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## Do we really need a vehicle?

Following the death and sale of the truck, the board of the directors asked Vehicle Definition Task Force to determine if the club wanted or needed a vehicle.

The task force came back with a resounding yes, without really asking for input from the rest of the club. They have a proposal on the table that will cost the club thousands of dollars. They are asking the club to agree with the proposal, but yet no one has presented an opposing view. The vote in the May meeting is to answer the question the board originally asked – does the club want or need a vehicle?

I'm going to attempt to present an alternative view. Remember, this is just my opinion as a club member. I'll express it with my vote next month, and everyone else will have the same weight with their vote. My vote on the question of whether or not we need a vehicle, will be No. At least No for right now.

Before you start cussing me for being opinionated, let's step back a minute and look at the issues

### Financial

The club has a long history of purchasing vehicles. The club used to have 300 members and made \$10,000 a year on the Hamfest. Today we have between 80 and 90 members and make half of that or less on the Hamfest. Our financial situation has changed, and our expectations should change as well. We had a truck that was costing us a minimum of \$2,000 a year to own, some years it was much more than that. We've been without the truck for only a few months and have yet to prepare a budget for a year without the truck. Past budgets had no money for repeater maintenance or improvements. We will be out of the repeater game if we keep that up indefinitely.

The task force says we could pay for the trailer with the money we're saving on the truck. That might work, but it will take a few years to save the kind of money the task force is talking about. If we had several thousand dollars saved in a fund earmarked for a vehicle, I'd change my vote to yes. We don't have that.

### The Needs

I've heard three needs presented for this – public service events, emergency preparedness and storage.

I'll grant it's nice to have a vehicle at public service events. The truck was handy and looked OK. But I disagree with the statement it attracts people to the club. I drove the truck for a couple years, and was at events hanging around the truck. I never had anyone approach me and ask about amateur radio.

It has been stated that it's too much work to do public service events without a vehicle. The number of clubs  
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## WCRA Staff

### Elected Officers

President	Don ,	N9NYX
Vice President	Bruce ,	K9OZ
Secretary	Todd ,	KC9HKN
Treasurer	Ken ,	N9HQ
Custodian	Bob ,	KC9HOP

### Volunteer Committee Chairs

Club Call Trustee	Tom ,	N9CBA
Christmas Party	Ruth ,	KA9RZG
Club Awards	John ,	N9MWF
Elmer/Know-Code	Charlie ,	WB9SGD
Field Day	Dale ,	NJ9E
Field Day	Peter ,	N9HDW
Hamfest	John ,	WT9Y
Refreshments	Bruce ,	K9OZ
Membership	Mary ,	K9GAL
Public Service	Joe ,	N9WRO
VHF/HF Awards	John ,	N9MWF
Webmaster	Tom ,	N9WBW

### Amateur License Staff

Training Classes	Jack ,	KA9HEL
Volunteer Exam.	Harry ,	K9HK

### WCRA Repeater Administrative Board (RAB)

Chairman		
Secretary	Doug ,	W9NJM
Member	George ,	KA3HSW
Member	Larry ,	KA9KDC

### 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 Reprtr

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I would like to flip flop the program and the business meeting. I for one do not live for the business meetings of WCRA. I want to see and get involved in an interesting program. I think Bruce, K9OZ, has done a great deal to get us back on track in this area. I want to thank him for a job well done. So we will have Wayne telling us about QSL cards at 7:30 on May 5th.

Until this coming Friday, enjoy the May flowers.

Don



## From the President's Gavel

by Don, N9NYX WCRA President

I would like to wish everyone a happy May Flower time. This is my first article as your new president and I would like to share a few thoughts with you about our up coming meetings and other odds and ends.

First I want to thank our out going officers Peter, N9HDW, Mary, K9GAL, and Kurt, KB9RTO, for a job both well done and much appreciated. As Peter said many times over the last year, we only run as far as we have help from the membership. Thanks again.

As most of you know, I attempt to put out this Hamletter every month and since many contributors make a much nicer issue for all of you to read, I would like to use this mini-soapbox to encourage some of you to take pencil or word processor in hand and write an article or three. Most of us in this hobby have other interests or activities that your fellow club members would like to hear about. Even if it has little or nothing to do with ham radio. If it is a passion of yours, you should be able to write an interesting article about your passion that all of us would like to read about and would enjoy. We used to run a series entitled 'Shack of the Month'. If you would like to write an article about your own shack and snap a digital photo or two and email it to me we could start the interesting series again. Or if you want to be in charge of that article we could put your name on the masthead to the left of this article.

The club enjoys a high level of volunteer support among the membership. If you don't wear another hat other than a member, you may want to step up and get involved with the rest of us.

