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By Jim Ward, W9DHX

Fox Hunting in Style, Extra-Terrestrials, Six-Band Beams, and “no-code” news. It’s all in this month’s issue. Starting with..

FOX HUNTING TO A HIGHER LEVEL

This month’s cover shows author Dale “Hunt” in his fox-hunting outfit and hot on the trail. The article on page 36 shows how serious one guy can get. You’ll enjoy his story of Dale’s competitive spirit and dedication to the art.

“FCC PROPOSES TO END MORSE TESTING,” READS THE LINE ON THE COVER

With that warning, you’d know that ARRL CEO David Sumner would have something to say in his column, and he does on page 9. There’s also a news review of the status of the abandonment of code on page 77. It is not the end of the world—but it would be a change in a long-standing tradition.

ARE PEOPLE STILL LOOKING FOR A MESSAGE FROM OUTER SPACE?

You betcha! On page 43 you’ll get a rundown on SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.) No kidding—members of the Ham Radio community are among the most avid and well known in the community of volunteers who keep “listening”. It is serious business with these people—sort of a subset of radio astronomy.

TWO GREAT ANTENNA ARTICLES—A VERTICAL AND A SUPER BEAM

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Paul Sexauer to speak at September Meeting

Paul Sexauer, K3VIX, (formerly W9JTO) will be the speaker at the September 2 meeting. Paul is the RF Systems Engineering Manager at TX RX Systems, Inc and a past WCRA member and president. TX RX is a major supplier of RF site management products such as transmitter combiners, receiver multicouplers, receiver tower-top preamplifiers, cavity filters and duplexers. In his presentation, Paul will touch on many of these topics, as well as interference issues, as they apply to the amateur world. The presentation will be geared toward the technical novices as well as the seasoned RF technicians. He promises that there will be something for everyone and the talk will be strictly “English” with minimal technical jargon. If you have a particular question or topic you would like to see included, you can email Paul at pauls@buffnet.net.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 2, at our normal meeting location in the

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Other coming programs and meeting dates

September 24 -- The Executive Board will meet Wednesday September 24, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM at the QTH of President Peter Richey N9HDW. Members of the club are welcome. Please notify Peter if you plan to attend.

October 14 – CARMA – with information on the hobby of scanning. For more information on CARMA, visit the club’s web site at www.carma-chicago.com Note that this meeting is being held on the second Friday of October, due to a conflict with the college homecoming.

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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

Fall will soon be upon us. For some that is the lament of the end of leisurely summer days. There comes the urgency of getting those projects done before winter. I know I've got a few to do: re-coat the house antennae with UV protectorant, inspect and restore coax connections on the roof antennae, install the new HF vertical on the chimney, etc.

For the club, we've had a eventful summer. There was the excellent Field Day in June, the Wheaton Fourth of July Parade, several other service events, and the August club picnic at Herrick Lake.

We've seen improvement in many areas of our club. The new Executive Board meets monthly and is tackling plenty of issues. Some of these are clearing out old insurance claims from the past few years, getting a paper newsletter sent to members especially those who don't like or don't have on-line access, and improving our program. Participation in service events has been good. The weekly nets have good participation. Members have been volunteering to help the club in its efforts.

I'm sensing a lift in the morale of the club and am grateful.

This past month I postponed the vote on the club vision statement at the picnic because so many people left early before the business meeting. I'm sure you enjoyed the fine food, fellowship, and the excellent



WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James
K9GAL
WCRA
Secretary

Minutes for August 5, 2005 Meeting of Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs

After a picnic and program on direction finding at Herrick Lake, President **Peter N9HDW** called the meeting to order at 2030. Treasurer **Ken N9HQ** gave a report. Vice President **Bruce K9OZ** said the September program would be on antenna design and October will be on Chicago Area Radio Monitoring Association (CARMA). **Tom N9CBA** made a motion that minutes from the last meeting be accepted, **Marty N9NTM** seconded the motion, and it passed. Custodian **Kurt KB9RTO** announced he is taking the truck on August 6th to get the generator diag-

nosed and possibly fixed. Tom made a motion reports be accepted, **Peter KB9KZO** seconded the motion, and it passed.

In New Business, Field Day Co-Chair **Dale NJ9E** said the club came in under budget on the 2005 event. Then he presented coffee mugs to key participants. Peter N9HDW presented a plaque to **Roberto WA9E** for his service as club custodian, and thanked Tom for organizing and presenting a great program on direction finding.

Chris KC9L made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Peter KB9KZO seconded, and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2045.

SEPTEMBER QST (Continued from Page 1)

Look on page 28 for a Vertical for 20 and 40 meters that came out of a Field Day project. Dan Richardson, K6MHE, describes his antenna and tells you how to put it together.

