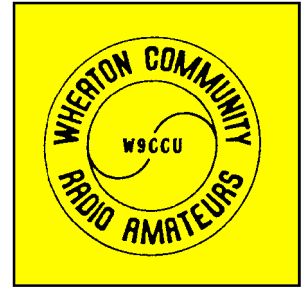


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WCRA to Host Radio Demonstration at Scout-O-Rama for 5000 Scouts and General Public

By Peter Richey N9HDW

Scouts and Amateur Radio are completing their first century in the United States. Locally, the Three Fires Council of the Boy Scouts of America has invited the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs to provide an Amateur Radio demonstration at its Scout-O-Rama in May. The event is forecasted to host 5000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs, their leaders, families and members of the general public. It will be held in western Wheaton at the McCormick Estate's Cantigny Park at the corner of Roosevelt Road (Hwy 38) and Winfield Road from 9 AM until 4 PM on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

WCRA will host a special event station, K9BSA, registered with the ARRL and advertised in the May 2008 QST magazine issue and on the ARRL web site. (See <http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html?future=1#listing-top>.) Mark Potter W9UZ is handling the special event station publicity and QSL "bureau."

At our February club meeting, 14 members volunteered to help with the club's participation in the event and provide a collection of radio demonstrations. So far, we plan to have 20m CW and SSB, 40 m CW and SSB, APRS, 2m FM, IRLP, satellite, and ATV, and possibly D-Star. Dick Cole KB9IDU will head up the Radio Merit Badge information area where scouts can earn partial credit for some of the requirements of that award, and learn who serves as a Radio Merit Badge counselor in their home town. The Three Fires Council BSA provides Scouting to boys in DuPage, Kane, DeKalb, and Kendall counties in Illinois. So it is both an honor and an opportunity for the WCRA to present our hobby to the public.:

"Scouting through History - A Century of Service: Take a historic walk through the living museum of Scouting's 100 year legacy. Discover what it was like to be a young boy in Scouting during the roaring 20's or visit a campout of Scouts from 1955. Experience the influence Scouting has had on our society over the past 100 years! These are only a few of the many things Scouts will do at Scout-O-Rama!"

The WCRA SOR (Scout-O-Rama) ad hoc committee is busy preparing, and you are invited to join in, if you haven't already. There's plenty to do and plenty of opportunity.

A site inspection team composed of Bob W3MDM, Dick KB9IDU, George NE9ET, and Peter N9HDW, met with Cantigny Visitors Services Director Matt LaFond in February at the Park and toured the area the Scouts have assigned us. We'll have the use of the Band Shell, which is a small 24 ft hexagonal gazebo, which has power. We'll also get to use the nearby trees and a nearby open area. The trees will be useful for stringing dipole wire antennae and the open area will be for erecting a 40 ft tower to host the satellite station's antennae. We be setting up several stations similar to the way we have done Field Day. Scouts will be encouraged to operate the stations under the supervision of WCRA personnel.

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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	Peter ,	KB9KZO
Membership	Mary ,	K9GAL
Public Service	Steve ,	N9OA
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

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 on the verge of Spring and Al Gore is still holding the warm air someplace else. I am ready for some real antenna weather.

As you have noticed or will shortly, a great deal of this issue is devoted to WCRA's participation in the Scout-O-Rama to be held at Cantigny on May 10th. From the enthusiasm displayed at the last meeting, the committee headed up by Peter, N9HDW, has really taken charge and the planning well under way.

To allow all the club members that desire to take part in this event our program this Friday evening will be the planning and direction that the event has taken so far. You can see from the article Peter wrote and the pictures he submitted that a great deal of hard work and preparation has already gone into getting the club ready to put our best face forward for the club. If you have never taken part in this type of activity and would like to help out please see Peter at this Friday's meeting or send him an email. I think this site near the bandshell will remind old timers of Northside Park where WCRA used to have its Field Day.

The 440 machine was put back in operation shortly after Frank, KG9H, has worked on it and got it back in good condition. It worked for a few days before it went south again. The unit will be removed and looked at once more.

The elections for WCRA Officers standing for this next two year time frame will be held during the April meeting. The offices standing for this election cycle are: President, Sec-Treasurer, Custodian, and we may be adding the Vice President because of Peter's work schedule conflict. Many members are involved in

attempting to formulate a slate of officers that would be good for the club and serve the members well. If you fell that you would be a good fit for any of these positions, please contact any of the current officers.

We will be meeting in a different room this Friday because one of the Church groups is having a dance on Saturday evening and they wish to decorate on Friday night. Come looking for our meeting spot and I will see all or most of you Friday evening.

Don, N9NYX

WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Todd Carr
KC9HKN
WCRA
Secretary



WCRA Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2008

President, **Don N9NYX** called the meeting to order at 1930. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by **Randolph W9HE, Kurt KB9RTO** seconded, and the motion passed.

President, Don N9NYX opened the meeting with introductions. There is a need for a nominating committee for

the upcoming board member elections in April.

Vice President, **Peter KB9KZO** was not present.

Treasurer, **Ken N9HQ** was not present.

