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## CONGRATULATIONS!



Ken, N9HQ



Peter, KB9KZO

At the April general membership meeting, WCRA elected two officers to fill the term of Vice President and Treasurer for the next two years. Peter, KB9KZO was elected as Vice President and Ken, N9HQ was re-elected as the club Treasurer. Our congratulations go out to each of the new office holders.

## Please come prepared to vote at this Friday's May Membership Meeting on Whether the Club Should Acquire a Club Trailer

Over the last several months both sides of this issue have made presentations to the club membership, had articles explaining both sides of the issue published in this HamLetter, and had several hours of debate on this issue. We as a club now must make up our collective mind and vote on whether the club needs a trailer to replace the club truck that was sold last year on eBay.

No matter where you come down on this issue, the subject has created a large amount of angst on both sides. How we as a club got to where we are now with feelings running very high on both sides does not appear to be healthy for the long term survival of WCRA. We as a club can survive, if we want to, no matter how this vote turns out. What we need to do now is make an informed decision on the issue and then reach out to the side that does not prevail with a sense of healing and a desire to make WCRA the best amateur radio club we can. We must remember that we won't all agree with everyone on every issue but the important thing is that we all want the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs to come out of this as a great radio club. Please plan to attend and vote. Also you can pay your dues for this year as well.

### WCRA Staff

#### Elected Officers

President	Don ,	N9NYX
Vice President	Peter ,	KB9KZO
Secretary	Todd ,	KC9HKN
Treasurer	Ken ,	N9HQ
Custodian	Bob ,	W9BK

#### 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	Doug ,	W9NJM
Secretary	George ,	KA3HSW
Member	Rich ,	N9DKO
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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## From the President's Gavel

by Don, N9NYX WCRA President

We coming up on a busy time for the club. Our Public Service events are in full swing and Joe, N9WRO, is always looking for people to staff these events. We used to see quite a turnout of club members for the events that we provided communications for. These included the Wheaton 4th of July parade, Oak Brook Terrace Tower climb, and Special Olympics to name a few. If you would like to get out in the fresh air for part of the day and help demonstrate what Amateur Radio is all about, make sure you contact Joe and let him know you heard he was giving away free T-Shirts after attending a couple or three events.

Field Day is coming up at the end of June on the 23rd and 24th to be exact. If you would like to run a station or help with one, please let Dale, NJ9E, know of your interest. We received a presentation at the last meeting on a possible alternate Field Day site but I think we will return to Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn unless Northside Park in Wheaton magically becomes available.

The biggest event that I want to talk a little bit about with you now is the vote we will be taking at this Friday's meeting. We as a club have spent a great deal of time talking about the need to replace the old truck with a new vehicle of some sort. It has come down to a trailer that a group of members have gotten together on and done planning and raising money for. At last count they had raised about \$7,000.00 toward the purchase of this trailer. After the bad taste left in some of our membership's collective mouth over the money we spent just to keep the truck running, some members feel that even if the trailer was given to the club, it might become a burden. I don't think this would happen in the

foreseeable future since the trailer would be brand new. But feelings have been running very high on both sides of this topic. I for one do not want to see the club tear itself apart and think that no matter which side prevails we need to think of the bigger issue - WCRA first. Let's see if we can come together, vote, and begin a new chapter for the club. One that sees all of us pulling together for the good of WCRA. Hope to see you Friday evening.

Don

# WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Todd Carr  
KC9HKN  
WCRA  
Secretary



## WCRA Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2007

President, **Don N9NYX** called the meeting to order at 1930. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by **Joe N9WRO**, **Janie AE9JG** seconded, and the motion passed.

President, Don N9NYX opened the meeting with introductions.

Vice President, **Bruce K9OZ** announced that there will be no program this evening. There will be club elections and further discussion on the purchase of a club vehicle. The current WCRA membership is 71.

Custodian, **Bob W9BK** had nothing new to report. Treasurer, **Ken N9HQ** no report was given. Secretary, **Todd KC9HKN** we had 27 attend the April meeting.

Hamfest, **JohnWT9Y** reported that the bills for the 2007 Hamfest have been paid.

RAB, **Doug W9NJM** reported that the low audio issue on the club 2M was fixed, it was a bad cable connector on the controller board. The club 440 machine will be used by the NWS during bad weather while the DuPage Amateur Radio, W9DUP, club 440 is down. The club 220 machine should be on the air this weekend.