Following on page 31 is Dave Suggs, K4MJN's six-band beam. Yes, six bands and it survived Hurricane Hugo. Dave tells you the history of his classic that works equally well from 20 meters up to 2 meters.

LOG BOOK OF THE AIR -75 MILLION QSOS CAN'T BE WRONG

It sounds like an old Lucky Strike commercial, but the numbers tell the story—from September of 2003 until today, that's the success story that's told on page 50 to 53.

Are your QSLs uploaded yet? LoTW is well on its way to being the standard for the worldwide community of DXers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (Continued from page 1)

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Billy Graham Center of Wheaton College.

November 4 – Auction/Show and Tell

We've got some ideas for some innovative new programs for the next year. If you've got an idea, pass it along to K9OZ at k9oz@aol.com

Where the Spark First Gapped the Pond

By Peter N9HDW

This summer, my friend Bob KX9RJ, his 14 year old son Mark, and my 14 year old daughter, Sam, visited the Marconi National Historic Site in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. This is at the location where Guglielmo Marconi first successfully transmitted complete messages via wireless from North America to England in 1902. (Earlier in 1901, he had received messages in South Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Newfoundland.)

Getting there was a bit of drive. The Marconi site is at Table Head on the far eastern extreme of Nova Scotia which is one of Canada's Maritime provinces and is so far east, the time zone is two hours ahead of Chicago! We drove there in my RV. It takes four driving days just to get home from there.

But once we arrived, it was inspiring. There is an unassuming small museum building on the grounds housing a model of the original station, towers, antennae, and power generating setup. There are also historical displays with a wealth of information of how Marconi actually succeeded in making the trans-Atlantic communication: 75 kw of power, generated by a steam engine generator powering a spark gap transmitter connected to an array of four wooden towers, each 200 feet in height, with an immense collection of transmitting lines all coming into the transmitter building. The original buildings and towers are gone, but the foundations are still visible in the brush. Visitors are allowed to actually stand on the spot where these venerable ancient transmissions originated. Can you spell goose bumps? I had them.

We viewed a replica of the actual spark gap transmitter which was surprisingly small, only 2 feet long, one foot high, and about a foot in depth.

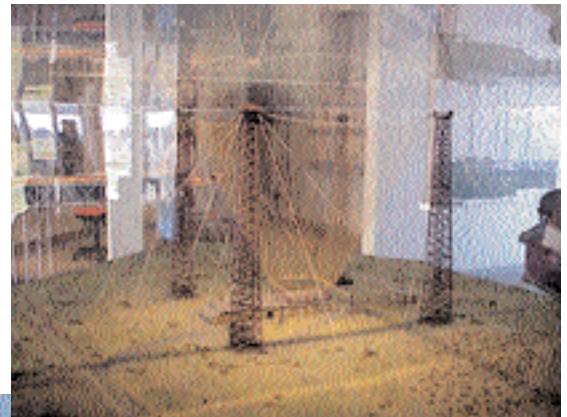
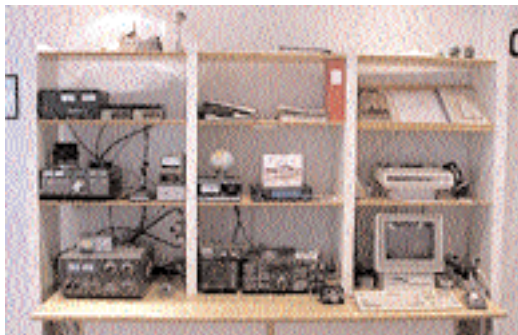
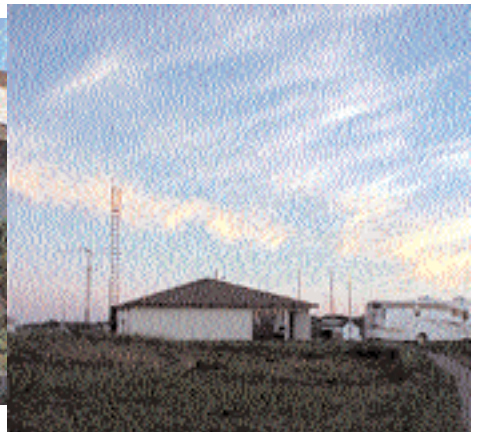
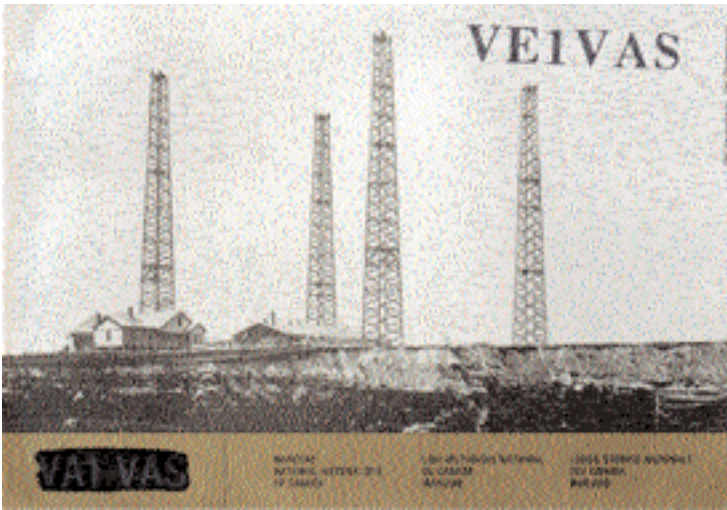
Since we arrived late in the day shortly before the museum was closing, I inquired where a nearby RV campground might be. The guide gave us permission to camp right there at the Marconi site! Guess what we did in the evening. We raised our HF antenna on top of the RV and operated. One signal we heard from across the pond was a station in Croatia. He was the focus of a pile up so we did not reach him, though we tried. Imagine, camping at the site of Marconi's 1902 first successful trans-Atlantic transmission of a complete message, and operating our own (more-modest) wireless station as N9HDW/VE1. It was fun, indeed! (Our setup was a Yaesu FT-847, ATA-100 antenna, and Butternut HF6V vertical.)

