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## **The October 6th Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs meeting will feature a presentation on D-STAR by Mark Thompson, WB9QZB.**

D-STAR is a digital protocol developed by the Japanese government and Japanese Amateur Radio League. Icom is the first manufacturer to manufacture D-STAR-compatible radios, although the protocol is open to anyone.

D-STAR enables simultaneous digital voice and data transmission. At present, digital voice can be sent on 144, 440 & 1.2 GHz (4800 bps) concurrently with low speed asynchronous data (950 bps) in a narrow 6.25 KHz channel. High speed data (128 kbps) can be sent concurrently using TCP/IP on 1.2 GHz in a 130 KHz channel.

D-STAR repeaters are connected via the Internet, which enables worldwide connections across the D-STAR network. Imagine having a broadband Internet connection via your mobile rig.

Among the many possible applications, D-STAR promises enhanced emergency communication handling - the efficiency of simultaneous voice and data communications, as well as graphic and other large file transfers that are difficult or impossible with current packet technology.

Mark, WB9QZB, will present the D-STAR system in detail, with an update on Icom technology, the radios currently available that support D-STAR, and what is in development. Mark has been actively involved for many years in local packet and digital radio activities, and has been featured on Hap Holly's RAIN Report.

Please join us for an informative and entertaining evening, Friday, October 6th at 7:30 pm. We are now meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. The church is in central Wheaton at the northwest corner of Jefferson and Ellis streets. We meet the 1st Friday of the month at 7:30PM.

If you can't make the meeting visit the Illinois Digital Ham Yahoo Group for more information about D-STAR:

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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 Reprtr	

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# From the President's Gavel

by Don, N9NYX WCRA President

Here we are starring October right in the eye. Where has 2006 gone. Must be age is catching up with me. Something sure is. Our program for this month looks to be very exciting and informative. Mark Thompson, WB9QZB of the North Shore Radio Club will be telling us about the new digital format called D-STAR. Mark has made several presentations to local radio clubs in the Chicago area introducing the amateur radio community to this new digital protocol. Make sure to mark (no pun intended) your calendars for October 6th and come to see Mark.

Larry, KA9KDC, will further discuss and educate the membership on the ins and outs of IRLP. As Larry explained last meeting, he has had our 2M machine (145.39) linked to his IRLP setup to demonstrate to the WCRA membership just what is involved in getting on to the system involves. He also wants to explain in some detail what would be involved from a cost standpoint to have one of our repeaters setup to handle IRLP in a stand-alone mode.

Peter, N9HDW, has been asked by the Three Fires Boy Scout Council to have our club present a day long demonstration of Amateur Radio at their upcoming Camporall for Boy and Cub Scouts at the Sandwich Fairgrounds next year on May 4 to 6, 2007. We will need to see some volunteer support for this to make it happen so please come prepared to volunteer if you feel so led.

We will also be discussing the budget for this year. Somewhat delayed as our fiscal year started back on May 1st. But as they say 'Better Never Than Late'. We are on a tight leash from a money stand point in

that we hope that, after a long wait, we will realize the club's dream of getting back up on the WDCB tower at College of DuPage. This will cost us some additional funds that were budgeted several years ago but never spent or set aside. Hopefully now we can pay the piper so to speak and leave Carol and Larry's family room.

What does everyone think of the new format for our nets? The board would like some feed back of any type from the membership. This is your time  
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# WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Todd Carr  
KC9HKN  
WCRA  
Secretary



## WCRA Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2006

President, **Don N9NYX** called the meeting to order at 1930. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by **Jim W9DHX**, **John WT9Y** seconded, and the motion passed.