## WCRA Minutes for April 7, 2006



### WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Mary James  
K9GAL  
WCRA  
Secretary

President **Peter N9HDW** called the meeting to order at 1930. As attendees introduced themselves, they answered these questions: "Do you like ham contests? If yes, what is your favorite?"

**Gregg KB9DBC** proposed the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as published, **Charlie WB9SGD** seconded, and the motion passed. President's Announcements were made, and **Bruce K9OZ** gave the Vice President's report. Secretary **Mary K9GAL** presented a

new member application for **Martin Kennedy KA9RCC** of Wheaton. **Tom N9WBW** made a motion Martin be accepted, Pat B. seconded, the motion passed and club members welcomed "Marty" to the club. Treasurer **Ken N9HQ** was absent, so Peter presented the report on club finances. Custodian **Kurt KB9RTO** said there is equipment club members can borrow, and he will be helping the new custodian with taking inventory of club property. Reports were also given on Hamfest by **John WT9Y**, Public Service by **John N9MWF**, RAB and Hamletter by **Don N9NYX**, Field Day by **Dale NJ9E** and Web Page by Tom. **Marty N9NTM** made a motion reports be accepted, **Bob W3MDM** seconded, and the motion passed.

In General Announcements, **John N9NA** invited members to an open house celebrating the first anniversary of erecting his radio tower. Congratulations went out to Gregg and **Bob KC9HOP** who both upgraded to Extra recently.

In New Business Peter placed the following motion before the club for confirmation by the general membership: The Repeater Administrative Board is directed to implement IRLP on a WCRA Club repeater to begin service by the October 2006 club meeting. Charlie seconded the motion, and discussion followed. John N9MWF amended the motion to: The Repeater Administrative Board is directed to develop a plan for implementing IRLP with projected costs due back by September 2006 meeting, Tom seconded, and the motion passed.

Dale summed up the recommendations of the Vehicle Definition Task Force that will be voted on at the May 2006 club meeting. Bruce presented an anchor. Kurt lead the elections, during which Don N9NYX was elected President, Todd KC9HKN Secretary and Bob KC9HOP Property Custodian.

Tom motioned to adjourn, Don seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 1034.

**ANCHORS YOU WISH TO SELL  
COULD APPEAR HERE**

# Do we really need a vehicle? (Continued from Page 1)

that have vehicles today is in the minority. Other clubs in the area do as many, or more, public service events, without owning a vehicle. I think we should at least try to live for a couple years without a vehicle – if the lack of a vehicle is impeding our ability to do public service in a couple years, we should revisit the question.

I've also heard we need a vehicle for Field Day. I show up at Field Day with everything I need for my station. It takes me a couple hours to get ready at home, and I can set up in 30 minutes. That's how most clubs do it. We got used to having a big generator available, but there are alternatives -- small generators, a rented large generator, battery power. Nobody seems to be considering any alternatives. Before we say we can't do Field Day without a vehicle, maybe we should do one.

Emergency preparedness is supposedly the number-one reason for having a vehicle. But many of the proponents of the vehicle are active in the DuPage OEM, and if an emergency occurs, will be off with the OEM and not pulling the WCRA trailer around. So what is our emergency response plan? Who is called for assistance? Who does that person get hold of to alert the club members? I've been a member of the club since 1999, and I've heard vague talk about forming a phone tree and an emergency plan, but nothing has been done to my knowledge. We should have a plan of action for emergency preparedness as a club before we spend thousands of dollars on equipment.

## Storage

One of the arguments on keeping the truck was that we had so much really important stuff on it. I was there the day we cleaned it out and moved all that really important stuff to a storage unit. So what was there?

1. A couple boxes full of antennas, connectors, coax, etc. This stuff gets raided/used every year at field day. It's nice to have.
2. Radios. We have an Icom 735 that probably hasn't been turned on in years. Someone told me it gets used every year at Field Day. The last time I saw it used was 2000.
3. Three single-band all mode Icom radios for 2 meters, 220, and 440. These are nice radios, and are valuable. There's probably \$2,000 worth of radios sitting in a box in our storage unit. Nobody is really clear about when they were last used/tested.
4. An ICOM automatic antenna tuner. Nobody seemed to know we had this until we were cleaning the truck. I've never seen it used at Field Day.
5. Some two-meter gear, a radio that communicates with OEM, and assorted odds and ends.
6. A couple boxes of equipment marked for public service events.
7. A lot of other stuff, much of it not worth storing and keeping.

This equipment is all in our storage facility. The club has other stuff at other locations that is supposed to be centralized in our storage facility. At present we're paying \$100 a month to store this stuff. A trailer would eliminate some of that storage need, but not all of this stuff is going to go into the trailer. Trimming down our stored equipment is an entire separate issue.

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## Conclusion

We've been presented with a plan for a trailer, but not plan for how that trailer really impacts the club. I'd like to see an emergency response plan, a thorough inventory of what we currently have and our storage needs, and a plan with cost/benefit analysis before I vote to spend money on a new vehicle.

