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**PETER, N9HDW - PRESIDENT**



**BRUCE, K9OZ - VICE PRESIDENT**



**KEN, N9HQ - TREASURER**

The elections for 2005 were held at the April 1st meeting and the following members pictured here were elected to fill the vacant positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Custodian. Good luck to all.



**KURT, KB9RTO - CUSTODIAN**

## Glen Ellyn's Panfish Park Set for FD

The Department of Recreation of the Village of Glen Ellyn has again given the Club permission to use this centrally located venue again in 2005. For those who are new to the Club, it is entered from Park Boulevard, two blocks south of Route 38 (Roosevelt Rd). Turn east from Park. It is a Public Facility, so guests may be expected (and welcomed) during our event. One limitation—Sanitary Facilities—will be handled as usual with rented Portable Toilets. Come and enjoy and be neat—we want to leave it in clean condition. Additional parking is available in the lot of the Professional Building to the northwest of the site.

# From the President's Gavel

by Peter, N9HDW WCRA President

## WCRA Staff

### Elected Officers

President	Peter Richey	N9HDW	630: 260-9447
Vice President	Bruce Plantz	K9OZ	630: 968-1844
Secretary	Mary James	K9GAL	630: 968-1844
Treasurer	Ken Kwasniewski	N9HQ	630: 483-6946
Custodian	Kurt Rubin	KB9RTO	630: 7289307

### Volunteer Committee Chairs

Club Call Trustee	Tom Geletka	N9CBA	630: 289-2535
Christmas Party	Dale Kwarta	NJ9E	630: 858-8541
Club Awards	John Cheney	N9MWF	708: 848-2885
Club Truck			
Elmer/Know-Code	Charlie Matthews	WB9SGD	630: 665-4506
Field Day	Frank Krozal	KG9H	630: 653-9090
Field Day	Dale Kwarta	NJ9E	630: 858-8541
Field Day	Peter Richey	N9HDW	630: 260-9447
Hamfest	John Faber	WT9Y	630: 690-9608
Chaplain			
Historian			
Interference			
Refreshments	Bruce Plantz	K9OZ	630: 968-1844
Membership	Mary James	K9GAL	630: 968-1844
Membership Retention	Robert Noles	N9XS	630:372-7036
Public Relations			
Public Service	Joe LeFebvre	N9WRO	630: 587-8059
VHF/HF Awards	John Cheney	N9MWF	708: 848-2885

### Amateur License Staff

Training Classes	Jack Feldman	KA9HEL	630: 515-0377
Volunteer Exam.	Harry Kamer	K9HK	630: 953-0519

### WCRA Repeater Administrative Board (RAB)

Trustee/Tech Adv	Tom Geletka	N9CBA	630: 289-2535
Chairman	Don Motz, Jr.	N9NYX	630: 665-7757
Secretary	Doug Totel	W9NJM	630: 469-3001
Tech Advisor	Gary Henle	N9VLL	630: 736-9102
Member	George Henry	KA3HSW	630: 830-6659
Member	Larry Schroeder	KA9KDC	630: 665-3228

### 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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Spring is here. The weather's warmer. Many hams are thinking about the Dayton Hamvention or Field Day. We've just had our WCRA annual meeting April 1st and elected a fine slate of officers with whom I am looking forward to working.

Bruce Plantz K9OZ is our new Vice President. He brings experience in DX contesting, Field Day operations, and Hamfest leadership. He'll be in charge of our monthly membership meeting programs so forward your program suggestions to him and offer to give a presentation at an upcoming meeting. You may be more of an expert than you think, and it's a wonderful way to enrich our club by sharing your knowledge.

Ken Kwasniewski N9HQ is our new treasurer. He also brings Field day and Hamfest leadership experience. He's the man to see if you need a club expense addressed.

Mary James N9GAL is our Secretary. She's served in that role for the past year and has done an excellent job. I am glad to have her talent for keeping records well and up to date. She brings experience on the Hamfest committee and has been a Field Day operator. She also has done a fine job in membership retention, contacting lapsed members and welcoming new ones. When you bring a guest or visitor to our meetings or events, make a point to introduce him or her to Mary to get a membership application and club information. And she's the one to give your dues to when it's renewal time. (By the way, if you want to be considered a current member, your 2004 dues expired 4/1/05.)