Hamletter, Don N9NYX there seemed to be a problem with the hamletter format this month and it cut off the right side. Don N9NYX will work on this for next month. Don N9NYX asked if anyone would submit their ham shack for and article in the hamletter.

Public Service, Joe N9WRO reported that we will need volunteers on May 6, for the MS Walk-a-Thon from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. If you are interested in helping out please let Joe N9WRO know.

Membership, the club voted into membership **John N9LLY**. A very big welcome goes out to John N9LLY from the WCRA membership.

Health & Welfare, the membership was informed of the passing of **Vince Greenen K9VG**. You can send your condolences to Mrs. Nola Greenen 21223 Bluehill Lake Court, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Field Day, **John N9NA** presented an optional location for field day the DuPage County Forest Preserve, West DuPage Woods.

Motion to accept reports by **Tom N9WBW**, **Janie AE9JG** seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business, WCRA Club elections were held and **Peter KB9KZO** was voted into the position of club Vice President and Ken N9HQ was voted into the position of club treasurer. Congratulation to Peter KB9KZO and Ken N9HQ. Thanks to **Peter N9HDW** and John WT9Y acting as the nomination and election committee chairman.

Bruce K9OZ gave counter view on the club purchasing a new club vehicle. There was a question and discussion period after his presentation by the membership present. If you missed the meeting both points of view on

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this matter are in last month's hamletter

**Peter N9HDW** the club will be supporting 2007 Scout Camperall located at the Sandwich Fairgrounds from May 4-6. We will be demonstrating different amateur radio modes at the event.

Rich N9DKO informed the membership that the Wheaton Historical Museum has asked if the WCRA would be interested in setting up an Amateur Radio demonstration at the museum. This event might happen in November.

Special Note, WCRA membership would like to thank Bruce K9OZ for his service as WCRA Vice President and all his hard work supporting the club during his tenure.

**Tom N9WBW** motioned to adjourn, **Marty N9NTM** seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2130.



## SOME HISTORY TO SEE THIS COMING FRIDAY EVENING

At the Friday meeting, I will bring the first issue of QST, December 1915, in a binder which will include all issues through December 1916. I have a complete collection, courtesy of my Father. I had it with me this morning, but forgot to show it to both of you.

Thanks for the meeting this morning. It was very informative. Looking forward to the vote, and more importantly, holding AND bringing the club together and taking a more active role in community affairs and building the membership.

Mark W9UZ

YOU! COULD BE FILLING THIS  
SPACE WITH AN ARTICLE YOU  
HAVE WRITTEN.



Here are some comments, directions, and pictures of the site for this coming weekend's Camporall from Peter, N9HDW:

I inspected our exhibit site today and have attached a drawing (not to scale) showing the measurements of key landmarks: power pole and 5 trees. The trees are ~60 feet high Shagbark Hickory's. The farthest distance between a pair is 108 feet and the closest is 7 feet. If each station operator could bring a 100 foot power cord, we should be able to position all the stations within reach of the power pole which has eight 20A 110 VAC circuits (4 of which are assigned to WCRA).

Please remember to bring some sort of open air shelter (dining tarp, patio umbrella, screen gazebo) to provide some shade for you as an operator, and potentially some rain protection.

We spread the stations around our exhibit area which is approximately 100 ft square so that visitors can gather around multiple stations simultaneously.

Bob Schlotzer, NV9R, has agreed to come out Saturday 7 AM, 5/5/07, to help string dipoles into the trees. He requests that you bring long enough quality string to get your feed rope started. String can be purchased at Menards. Recommended #18 white 75 lb tensile strength. You would want at least 150 ft to shoot up into a 60 ft tree.

Also, Travel directions from Wheaton to the Sandwich Fairgrounds are attached.

I will send additional pictures of the site by separate email following this note, but a picture of the northeast tree group and the southeast lone tree are attached.

Thanks to all for your willingness to share our hobby with the scouts! :-)

73 de n9hdw,  
Peace,  
Peter

===== DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN WHEATON TO SANDWICH FAIRGROUNDS =====

NOTE: Please enter through the HORSE GATE on the SOUTH side of the Fair Grounds. DO NOT enter through the North Gate off Pratt Road.