There is also an amateur radio station in the Marconi NHS museum, but we were not given permission to operate it since the volunteer ham who maintains it was not present. We did get a QSL card from it: VE1VAS which stands for the original name Marconi gave his Table Head station - Voice of the Atlantic Seaboard.

I've attached some pictures showing the VE1VAS station, the museum, N9HDW/VE1 on site, and the detailed model of Marconi's station. If you're looking for an interesting ham site to visit in your travels, this is one to consider.

73 de n9hdw,
Peace,
Peter

See pictures on the next page. Ed





Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

A team of radio amateurs and field scientists are going to Kure Atoll (IOTA OC-020) late this month. Starting September 22 through October 9, look for the special call-sign K7C (Kure's assigned prefix is KH7K). The atoll is roughly circular, about 10 km across. On the SE corner is Green Island, containing the remains of an airstrip, the former LORAN transmitting station, and a current research field station. Ninety kilometers to the ESE is Midway Island, location of the decisive naval battle of WWII.

In addition to the radio operation, the team will carry out a variety of projects in support of the wildlife sanctuary, including a study of evasive ants, documentation of shipwrecks, and the collection of representative specimens of marine organisms. All QSL requests should go to N4XP.

The Peter I DXpedition, postponed from earlier this year is still scheduled 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 Jan/Feb. 2006 and the actual dates of the operation will be released sometime this month. While 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 this team's objective to be at Peter I for a minimum of two weeks. Because of the likelihood of it being a very long time before Peter I will be activated again, they have set some very high QSO goals. Nine stations will be established on the island and QRV on all bands 160-10m, on the most common communications modes. Most of the members that were scheduled for the 2005 team will participate in the 2006 DXpedition, but there are several slots available for new team members. Contact either K4UEE or KØIR for more information. This adventure is not for the faint-hearted!

Sponsors from the 2005 attempt are on board for 2006. You can see a complete list at their website www.peterone.com as well as purchase 3YØX memorabilia to support the operation. This is a very expensive project and although the team will be putting up approximately 70% of the expenses, additional contributions from sponsors are being sought. Contributions by check or PayPal are very much appreciated and can be made on the website as well.

The last Peter I DXpedition was eight years ago in 1997 and it's likely to be at least twice as long until another. Prepare for this one in advance and don't get caught ('VGO) having to throw a dipole up in the trees during a blizzard.

IOTA

- **AF-NEW.** Mustapha/DL1BDF and Salaam/SU1ER announce that an Egyptian group consisting of SU1KA, SU1KM and SU1ER will be teaming up with guest operators from Italy to activate the new IOTA, Gifton Island (AF-New). The SU/I team has received permission to activate the island using the special call-sign, SU8GFTN. Activity is expected this month. QSL is via SU1ER: Ezzat Sayed Ramadan, PO Box 11, El-Thanaweyya Al-Gaweyya, Almaza 11391, Egypt.
- **AF-Ø18.** Operator IT9BLB and an international team will be active as IH9P from Pantelleria

Island (IIA: TP01, WAIP: TP and ITU Zone: 37) during both CQ WW DX SSB and CW Contests as a Multi entry. QSL via KR7X.

- **AS-1000.** Mark, 4Z4KX, Ros, 4Z5LA, Yuli, 4X6HP, Isaac, 4Z5LI, Ilya, 4Z1UF and Jan, 4X1VF will be active as 4X7AZ from Akhziv Island between September 30th and October 1st. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW and SSB. They plan to have three stations on the air. QSL via 4Z5LA (good via QRZ.com).