Kurt Rubin KB9RTO is our "new" Custodian, returning to serve again in the office he held a few years ago. He also brings Hamfest experience. If you've got club equipment on loan, let Kurt know so he can update the records. If you want to help maintain the club equipment, give him your name. He has a

## WCRA Minutes from the April 1, 2005 Meeting



### WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James  
K9GAL  
WCRA  
Secretary

Vice President and Acting President **Steve N9OA** called the meeting to order at 19:30. The board and attendees made introductions. Steve announced Club elections would be held before the program, and started the process. He said **Peter N9HDW** had been nominated for President, and opened the floor to other nominations. There were none. **Marty N9NTM** made a motion that the nominations for President be closed, **Don K9VGN** seconded the motion and it passed. **John N9MWF** moved to accept Peter by acclamation, **Tom N9WBW** seconded the

motion, and it passed. Steve told members that **Bruce K9OZ** had been nominated for Vice President. **Gordon AH6DA** made a motion to close the nominations, **Carol KB9FYL** seconded, and it passed. **Jim W9DHX** moved that Bruce be accepted by acclamation, **Kurt KB9RTO** seconded, and it passed. Steve announced the two nominations for Treasurer: **Ken N9HQ** and **Jack KA9HEL**. Carol moved nominations be closed, **Robert N9XS** seconded, and it passed. After the members cast ballots, they were counted and Ken was declared the new Treasurer. Steve said the nomination for Property Custodian is Kurt. Tom made a motion to close nominations, Marty seconded, and it passed. Gordon moved that Kurt be accepted by acclamation, Tom seconded, and it passed. Marty made a motion to close the elections, Tom seconded the motion, and it passed. Carol moved the business meeting go into recess for the program, Tom seconded the motion, and it passed. The meeting went into recess at 19:50.

At 21:35, Steve called the meeting back to order after a program on Weather Spotting. He announced the May program will be on Hallicrafters radios. Kurt made a motion the minutes of the last meeting be accepted, Marty seconded the motion, and it passed. Steve presented the Treasurer's Report. Kurt made a motion the report be accepted, Marty seconded the motion, and it passed.

**John, N9MWF**, gave a report about Club awards, especially as they related to former officers. Several options are being considered, and John asked that any suggestions be e-mailed to him at [N9MWF@arrl.net](mailto:N9MWF@arrl.net). In Public Service news, John requested members sign up to help at the Special Olympics and MS Walkathon.

At this point in the meeting, Peter spoke to the club via a link with the KA9KDC repeater. He thanked members for electing him President, congratulated the other new officers and expressed gratitude to the outgoing officers.

**Dale NJ9E** reported on Field Day, saying it will probably be held at Panfish Park in Glen Ellyn. Kurt made a motion to accept committee reports, Bruce seconded, and it passed. Members made announcements, then Kurt made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded, and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 21:55.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GAVEL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)**

big job there, since his realm of responsibilities includes the club truck. Many hands make light work. He'll welcome your volunteerism especially in helping with the truck whether you have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), or mechanical aptitude, or radio installation skills or just a willing heart. You could make his day if you offer him a free place to park the truck when it's not in use!

You may notice a recurring mention of two of our club's biggest activities, Hamfest and Field Day, in the experience of all of our officers. This is a strong statement showing they are involved in the funding of our club as well as some of its public contact events. So give a hearty congratulations when you see them and thank them for their willingness to serve. It's a fine crew.

I'd like to thank the retiring officers for their leadership and service. Mike Wolff AB9AX, had to leave the presidency midterm when he took a work promotion and transfer to Virginia, led us through some tumultuous times in the past few years. I thank him for his steadiness, calmness, cheerfulness, and participation in so many areas of the club: Hamfest, Field Day, service events, etc. Thanks Mike.

Steve Peterson N9OA has served as our Vice President, and then after Mike's departure, as our Acting President. That's quite a load to bear. Thanks Steve.

Jack Feldman KA9HEL is retiring as our Treasurer. He's had a big task straightening out our books and reduced our costs by lowering our insurance premiums, and finding other ways to trim expenses. Thanks Jack.

