March 21-28. They hope to operate as ZB2/PA3EWP and ZB2/GM4FDM respectively. Plans are to have antennas for 10-80 meters, and possibly 160 meters. Look for activity on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will be using Elecraft K2s. The two will take part in the CW WPX SSB Contest. QSLs via home calls.

Hamid, EP4HR in Iran states he is usually on the lower bands every day (except Tuesdays and Fridays) from Ø215-Ø23Øz on CW or PSK31. He will start on 160 then move to 80 and 40 meters. QSNs show him on 40 meters PSK31 on 7035 kHz as late as Ø115z. Also, watch 14.070 kHz on PSK31 between 13ØØ-163Øz. QSL via I2MQP.

LX/ON4BAG, LX/ON4LO, LX/ON6QX and LX/ON6UM will be on from Wiltz, Luxembourg April 22-25. They will be on 160-10M, SSB, CW, and digital. QSL via the bureau or the QRZ.COM address.

VE7RLE, Ron Essex, has permission to use the special event callsign VA7C, July 1-31. Ron will celebrate the Centennial of the City of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada. QSL via VE7RLE, Ron Essex, 3691 - 65th Avenue N.W., Salmon Arm, BC V1E 3A5, Canada

Look for Nicola, IØSNY to be signing JT1Y from Mongolia between April 21 and May 10. He will go portable in the Gobi Desert this time as JT1Y/4. QSL to his home call.

A group from Australia plan to operate from St. Peter Island in the Nuyts Archipelago (OC-220) from April 7 to 11. This will be a special event, commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the death of Pieter Nuyts, the Dutch East India Company man and sometime explorer, who died in 1655. Team members will probably include Peter, VK3QI; Keith, VK3FT; Jack, VK3WWW and Max, VK3WT. Look for activity on 15 through 40 meters CW and SSB. A special commemorative callsign has been requested. QSL via VK3QI.

IOTA

Massimo, 9L1MS had to postpone his Turtle Islands, IOTA AF-056, operation that had been planned for February 5-6. I'll try to have more news when updates become available.

MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV will be on the air again from Jersey (IOTA EU- 013) March 9-16. They will both have amplifiers and will be on 160-6M CW, SSB, RTTY and some PSK-31. They will "do at least one all-nighter on 80 and 160 meters," and "This year we will accept scheduled contacts. To set one up on CW or RTTY, e-mail: K8PT@chartermi.net, for SSB or PSK-31, e-mail: crahill@adelphia.net." QSL via their home calls.

Kadek, YB9BU, will be active as YB7M from a new IOTA in the Laut Kecil Island Group (Oceana) from March 9-14th. Activity will be from the Moreses Island (Marabatua Island). QSL via YB9BU.

Bill, WB5ZAM, will be active from St. Lucia for 2 weeks. Look for him to sign J6/WB5ZAM from March 20th through April 3rd. Bill states that he is planning to operate on HF, "mostly CW around a laid back schedule." QSL via his home callsign.

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

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY

DL2JIL and DL2JIM - March 12-15th. Reference numbers: ARLHS FED-236 (FED-092 & FED-093 possible).

AL5A/NH2 - March 18-20th. Reference numbers: WLOTA LH0064 and IOTA OC-026. QSL via JH0MGJ

SV1QN/8, SV1AIN/8, SV1EQU/8, SV1GYG/8 and SW1GYN/8 - March 24-28th. Reference numbers: WLOTA LH2002 and IOTA EU-060.

ON THE WEB

Check out the US Marine Corps antenna handbook for a handy reference. It can be downloaded at <https://www.doctrine.quantico.usmc.mil/htm/doc8.htm>.

Logs for the current 6OØCW operation can be found at <http://www.i2ysb.com/6o/>. As this was written, the logs were as of February 7 and did not have complete SSB logs.

HA7TM has returned home from his 3B8/HA7TM operation. Logs can now be found at <http://ha7tm.uw.hu/7tmlog/searc.html>

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, has announced that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

R1MVI - Malyj Vysotskij Island from September 10-13, 2004

Chesterfield Island (TX9) Operation in October of 2004

Do you have questions regarding DXCC program issues? The ARRL Web site now features up-to-date listings of DXCC awards earned. The new system shows every issued DXCC award known to ARRL's computerized DXCC system with the exception of individual standings for 5BDXCC. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says the Web site listing is even more complete than the DXCC Yearbook ever was, since the printed list did not list inactive band-accounts for the previous year. "This will list everything and everybody," Mills emphasized. "The new system makes available a separate listing for each DXCC award type-band or mode."