- **EU-061.** Jorgen, LA5UF, Paul, LA6YEA and Trond, LA9VDA will be active as LA6Q from Svenner Island, September 15-18th. They will also activate the Svenner Fyr/Larvik lighthouse (WLH LA-025, ARLHS NOR-044 and WLOTA 1029). Activity will be mostly on 80-17 meter CW, SSB with some RTTY. They also plan to participate in the SAC CW Contest with one station. QSL via LA9VDA (good via QRZ.com).

- **OC-148.** Hot, YCØIEM, will be active as YCØIEM/9 from Timor Island from August 29th through September 15th. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or by the Bureau.

- **IARC'S AWARD WEB PAGE CHANGE.** Isaac Lindenbaum, 4Z4TL, IARC V. Chairman and Secretary, announced that the "Maccabiah 17 Games Award" Web page was updated as follows: Award sample picture and a small applet to search eligibility for the award were added. The Web page address is: http://www.iarc.org/~4z4tl/Maccabiah17_award.htm. In case a callsign is not found on the search applet, please contact Isaac, 4Z4TL, at: 4z4tl@iarc.org.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 2-3, 2300z-2300z, Brady, TX. Heart of Texas Ham Operators Group, WA5HOT. World Championship Barbecue Goat Cookoff. 21.360 14.250 7.295 3.875. Certificate. HOT-HOG, c/o Rick Melcer, N5KAO, PO Box 1021, Brady, TX 76825. www.hothog.org.

Sept 2-5, 1300z-2200z, Woodstock, CT. Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Association, W1W. Woodstock Agricultural Fair. 28.625 21.315 14.265 7.265. Certificate. ECARA, PO Box 63, Dayville, CT 06241. www.qsl.net/k1muj.

Sept 3, 1400z-2100z, Caldwell, OH. Noble County Amateur Radio Club, NC8OH. 80th anniversary of the crash of USS Shenandoah over Noble County. 28.345 21.345 14.260 7.245. Certificate. NC8OH, c/o Paul Wallace, 816 Main St, Caldwell, OH 43724. www.NC8OH.org.

Sept 3, 1700z-2359Z, Boerne, TX. Kendall Amateur Radio Society, KB5TX. Kendall County Texas Fair Association Centennial. 14.260 7.255. Certificate. KARS, PO Box 1732, Boerne, TX 78006.

Sept 3, 1300Z-2100Z, Rock Springs, WY. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, WY7U. Honoring the slain at Rock Springs Mining Massacre, September 2, 1885. SSB 14.280 7.280 CW 14.059 7.039. QSL. David Gregory, N7COA, 1000 S Dakota St, Green River, WY 82935-5825. www.qsl.net/wy7u.

Sept 3-4, 1300z-2000z, Reading, PA. Amateur Radio Covered Bridge Society--ARCBS, WA3WSJ. ARCBS Covered Bridge Weekend. 21.280 14.280 7.280 3.980. Certificate. Edward R. Breneiser, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606. www.arcbs.org.

Sept 3-5, 1300z-2100z daily, Newnan, GA. Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, K4NRC. Power's Crossroads Country Fair & Art Festival. 28.370 21.370 14.260 7.260. QSL. BGMRC, PO Box 2327, Newnan, GA 30264. www.bgmrc.org.

Sept 3-5, 1800z-1600z, Paradise, AZ. Cochise Amateur Radio Association, K7RDG. 26th Anniversary Trek to Ghost Town of Paradise AZ. 21.307 18.115 14.307 7.230. Certificate. Cochise ARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1855. www.qsl.net/k7rdg/paradise.htm.

Sept 5, 0400z-2300z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ Labor Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Sept 8-12 (1300z-0200z Sep 8-Sep 11; 1300z-0100z Sep 11-Sep 12), Hebron, CT. Newington Amateur Radio League, W1H. Lions Hebron Fair. 28.365 21.325 14.255 50.260. QSL. Richard Lawrence, KB1DMX, 335 Lloyd St, Newington, CT 06111. www.narl.net.

Sept 8-13, 1800z-1800z, Boise, ID. Voice Of Idaho Amateur Radio Club, W7VOI. Commemorating and operating where Lewis & Clark entered Idaho. 21.205 14.205 7.205 3.905. QSL. Voice Of Idaho ARC, PO Box, Boise, ID 83701. www.voiceofidaho.org/lewis-clark/default.html.

Sept 8-17, 0000z-0000z, Salt Lake City, UT. Utah Radio Amateurs, WA7ITZ. 150th Anniversary of the Utah State Fair. 21.325 14.260 7.275. Certificate. Ray Friess, WA7ITZ, 1801 Jennifer Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. (Electronic certificate available at rayfri@highstream.net.)