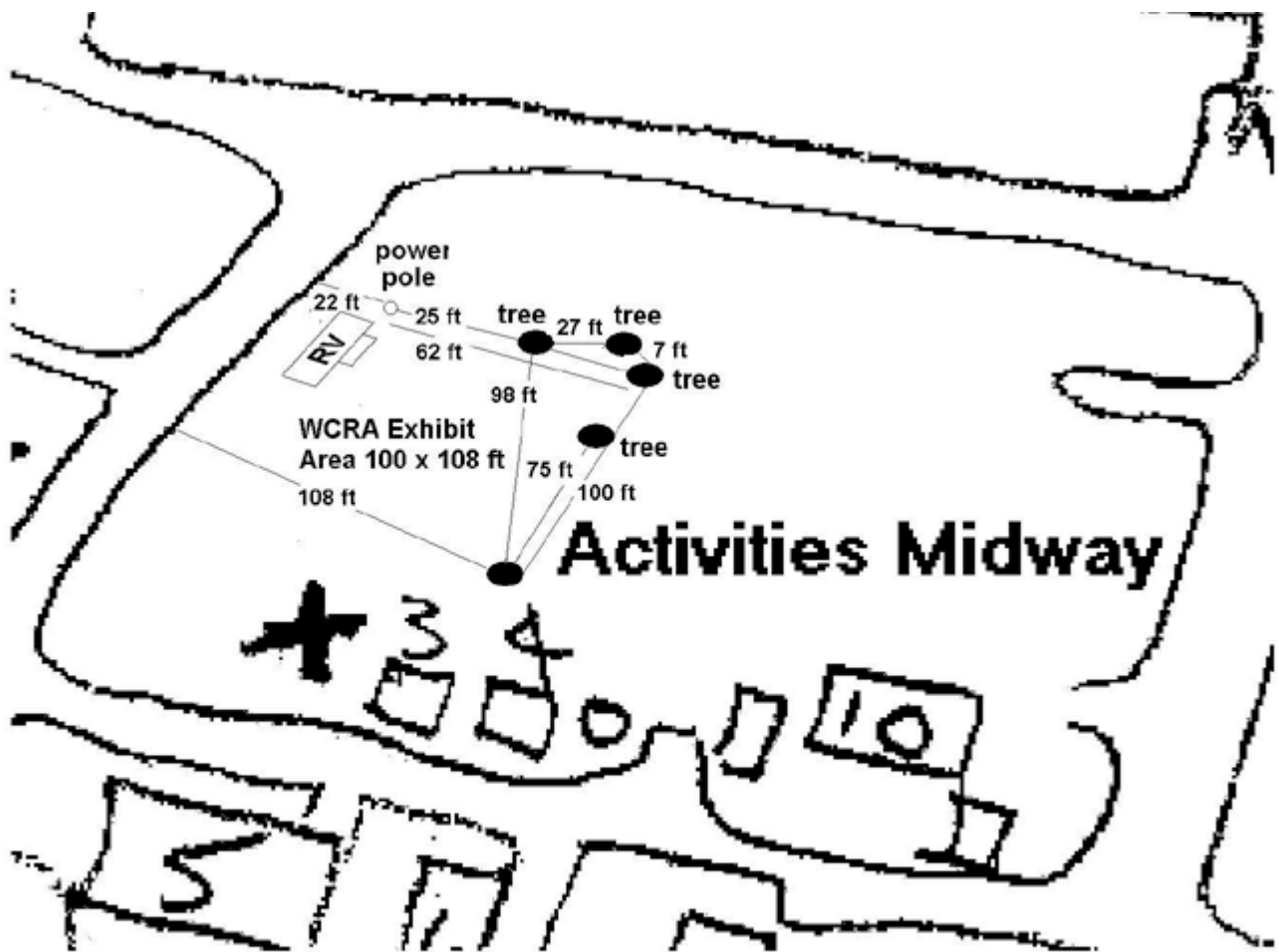
1. Turn LEFT (East) onto W Park Ave 0.1 mi
2. Turn LEFT (North) onto Warrenville Rd [S West St] < 0.1 mi
3. Turn RIGHT (East) onto SR-38 [W Roosevelt Rd] 0.5 mi
4. Turn RIGHT (South) onto [Winfield Rd] NOTE: NAPERVILLE ROAD ENTRANCE TO I-88 IS CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION 5.7 mi
5. Turn RIGHT (West) onto Ramp towards I-88 / East-West Tollway / Aurora 0.5 mi
6. \*Toll road\* Merge onto I-88 [Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway] 13.4 mi
7. Keep RIGHT onto SR-56 towards IL-56 / IL-47 / US-30 / Sugar Grove 4.1 mi
8. Road name changes to US-30 [SR-56] 2.4 mi
9. Turn LEFT (South) onto Dugan Rd (TRAFFIC LIGHT, then cross RR tracks), then immediately turn