President, Don N9NYX opened the meeting with introductions. Then he announced that the next club presentation for next month will be on D-Star. The discussion of the annual budget will be

next month due to **Ken N9HQ** not being present. The current status of the club 2 meter repeater going back up at College of Du Page is that we are waiting for an antenna stand-off, which has been ordered by the college. This evening's program was on "Images over the air!" presented by **Jim W9HDX**, **Gerry K3SIW**, and **Peter N9HDW**. This was very informative, as different ways were described on how we as amateurs can transmit images over the air. Thanks for the great presentations on this mode by these three gentlemen. Vice President, **Bruce K9OZ** was not present this evening. Custodian, **Bob W9BK (KC9HOP)** informed everyone that he now has a new call W9BK. Treasurer, Ken N9HQ was not present this evening. Secretary, **Todd KC9HKN** had a request for club membership cards by **John N9GLZ**. **Paul KA9RVS** requested a current membership roster, and was given one. We had 22 people attend our September meeting.

Hamfest, **John WT9Y** reports the contract for the 2007 WCRA Hamfest at Du Page EXPO, has been signed. Tickets will be \$7 advance and \$9 at the door. There is a need for some volunteers for chairman positions, like Tickets, please contact John WT9Y for this and any other positions that are currently open.

RAB, **Doug W9NJM** reports the 220 repeater parts are in. **Larry KA9KDC** reports about testing for IRLP and to get with the board on costs or to look at new technologies such as D-Star. Jim W9HDX asked about the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club 145.390 repeater getting into our machine.

Hamletter, Don N9NYX asked the membership to update their email addresses as he is still receiving many returns.

Web Page, **Tom N9WBW**. **Tom N9CBA** asked about the status of wheatonhamfest.org relationship with the current w9ccu.org website. Tom N9WBW current Web Page chairman was not present at this meeting. Todd KC9HKN informed membership present that the goal of the web team last year was to get the club on a reliable web hosting site for w9ccu.org. This was accomplished and approved by the current board at that time last year. This issue will need to be resolved by Tom N9WBW, Web page chairman, and John WT9Y, Hamfest chairman, working with Tom N9CBA to resolve the status of the web page wheatonhamfest.org and its relationship with the main club web site w9ccu.org.

Motion to accept reports by Doug W9NJM, **Steve N9N0A** seconded, and the motion passed.

**Marty N9NTM** motioned to adjourn, Steve N9OA seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

# October QST Reviewed—Full of Ham Projects

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

## **MICRO R2 KIT RECEIVER STARS ON THE FRONT COVER – PARTS FOR \$85!**

Need a spare receiver for the shack? You can build this beauty from the cover of QST and expect “professional” performance, aided by a furnished PC board and other fancy features. The designer gives you personal instructions on pages 28-32. He is Rick Miller, KK7B, of Portland, OR. The parts come from Kanga-US of Findlay, OH.

## **WEATHER FORECASTERS BEWARE—YOU MAY GET HOOKED ON A BUILDING PROJECT**

This is one for the serious builder and amateur forecaster who would like data from a remote location—such as a repeater site. Randy Koehn, KC5TIL, is a Texan who wanted the best reporting site in his county, and proceeded to assemble the unit, complete with Solar power. He also had to worry about keeping the unit from overheating in the Texas sun. Read his interesting story on pages 38 to 40.

## **ROCK AND ROLL “HALL OF FAMER” BLAMES IT ALL ON HAM RADIO**

Would you believe Bob Heil, K9EID, gives ham radio credit for his success as the head of Heil Radio and an honoree by the Rock and Roll folks for his contribution to the public address system world. The line from his lectures: “Hearing is a physical process. Listening is a mental process” is a classic among audiophiles. Page 49 contains a fascinating interview with this ham of note.

## **AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS—THE “SUN AND FUN FLY-IN” IS FOR YOU!**

Rosalie White, K1STO, is both a ham and a pilot, owning a Cessna Cardinal. Her article on pages 56 and 57 about the No. 2 Fly-In Air Show in Lakeland, FL is a report on the hams who are also in love with flying, from propeller classics, such as the DC-3, to modern-day spacecraft.

## **INCREASING YOUR CHANCES FOR DX WITH PROPAGATION SOFTWARE**

If you would like John S. Raydo’s (KOIZ) opinions on the way to improve your contest score by working the right geography, here’s an article for you. It begins on page 41 and runs to page 44, and is complete with charts, maps, and graphs. John recommends installing two files and following his detailed instructions. That will put you on a level with all the other sunspot “gurus”.