We have a very generous offer on the table from a club member to match the funds we raise for the vehicle. That offer is appreciated, and shouldn't be taken lightly. But does that mean we rush to spend the club's funds on a trailer?

Once again, I'm voting no. I have yet to have the question of why the club needs a vehicle answered.

I'm sorry I won't be at the May meeting to participate in the debate.

Bruce Plantz, K9OZ

## NEW CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pictured below are the new club officers for the positions of Custodian, Bob KC9HOP, President, Don, N9NYX, and Todd KC9HKN, Secretary. The three new officers were elected to terms of two years each.



### April Meeting Pictures

Bob, W3MDM, presented a program on antenna matching devices at the April Membership meeting. Lines in the pictures are antenna wire setup to demonstrate equipment.



# Programs for May and June

## May meeting

Our May meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Wayne, KF9JC, will be presenting a program on the QSL cards. Several people are going to be involved in this program, and it will cover a variety of topics such as how QSL cards are produced, some tips on proper QSL etiquette, using QSL bureaus, and other topics. Members are encouraged to bring a QSL card, either theirs, or a special favorite, to share during the meeting.

## June

Our June meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2. The program will be on Field Day, and will go over plans for this year's Field Day, June 24 and 25. The WCRA always puts on a great Field Day. If you want to participate, be sure to attend the June meeting.



[More April Program Pictures](#)



Recently John, N9NA, completed his antenna tower project here in Wheaton and he invited members over to view the fruits of his labor. A nice result after all the time consuming process he had with the city and his neighbors.



Tower nicely blends in with surrounding vegetation.



View from base of antenna.



Coax feed into PVC for underground run to home entry point.



Buried PVC for coax entry into house.



# QST FOR MAY – THE DAYTON 2006 ISSUE

Reviewed by Jim Ward, W9DHX

## **IT'S SPRING AND DAYTON IS COMING UP!**

Showtime for the biggest HamFest running—a special ad insert, and guess who is there on page 122? Our own newsletter advertiser, THE AMATEUR RADIO TOY STORE of Wheaton. You'll enjoy leafing through the insert that shows who will be there. You can purchase tickets on line—no increase in prices this year, and there is a free gift if you renew your ARRL membership.

## **FORMER HAMLETTER EDITOR SHOWS UP IN QST ARTICLE-PAGE 89**

Ron Hensel, K9ZE, ex-Editor of the Hamletter, appears in the “Old Radio” column of this month's issue. Columnist John Dilks bought a Drake 2-NT from Ron on E-Bay, and found out that the original owner was John Huey, W9AMU. Huey was also Ron's father-in-law, York Radio Club member and active contester. It is a great article for lovers of old time ham radio.

## **OFFICIAL FIELD DAY 2006 ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEW RULE CHANGES**

If you want to be ready to roll on June 24th to start rolling up those points, take a good look at the official announcement. For even better familiarity, you can download the full Field Day rules and an information packet at [www.arrl.org/contests/forms](http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms).

## **“SLINGBOX” DEVICE EXPLAINED—DOES IT HAVE A HAM APPLICATION?**

Steve Ford tells what the “Slingbox” is all about in his “Eclectic Technology” column. It is designed to tie all your home video equipment together via the Internet. Naturally, it has to be high speed. The column is on page 88, and you can learn more on the website([www.slingbox.com](http://www.slingbox.com)).

## **ATV REACHES NEW HEIGHTS – AIRBORNE ON A CHOPPER**

Where else but California! We've heard of ATV being used to cover the Rose Bowl Parade, but Nick Klos, AC6Y, took the potential mission of ATV a step into the air for Emergency Use. He thought of the issue as a “system” and convinced the Corona, California, Police Department that Ham Radio could fulfill a job for them as an “Eye in the Sky”. Read about how he built the prototype and four additional units on page 28. He's also shown on the cover of the issue.

## **THE WATERMELON DIPOLE—PERFECT FOR A HAM PICNIC OUTING**

Look on page 20 for Jeff Horlick's answer to having an antenna and eating it, sliced up. Another unusual event noted in the “Up Front in QST” feature column is a QRP(Marine) record QSO in progress at 13,800 feet from a lake near the summit of Mt. Evans in Colorado by Jake Groenhof, NZeroLX.

## **UPGRADE YOUR FOX HUNTING GEAR WITH A NEW TRACKING DEVICE**

Detailed instructions, photos, and circuitry are included in this four page article beginning on page 32. Dave Bowker, K1FK, the author, cooperated with the 2005 BSA National Jamboree by loaning fox hunting gear to the staff of the Jamboree station, K2BSA.