- RIGHT (West) onto Granart Rd      3.0 mi
- 10.    Bear LEFT (South) onto CR-35 [Granart Rd]      2.6 mi
- 11.    Bear RIGHT (West) onto CR-9 [Galena Rd] 1.7 mi
- 12.    Road name changes to Chicago Rd   2.5 mi
- 13.    Turn LEFT (South) onto CR-10 [Somonauk Rd]      3.9 mi
- 14.    Turn LEFT (East) onto CR-11 [Suydam Rd] 1.5 mi
- 15.    Turn LEFT into HORSE GATE into Sandwich Fair Grounds.
- End.   Arrive 1401 Suydam Rd, Sandwich, IL 60548-1458



Here are several detailed shots of the area that WCRA will occupy this weekend for the Camporal at Sandwich. Top two pictures show the type of tall trees for stringing antennas. Below is a panarama shot of the area. Pictures are furnished by Peter, N9HDW.





This is a diagram of the area that WCRA will occupy this weekend.

## A club saver idea?

By Bruce Plantz, K9OZ

At last month's meeting there were several ideas thrown out to breathe some excitement into the club. One was a club station.

Here's a wild idea I've had -- create a virtual club station. This would be two or three members whose stations would be accessible over the Internet to other club members. Having several stations available would give the system redundancy. If a member was using his own station, there would be alternatives for club members to go to and use.

Setting up a station to be accessed over the Internet isn't that hard any more -- I demonstrated at the club meeting a couple months ago. I'd even volunteer a station that could be part of the system.

I'm not a network or software guy -- but we have those in the club. We'd need more expertise in those areas than I have to set it up right so it's password protected and reachable from our web site.

Would having access to a virtual club station be a draw for newcomers to the hobby or recently upgraded Generals who don't have an HF station of their own? I think it might. Again, this is just a wild idea I'm throwing out for discussion.



# QST For May is Special for WCRA!

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

## TWO PAGE ARTICLE FEATURES WCRA HISTORY

Fifty years ago – 1957—WCRA was in its infancy, and looking for something to “pep up” the Club. QST’s “Old Radio” column Editor chose to go back in history and the story of our Club’s Rig Building project. If you were in the Club at that time, look for your picture on page 86 of this month’s issue. Our current Club member, Don Webster, K9MUF, is pictured with the 2-meter AM rig he built.

The author of the original article was Bob Tschannen, SK W9LUO. His daughter, Marilyn Gardner, carries on with his call and sketches Bob’s eventful life in an inset story on page 87. If you’d like to see the original article, a schematic of the rig, and additional pictures, look on this website:[www.k2tqn.com](http://www.k2tqn.com).

## BACK COVER AD MISTAKE?

None other than Roberto, WA9E, caught the big “blooper” in this month’s issue. But the joke is on Roberto and the other readers! The ad on the back cover is “upside down”—and it is that way on purpose to call attention to Kenwood’s New TM-V71A model which has a “flip” option. If you don’t like the speaker on top of the chassis, you can “flip” the control panel to put the speaker on the bottom.

## NEIGHBORING CLUB (FRRL) WORKS ON THE “NEXT GEN” HAMS

Another Illinois Club making the May QST is the Fox Valley Radio League, based in Batavia. Their attempt to interest young people to get into Ham Radio is detailed in a two page article by Rosalie White, K1STO, a ARRL Consultant. Good pictures of Club Members working with kids at the Boulder Hill School in Montgomery. The story is on pages 47 and 48.

## FIELD DAY WITH ALTERNATIVE POWER – HYDROGEN

2006 Field Day for some North Dakota State University Hams was a bit different—they used the power generated by a Hydrogen powered vehicle to qualify for “alternative power”. Read all about it on pages 32 and 33 in this month’s issue.