## **GOOD NEWS-BAD NEWS ON VANITY CALL SIGN APPLICATIONS**

Page 77 (FCC NEWS) reports that the FCC has been handling vanity call license applications without any delay or problems. However, the fee is still \$20.80 for the 10-year period, 70 cents more than the \$20.10 proposed by the FCC last March. The ARRL has set up a website on license renewal/modification: it is [www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html](http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html).

## **WHISKEY ONE ALPHA WHISKEY GETTING TUNED UP**

The “This Just In” column on page 13 reports that the ARRL HQ station is getting some improvements, partly due to a Corporation for National and Community Service Grant, and the rest from an ARRL Development Fund. Equipment will be updated to include DSP, satellite and digital mode capabilities—D-Star, EchoLink, APRS stations, and other digital modes. The final touch will be to replace the 17 year old Yagis with new antennas. Listen for improved signals!

*Here courtesy of the Metro Amateur Radio Club ([www.metroarc.org](http://www.metroarc.org)) is a listing of Special Event Stations for the Month of October.*

## **SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS FOR OCTOBER**

Want to get some interesting QSL cards or certificates? Try working special events stations. Then send the station a self-addressed, stamped envelope (9 X 12 for a certificate). Here's some operating this month:

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1230Z-2300Z, Paintsville, KY. AR Community Service, KI4OIP. Kentucky Apple Festival, 100 years of Amateur Radio. 14.250 7.230 3.910 1.900. QSL. ARCS, PO Box 75, Paintsville, KY 41240

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1500Z-2300Z, Honobia, OK. McCurtain County AR Club, KD5YQI. Annual Bigfoot Festival, Honobia, OK. 21.230 14.270 7.270 3.900. Certificate. Gary Brock, PO Box 1656, Idabel, OK 74745

Oct 6-Oct 7, 1600Z-2000Z, Cincinnati, OH. Queen City Emer. Net, W8T. Tall Stacks on the air! Cincinnati's Riverboat Festival. 14.260 7.265. Certificate. David Vest, 2934 Rontina Dr, Goshen, OH 45122 [www.qcen.org](http://www.qcen.org)

Oct 6-Oct 7, 2200Z-1600Z, Lake Placid, NY. Northern NY ARA, N2Y. NNY Hamfest and Convention. 14.260 10.124 7.240 7.035. Certificate. Richard Sherman, 25 Pines Rd, Malane, NY 12953 [www.nnyara.org](http://www.nnyara.org)

Oct 6-Oct 15, 1300Z-0000Z, Albuquerque, NM. High Desert ARC of NM, NM5HD. Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 2006. 21.255 14.275 7.260. QSL. HDARC of NM 4972 Turquoise Dr, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 [www.nm5hd.com](http://www.nm5hd.com)

Oct 7, 1200Z-1600Z, Brownstown, PA. Red Rose Repeater Assoc., KB3BVL. Annual Red Rose Tailgate Fest. Gen phone 40m 20m. QSL. Red Rose Rep. Assoc., PO Box 8316, Lancaster, PA 17604-8316. [www.qsl.net/rrra/](http://www.qsl.net/rrra/)

Oct 7, 1300Z-1700Z, Anamosa, IA. Jones County ARC, N0CWP. 18th Annual Anamosa Pumpkinfest. 14.260. Certificate. Jim McClintock, N0CWP, 301 Vine St, Morley, IA 52312. [www.ia.net/~anachamb/pumpkin.html](http://www.ia.net/~anachamb/pumpkin.html)

Oct 7, 1300Z-2200Z, Columbus, OH. Madison Co. ARC, W8C. Columbus Day/Santa Maria Radio Day. 14.040 7.225 7.040 14.070 PSK. QSL. Don Fuhr, W8LJ, 6800 McVey Blvd, Columbus, OH 43235. <http://qsy.to/mcarcoh>

Oct 7, 1300Z-2200Z, Harlem, GA. Columbia County Georgia ARC, W4O. Annual Oliver Hardy Festival. 146.52 21.260 14.260 7.260. Certificate. CCARC/W4O, PO Box 800, Evans, GA 30809. <http://ccarc.hamradio.com>