Sept 10, 0300z-1100z, Richmond, TX. Fort Bend County EMROG, W9E. To honor those who lost their lives during Sep 11. 14.260 7.26. Certificate. KD5HAL EMROG, 1055 Three Forks, Katy, TX 77450.

Sept 10, 1300z-1600z, Stroudsburg, PA. Pocono Amateur Radio Klub and Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association, N3IS. Homeland Security Station at the Pocono Area Hamfest +Plus+. SSB first half hour: 28.325 21.325 14.325 7.250 CW second half hour 0.035 Hz up from bottom of 10, 15, 20 40 m. Certificate. Bill Connelly, W3MJ, RR3 Box 3165, E Stroudsburg, PA 18301. home.ptd.net/~w3mj.

Sept 10, 1300z-2100z, North Judson, IN. Starke County Amateur Radio Club, W9JOZ. Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Open House. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Starke County ARC, 405 W Jackson St, Knox, IN 46534. www.w9joz.org.

Sept 10, 1500z-2000z, Governors Island, NY. Metropolitan 222 Amateur Radio Society, K2MET. September 11 Memorial Station on NA-026. 21.340 14.250 7.250. QSL. Metropolitan 222 ARS, 7004 12th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228. <http://maded.home.mindspring.com/metro222-frame.htm>.

Sept 10, 1700z-2300z, Keytesville, MO. Chariton Amateur Radio Society, WB0ENV. General Sterling Price Day. 7.250. QSL. Charles Coy, 402A Senior Terr, Keytesville, MO 65261. charlie61@centurytel.net.

Sept 10-12, 1500z-0000z, Lolo Pass, ID. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX. Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial. 28.355 21.355 14.255 7.255. Certificate. HARC, POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-3811. www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/.

Sept 10-18, 0001z -2400z, San Bernardino, CA. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, W6A thru W6Q. Route

66 On-the-Air. 28.466 14.266 14.166 7.266. Certificate. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio club, PO Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. www.qsl.net/w6jbt/.

Sept 10-24, 0000z-2400z, Duluth, MN, WØT. Duluth Aerial Bridge 100th Anniversary. 3.945 3.850 7.020 146.460. Certificate. Shari Larson, ABØUV, 1626 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN 55802.

Sept 11-12, 1300z-0100z, Arlington, VA. Pentagon Amateur Radio Club, K4AF. Commemorating the attacks on the Pentagon, World Trade Center and over Pennsylvania. 28.535 21.435 14.335 7.045. QSL. Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC), K4AF, PO Box 2322, Arlington, VA 22202. www.K4AF.org.

Sept 11-14, 1300z - 0300z, San Antonio, TX. Radio Operators of South Texas, W2IK/WTC911. Commemorating the World Trade Center Disaster. 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Robert J. Hejl, W2IK, PO Box 6731, San Antonio, TX 78029. <http://hometown.aol.com/alonestaryank/w2ikwtc911.html>.

Sept 11-18, 0000z -2400z, Santa Ana, CA. Anaheim Police ARC, K6P. POW-MIA Recognition Week. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.253. QSL. Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. <http://home.pacbell.net/km6hb/.NET.doc>

Sept 12-14, 1600z-0400z, Colt Killed Creek (Powell Ranger Station), ID. Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club, W7L. 200th anniversary of the Discovery Corps encampment on the route over the Bitterroot Mountains. Gen portion 20-40 m bands 146.520. Certificate. TARC, 858 Harold Ave , Moscow, ID 83843-3539.

Sept 14-20, 1300z-2100z, Big Rock, IL. The Old Farmers Amateur Radio Club, W9P. 111th Annual Big Rock Plowing Match. 28.390 14.275 7.245 3.990. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, PO Box 341, Sycamore, IL 60178. www.w9icu.com.

Sept 16-17, 2000z-2200z, Tecumseh, OK. Tecumseh Amateur Radio Club, K5T. Tecumseh Frontier Days. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Brent Haught, NY5J, 37876 Maudie La, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Sept 16-17 (1500z-2200z Sep 16; 1400z-2100z Sep 17), Rantoul, IL. Willy Victor Radio Club, WV2AEW. Bi-annual Navy/Air Force Willy Victor Reunion from Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum. SSB 14.265 7.244 CW 14.030 7.030. Certificate or QSL. Sam Leach, K3KLC, PO Box 741, Lexington Park, MD 2065. www.willyvictor.com.

Sept 16-18, 1300z-1600z, Bedford, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, W4CA. Christmas Tree Island US Islands on the Air. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175.