Roberto Beltramelli WA9E has been our Custodian and served beyond his elected term since no one ran for the office when his term elected. He's a real trooper who stayed on the job, long after he wanted to release it, because the club needed him. I admire that deeply. Thanks Roberto.

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I'd like to share a bit where I see us going. Thanks for electing me president. Your confidence in me is deeply appreciated.

In the upcoming months we have service events, parades, Field Day, the spring and summer schedule of hamfests (to attend), and if you're in to contesting, plenty of opportunities. We also have the chance to look at our club, reflect and build. We have lots of good things going.

We also have the opportunity to do some new things, bring back some good old things, and enfuse our club with an added dimension of enjoyment and satisfaction. I will be asking us to define or identify what "makes us tick," that we really like and whether we're doing those things or being that kind of group well enough. Where we're doing well, let's keep that. Where we're needing improvement, not only offer your suggestion if you have one, offer to help make it happen. Many hands make light work. And the hands that work together are the ones that laugh together.

We'll be reviewing our identity and mission, and what we envision our selves as a group to be and where we want to grow to be. As we do that we'll align our priorities to fulfill that vision. Likely, we'll be trying some new things. Give these a fair shot, please. Even if we tried something in the past, maybe it's time to do it now.

We'll review our equipment and resources to see if we're using them well but more importantly whether

they fit our mission. We may need to form some new committees. As a member of our club, check whether you are active in a committee to help make things happen. If you're not, I encourage you to consider offering your services to a committee or see one of the officers with your suggestion(s) on how you can enrich our club.

I encourage us to be encouragers. We're all volunteers. Some experienced. Some not. We are all hams. Let's build on that bond, and cherish the diversity that means. Not everyone loves the same thing about the hobby nor has the resources to invest in it. Most of us have dreams we'd like to go for. Let's encourage people to reach for those and help them as we can. If the glass isn't full to overflowing, be glad it's half full. If it's not even half full, be glad there's a glass!

Building on the above, let's remember:

1. Any time we gather, whether meeting or event, someone new may be deciding whether to join us. Remember the visitor.
2. Your opinion is yours. Valid, but not necessarily universally accepted. And that's okay.
3. To make our gatherings such that someone would want to "do it again."
4. To respect generations. That young visitor may be the next innovator for our hobby. That seasoned old-timer may be an outstanding mentor.
5. If we each add our ideas and energy to the group, great things will emerge.

The Executive Board will meet regularly to provide good leadership. These meetings presently will be monthly and will be announced in the club newsletter as well as at general membership meetings. Starting in May 2005, we'll meet on the third Tuesday from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM at my home, 1555 Orchard Road, Wheaton, IL. Any member is welcome to attend the Executive Board Meetings. If you have an item you wish to get on the agenda, please notify me in advance.

Some upcoming events to remember:

Hamfest and convention: Dayton Hamvention May 20-22, 2005 in Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Prep: ARRL Field Day June 25-26, 2005 WCRA participating as a club. Location to be announced shortly.

Service event: Monday July 4, 2005 parade in Wheaton. There other service events coming, too.

Finally, we held the WCRA Officer Transition meeting April 15. Retiring officers met with the new officers and had a healthy discussion on how things have been done. So as our new officers come on board, look for good things to come, offer a hand of congratulations, and a hand to help.

See you at our club meeting Friday April 29, 2005. This is the "May" meeting and is on an unusual night due to meeting room conflicts with Wheaton College's Spring Graduation.

73 de n9hdw.

Peace,  
Peter

# It's Dayton Time – May QST Reviewed

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

If the date is April, then the Dayton Hamfest is close at hand – May 20-22—and this year's event is a double feature: The ARRL National Convention takes place at the Hamfest—what a combination! Starting on page 129, you have a special pullout, and there is an article on page 46 to give you the run down on what's going to happen. If you can't make it—you can at least read about all the hoopla.

## Handhelds vs. Cellphones—which is more “Cool”?

If you're stubborn about getting your youngster a cell-phone, let Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, tell you his experiences with his family. He's convinced that the new “slim handhelds” hold more appeal for the younger generation. His article and photos on pages 44 and 45 may be the answer to your kids' big cell phone bills.

