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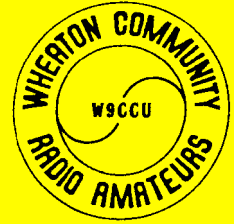
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HAMFEST

QTH
Arlington Park Expo Center
Arlington Park Race Track
Arlington Heights, Illinois

JANUARY 29, 1984

Doors Open 8 a.m.

WCRA has a Mid-Winter Hamfest coming up at the end of this month. The January membership meeting will finalize the details. So plan to be in attendance this Friday January 5th to turn in ticket money, sign-up to work, pickup last minute tickets to sell.

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JANUARY 20, 1984

Doors Open 8 a.m.

Talk-in 146.94
Talk-in 146.01/61

\$3.00 Advance
\$4.00 At Door

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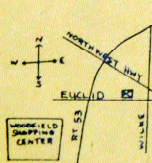
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HAMFEST '83

QTH
Arlington Park Expo Center
Arlington Park Race Track
Arlington Heights, Illinois

FEBRUARY 6, 1983

Talk-in 146.94 \$2.50 Advance
Talk-in 146.01/61 \$3.00 At Door



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Arlington Heights, Illinois

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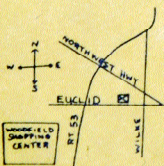
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FEBRUARY 6, 1983

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Editor would like to thank Todd, KC9HKN, for the Vintage Hamfest tickets.

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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
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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Dues for 2007 are now due and payable. The deadline for paying your dues is April 1st.

See page 6 for application.



From the President's Gavel

by Don, N9NYX WCRA President

Here we are at the very beginning of a new year's life. I could spend time wondering where last year went but we have too much on our plate to dwell on the past. We kick things off this year as we always do with the Chicagoland's only Mid-Winter Hamfest.

It takes a large effort by the club membership and some non-members to pull this event off. If you have not signed up to help in some form please contact our Hamfest Chairman, John, JT9Y, and he will be more than happy to plug you into the process where needed.

This Friday's regular membership meeting will bring all the planning and effort by the Hamfest Committee together and hammer out any remaining details so please come with your volunteer mindset on.

The Club Board of Directors will be voting on the appointment of Rich, N9DKO, to take my place on the RAB. As you know, the club constitution does not allow a member to be part of the elected board of directors and part of the RAB. Rich has recently retired from DUCOMM and brings both valuable knowledge to the RAB but also some very excellent people skills.

Speaking of the RAB, most of you are aware that Larry, KA9KDC, has set up our 2M machine with IRLP. At the last regular membership meeting, Larry furnished a handout on how to access IRLP and try it out on the .39 machine. Let us know how you like this added feature, if you do or don't. When we get back on the COD tower, continuing to have IRLP will require some additional club expenses.

Hope to see you this Friday.

Don

WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Todd Carr
KC9HKN
WCRA
Secretary



WCRA Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2006

President, **Don N9NYX** called the meeting to order at 1930. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by **Kurt KB9RTO**, **Bob NV9R** seconded, and the motion passed.

President, Don N9NYX opened the meeting with introductions. Don N9NYX provided the club membership a

handout on how to use the IRLP, Node # 4119, on the WCRA 2M club machine on 145.390 MHz with a 103.4(A) or 107.2(B) PL Encode/Decode. Thanks again for **Larry KA9KDC** for allowing the club to have temporary use of the IRLP.

Vice President, **Bruce K9OZ** this evening's program was our annual auction. Bruce K9OZ was our official auctioneer for the evening. There were many bargains to be had and it was a very enjoyable evening for all. Thanks again to Bruce K9OZ for a great auction and to the members who brought in their items to sell.

Custodian, **Bob W9BK** had hamfest tickets available for the WCRA 2007 Hamfest. Bob W9BK informed the membership that we still need a ticket chairman and other volunteers for the Hamfest. Please contact **John WT9Y** if you can help this year.

Treasurer, **Ken N9HQ** was not present this evening. Don N9NYX gave the report and presented the budget to the club membership for a vote. **Doug W9NJM** asked for a copy of the budget. The motion to accept the new budget was passed by the membership present with one nay vote.

Secretary, **Todd KC9HKN**, we had 27 people attend our November meeting.

RAB, Doug W9NJM, was asked about the RAB chairman president position by Kurt KB9RTO and Doug W9NJM said the position was not vacant.

Motion to accept reports by **Tom N9WBW**, **Jim W9DHX** seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business, Kurt KB9RTO informed the membership again that club jackets, hats, safety vests, shirts were available. If anyone would like to order anything please contact Kurt KB9RTO. **Wayne KF9JC** asked about the status of the club truck. Don N9NYX informed that this was still an "open item". **Dale N9JE** asked about the status of the WCRA 2M going back up at the College of Du Page tower. Don N9NYX informed the club membership that he had a meeting with the college representative and they are working with us to get the club repeater back on the tower.