Even more important, Mills notes is that it essentially renders obsolete the manually generated monthly and yearly reports. "Under the new system, DXCC listings will be updated daily," he emphasized. The DXCC standings of all ARRL members will remain in dark type. Call signs of non-members who have not submitted credits for 10 years or more are in grayed-out type. Each listing by band or mode is complete in a separate Adobe PDF file. The largest listing (DXCC Mixed) now runs to more than 50 pages, but the size of the PDF file is only about 150 kbytes because of file compression. Printing format options include US letter-sized or ISO A4 paper. The DXCC listings can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/#listings>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Arlington Heights, IL: US Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX. 17ØØz Mar 1-21ØØz Mar 5. 44th anniversary of the founding of United States Peace Corps. 28.500 21.375 14.325 7.283 3.985 2 m. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

San Antonio, TX: San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. 233Øz Mar 4-233Øz Mar 6. Texas Independence Station, San Antonio. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate. San Antonio Radio Club, PO Box 34263, San Antonio, TX 78265.

Newport News, VA: Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. 15ØØz Z-21ØØz Mar 5. Battle of the Ironclads, 143rd Anniversary. 28.362 21.362 14.062 7.262 7.062 PSK31. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. www.qsl.net/cars/.

San Antonio, TX: Alamo Area Radio Organization, AA5RO. 14ØØz Mar 5-24ØØz Mar 6. "Remember The Alamo" 168th anniversary, battle of the Alamo. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, 6146 Spring Time Dr, San Antonio, TX 78249. <http://users.stic.net/aaro>.

Mena, AR: Boy Scout Troop 850, WB5BSA. 2300Z March 11-1800Z Mar 15. 30+ mile backpack trip for the Backpacking Merit Badge. 14.325. QSL. Larry Holden, W5MPA, 907 W Lakeview Dr, Guthrie, OK 73044. www.geocities.com/bsatroop850/Picturearch.htm.

Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z -2200Z Mar 19. 23rd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 21.335 14.240 14.055 7.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. www.qsl.net/w4bkm.

Virginia Beach, VA, and Moss, Norway: Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, Inc, and Mossegruppen av NRRL, W4UG and LA5M. 1300Z Mar 19-2200Z Mar 20. 114th anniversary of the Norwegian Lady. US: 14.278 14.040 7.280 7.040 Norway: 28.363 21.192 18.164 18.145 14.278 14.070 (7.121 morning) 7.040. Certificate. US: VBARC, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Norway: Haakon Andreassen, LA1YKA, PO Box 88, N-1501, Moss, Norway; include 1 IRC and A4 envelope.

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 1/2 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

Ricardo is the operator currently active from LU1ZAB "Teniente Benjamin Matienzo Base (Air Force)" on Larsen Nunatak, Larsen Ice Shelf (AN-016). Look for him on 14290 around 2100Z on Saturdays and Sundays with LU4DXU. The same information is good for George, LU4ZS, the operator from "Vicecomodoro Gustavo A. Marambio Base (Air Force)" on Seymour Island, off the east side of Trinity Peninsula (Antarctic Peninsula). Further information will be available at <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/activity/2005.htm>

Luc, ON4IA is currently in N'djamena, Chad and has been issued the callsign TT8KLJ. He's using an Icom IC-706MKIIG with 100 watts, a tuner and a G4RV until March 20th or so. QSL via ON6NL.

Those who need Spratly Islands on RTTY should look for DX0K on 40 CW around the 1200Z time frame then he moves to RTTY around 7030 about 1240 until 1300Z.

Stig, LA7JO, Regional Telecoms Officer for the UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA), is now active from Kathmandu as 9N7JO. He will be active on SSB/CW/RTTY on 160-15 meters. Stig will probably be here for more than a year. QSL direct to: Stig Lindblom, Jum Changphimai, 147/1 Moo 3, Tambon Boot, Ban Ta Bong, Phimai, TH-30110 Nakhon Ratchashima, Thailand.

Doug, N6TQS is on a voyage aboard the square rigger, Europa, having set sail from Argentina on February 27. He plans stops in Antarctica, South Georgia and Tristan Da Cunha before returning home in mid April. Make sure you listen for his QTH when he uses his VP8DIN callsign.

Andy, G0JLX will be active for about the next three or four weeks from Ascension Island. He was hoping to obtain the call ZD8AD and will be operate during his evenings during the week and even more on the weekends. He'll be on HF and 6 meters. QSL via G0JLX.

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 MARCH



KURT	KB9RTO	03-03-74
JON	KA9EPK	03-11-39
RUDY	W9RKA	03-11-15
BOB	W9TIE	03-17-22
BRUCE	KA0DSF	03-31-32

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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It's that time of year again – time to renew. According to our records, you are a 2004 member of WCRA that has yet to renew in 2005. We want to make it as easy as possible to renew, so simply fill out this letter and return it with your check to: **WCRA, P.O. Box QSL, Wheaton, IL 60189**. Or bring this form and your check to the March 4th meeting.

Renewal deadline is prior to the annual election, which will take place at the April 1, 2005 meeting.

WCRA Renewal

Call on roster: _____ ARRL member? Yes ___ No ___

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Please print this page and fill in blanks where required and submit with your greenbacks at your next opportunity.

MARCH 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.
- 15th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for April. 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 - March 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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