Sept 16-18, 1300z-0100z daily, New London, CT. U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Amateur Radio Club, W1CGA. Boats Books and Brushes with Taste Maritime Festival aboard the USCG Barque Eagle. SSB 14.315 PSK 21.070 PSK 24.920 FM 146.535. QSL. Cadet Josh Brandt, KB1LWT, US Coast Guard Academy, 8769 Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320. <http://members.aol.com/n1clv/>

Sept 16-19, 1200z-0100z, Freedom Township, OH. Portage Amateur Radio Club, KB8UUZ. National POW/MIA Recognition Day. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Tom Parkinson, 9992 State Route 700, Mantua, OH 44255.

Sept 17, 1000z-1900z, Slidell, LA. Ozone Amateur Radio Club, W5SLA. Celebrating the club's 41st birth-

day. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Michael White, 404 Holmes Dr, Slidell, LA 70460. www.w5sla.net.

Sept 17, 1300z-2300z, Arlington, TX. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, K5SLD. Club's 50th anniversary. 14.250 7.250 147.140. QSL. Arlington Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1702, Arlington, TX 76004-1702. www.k5sld.org.

Sept 17, 1400z-2100z, Badin, NC. Badin Amateur Radio Society--Joe A. Ross Memorial, W4EIT. Best of Badin Festival, Celebration of French Heritage. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Badin Amateur Radio Society, 2500 Badin Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001. www.badin.org.

Sept 17-18, 1400-2000z, Cambridge City, IN. White Water Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc, K9D. McMaze Indiana 2005. 14.270 7.225. QSL. White Water Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 991, Richmond, IN 47375-0991. QSLs will be sent out based on our logs.

Sept 17-18, 1500z-2200z, Hill City, SD. Crazy Horse Amateur Radio Club, NØDUX. Black Hill Central Railroad "Railroad Days" Celebration. 14.260 (aboard train) 7.260 146.520 146.940 (Hill City depot). QSL. Butch Kruse, NØDUX, PO Box 371, Hill City, SD 57745.

Sept 17-18, 160z-2000z, Bardstown, KY. Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4B. Kentucky Bourbon Festival. 14.285 7.230. QSL. David Greer, 159 Skyview Dr, Frankfort, KY 40601. www.myoldkentuckyhome.com/kars.

Sept 17-18, 1600z-2300z, Big Bear Lake, CA. Big Bear Amateur Radio Club, K6BB. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the club's founding. 21.340 14.250 28.400 7.250. Certificate and QSL. Big Bear ARC, PO Box 790, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. www.bbarc.org.

Sept 18, 1700z-2100z, Big Valley/Stettler, Alberta, Canada. Three Hills Amateur Radio Club, VE6FUN. Mobile station on steam train travelling between Big Valley and Stettler. 14.200. Certificate. Jim Verhesen, Box 818, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada T4T 1A6. (Note: US Postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

Sept 18-24, 1400z-2100z, Hampton, VA. VASC Amateur Radio Group, Inc, KE4ZXW. Radio Communications Exhibit celebrates ten years at the Virginia Air & Space Center. 28.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Ed Brummer, W4RTZ, 109 Oyster Cove Rd, Yorktown, VA 23692. www.seva.net/vascarg.

Sept 24, 1400z-2000z, Hillsboro, IL. Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, Inc, W9BXR. Commemorating the Club's 50th Anniversary. 14.270 21.340 18.150 7.270 14.820. Certificate. Judy Reynolds, 620 Chase St, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Sept 24, 1500z-2100z Fairmount, IN. Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. James Dean Special Event and picnic. 146.79 14.243 7.243. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. www.grantarc.com.

Sept 24, 1500z-2300z, Laurel, MS. Laurel Amateur Radio Club, W5LAR. Club's 30th anniversary. 28.440 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Laurel ARC, POB 6252, Laurel, MS 39441.

Sept 24, 1600z-2100z, Eldon, MO. Lake of the Ozarks Amateur Radio Club, WØW. Osage River Antique

Power Association Show. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Scott Poest, 37 Shadow Oaks Rd, Camdenton, MO 65020. www.loarc.com.

Sept 24, 1700z-2200z, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. Amateur Radio Christian Fellowship Day. 14.270 7.250 Echolink IRLP. Certificate. Emery McClendon, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. www.armad.net.

Sept 24, 1400z-2300z, Cory, IN. Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, W9A. Cory Apple Festival. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. WVARA, PO Box 81, Terre Haute , IN 47808-0081. www.w9uuu.org/main.html.

Sept 24-25, 1400z-2000z daily, Milton, ON. Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. Halton County Radial Railway Museum Special Event. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6. www.marc.on.ca. (2 green stamps or 2 IRCs--US postage not accepted by Canada Post.)

Sept 24-25, 1400z-1400z, Berlin, PA. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, K3SMT. Berlin Whiskey Rebellion Celebration. 14.250 7.250 3.875. Certificate. Somerset County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1241, Somerset, PA 15501. www.k3smt.org/whiskey.