Oct 7, 1400Z-2000Z, Palmyra, VA. Fluvanna County ARES, W4F. 11th Annual Old Farm Day in Fluvanna County, VA. 28.350 18.150 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Manny Rodriguez, K4MSR, 22 Fleetwood Dr, Palmyra, VA 22963

Oct 7, 1400Z-2000Z, Springfield, MO. Frisco Retirees Radio Club and The Railroad Historical Museum, Inc, W0DLR. Commemorating the preservation of Frisco 4524 Steam Engine. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Dave Rust, 2151 Deer Ln, Kirbyville, MO 65679. [www.rrhistoricalmuseum.zoomshare.com](http://www.rrhistoricalmuseum.zoomshare.com)

Oct 7, 1400Z-2200Z, St Charles, IL. Fox River Radio League, W9CEQ. 21st Annual Scarecrow Festival. 14.260 7.260. QSL. FRRL-Scarecrow, PO Box 673, Batavia, IL 60510. [www.frri.org](http://www.frri.org)

Oct 7, 1400Z-2000Z, Sterling, VA. Sterling Park ARC, K4NVA. Sterlingfest 2006. 14.260 7.240. QSL. SPARC, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167. [www.qsl.net/sterling](http://www.qsl.net/sterling)

Oct 7-Oct 8 and October 14-Oct 15, 0700Z-2000Z, Bedford, PA. Bedford County AR Society, K3NQT. Bedford County Fall Foliage Festival. 14.230 21.330 7.230. Certificate. Paul Fischer, 185 Main St, Alum Bank, PA 15522

# **WCRA MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR BALANCE OF 2006**

## **October**

October will be a program on D-STAR by Mark Thompson, WB9QZB of the North Shore Radio Club. D-STAR is a digital protocol developed by the Japanese government and the Japanese Radio League. Icom is the first manufacturer to manufacture D-STAR compatible radios, although the protocol is open to anyone. D-STAR enables simultaneous digital voice and data transmission. THIS IS A CHANGE IN PROGRAMS SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS NEW PROGRAM.

## **November**

November will be an annual Auction

## **December**

The December meeting will be a Holiday get together. It's held on our regular meeting night, the first Friday. We get together, share deserts, and sit and enjoy the fellowship. Again, bring the family.

Oct 7-Oct 8, 1400Z-2100Z, Glen Hazel, PA. Elk Co. Emergency Serv, W3E. Elk Co. Rescue Weekend 14.280 7.280 3.980. QSL. Mike McAllister, N3RZL, PO Box 448, Ridgway, PA 15853 [www.ncentral.com/~elkcnty](http://www.ncentral.com/~elkcnty)

Oct 7-Oct 8, 1600Z-0300Z, Menlo Park, CA. 24th Month, Amateur Radio-Technology Day, N6T, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. 14.240 7.240 14.044 7.044. QSL. David A. Cooper, 270 Redwood Shores Pky, PMB 41, Redwood City, CA 94065. [www.fars.k6ya.org](http://www.fars.k6ya.org)

Oct 7-Oct 15, 0001Z-2400Z, Milford, CT. Lake Effect AR Club, W1M. National Wildlife Refuge Week. 21.310 14.265 7.240 7.055. QSL. Kevin Gunther, 2 Milford Point Rd, Milford, CT 06460

Oct 8, 1400Z-2000Z, Robbinsville, NC. Smoky Mountains AR Team, N4GSM. Anniversary of opening Cherahala Skyway. 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 517, Robbinsville, NC 28777 <http://main.nc.us/graham/smart/>

Oct 13-Oct 15, 1700Z-1700Z, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, OK. W5-National Wildlife Refuge AR Club, W5NWR/WM. 2006 National Wildlife Refuge Week. 21.310 14.265 7,240 3.880 RTTY and CW. QSL. Mike Thomas, NA5U, 5717 Puerto Vallarta Dr, N Richland Hills, TX 76180. [www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006](http://www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006)