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## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

Operators Mega, JA3EGZ and Yoko, JA3DFM will be on the air from Kota Kinabaru, East Malaysia between July 7-10th. Their callsigns will be 9M6/JA3EGZ and 9M6/JA3DFM. They hope to operate on all bands, both CW and SSB; although no digital modes. They will also participate in the IARU HF World Championship as 9M6/JA3EGZ and as a Multi-Op/All-Band/Mixed-Mode entry. Suggested frequencies are:  
CW - 3510, 7010, 14015, 21015 and 28015 kHz  
SSB - 7088, 14170/14250, 21270 and 28515 kHz  
QSL via their home callsigns via the bureau or direct

(w/SASE) to JA3EGZ: P.O. Box 6, Himeji, Japan.

Pat, EI5IF, who is currently serving with the Irish Army contingent in Liberia, is once again active as EL2PM. The length of his stay this time is unknown. He was heard this past week on 20 meters SSB after or a little before 0900z and then moved to 17 meters SSB around 1045z. QSL via his home callsign.

Patrick, F6IRF, will be active as CN2WW from Hassan's, CN8SG, station in Kenitra, Morocco between May 20-29th. He also plans to be active in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via EA7FTR or the LoTW. For updates, visit his Web page at: <http://cn2ww.blogspot.com>. Also visiting Morocco later in the year will be Jim, W7EJ. He'll be there October 18-31st, with plans to be active as CN2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. His goal is to set a new record. Outside of the contest, he will be active on the WARC bands and EME. QSL via W7EJ.

Peter, HA3AUI, has announced that he has prolonged his stay in Africa and will now be active from both from Senegal (as 6W/HA3AUI) and Guinea-Bissau (as J5UAP) until June 10th. Look for activity on 20/17/15/12/10 meters, SSB, with some possible PSK and RTTY. He was heard this past week from J5-land on 20 meters RTTY. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

Glauber, PS7EB, will be active as HH/PS7EB between May 19th and November 25th. He is with the Brazilian Army and has joined a group of Brazilian Military Forces that will work together with ONU on a peace program in Haiti. He will use an IC-746 PRO and a vertical multi-band antenna and hopes to be active on both modes CW/SSB and also the digital modes. QSL via PS7EB, direct (QRZ.com) or by the Bureau. For direct QSLs, please enclose SASE + 1 USD (or 1 IRC).

There will be a total of 36 different special event stations "ON AIR" during the "2006 Football World Cup" championship in Germany. The HAM radio activity will start May 13th and will last until July 16th. Activities are planned for on all bands and modes. Look for 26 special district stations (DQ2ØØ6A to DQ2ØØ6Z) and 12 special stadium stations (DR2ØØ6B, DR2ØØ6C, etc.) with the special DOK "WFCØØ6" to be on the air. Stations will be operated by different operators, including some YLs using the special prefix/callsign DR2ØØ6J, from several places within their state. All QSLs will be sent automatically via the DARC QSL Bureau. The QSL Manager for direct cards is DF4ZL. Please enclose 2 USD and 1 SAE. A special football award is available, too. The Deutsche Amateur Radio Club (DARC) is sponsoring this award. Both licensed amateur radio operators and short wave listeners (SWLs) can apply for this reward. Participants may apply for three awards (Bronze, Silver & Gold). For details, visit:  
[http://www.amateurradio2006.de/diplomaausschreibung\\_eng.html](http://www.amateurradio2006.de/diplomaausschreibung_eng.html)

- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs us that the DXCC staff and approved card checkers will be checking cards at the Dayton Hamvention from May 19-21st. Checking will be done during all operating hours of the convention. Here are some guidelines that will help make processing go quick and easy.
- \* There is a 120 card limit per applicant. Larger applications may be checked as time is available after all other applications are finished.
  - \* Cards **MUST** be sorted first by band, then by mode. Cards with more than one QSO should be placed together at the end of the application. Do not sort cards alphanumerically.
  - \* Prepare all paperwork ahead of time.
  - \* The record sheet is required when submitting cards at Dayton. Use the latest application form available at: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc> Fill in ALL fields on the record sheet.
  - \* Write clearly and concisely.
  - \* There are no restrictions on what can be checked. (Cards for 160 meters, deleted entities and cards more than ten calendar years old can be checked.)
  - \* They will not bring applications with cards back to ARRL HQ. All cards must be checked and claimed in Dayton.
  - \* For those submitting a hybrid application (LoTW and paper credits combined), the LoTW application must be in the LoTW system by 7:30 AM EDT Monday morning, May 22nd.
  - \* If you do a hybrid application, you must note on the LoTW application that a paper application is being made. You must also note on your paper application that you will be submitting a LoTW application by checking the appropriate box.
  - \* They will also check cards for other ARRL awards, WAS, VUCC, WAC.

## IOTA

AF-Ø45. Dani, 6W/EA4ATI, informs OPDX that he will be active as 6W1EA from Goore Island, April 22-23rd. QSL via direct to EA4ATI.