## Tsunami Relief Stations Go To Work with Zulu Call

Last month's QST mentioned the work of a Dxpedition helping out with the disaster relief. On Pages 40-43 you will be proud to read of a dedication of Hams who helped establish communications for the relief teams. The pictures bear out the work of the volunteers who set up emergency stations amid the rubble. The suffix “Zulu” is given to indicate that the station calling is serving in an emergency.

## Motorized Mag Mount Has a Remote Advantage

Art Paton, N9AEP of Schaumburg, Illinois, was moved by Necessity to invent a way to marry a K9000 Diamond Motorized Mount to a powerful Magnetic Mount—and it works! His adventure to put the two together and achieve “arm chair” control is told on Page 52 and 53 of this month's issue. Follow his instructions carefully, and you'd never have to get out of the car again to lower or adjust your antenna by hand.

## 2005 Field Day Style Show

If you want to look “smart” for Field Day, then search out page 100 and check out the Haynes “Beefy Tee” shirt with the 2005 FD logo. Souvenir pins are there, as well. The same page gives you a “heads up” on the rules and regulations about the event. The prices are reasonable, and why not “look the part”?

## Techies—Your Time Has Arrived

Two antenna articles and one roundup of Test Equipment for the Shack will finish off my review this month. The antennas include an “Inverted U”—and a Fan Dipole. From Page 28 to Page 39 you'll have an eyeful of antenna and test equipment information, charts and all.

A reminder—this month's meeting is on April 29th, due to Wheaton College schedule conflict (graduation).



## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

Frederic Furrer, HB9CQK will be on from the Seychelles as S79QK April 27-May 8. Frederic will be on Denis Island, IOTA AF-Ø24 and Alphonse Island, AF-Ø33. He'll operate on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10M SSB. QSL via HB9CQK, Frederic Furrer, Winkelhalde 11, CH-6048, Horw, Switzerland - or via the bureau.

Shigeo Matsui, JA1JQY, will be on Palau April 29-May 2. The main purpose of the trip is scuba diving, but he will have a 100-watt rig and a simple antenna along with him for some operating time on 40-15M. Shigeru has been

on the air from a lot of nice places previously: 3D2SH, 8Q7QY, 9M6JQT, T22JY, T88JY, XV5JY, VK9XY, H44, KHØ, and KH8/JA1JQY.

Johan, ON4IQ, is planning three expeditions for 2005. First, he will join Dick, K5AND; Arliss; W7XU and YL Holly starting at the end of June for two weeks in Grenada. In late September, Johan will join ON4QX in an operation from Saint Martin in the Caribbean. The third weekend in September he will go with ON4QX to Sint Maarten, the Dutch side of the island.

Bob Peterson, W3YY will be in Bangalore, India April 29-May 5 on a work project. Miku, VU2WAP has invited Bob to operate his station, which he plans to do Especially look for him the weekend of April 29-31. (I can personally attest that Miku's station is workable with 100 watts – W9UF)

Members of the Scottish-Russian ARS and West of Scotland ARS will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ending of World War II by activating special event station GB6WW from May 1-28. QSL via MMØD-FV.

Janne, OH5NKD (OH3DD) has been working in Angola for several months now and is on the air as D2DX. He is expected to be there until sometime in 2007. His plans are to be active on all bands and modes. Janne reports that he is currently starting construction of antennas for the low bands. Recent radio trouble that took him off the air has been resolved with a brand new Icom.

Six meter operators take note: W7AV, K6JEN, and KB7TX, plan to be QRV from Utila Island, Honduras (EK66) from June 18 to 30. They will have a 6 meter CW beacon directed towards the U.S. on 50.110 MHz, which will be breakable. The beacon call will be HR9/W7AV. They will also be operating on 15 through 40 meters on SSB, CW and PSK, however most of the activity will be on 6 meters when and if there is an opening. QSL to home call with SASE.