Oct 13-Oct 15, 2000Z-2200Z, Reelfoot Lake/Union City, TN. Dyersburg/Dyer County AR Club, W4R. National Wildlife Refuge Awareness Week. 14.250 7.230 3.855 50.130. Certificate. Howard L. Runions, 1355 Tatumville Rd, Newbern, TN 38059. [www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006](http://www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006)

Oct 14, 1300Z-2100Z, Milford, MI. Clinton Valley Scout Radio Club, WB8BSA. Boy Scout Fall Hike-O-Ree. 14.290 14.065 7.270 7.030. QSL. Frank Maynard, NF8M, 44683 Mansfield Dr, Novi, MI 48375.

Oct 14, 1330Z-2000Z, Yorktown, VA. Williamsburg Area AR Club, K4RC. Promoting Yorktown Battlefield and Historical Triangle. 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.261. QSL. Russell Chandler, KU4FP, 132 Druid Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. [www.qsl.net/waarc](http://www.qsl.net/waarc). Certificate for working all three K4RC special event stations -- Jamestown Island (May) and Yorktown Battlefield (Oct)

Oct 14, 1600Z-2400Z, Marble Falls, TX. Williamson County AR Club, N5W. Celebrating National Wildlife

## For Sale

Club Wears;Vests Shirts Hats Jackets....The More we buy the cheaper the cost. See Kurt at club meetings. or e-mail me at [kb9rto@arrl.net](mailto:kb9rto@arrl.net)

[Http://www.geocities.com/kb9rto](http://www.geocities.com/kb9rto)

## ANCHOR ...ANCHOR...ANCHOR

I have an anchor for the next Hamletter: a six-foot wall-mounted rack cabinet, now surplus to my church's needs. Rack swings out from mount for access to rear of equipment. No reasonable offer refused. Interested parties can contact me directly, or Tom Stark at Community Fellowship Church, (630)562-9184

George, KA3HSW

# OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER

JOHN  
STEVE

N9LIN  
N9OA

Refuge Week October 8-14, 2006. 14.260. QSL. Cecil Turquette, 12601 Oro Valley Cove, Austin, TX 78729.  
[www.wcarc.com](http://www.wcarc.com)

Oct 14, 1700Z-2359Z, Los Gatos, CA. Loma Prieta AR Club, N2RDT. 17th anniversary of October 17, 1989,  
Loma Prieta Earthquake. 147.540 52.000 14.250 7.250. Certificate. David Katinsky, 25570 Radonich Rd, Los  
Gatos, CA 95033. [n2rdt@arrl.net](mailto:n2rdt@arrl.net)

Oct 14-Oct 15, 1300Z-1900Z, Zanesville, OH. Zanesville AR Club, W8ZZV. Only Y Bridge in North America.  
14.260 7.240. QSL. George Alfman, 1975 N Moose Eye Rd, Norwich, OH 43767. <http://zarc.eqth.org>

Oct 14-Oct 15, 1700Z-2000Z, Seney, MI. Lake Effect AR Club, K8W. National Wildlife Refuge Week, 103 years of con-  
servation. 14.240 7.240 14.070 Novice CW. QSL. John Forslin, KC8ULE, 8 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855.  
[www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006](http://www.pilgrimriver.com/nwr2006) Certificate for contacting multiple NWR Week stations.

Oct 15, 1500Z-2300Z, La Crosse, WI. Mississippi Valley AR Association, W9L. Sesquicentennial, Historic  
Downtown Days, Mississippi Queen Docking. 28.450 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Terry Miller, KB9YXV, 1926  
Loomis St, La Crosse, WI 54603-2061. [www.mvara.net](http://www.mvara.net)

Oct 16-Oct 21, 0100Z-1800Z, Hazelcrest, IL. Tri-Town Radio AR Club, W9H. 75th anniversary of our club.  
146.490 28.490 14.249 7.249. QSL. Tricia Jaggard, 17609 Golfview, Homewood, IL 60430. [www.w9vt.org](http://www.w9vt.org)