AS-Ø76. Look for JN4MBO/5 and JA5BEX/5 to be active from Toyo Island (JIJA AS-076-NEW), JA5 Shikoku Island group, April 16th. QSL via their home callsigns. You can go direct or via the bureau.

EU-Ø65. Antoine, F5RAB, will be active from Ouessant Island between April 22-26th. Activity will be on the HF bands CW/SSB, barefoot with 100 watts and wires.

EU-Ø74. Antoine, F5RAB, will be active from Brehat Island between April 26-28th. Activity will be on the HF bands CW/SSB, barefoot with 100 watts and wires.

EU-123. The Scottish-Russian ARS is organizing its first 2006 DXpedition to Holy Island (IOSA: CL06 and SCOTIA: CS13), and is expected to be active as MSØDGR from April 18-20th. The team consists of MMØD-FV, GMØWRR, GM4TOQ and MMØGDL. They have received official permission from the Samye Ling Tibetan Centre to operate from the island. Unfortunately, they are not allowed to use a gas generator, so their DXpedition is going to be a QRP only. They will use an Icom IC-706 transceiver and 7.5A batteries. They plan to walk across the island with a light 9m fibreglass pole and 20/40m dipole antenna to activate some rare sites for different award programs - Mullach Mor (SOTA: SI-143), Pillar Rock Point Lighthouse (ARLHS: SCO-100, WLOTA: LH-1415 and WAB NATS: A4330), Inner South West End Lighthouse (ARLHS: SCO-101 and WAB NATS: A4332). The island belongs to North Ayrshire Unitary Authority (WAB: AYN), accordingly two WAB Areas will be activated - NS02AYN and NS03AYN. QSL cards should be sent to SRARS: P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, U.K.

EU-17Ø. Just a reminder that a team of six operators (from DL and 9A) will be active as 9AØCI from Dugi Otok Island (IOCA CI-018, LH-2375, ARLHS-CRO-183 and MC-074) between April 15-22nd. See OPDX.755 for a list of operators and other details. Activity will be on CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY on all bands. QSL 9AØCI via DEØMST (100% via bureau), and the others via their home callsigns.

EU-171. Operators Ela/DL1TM and Tor/DJ4MG will be active from Vendsyssel Island again during the Easter holidays between April 16th and May 4th. Activity will be on SSB on 160/80/40/20/15 meters and on PSK31 on 20 meters. QSL via their home callsign. Also check their Web site at: <http://dj4mg.dyndns.org>  
NA-14Ø. Steve, W3RFA, plans to be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) from South Marsh Island (USI MD-009 new one!), Somerset County, Maryland. Activity will be SSB only with 20 watts max. Steve will be accessing this island by canoe across 5 miles of open water. He will only have what he can pack in the canoe on a single trip. Low angle propagation should be good since the location is in the middle of a salt marsh. QSL via his home callsign (QRZ.com).

NA-198. Operators Dan/VO1MX, Wayne/VO1TA, Ken/VO1KVT and Jason/VO1JNS will be active from Exploits Island (NF-052 for the Canadian Islands Award) from July 27-30th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th). They plan to be active on all bands and modes. QSL via VO1MX (QRZ.com).  
OC-Ø42. Rannie, DU1EOV, plans to be active from Mt. Pulag, Luzon Island (WLOTA LH-0081), Philippines, from April 15-19th. The focus of the activity will be propagation testing homebrew emergency communications. Mt. Pulag covers Benguet, Ifugao and Nueva Viscaya Provinces in northern Luzon and reaches an altitude of 2922m ASL. It is the highest peak in Luzon and second to Mt. Apo as the highest peak in the Philippines. It is known inter- nationally to be the seat of the culture of indigenous peoples of Benguet. QSL via DU1EOV (QRZ.com).

OC-161. The Toba DX Group will be active as YE6N on their next operation from Nias Island, April 20-27th. The operators will be YC6JKV (team leader), YC6LAY, YB6LYS, YB6PLG and YB1BOD/6. The group plans to have two stations active on 160-10 meters, WARC bands included, on CW/SSB. QSL Manager will be Kadek, YB9BU, and he requests that no Green Stamps be sent except for new IRCs (from the original country). For more details visit: <http://www.toba-dx-group.net>

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

## DXCC NEWS

The following DXpeditions were approved last month for DXCC accreditation.