## GRID SQUARE MAP FOR SALE

Steve Ford, WB8IMY, QST Editor, has written about the “Importance of Being Square”, an explanation of the grid system and an offer to let you buy a map to hang on the wall of your shack. Just look in the website: [www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=8977](http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=8977)

## DAYTON: THE EPICENTER OF AMATEUR RADIO

If you’re going to Dayton on the May 18th to 20th weekend, you need to read a special article on Page 43, as well as pull out the 8-page special ad section on the 2007 Hamfest. If you aren’t going, these pages will ease the pain of not being one of the participants in the world famous event.





*This is a reprint of a list of Special Event Stations that appears in the May 2007 edition of the Metro Amateur Radio Club Newsletter.*

May 1-May 15, 0100Z-2359Z, Las Vegas, NV. US International Police Association Radio Club, W7A. National Law Enforcement Week -- Honoring Fallen Officers. 21.410 14.240. QSL. USIPARC Award Mgr R. Faulkner, 3066 Lake Barkley Rd, Henderson, NV 89052. w6rf@cox.net

May 4, 1400Z-1900Z, West Mifflin, PA. Belle Vernon High School Amateur Radio Club, KB3BKW. Amusement Park Physics & Communications Day. 14.260. QSL. Belle Vernon High School ARC, c/o T. Thompson, 425 Crest Ave, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. ka3wsq@comcast.net

May 5, 1130Z-1930Z, Northfield, MA. 72 Rag Chew Group, K1R. To commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the 72 Rag Chew Group. 7.272. QSL. Jerry Rogich, AA2T, 69 Beth Ave, Leominster, MA 01453. www.ragchewers.net

May 5, 1400Z-2200Z, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8VP. Birthplace of William Boyd "Hopalong Cassidy" American Hero. 14.260 7.235. QSL. Cambridge ARA, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. w8vp.org

May 5, 1400Z-2100Z, Margate, NJ. Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association, K2BR. Celebrating the 125th year of "Lucy" the Elephant, National Historic Landmark. 7.270 14.310. QSL. SCARA, PO Box 121, Linwood, NJ 08221. www.lucytheelephant.com

May 5-May 6, 0300Z-0700Z, Woodland, CA. Yolo Amateur Radio Society, W6Y. Boy Scout Camporee: Survivor Yolo. 14.290 7.190 3.940 IRLP 5750. QSL. Bill Ragsdale, K6KN, PO Box 1500, Woodland, CA 95776. yolobsa.editme.com/W6Y

May 5-May 6, 1400Z-0200Z, Sherando Lake, VA. Valley Amateur Radio Association, W4XD. 400th anniversary of Jamestown, VA -- celebrating Civilian Conservation Corps contributions. 14.240 7.240 3.840. Certificate. Michael Solomon, KJ4RM, 2016 Cherokee Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980. E-mail QSLs accepted; see Web site for information. www.qsl.net/w4xd

May 6, 1600Z-2359Z, Fort Smith, AR. Fort Smith Area Amateur Radio Club, W5ANR. Trolley Car Museum Special Event. 14.260 7.260 3.960. QSL. Fort Smith Area Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 32, Fort Smith, AR 72902-0032. www.fsaarc.org

May 9-May 13, 1700Z-0100Z, Zeeland, MI. Zeeland Schools Amateur Radio Club, W8ZHS. Tulip Time Festival, Holland, MI. 14.265 14.245 18.145 14.026. Certificate. Zeeland Schools Amateur Radio Club, Zeeland East High School, 3333 96th Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464. www.zeeland.k12.mi.us/dmills/w8zhs

May 11-May 12, 1200Z-1800Z, Deltaville, VA. Middlesex Amateur Radio Group, N4GHI. Jamestown 400th year & Capt Smith exploration of Chesapeake. 14.025 7.025 3.525. Certificate. Geri Sweeney, N4GHI, PO Box 722, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035. From Deltaville Maritime Heritage Museum. N4GHI@winlink.org

May 11-May 13, 0100Z-2359Z, Jamestown Island, VA. Dominion DX Group, K4J. Jamestown 400th

Anniversary Official State Partner Station. 21.325 14.325 7.225 3.855. Certificate. DDXG, PO Box 29334, Richmond, VA 23242. [www.ddxg.net](http://www.ddxg.net)

May 11-May 13, 1200Z-2300Z, Harwich, UNITED KINGDOM. GB400AA events team, GB400AA. 400th Anniversary of ships setting out for America (UK side). 14.284 14.024 7.040 3.724. QSL. Tom Robinson, 2 Beacon Heights,, St.Osyth, Clacton-on-sea CO16 8JW, UNITED KINGDOM. [www.gb400aa.net](http://www.gb400aa.net)