Oct 16-Oct 22, 1800Z-0100Z, Tacoma, WA. Radio Club of Tacoma, W7DK. 90th anniversary of Radio Club of  
Tacoma. 21.360 18.160 7.139 3.539. Certificate. W7DK/90 Event QSL Team, Radio Club of Tacoma, PO Box  
11188, Tacoma, WA 98411. <http://w7dk.org>



Oct 16-Oct 31, 0000Z-0000Z, Kittanning, PA. North American QRP CW Club, N3A. Second anniversary of the North American QRP CW Club. 50.090 (if open) 21.060 18.080 14.060 10.108 7.040 3.560. Certificate. Tom Mitchell, KB3LFC, RD 6 Box 122A, Kittanning, PA 16201. [www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/](http://www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/)

Oct 20-Oct 22, 1400Z-2300Z, Dekalb, IL. Kishwaukee ARC, W9D. Dekalb Sesquicentennial Parade and N Illinois Univ. 100th Homecoming. 14.268 14.042 7.268 7.042. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. [www.kish-club.org](http://www.kish-club.org)

Oct 21, 1330Z-1730Z, Randleman, NC. Tri-County AR Club, NC4AR. 18th Annual NASCAR Days Festival. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370. [www.qsl.net/nc4ar](http://www.qsl.net/nc4ar)

Oct 21, 1400Z-2100Z, Roanoke, VA. Roanoke Valley AR Club, W4CA. O. Winston Link Museum. 14.260 7.250. QSL. W4CA, 1670 Catawba Rd, Troutville, VA 24175. [www.cuppnet.com/rvarc/](http://www.cuppnet.com/rvarc/).

Oct 21, 1400Z-2300Z, Big Lick, NC. Stanly County AR Club, K4OGB. Big Lick Antique Festival and 50th anniversary of K4OGB. 28.750 21.400 14.285. Certificate. K4OGB QSL/CERT, PO Box 361, Richfield, NC 28137-0361. [www.k4ogb.org](http://www.k4ogb.org)

Oct 21, 1600Z-2300Z, Woodland, CA. Yolo District Boy Scouts, W6Y. Yolo Scout JOTA station at the Woodland Scout Cabin. 14.290 14.065 7.270 7.030. QSL. Bill Ragsdale, K6INB, PO Box 1500, Woodland, CA 95776. <http://YoloBSA.editme.com/JOTA>

Oct 21-Oct 23, 1700Z-0500Z, Kingsland, GA. Camden County AR Society, K4B. Local Boy and Girl Scouts JOTA. 28.450 18.110 14.240 7.240. QSL. Timothy Boyd, 229 Mallard Pt, Woodbine, GA 31569. [www.ccars.org](http://www.ccars.org)

Oct 22-Oct 23, 1700Z-0100Z, Kankakee, IL. Cincinnati Buckeye Netters, N9Q. 21.040 14.040 7.040 3.540. QSL. Hank Greeb, N8XX, 5727 11 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341. [www.w9awe.org/ILQP2006.html](http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2006.html)

Oct 25-Oct 29, 0000Z-2400Z, Portsmouth, VA. USCG Auxiliary/ISAR Special Event, N4I. International Search and Rescue Competition. 28.450 21.290 14.250 7.210. Certificate. Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. [www.internationalsar.com](http://www.internationalsar.com)

Oct 26-Oct 30, 1400Z-2300Z, Sycamore, IL. Kishwaukee AR Club, W9P. Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. 14.268 14.042 7.268 7.042. Certificate. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. [www.kish-club.org](http://www.kish-club.org)

Oct 27-Oct 29, 1600Z-0200Z, Point Pleasant, WV. Main Street Baptist Church, K8J. Centennial Celebration, 1906-2006. 14.240 14.050 7.240 7.050. Certificate or QSL. G.E. Hodges, Rt 1 Box 646A, Point Pleasant, WV 25550. <http://webpages.charter.net/ab8s/K8J%20main%20street%20page.mht>.

Oct 28, 1300Z-2100Z, Ann Arbor, MI. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N8A. 67th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.355 21.380 14.290 7.265. QSL. Tony Morris, WA8TM, 827 Asa Gray Dr #459, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-3522. [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).