Peter 1 Island 3YØX - February 8 through February 19, 2006

Somalia 6OØN - January 18 through February 18, 2006

Iraq YI/OM2DX - July 27 through September 21, 2003

Iraq YI3SRA - Commencing October 3, 2003

Iraq YI9AQ - Current operation effective September 21, 2004

Chad TT8PK – March 15, 2003 to December 17, 2003

Timor-Leste 4W2AQ - June 18, 2003 to December 17, 2003

Comoros D5/WB4MBU - Operation from May 24, 2001 to October 27, 2001

Comoros D68JC from October 23, 2001 to November 8, 2001

## SPECIAL EVENTS

May 4-May 5, 15ØØz-19ØØz, Smyrna, TN. Sam Davis Memorial CW Club, N4SDM. "Days on the Farm" illustrating a working farm of mid 1800s. 14.058 7.058. QSL. Sam Davis Memorial CW Club, PO Box 54, 215

Camelot Ct, Smyrna, TN 37167.

May 5, 1500Z-2000Z, West Mifflin, PA. Belle Vernon High School Amateur Radio Club, KB3BKW. Amusement Park Physics & Communications Day. 14.260. Certificate. Belle Vernon HS Amateur Radio Club, c/o T. Thompson, 425 Crest Ave, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

May 6, 1400Z-1900Z, Byesville, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc, W8VP. 5th anniversary from Buckeye Central Scenic RxR Train. 14.260 14.250 7.245 7.235. QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. www.w8vp.org.

May 6, 1500Z-2300Z, Conway, AR. Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, W5AUU. Toad Suck Daze 25th Anniversary Special Event Station. 21.350 14.260 7.260 146.520. Certificate. Faulkner County ARC, PO Box 324, Conway, AR 72033. www.w5auu.org.

May 6, 0300Z-1200Z, Abilene, TX. Armadillo Intertie, AI5TX. National Radio System of Texas picnic. 21.200 14.230 14.050 7.250. QSL. Bill Lawless, W5WRL, 4000 Crestridge, Midland, TX 79707. www.armadillo.org.

May 6, 1300Z-1800Z, Baltimore, MD. Carroll County Contesters, K3P. Triple Crown Special Event -- Kentucky Derby. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.865. Certificate. Carroll County Contesters, c/o John F. King, PO Box 64, Hampstead, MD 21074. www.wy3p.net. Special certificate for all three Triple Crown events.

May 6, 1500Z-2300Z, Cookeville, TN. Upper Cumberland Amateur Radio Association, W4W. Cookeville Railroad Rendezvous Street Festival. 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Dennis M. Barrett, 1035 East 6th St, Cookeville, TN 38501. www.ucara.org.

May 6, Baltimore, MD. Carroll County Contesters, K3P. Triple Crown Special Event -- Kentucky Derby. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.865. Certificate. Carroll County Contesters, c/o John F. King, PO Box 64, Hampstead, MD 21074. www.wy3p.net. Special certificate for all three Triple Crown events.

May 7, 1530Z-2230Z, Fort Knox, KY. Owensboro Amateur Radio Club, W2P. VE Day, General George Patton, 3rd Army and 8th Armored Division. 14.248 14.048 7.248 7.048. QSL. Schley Cox, W4AMW, 1860 Antler Ave, Owensboro, KY 42303-1873. www.k4hy.net.

May 12-May 16, 0000Z-0000Z, North Wildwood, NJ. North Wildwood OEM, N2W. North Wildwood NJ Centennial Celebration. 147.400 14.240 7.100 3.850. QSL. William Farr, 311 E 8th Ave, N Wildwood, NJ 08260. www.northwildwood.com/events/sung.html.

May 13, 1700Z-2200Z, Cumberland, MD. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W3YMW. C&O Canal Re-watering Celebration (Western Terminus). 18.125 14.270 7.270 3.925 SSB 14.070 7.070 PSK31 Echolink 146.88. Certificate. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 234, Cumberland, MD 21501-0234. www.hamtalk.org/co\_canal.htm.

May 13, 1400Z-1900Z, Waterville, ME. Waterville Area Wireless Association, WA1WA. Ft Halifax, Winslow, ME 250th anniversary -- oldest block house in USA. 21.350 14.300 7.240 PSK 14.070. QSL. Waterville Area Wireless Association, 5 Matheson Ave, Winslow, ME 04901. www.qsl.net/wa1w.

May 13, 1400Z-2000Z, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. Promoting Jamestown Island 1607 -- 399th year. 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.261. Certificate. Russell Chandler, KU4FP, 132 Druid Dr, -Williamsburg, VA 23185. Certificate for working all three special event stations from K4RC including Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown Battlefield. www.qsl.net/warc.

May 13, 1400Z-2200Z, Roanoke, VA. Roanoke Valley Radio Club, W4CA. Mill Mountain Star. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Ray Crampton, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. www.cupnet.com/rvarc.

May 13-May 14, 0000Z-2400Z, Fairmont, WV. Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association, W8SP. Commemorating the first official observance of Mother's Day at the International Mother's Day Shrine in Grafton, WV. Gen SSB, CW 15 20 40 80 m, Nov SSB 10 m. Certificate. Charles T. McClain, K8UQY, Rte 4 Box 161, Grafton, WV 26354.