May 12, 1400Z-2000Z, Brainerd, MN. Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club, W0UJ. It must be the water - Welcome to the Brainerd Lakes Area. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. David J. Fournier, 520 Winona Ave, PO Box 189, Ironton, MN 56455-0189. [brainerdham.org](http://brainerdham.org)

May 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Hammondsport, NY. Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association, N2WEA. Aviator Glenn H. Curtiss -- 100th anniversary of the "Fastest Man on Earth". 28.400 14.275 7.250 3.925 possibly 21.365. Certificate. KLARA, c/o Carrie & Glenn French, 62 S Main St, Avoca, NY 14809. [www.klara.us](http://www.klara.us)

May 12, 1400Z-2000Z, Jersey City, NJ. Bergen Amateur Radio Association, K2BAR. Northern New Jersey BSA Scout Show. 147.50 14.250 7.250. QSL. Phil Barber, 169 Woodland Ave, Westwood, NJ 07675.

May 12-May 13, 1330Z-2030Z, Jamestown/Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, W4J. 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia (1607). 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.261. QSL. Russell Chandler, KU4FP, 132 Druid Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Certificate for working all three special event stations for WAARC including Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Yorktown Battlefield. [www.qsl.net/waarc](http://www.qsl.net/waarc)

May 12-May 13, 1600Z-0000Z, Encino, CA. Los Angeles Fire Department, N6ACS. Fire Service Recognition Day. 21.375 14.250. QSL. Mark Willardson, N6UOZ, 17439 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316.

May 19, 1400Z-2200Z, Buffalo, NY. Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W2SO. Greater Niagara Frontier Council 100th Anniversary of Scouting at Ft Niagara, NY. 14.290 7.270. QSL. Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, Inc, 525 Pavement Rd, Lancaster, NY 14086. [larc.hamgate.net](http://larc.hamgate.net) for radio info; [www.wnyscouting.org](http://www.wnyscouting.org) for council info

May 19, 1400Z-2100Z, Palestine, TX. Palestine/Anderson County Amateur Radio Club, K5PAL. Armed Forces Day. 21.325 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Tom Wardell, KB5YUE, 1706 West Point Tap, Palestine, TX 75803. From the historical Texas State Railroad Park. [K5PAL@arrl.net](mailto:K5PAL@arrl.net)

May 19, 1400Z-2300Z, West Creek, NJ. Tuckerton Wireless Amateur Radio Club, W2WSC. 95th anniversary of WSC, Tuckerton Radio. 14.050 10.115 7.070 7.050. QSL. Tuckerton Wireless ARC, PO Box 531, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0531. [w2usf@arrl.net](mailto:w2usf@arrl.net)

May 19, 1500Z-2200Z, Westmont, IL. Dupage Amateur Radio Club, W9DUP. Armed Forces Day Commemoration. 28.400 14.290 7.250 145.25/144. Certificate. Brian Eder, WB9UGX, Dupage Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. [www.w9dup.org](http://www.w9dup.org)

May 24-May 28, 1500Z-0300Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club,

W9IMS. 91st running of the Indianapolis 500. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495. Certificate and QSL available, see Web site. [www.w9ims.com](http://www.w9ims.com)

May 25-May 27, 2100Z-2000Z, Farmington, MN. ARMS Christian Fellowship, N0A. National Convention & 50th anniversary celebration. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Dale Holloway, K4EQ, 2860 McGowan Blvd, Marion, IA 52302. [www.armsfellowship.org](http://www.armsfellowship.org)

May 25-Jun 6, 0900Z-1200Z, Castletown, ISLE OF MAN. Wrexham Amateur Radio Society & Scarlett Point ARS, GB100TT. Centenary of IOM TT Races. 21.280 18.130 14.200 7.080. QSL. Wrexham ARS c/o Colin Kenton, E-mail: [Colin@kenton65.plus.com](mailto:Colin@kenton65.plus.com), UK. [www.qsl.net/wars](http://www.qsl.net/wars)

May 26, 1000Z-2300Z, Springfield, MO. Ozark Hillbilly Portable Operations Team, K0S. K0S Strange Antenna Challenge. 14.250. Certificate. Erik Weaver, 4857 E Farm Rd 136, Springfield, MO 65809. [www.n0ew.org/k0s](http://www.n0ew.org/k0s)