Sept 26-Oct 2, 0100z-2300z Alexandria, MN. Runestone ARC, W0W. Discovery of Kensington Runestone in 1898. 14.225 14.030 21.070 3.920. Certificate. Bill Klundt, 509 Pine, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

Sept 28-30, 1200z-2359z, Biloxi, MS. Coast Guard CW Operators Association, NR4DL. 7th Annual Reunion from the Biloxi Beach Resort. 14.052 . QSL. KL7IBT, Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705. www.comm-one.org.

Sept 29-Oct 2, 1400z-0200z, Kingwood, WV. Preston Country Amateur Radio Operators, W8B. 64th Annual Buckwheat Festival. Phone and CW 40, 20, 10 m, 25 kHz up from bottom of Gen phone and Nov CW bands 147.000 PSK 20 and 10 m. Certificate. KA8UEU, PO Box 512, Kingwood, WV 26537.

Sept 30-Oct 1, 1600z-2400z, Macon, GA. Macon-Bibb EMA (WX4EMA) and Exchange Club of Macon, W4G. 150th year of the Georgia State Fair. 14.257 7.225. Certificate. Jeff Amerson, Exchange Club of Macon, PO Box 4105, Macon, GA 31208. www.georgiastatefair.org.

Certificates and QSL cards: To obtain a certificate from any of the special-event stations offering them, send your QSO information along with a 9?12 inch self-addressed, stamped envelope to address listed in the announcement. To receive a special event QSL card (when offered), be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope along with your QSL card and QSO information.

CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
0000z	Sept 3	All Asian		
2359z	Sept 4	DX Contest	160-10	SSB

1300z	Sept 3	AGCW Straight		
1600z	Sept 3	Key Party	40	CW
		www.agcw.de		
1300z	Sept 3 I	ARU Region 1		
1259z	Sept 4	Field Day	160-10	CW
0001z	Sept 4	FISTS Straight		
2359z	Sept 10	Key Week	160-10	CW
2300z	Sept 5	MI QRP		
0600z	Sept 6	Labor Day Sprint	160-6	CW
		www.qsl.net/miqrclub/contest.html		
1400z	Sept 14	YLRL		
0200z	Sept 16	Howdy Days	All bands	All modes
		www.qsl.net/ylrl		
0000z	Sept 10	Work all Europe		
2359z	Sept 11	DX Contest	80-10	SSB
		www.waedc.de		
0000z		North American		
0400z	Sept 11	CW Sprint	80/40/20	CW
1600z	Sept 17			
0700z	Sept 18	Washington		
0000z	Sept 18	Salmon		
0000z	Sept 18	Run	160-6	SSB/CW
		www.wwdxc.org		
0000z	Sept 18	North American		
0400z	Sept 18	Phone Sprint	80/40/20	SSB
0000z	Sept 24	CQ Worldwide		
2359z	Sept 25	RTTY DX Contest	80-10	RTTY
1800z	Sept 17	QCWA Fall		
1800z	Sept 19	QSO Party	160-2	All modes
		www.qcwa.org/2005-qso-party-rules.htm		

DX POTPOURRI

Ari, OH5DX will be active as OH0Z on Aland Island during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). Operation class is to be determined, probably Single-Op and Single-Band (15m) or All-Band entry. QSL via W0MM.

Jim, W7EJ will be active as CN2R from Morocco during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. Look for him to be active before the contest on the WARC bands and 160 meters. QSL via W7EJ.

Don, AA5AU, Co-editor of the "VK2SG RTTY DX Notes", says all digital operators are invited to take part in the 2005 RTTY Most Needed DXCC Entities Survey, which can be found online. The survey runs until September 18, 2005 and can be found on Don's webpage: <http://aa5au.com/rttysurvey2005.html>.

Beginning in October, look for the first Italian Red Cross ham radio station to be activated using the callsign IZ4GQA. This station is managed by the Radio-communications Technical Office for the Emilia Romagna region of the Italian Red Cross. Visit their Web for more information related to their work and activities, timetables and frequencies. You can also subscribe to a free newsletter to be promptly informed on IZ4GQA's radio activity. Web page is at: <http://radio.cribo.it>.

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.

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program on Fox Hunting.

We'll have the vote at the upcoming club meeting September 2, 2005. That's the Friday evening beginning Labor Day weekend. So if you're traveling, please keep safety in mind. Maybe leave Saturday morning instead of Friday night. Then you can come to the club meeting and head out refreshed without the crowd. (Smile.)