May 13-May 14, 0100Z-2300Z, Death Valley, CA. Wizard DX and Amateur Radio Club, WI6ZRD. How low can you go? First anniversary of the Wizard DX Club. 7.250 3.860 2.155 1.872. Certificate. Shannon

Mossman, PO Box 2904, Victorville, CA 92393.

May 13-May 14, 1600z-1600z, Waverly, OH. W8W. Tour of Scioto River Valley. 7.225 7.045 3.850 3.545. QSL. Henry R. Greeb, N8XX, 5727 11 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

May 13-May 20, 0000z-0000z, Anaheim, CA. Anaheim Police Amateur Radio Club, W6APD. National Police Week 2006. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.253. QSL. Mark McMullen, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. [www.qsl.net/w6apd](http://www.qsl.net/w6apd).

May 19-May 22, 0400z-0400z, St Croix, US Virgin Islands. The 3 Steves, KP2/N2IFA KP2/KB2ENF KP2/KF2TI. 3 Steves Special Event Station on St Croix. General portions 10- 160 m. QSL. via bureau or direct to: Steve Adell, KF2TI, 606 E Vail Rd, Landing, NJ 07850-1218. Work all 3 Steves and receive a coveted WAS (Worked All Steves) Certificate. <http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com>.

May 20, 1300z-1800z, Baltimore, MD. Carroll County Contesters, K3P. Triple Crown Special Event -- Preakness. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.865. Certificate. Carroll Country Contesters, c/o John F. King, PO Box 64, Hampstead, MD 21074. [www.wy3p.net](http://www.wy3p.net). Special certificate for all three Triple Crown events.

May 20, 1400z-1800z, Caldwell, NJ. West Essex Amateur Radio Club, W2EF. Operating from the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. 146.58 21.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. West Essex ARC, PO Box 54, Essex Fells, NJ 07021. [www.wearc.org](http://www.wearc.org).

May 20, 1600z-2300z, Wheaton, IL. Dupage Amateur Radio Club, W9DUP. To commemorate Armed Forces Day. 28.400 14.290 7.250 145.25/144.65. Certificate. Jef Fox, KC9GBX, Dupage Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. [www.w9dup.org](http://www.w9dup.org).

May 20-May 21, 1400z-2000z, Farmingdale, NY. Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club, W2GSB/APM. Armed Forces Day Special Event at the American Airpower Museum. 28.320 21.380 14.260 7.235. QSL. W2GSB/APM, PO Box 356, West Babylon, NY 11704. [www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org).

May 20-May 21, 1600z-0000z, Pasadena, CA. Jet Propulsion Laboratory Amateur Radio Club, W6VIO. JPL Annual Open House. 21.445 14.345 7.295. QSL. JPL ARC, PO Box 820, La Canada, CA 91012. <http://jplarc.ampr.org>.

May 20-May 21, 1600z-0400z, McMinnville, OR. McMinnville Amateur Radio Club, W7RXJ. 25th Anniversary of the McMinnville Amateur Radio Club. 21.350 19.810 14.250 7.281. QSL. Debbie Boggs, KE7DMI, McMinnville Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 891, McMinnville, OR 97128. [www.marcwireless.org](http://www.marcwireless.org).

May 25-May 29, 1500z-0300z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. 90th running of the Indianapolis 500. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. [www.qrz.com/w9ims](http://www.qrz.com/w9ims).

May 27, 1200z-2100z, Chestertown, MD. Kent Amateur Radio Society, K3ARS. 1774 Re-enactment of the dumping tea in the Chester river on May 23, 1774. 28.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. K3ARS, PO Box 921, Chestertown, MD 21620. [www.k3ars.org](http://www.k3ars.org).

May 27-May 28, 1900z-0200z, Delta Junction, AK. Arctic Amateur Radio Club, K7F. Delta Junction Friendly Frontier Days. 21.300 14.250 7.240 3.920. Certificate. Wayne W. Santos, PO Box 31013, Ft Greely, AK 99731. [www.kl7kc.com](http://www.kl7kc.com).

May 27-May 28, 1930z-0100z, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. Military Appreciation Event on the air. 14.330 7.230 Echolink IRLP. Certificate. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net).

May 27-May 29, 1300z-0100z, Albion, IN. 21 Repeater Group, W9N. Chain-O-Lakes State Park Watch Fire Military Memorial. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.985. QSL. Timothy S. Ryman, 618 Circle Dr, Albion, IN 46701.

May 28, 1400z-2000z, Croton, NY. Peekskill/Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, W2F. 2006 opening of Muscoot Farms to public. 28.365 21.265 14.265 7.265. Certificate. PCARA, PO Box 146, Crompond, NY 10517. [www.pcara.org](http://www.pcara.org).

May 29, 1200z-2000z, Belleville, MI. Yankee Air Force Museum, W8YAF. 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.