May 26, 1200Z-2100Z, Chestertown, MD. Kent Amateur Radio Society, K3ARS. Reenactment of British tea dumped into the Chester River. 28.340 14.240 7.240 ECO LINK. QSL. K3ARS, PO Box 921, Chestertown, MD 21620. [www.k3ars.org](http://www.k3ars.org)

May 26, 1300Z-2100Z, Wright Patterson AFB, OH. XWARN, W8XRN. Celebrate ARMAD & USAF 60th anniversary. 28.360 14.260 7.060. Certificate. WB8CEH, PO Box 546, Xenia, OH 45385-0546. [www.xwarn.net](http://www.xwarn.net)

May 26, 1400Z-1900Z, Caldwell, NJ. West Essex Amateur Radio Club, W2EF. Operating from President Grover Cleveland's Birthplace. 146.52 21.330 14.250 7.250. Certificate. West Essex ARC, PO Box 54, Essex Fells, NJ 07021-0054. [www.wearc.org](http://www.wearc.org)

May 26, 1400Z-1700Z, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. Express thanks and appreciation to our Troops and Veterans. 7.260 14.260 Echolink IRLP. Certificate. ARMAD, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. Worldwide IRLP node # 9258 and Echolink nodes # 267069, 16686, 106819, and 6154. See Web site for full information. [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net)

May 26, 1600Z-2200Z, Pasadena, CA. Pasadena Radio Club, W6KA. The Pasadena Radio Club commemorates its 50th anniversary. 28.400 21.300 14.270 7.270 145.180 (PL 156.7). Certificate. Peter Fogg, c/o Pasadena Radio Club, PO Box 282, Altadena, CA 91003-0282. [www.qsl.net/w6ka](http://www.qsl.net/w6ka)

May 26-May 27, 1300Z-2200Z, Millville, NJ. Thunderbolts Amateur Radio Club, N2M. Air show at "America's First Defense Airport". 145.550 14.265 7.265 14.070 PSK. Certificate. KB2OLT - Thunderbolts ARC, 356 Briar Dr, Millville, NJ 08332. Memorial Day event featuring US Navy Blue Angels. [www.thunderboltsarc.com](http://www.thunderboltsarc.com)

May 26-May 27, 1500Z-2100Z, Syracuse, NY. Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club, KC2APG. 25th anniversary of founding of the Museum of Science & Technology. 14.270 14.260. Certificate. KC2APG, 3925 Cloverfield Cir, Liverpool, NY 13090. QSL and certificate available. [www.MOST.org](http://www.MOST.org)

May 28, 1200Z-2200Z, Fayetteville, AR. ARKAN, W5T. Memorial Day Troop Train. 14.240. QSL. Joe

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

PETER	N9HDW
TOM	N9WBW
GENE	W9LIW
WAYNE	KF9JC

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

Dunn, 12358 W Ervan Beeks Rd, Farmington, AR 72730. [www.arkansasmissouri-rr.com/passenger.html](http://www.arkansasmissouri-rr.com/passenger.html)

May 28, 1200Z-2359Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Assoc, N2UL. CQ Memorial Day, honoring our heros. 28.420 14.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

May 28, 1300Z-1900Z, Milford, MI. Milford Amateur Radio Club, W8YDK. To commemorate the 175th year of the founding of Milford. CW 14.040 7.040 SSB 14.220 7.220. QSL. Milford Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 573, Highland, MI 48357. [www.qsl.net/w8ydk](http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk)

May 28, 1400Z-2130Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Memorial Day. SSB 14.250 to 14.320 CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. 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)

May 28, 1500Z-2200Z, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. Memorial Day Honoring All Veterans. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Vernon Mc Nulty, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. [t-mc-nulty@msn.com](mailto:t-mc-nulty@msn.com)

May 28-May 29, 2215Z-0000Z, Mancelona, MI. Wolverine SSB Net, WT8J. Memorial Day. 3.935. QSL. Maurice McGleish, K8CPW, PO Box 767, Mancelona, MI 49659. [wssbn.com](http://wssbn.com)  
Look for updates and current events on the club website at <http://www.metroarc.org>



## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 3rd: 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.
- 4th: Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on .39 Program for May TBA..
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for June.
- 24th: 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](http://vetesting.harrykamer.com) for the latest details.

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 -May 4th, 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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