A significant development in our equipment has occurred recently. The club truck had a transmission failure which is estimated to cost \$800 plus towing costs. As a result, the Executive Board held an emergency conference and has decided to dispose of the truck without repairing it. It's 39 years old. Time to move on. We'll be moving the equipment in the truck into storage so the club members can still have use of the gear. If you know of an individual, firm, or organization that would be interested in the truck, please pass that information on to myself or a member of the Executive Board.

Also, we'll investigate what the club needs for a vehicle going forward. If you have thoughts on this matter, please let me or one of the Board members know. And if you want to help with this, too.

On a different note, I was pleased to see the spattering of youth at our picnic in August. Related to that, I encourage each club member to consider ways to share our hobby with the youth in our community. Perhaps you can offer to give an amateur radio demonstration at a local school, or serve as a Radio Merit Badge counselor for scouts. Coming up the third weekend in October is the annual Jamboree on the Air where Boy and Girl Scouts all over the world say hello to each other over the air with the help of amateur radio operators. Perhaps you would consider opening up your shack for the day to a local troop to come and make some contacts. More information can be found on the Web at:

ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>

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Scouts: <http://www.scouting.org/international/jota.html>

Our hobby's future lies in today's youth. Let's share our enjoyment of the hobby with the youth in our community.

Here's hoping you get those fall projects done.

73 de n9hdw,

Peace,

Peter

SPACE REQUEST #1

In an effort to reduce operating costs, the club is looking for free or lower cost meeting space for its monthly general membership meetings. Currently, Wheaton College is charging us about \$76 per month for three and a half hours of use of a classroom. This adds up to \$765 per year for 10 meetings.

Generally we plan for about 35 attendees at each meeting. Although sometimes attendance is less, we need to keep in mind having enough space to encourage growth. Access for the disabled is important. Our usual meeting night is the first Friday of each month. Some institutions, e. g., schools, may not offer year round space (closed for summer and winter vacations). If you know of an institution that could provide free or lower cost meeting space in central Dupage County, centered on Wheaton, please forward the contact name and way to reach that person (telephone, email, postal address, other) to Bruce Plantz K9OZ (vice-president), or one of the members of the Executive Board.

SPACE REQUEST #2

The club has need of free or low cost storage space for its equipment. The inventory has been stored on the club truck, and at various members location. If you have or know of space the club could use long-term with plenty of access hours, especially on weekends, and in the event of emergency response events, please forward the contact name and way to reach that person (telephone, email, postal address, other) to Kurt Rubin KB9RTO (Custodian), or one of the members of the Executive Board. Estimated space required: 10 feet W x 20 feet L

by 8 feet H, but smaller space could be useful if by dividing the inventory. This should be dry, indoor space, preferably with outside access. An unused garage would be an example. For security purposes, the space

VOLUNTEERS REQUEST #1

We are planning to transfer the equipment stored in the club truck into a storage unit on Saturday September 10, 2005. Custodian Kurt Rubin requests all club members who can help starting at 1 PM. Especially needed is a few large vehicles (pickup trucks, panel vans, or vehicles pulling a trailer). Workers are needed to move the gear from the truck into the vehicles, to transport the gear (approximately 15 miles), and then into the storage unit. Workers who cannot lift can help by tracking inventory. Hopefully, with enough workers and vehicles, this can be accomplished in one afternoon with one trip per vehicle. Please contact Kurt KB9RTO to sign up to help.

A few weeks ago the club truck broke down. It was towed to a repair center, where the estimate for repair exceeded what the Executive Board is willing to expend on the truck. The Board has voted to dispose of the vehicle. A vote will be taken at this Friday's club meeting to confirm this decision.

If you know of an organization or individual who would be interested in acquiring the truck, please contact Kurt Rubin KB9RTO (custodian) and provide the contact and way to reach that person (e.g., telephone, email, postal address, etc.).

OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

JUDY	N9TDU	09-02-37
VICKIE	KA9OEB	09-04-20
CARL	N9GZR	09-04-24
JACK	KA9HEL	09-05-33
GLENN	K9KGU	09-09-31
NORM	K9GSA	09-13-41
PAT	K9JAU	09-15-40
EUGENE	WB9JAB	09-15-55
TOM	N9CBA	09-25-47

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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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2nd: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in **classroom #138** in the Billy Graham Center. This is not a function of Wheaton College. The Billy Graham Center is located on the South side of Seminary Avenue across from Old Main just east of Washington Street. Parking just to the East of the Billy Graham Center due to construction of a new power plant behind the Center. Classroom #138 is on the first floor at the rear of the building on the west side.
- 6th: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 8th: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 10th: We are planning to unload the truck starting at 1 p.m. We need volunteers to help with packing, inventory and transporting gear to storage. Everyone is invited, and large vehicles are welcome. Contact any board member for more details.
- 15th: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS** for Octoberber. Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 29th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting -Sept 2nd, 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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