May 29, 1200z-2400z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ Memorial Day; God bless our fallen heroes. 28.420 12.260. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716. <http://rdgulara.org>.

May 29, 1400z-2130z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Memorial Day. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040 SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 South River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).

June 1- 3, 1500z-0300z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. United States Grand Prix. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. [www.qrz.com/w9ims](http://www.qrz.com/w9ims).

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 6			
0500z	May 7	New England		
1300z	May 7	QSO Party	80-10	CW
2359z	May 7			
		<a href="http://www.neqp.orglogs@neqp.com">www.neqp.orglogs@neqp.com</a>		
0000z	May 6	MARAC		
2359z	May 7	County Hunters	80-10	CW
		<a href="http://marac.org/cwrules2004.html">http://marac.org/cwrules2004.html</a>		
0000z	May 6	IPARC CW		
2359z	May 6	QSO Party	80-10	CW
		<a href="http://www.iparc.org">www.iparc.org</a>		
0001z	May 6	10-10 Int'l		
2359z	May 7	Spring Contest	10 Meters	CW/Digital
		<a href="http://www.ten-ten.org">www.ten-ten.org</a>		
0000z	May 7	IPARC Phone		
2359z	May 7	QSO Party	80-10	SSB
		<a href="http://www.iparc.org">www.iparc.org</a>		
1200z	May 13	Volta RTTY		

1200z	May 14	DX Contest <a href="http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/expoints.htm">www.sk3bg.se/contest/expoints.htm</a>	80-10	RTTY
2100z	May 13	CQ-M Int'l		
2100z	May 14	DX Contest <a href="http://www.mai.ru/~crc/cq-m/cqmain_e.htm">www.mai.ru/~crc/cq-m/cqmain_e.htm</a>	160-10	CW/SSB/SSTV
1700z	May 13	FISTS		
2100z	May 13	Spring Sprint	80-10	CW
1600z	May 13	Mid Atlantic		
0400z	May 14	QSO		
0000z	May 14	Party	160- 6 Meters	CW/SSB
0000z	May 14	<a href="http://www.1sl.net/maqso/index.html">www.1sl.net/maqso/index.html</a>		
1200z	May 20	European PSK		
1200z	May 21	DX Contest <a href="http://www.eudx.scotham.net">www.eudx.scotham.net</a>	80-10	PSK31
1800z	May 20	His Majesty, The		
1800z	May 21	King of Spain	160-10	CW
0000z	May 27	CQ World-Wide		
2359z	May 28	Prefix DX Contest <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>	160-10	CW

### DX POTPOURRI

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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### DXADVENTURE WITHIN THE 50 STATES – KURE ATOLL, HAWAII

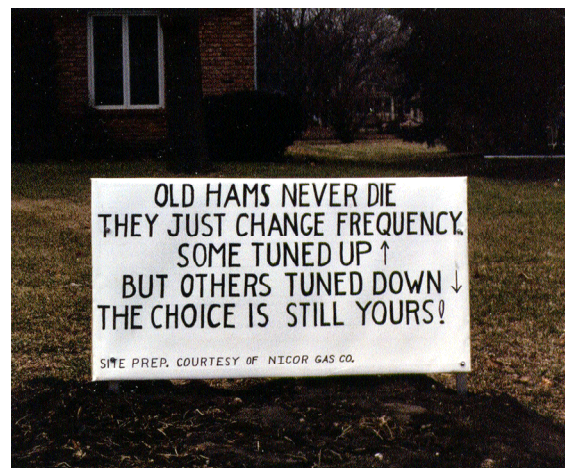
A highly-prized K7C call sign was available between September 25th, and October 5th of 2005. 52,113 QSO's were logged! You can read about the hard-working DXers on page 47.

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

PETER	N9HDW
BOB	KG9U
TOM	N9WBW
GENE	W9LIW
WAYNE	KF9JC
JOHN	N9PPO
JIM	KA9OSW

Transition meeting of the new and old officers was held on April 26th at the QTH of outgoing president Peter, N9HDW. Pictured below are Mary, K9GAL, Bruce, K9OZ, Todd, KC9HKN, Bob, KC9HOP, Peter, N9HDW, Don, N9NYX, and Ken, N9HQ. Kurt, KB9RTO had to work.

After NiCor did some work under his lawn, Bruce, KA0DSF, found this sign on his lawn.



*Roberto, WA9E, is re-working his add for the store and has asked that the add that has been running be pulled until new ad is ready for publication.*



## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2nd: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 4th: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM Carol's Garden, Carol Stream.
- 5th: Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on .39 will give everyone directions to the church and also where our meeting room is inside the church. Program for May is Wayne, KF9JC, discussing QSL cards.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for April Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 25th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting -May 5th, 2006, First Presbyterian Church 615 W. Jefferson Ave., Wheaton, Illinois 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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