Victor "Vic" Karassev, RD1AL, who was QRV last year from the North Pole 32 drifting station (NP-32) as RØPA is currently active as RD1AL/Ø from the new North Pole 33 drifting station located at position 89N 152E. The station was officially opened on April 11, 2005. His favorite frequency on CW is 14010 kHz. QSL via his homecall either via the bureau or via direct to RD1AL, Victor Karassev, P.O. Box 73, St. Petersburg, 191126 RUSSIA.

CQ magazine has announced the revival of the long-dormant CQ DX Marathon, last run in 1948. The new CQ DX Marathon will essentially be a year-long DX contest, with stations competing to contact as many different countries ("entities") and CQ Zones of the World as possible over a full-year period, then starting again at

zero at the beginning of the next year. This is part of CQ Magazine's broader "Waking Up DXing" program, whose goal is to reinvigorate DXing, or contacting hams in faraway places. The program was outlined for the first time at the International DX Convention in Visalia, California on April 16.

"DXing has always been the heart of ham radio," says CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, "and it continues to be the biggest thing that sets us apart from other forms of electronic communication. Healthy DXing activity is vital to the long-term health of amateur radio." Bob Locher, W9KNI, of Idiom Press, provided the inspiration for the new activity and joined in the announcement at Visalia. "Many active DXers have noticed a drop-off in general DXing activity outside of contests and DXpeditions," notes Locher. "I suggested that CQ start up an event that would promote activity all year long, would minimize geographic advantages and provide for simple scoring. It turns out that the CQ DX Marathon, which evolved after 1948 into the CQ World Wide DX Contest, was already based on the same concepts."

Scoring will be very simple, consisting of the total number of DX entities and CQ zones contacted over the course of a year. There will be no multipliers and each country and zone will count only once. In the case of a tie, the station whose last qualifying contact came earliest in the year will be the winner. Complete details and rules for the new CQ DX Marathon will be published in the May issue of CQ magazine and will be posted on the CQ website ([www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com)) after the issue is in subscribers' hands. The first running of the event will be in 2006.

## **SPECIAL HF NEWS**

The Department of State has authorized a Third Party Agreement change. Effective March 28, 2005, US radio amateurs may conduct third party communications with radio amateurs in the UK. The previous limitation with "GB" stations only has been removed. This information was received one day after publication of April's Hamletter. The FCC will shortly be updating their web page to reflect the following:

Third Party Communications Section 97.115 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §97.115, authorizes an amateur station regulated by the FCC to transmit a message from its control operator (first party) to another amateur station control operator (second party) on behalf of another person (third party). No amateur station, however, shall transmit messages for a third party to any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government whose administration has not made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties.

The following countries have made the necessary arrangements with the United States to permit an amateur station regulated by the FCC to exchange messages for a third party with amateur stations in: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The United Nations also has arrangements with the United States to permit an amateur station regulated by the FCC to exchange messages for a third party with amateur stations 4U1ITU in Geneva, Switzerland, and 4U1VIC in Vienna, Austria.

No amateur station regulated by the FCC shall transmit messages for a third party to any amateur station located within the jurisdiction of any foreign government not listed above. This prohibition does not apply to a



message for any third party who is eligible to be the control operator of the station.

## IOTA

EU-029. Stefan, DB3LSP, will be active as OZ/DB3LSP from Sjaelland Island (DIA SJ-001 for the Danish Islands Award), May 1-14th. Activity will be mainly on CW, but with some SSB and PSK-31. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-032. (Special Event) To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of the Oleron Island, Jean-Paul, F5BZK (ex-XE1BZK), will be active as TM6IO from April 25th to May 8th. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-067. Before Tomas, LY1DF, makes his trip to the Dodecanese Islands (EU-001), he will activate the Cyclades Islands for one day, April 27th, as SV8/LY1DF. Activity will be 30 meters and up. QSL via LY1DF, by the bureau or direct.

EU-129. Operators DK8MIL, DK7JAN, DO9BS, DG9BTX and DJ9MD will be active April 22-26th as DF0TM from Usedom Island (GIA O-13). Activity will be on 14260 kHz and other HF bands. They will also be on local repeaters and try to operate on 2m SSB. QSL via DF0TM (QRZ.com).

EU-137. Look for Jan/SM7NGH and Fred/SM7DAY to be active as homecall/P from Ven Island (Lighthouse WLH 0780), April 18-20th. QSL via the bureau or their CBA.