Dale NJ9E motioned to adjourn, Tom N9WBW seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2200.

Help sell Hamfest Tickets

JANUARY QST COVERS THE “ANNUAL VINTAGE” SCENE PLUS 1ST ANNUAL AUCTION

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

WW II VETS FROM THE PACIFIC THEATER LISTEN UP! FCC’S ROLE IN WINNING THE WAR

Even though the FCC suspended Ham operations with the start of America’s participation in WW II, the FCC played a vital role in the global conflict. Pages 46-48 cover how the FCC stepped in to provide needed services in the Hawaiian Islands with the creation of eight Adcock Direction Finders to steer in US planes flying in from the Mainland. Read about other important tasks the FCC performed in the Pacific area that shortened the war.

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE OFFER WITH PURCHASE OF 2007 ARRL HANDBOOK

The January 1942 Issue of QST has been produced in a “reproduction issue” as a premium with this year’s famous “HANDBOOK”(as long as the supply lasts). You can order from the ARRL online shop, www.arrl.org/shop, or by telephone 1-888-277-5289, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., EST.

NEED A BEAM FOR YOUR 17 METER OPERATIONS? GARY COOK, W9JSN HAS ONE FOR YOU

The Author pulled a plastic cutting board off the hardware store shelf, cut it in half, and used the two pieces to create a low-cost and sturdy Center Support for his “Wonder Bar”. You’ll find the easy to follow instructions on page 34.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF COLLINS KWM-1--THE ELITE RIG OF FIFTIES HAMDOM

Writer Mike O’Brien, K0MYW, tells a fascinating story of the venerable transceiver that set the standard for the future of ham radio. The successful combination of the receiver and transmitter is accepted today as commonplace, but the arrival of the KWM-1 stirred up excitement fifty years ago. It is on pages 42 through 45. An interesting ad ran with the headline: “To XYL’S ONLY” and encouraged the idea of a desk-top shack, instead of a room filled with rack mounts!

GOING, GOING, GONE -- FIRST ARRL ON-LINE AUCTION BIG HIT WITH WEB BUYERS

OUR MEMBER THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

CAROL

KB9FYL

If you do not see your birthday listed here in your birth month, please contact the editor with your information.

QST REVIEW CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

The planners were not sure if the event could successfully compete with E-Bay, but the response was so great, you'll be seeing it next years with more choice items This year there were 109 items Only four items didn't receive a bid, according to the article on page 49. The activity raised \$37,340 for the ARRL General Fund, and gave some generous hams and other donors great exposure. A big "Thank You" to the donors and purchasers.

AN "ElmerRadio" KIT FOR \$26--EARPHONES NOT INCLUDED

Usually the QST review staff gives information on the more sophisticated communication equipment. This time they tried to get as simple as possible. It is an AM Broadcast crystal set receiver with color photo instructions. Both the reviewer (mom) and photographer (dad) are hams, as is the 12 year old who put the kit together. It is available from : www.elmer-dude.com

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Membership Application

P.O. Box QSL, Wheaton, Illinois 60189

Dues

Full Member \$26
Student/Senior Citizen \$13
Associate (No License) \$13
Club Badge \$7

Family Memberships Available

Office Use Only

Year Amt Paid
Check Cash
New Renew
Membership Type Full Associate

Student Sr Citizen

Family:

Full member call sign:

Name on Badge.....

Name _____ Call Sign _____
License Class _____ Expiration Date _____
Address _____ Apartment # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: Home (_____) _____ Business (_____) _____
EMAIL Address _____

ARRL Member Yes OR No
(Please Circle One)

Sponsor (new members only) _____

WHAT CLUB EVENTS WILL YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES FOR?

Please circle those which you might be interested in working or serving as a Committee Member

HAMFEST (January) **FIELD DAY (June)** **VE TESTING** **JULY 4TH PARADE**
PICNIC (July) **CHRISTMAS PARTY** **TRAINING** **MEMBER RETENTION**
ASSISTANCE (Elmer) **BIKE-A-THON** **PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS**

OTHER: _____

COMMENTS

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

JANUARY 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 at Peppercorns. Peppercorns is located at the corner of President and Geneva Road in the shopping center on the North side of Geneva. All are welcome. **THIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW LOCATION, SO COME A HALF MILE EAST OF CAROL'S GARDEN TO PEPPERCORNS**
- 5th: Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on .39 Program for January will be the annual Mid-Winter Hamfest.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for February.
- 25th: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm. Go to the club VE Testing website at vetesting.harrykamer.com for the latest details.
- 28th Mid-Winter Hamfest at the DuPage Expo Center on North Ave., St Charles at 8 AM.**
- 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 -January 5th, 2007, 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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