Oct 28, 1300Z-2100Z, McKeesport, PA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 9, KD3HQ. 67th anniversary of USCG Auxiliary. 14.250. QSL. Walter R. Gretz, 253 Henry St, Whitaker, PA 15120.

Oct 28, 1300Z-2300Z, Huntington, WV. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 2 8ER, K8E. 67th anniversary of US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.350 21.340 14.280 7.282. QSL. Matthew Morris, PO Box 134, Cheshire, OH 45620.

Oct 28, 1300Z-2300Z, Jacksonville, FL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4W. 67th anniversary of the US Auxiliary. 28.490

21.410 14.255 7.290. QSL. Joe Mac Ivor, 12632 Blue Eagle Way, Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Oct 28, 1300Z-2300Z, St. Marks, FL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary District Eight Flotilla 1-2, N4A. Coast Guard Auxiliary Special Event Radio Day. 28.400 21.400 14.247 7.267. QSL. Tom Ziko, 7849 Briarcreek Rd W, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Oct 28, 1300Z-2300Z, Philadelphia, PA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 67th anniversary. 50.130 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Joe Rzucidlo, 1013 Anderson St, Trainer, PA 19061

Oct 28, 1400Z-2100Z, Flowery Branch, GA. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4A. Anniversary of US & Canadian Auxiliary. 21.360 14.278 7.278. QSL. Al Miles, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.

Oct 28, 1400Z-2200Z, Paris Landing, TN. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 8-8E-10, W4A. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 67th anniversary. 28.335 21.370 14.285 7.242. QSL. Kenny Johns, AB4EG, 52 Buttonwood Dr, Jackson, TN 38305. <http://a0820810.uscgaux.info>.

Oct 28, 1400Z-2200Z, Quad Cities, AL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 24 8ER, W4F. Commemorating US Coast Guard Auxiliary 67th anniversary. 28.350 21.350 14.260 7.260. QSL. Roy Nagle, W4AQQ, 465 McClung St, Phil Campbell, AL 35581. <http://a0530407.uscgaux.info/SED2006.html>.

Oct 28, 1500Z-2000Z, Port Huron, MI. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 091-14-03, W8A. Celebrating USCG Auxiliary 67th anniversary & ISAR Special Event. 28.320 21.310 14.260 7.260. QSL. Rodger Catt, 1840 Kern St, Port Huron, MI 48060.

Oct 28-Nov 2, 1400Z-2200Z, Wheatland, MO. USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 0504, N0N. 67th anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary. 14.280 7.280 3.963. Certificate. Richard E. Hunt, KC0FDF, PO Box 96, Wheatland, MO 65779.

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## **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO START PLANNING TO SELL ADVANCED TICKETS TO OUR HAMFEST IN JANUARY.**

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

to sound off and let us know whether you like our 'new' look or not.

As I have mentioned in the past, I think if we continue to have interesting meeting programs that more people will want to come out and join WCRA. So I would encourage you to invite those of your ham friends that don't have a club affiliation or want to add one, to come see what we are like.

Does anyone want to run an HF net during the week? Please let a board member know. How about a practice code net either on HF or VHF/UHF? Just throwing out some ideas to help you use some of that equipment that you have picked up on your recent trip to Dayton.

Make sure the number of your takeoffs and landings with the gear down are the same number.

Don  
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## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 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.
- 6th: 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 will be on D-STAR.
- 16-17th: Peoria Area ARC will sponsor the Peoria Superfest 2006, at the Exposition Gardens, 1601 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL. Sat Flea 7AM- Dusk; Indoor 8-4:30 PM; Sun Flea 7-3PM; Indoor 8-2.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for November.
- 26th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

Remember the Club net on 2M is held every Sunday evening at 8 PM local. Followed by the 220 net at 8:30 PM local. Tuesday at 8 PM local on 2M is the ARES net followed by the Club 440 net at 8:30 PM local.

**Next WCRA General Membership Meeting -October 6th, 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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