### 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

On-line logs for R1ANT at Mirny Base in Antarctica, are available at [www.mdx.org/antarctica/log.htm](http://www.mdx.org/antarctica/log.htm). QSL via RW1AI: Mikhail Fokin, P.O.Box 13, St. Petersburg, 193312 Russia.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Mt Clemens, MI: Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association, W8A. 1100Z-1700Z May 1. March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2005. 14.265 7.165. Certificate. USECA, PO Box 46331, Mt Clemens, MI 46046.

West Mifflin, PA: Belle Vernon High School ARC, KB3BKW. 1500Z-2000Z May 6. Amusement Park Physics & Communications Day. 14.250. Certificate. Belle Vernon High School ARC, c/o T. Thompson, 425 Crest Ave, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

Brownsville, TX: Charro Amateur Radio Club, W5CRC. 1400Z –2000Z May 7. Last battle of the Civil War. 28.350. Certificate. Cric McClure, 49 Casa Grande, Brownsville, TX 78521.

Caldwell, NJ: West Essex Amateur Radio Club, W2EF. 1400Z -1900Z May 7. Operating from the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. 28.350 21.330 14.250 7.250. Certificate. West Essex ARC, PO Box 54, Essex Fells, NJ 07021. [www.wearc.org](http://www.wearc.org).

Richmond, KY: Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4Y. 1400Z -2000Z May 7. Daniel Boone's discovery of Kentucky. 7.230. QSL. CKARS, 156 Norton Dr, Richmond, KY 40475.

Fullerton, CA: Morse Telegraph Club, South California Chapter, W6MTC. 1500Z -2300Z daily May 7-8. Railroad Days of Fullerton. 14.025 7.025 CW only. Certificate and QSL. Morse Telegraph Club, 17371 Alta Vista Cir, Huntington Beach, CA 92647-6130. www.w6mtc.org.

Grafton, WV: Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association, W8SP. 0000Z May 7-2400Z May 8. Commemorating the first official observance of Mother's Day from the International Mother's Day Shrine. Bottom portion of General 80 40 20 15 m SSB and CW; Novice 10 m SSB. Certificate. Charles T. McClain, K8UQY, Rte 4 Box 161, Grafton, WV 26354.

New Orleans, LA: Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5D. 1400Z May 7-2400Z May 8. 60th Anniversary of V-E Day from the National D-Day Museum. 21.250 14.250 7.250. Certificate and QSL. W5GAD, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033. www.w5gad.org.

Plymouth, MI: Plymouth Historical Society Amateur Radio Station, KC8SWR. 1400Z-2000Z daily May 7-May 8. VE Day 60th Anniversary Celebration. CW PSK 21.380 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Plymouth Historical Museum Amateur Station, 155 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. www.qsl.net/kc8swr.

Orillia, ON, Canada: The Wireless Set No. 19 Group, CF3VEDAY. 0001z May 5-2359Z May 12. VE-Day+60 and opening of Canadian War Museum. 14.260 14.130 7.270 7.020 3.705. QSL. Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, 424 Homewood Ave, Orillia, ON L3V 3K8, Canada. www.qsl.net/cf3veday/.

Southampton, Hampshire, England: Royal Signals ARS, GB6VIE. 0700Z May 8-2359Z Jul 5. 60th anniversary of victory in Europe. 21.056 14.070 14.056 7.027. Certificate. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett, Southampton, England SO16 3LQ. www.rsars.org.uk. Please include \$2 US for postage.

Cortlandt Manor, NY: Peekskill Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, W2D. 1400Z-2100Z May 14. 100th Anniversary of completion of Croton Dam. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. PCARA, PO Box 146, Crompond, NY 10517. www.pcara.org.

Ringwood, NJ: Ramapo Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W2L. 1500Z-2100Z May 14. 5th Anniversary of the Ringwood, NJ, Public Library. 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Ramapo Mountain ARC, PO Box 364, Oakland, NJ 07436. www.qsl.net/rmarc/.

Washington, DC: Federal Bureau of Investigation ARA, K3FBI. 1300Z-2200Z May 14. Honoring National Police Week. 21.280 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Jay Chamberlain, 27 Fox Run La, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Anaheim, CA: Anaheim Police Amateur Radio Club, W6APD. 0000Z May 14-2400Z May 22. National Police Week, honoring police and sheriffs. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Mark McMullin KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. www.qsl.net/w6apd.

Mt St Helens/Chehalis, WA: Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society, W7A. 1700Z-2400Z May 18. 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mt St Helens. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Steve Pack, WB7VAS, 136 Newaukum Village Dr, Chehalis, WA 98532. www.cvars.org.

Schenectady, NY: Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, K2AE. 0500z May 18-0500z May 23. 75th anniversary of the founding of SARA. 21.325 14.250 7.250 3.870. QSL. SARA, PO Box 207, Alplaus, NY 12008-0207. [www.k2ae.org](http://www.k2ae.org).

Hallam, NE: Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, W0H. 1800z May 20-0000z May 23. 1 year anniversary of the May 22, 2004, Hallam Tornado. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. Greg Brown, 10800 W Mill Rd, Malcomb, NE 68402. [www.larc.unl.edu/](http://www.larc.unl.edu/).

Minnesota City, MN: Winona Amateur Radio Club, W0NE. 1600z-2200z May 21. Annual Minnesota City Days, Minnesota City, MN. SSB and CW, General portions 10 15 20 40 80 m. QSL. W0NE, PO Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987.

Waterville, ME: Waterville Area Wireless Association, W1W. 1500z-2000z May 21. Two Cent Bridge, Waterville to Winslow, ME--only toll footbridge. 14.260 14.290 21.260 21.290. QSL. Waterville Area Wireless Association, c/o Ron Manson, 5 Matheson Ave, Winslow, ME 04901. [www.qsl.net/wa1wa](http://www.qsl.net/wa1wa).

Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA: Radio Operators for Missing Children/ USS Massachusetts, KB1HGK/N1EPL. 2300z May 21-1000z May 22. 5th Special Event for Missing Children. 14.275 7.100. Certificate. Sheree Greenwood, K1SQ, PO Box 649, Warren, MA 01083. [www.lyceumpress.com/ham\\_radio.htm](http://www.lyceumpress.com/ham_radio.htm).

Bailey, CO: Park County Radio Club, AB0PC. 1500z May 22-0300z May 23. 10th anniversary, founding of club serving Park County, CO. 28.410 21.375 14.280 7.230 3.940. Certificate and QSL. PCRC, PO Box 16, Bailey, CO 80421. [www.ab0pc.org/ses.htm](http://www.ab0pc.org/ses.htm).

Fort Wayne, IN: Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. 1800z-2300z May 28. Thanks to military members and veterans. 14.280 14.071 7.240 7.210 PSK31 APRS HF Echolink. Certificate. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. [www.freewebs.com/kb9ibw](http://www.freewebs.com/kb9ibw).

Springfield, MO: Erik Weaver, K0S. 1600z May 28-0000z May 31. Kurt N. Sterba Strange Antenna Challenge. 14.200. Certificate. Erik Weaver, N0EW/K0S, 4857 E Farm Road 136, Springfield, MO 65809. [www.n0ew.org](http://www.n0ew.org).

Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1400z-2230z May 30. Memorial Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).

Belleville, MI: Yankee Air Force/Museum, W8YAF. 1200z-2000z May 30. Observing Memorial Day at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. 7.270. QSL. Frank A. Nagy, N8BIB, 24315 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164-9167.

Nutley, NJ: Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. 0400z-2300z May 30. CQ Memorial Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Wheaton, IL: DuPage Amateur Radio Club, W9DUP. 1600z-2300z May 21. Commemorating Armed Forces Day. 28.400 14.290 7.250 145.25/144.65. Certificate. Robert B. Beatty, WB9HNS, DuPage ARC, PO Box

71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. [www.w9dup.org](http://www.w9dup.org).

Horsham, PA: Warminster Amateur Radio Club, K3DN. 1300Z May 28-2000Z May 29. Willow Grove Air Show/Sounds of Freedom. 21.380 18.150 14.265 7.275. Certificate. Steve Larson, 354 Glennbrook Way, Chalfont, PA 18914.

Vincennes, IN: Old Post Amateur Radio Society, W9R. 1400Z May 28-2000Z May 29. 29th Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendevous. 7.270 7.255 7.240 7.220. Certificate. OPARS, PO Box 834, Vincennes, IN 47591.

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.

## CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
1300Z	May 1	AGCW		
1900Z	May 1	QRP Party	80 – 40	CW
2000Z	May 7			
0500Z	May 8	New England		
1300Z	May 8	QSO Party	80 – 10	CW/SSB
2359Z	May 8			
	<a href="http://www.neqp.com">www.neqp.com</a>			
0700Z	May 7	MARAC County Hunters		
2359Z	May 8	CW Contest	80 – 10	CW
	<a href="http://marac.org/cwrules2004.html">http://marac.org/cwrules2004.html</a>			
0000Z	May 7	IPARC Annual		
2359Z	May 7	CW Contest	80 – 10	CW
	<a href="http://www.iparc.org">www.iparc.org</a>			
0000Z	May 8	IPARC Annual		
2359Z	May 8	Phone Contest	80 – 10	SSB
0001Z	May 7	10-10 Int'l		
2359Z	May 8	Spring QSO Party	10 Meters	CW
	<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>			
1200Z	May 14	Alessandro Volta		
1200Z	May 15	RTTY DX Contest	80 – 10	RTTY
	<a href="http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/expoints.htm">www.sk3bg.se/contest/expoints.htm</a>			



2100z	May 14	CQ-M Int'l		
2100z	May 15	DX Contest	160-10 +Satellites	CW/SSB/SSTV
		<a href="http://www.mai.ru/~crc/cq-m/cqmain_e.htm">www.mai.ru/~crc/cq-m/cqmain_e.htm</a>		
1700z	May 14	FISTS		
2100z	May 14	Spring Sprint	80 - 10	CW
1600z	May 14	Mid-Atlantic		
0400z	May 15	QSO Party	160 + up	CW/SSB/FM
		<a href="http://www.1sl.net/maqso/index.html">www.1sl.net/maqso/index.html</a>		
1200z	May 21	European PSK		
1200z	May 22	DX Contest	80 - 10	PSK
		<a href="http://www.eudx.scotham.net">www.eudx.scotham.net</a>		
1800z	May 21	His Majesty, The		
1800z	May 22	King of Spain Contest	160 - 10	CW
0000z	May 28	CQ World-Wide		
2359z	May 29	CW WPX Contest	160 - 10	CW

## DX POTPOURRI

Luc, F6FVX is going to be on the air from Benin, west Africa, this summer. Look for Luc on the airwaves August 23-September 4.

LZ8IARU will be on the air from Bulgaria through the end of the year to mark the 80th anniversary of the IARU. QSL via the bureau to LZ1BJ.

Charly, K4VUD will be active from here as HS0ZCW from April 28th to May 14th. This is a family visit, so his operations will be casual. Charly states that his wife, Somjit, loves answering QSL cards and has done over 2,000 backlogged bureau cards for K4VUD, HS0ZCW, 9N7UD, A52UD, XW1UD, and KG4FPK.

Italians from the Mediterranean DX Club will be on from East Kiribati in the September 28-October 15 timeframe. Look for them to get on from two unnumbered IOTA groups, Flint Island, Vostok Island and Caroline Island.

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

# OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTHS OF APRIL & MAY

AMIS	K9OQN	4-2-37
ANNE	WM9L	4-16-43
MARTY	N9NTM	4-17-72
DON	N9NYX	4-21-43

PETER	N9HDW	05-01-54
TOM	N9WBW	05-08-57
GENE	W9LIW	05-11-25
WAYNE	KF9JC	05-19-39
JOHN	N9PPO	05-23-25
JIM	KA9OSW	05-26-27

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## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4-29: Our May meeting would conflict with the College's Graduation. 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.. Parking just to the East of the Billy Graham Center due to coconstruction of a new power plant behind the Center. Classroom #138 is on the first floor at the rear of the building on the west side. Program on Hallicrafters radios.
- 3rd: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 5th: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 15th: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS** for June. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 26th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

### Next WCRA General Membership Meeting - April 29th, 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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