Custodian, **Bob W9BK** the club needs to move items out of storage and into the new club trailer or dispose of items the club no longer needs.

Secretary, **Todd KC9HKN** thanked all those who volunteered for the WCRA 2008 Hamfest. We had 21 attend the February meeting.

Hamfest, **John WT9Y** reported on another successful WCRA 2008 Hamfest. We had more vendors and good forums with standing room only. Thanks to **Peter N9HDW** for his forum on W1AW. Ticket sales were down from last year and we had some last minute cancellations from some vendors. The new WCRA club trailer attracted many visitors. John WT9Y thanked all that supported the WCRA 2008 Hamfest this year.

RAB, **Doug W9NJM** reported that the club 440 machine was down and this matter was being looked into. **Kurt KB9RTO** asked about if there was any new status on the move of the club 2 meter machine back to College of DuPage. There is no new information on the move of the club 2 meter machine at this time.

Hamletter, Don N9NYX asked everyone that if you're not getting the monthly Hamletter please verify your email address with him. The hamletter can always use your articles, or any item of interest to be put in the hamletter.

Public Service, **Steve N9OA** reported that we will need volunteers on April 27, for the Special Olympics from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM in Naperville. On May 4, for the MS Walk-a-Thon from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are interested in helping out please let Steve N9OA know if you can help out.

Membership, **Bruce K9OZ** the club voted into membership **Dennis KE9VG** and **Jim N9NWU**. A very big welcome goes out to them from the WCRA membership. A reminder to everyone the regular 2008 membership dues are due at this time.

Club Trailer, **John N9MWF** reported on the new club trailer. The trailer has come a long way and now has lettering on the outside, thanks to **Dale N9JE and Steve N9OA**. There is a possible new mast for the trailer also on the way. If you want to help on the completion of the club trailer please contact **Mark W9UZ**.

VE Program, **George NE9ET** reported that we had 16 attend the WCRA 2008 Hamfest VE session. We had 4 make technician, 1 general, and 4 made extra class. Thanks to **Harry N9HK**, **George NE9ET**, **Don W9MUF**, and **Janie AE9JG** for holding this VE test session at the hamfest.

Motion to accept reports by Randolph W9HE, Peter N9HDW seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business, Peter N9HDW asked for support for the 2008 Scout-O- Rama located at Cantigny Park in Winfield on Saturday May 10 from 9 AM to 4 PM. We would demonstrate amateur radio at the event. There will be about 5,000 scouts attend this event. Peter N9HDW held a discussion on this event after the meeting to see who might be interested in volunteering. Visit this site for more information on this event. <http://www.threefirescouncil.org/Forms/Scout-O-Rama%202008.pdf> If you would like to help at this event and you were not at the club meeting contact Peter N9HDW.

Kurt KB9RTO asked if the club was going to do anything this year to celebrate the clubs 60th Anniversary. WCRA is 60 years old this year, 1948 to 2008.

Don N9NYX motioned to adjourn, Randolph W9HE seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

WCRA 2008 Hamfest Volunteers

John WT9Y, Hamfest Chairman

Don N9NYX
Tom N9WBW
Bob W9BK
Wayne KF9JC
Bruce KA0DSF
Bob NV9R
Larry KA9KDC
Carol KB9FYL
Kelsey KC9CUQ
Samantha KC9CZP
Meghan
Peter N9HDW
Doug W9NJM
Kurt KB9RTO
Steve N9OA
Mary KC9IJO
Bill N9BT
Victor AJ9M
Bill K9WH
George NE9ET
George KA3HSW
Mary K9GAL

Bruce K9OZ
Dale NJ9E
Don K9MUF
Janie AE9JG
Harry K9HK
Richard KB9IDU
Miles N9WMX
Joe N9WRO
Ken N9HQ
John N9NA
Pat K9JAU
John N9MWF
Marty KA9RCC
Jim W9DHX
Jack KA9HEL
John N9LIN
Todd KC9HKN

Thanks for all your support for another successful WCRA Hamfest.

March QST Reviewed-The Antenna Issue

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

FOUR BIG STORIES ON ANTENNAS TO GET YOU A BETTER SIGNAL REPORT

“NEW SPIN” ON THE BIG WHEEL ANTENNA – A GREAT ONE FOR 2 METERS

A five page article goes over the details of this popular antenna, originally introduced in 1961. This 2008 version is both easier to make and performs better, so get your tools out and start to work. As the name implies, it is omnidirectional and horizontally polarized! See page 30.

FOR THE BEGINNER—TIPS ON PUTTING UP YOUR FIRST ANTENNA

With a license and a used HF transceiver in hand, what do you need? A vertical? A 40 meter horizontally polarized dipole mounted 30 feet above the ground and fed with RG-58 Coax? Dean Straw's article on Page 39 goes over the advantages of both.

HOW DO YOU GET IT INSIDE? (Those pesky walls and windows are in the way)

All those wonderful antennas are doing you no good unless you get them inside to your equipment! Joel R. Hallas, W1ZR, has a lot of good suggestions—plus ideas for doing it the easy way. Check page 68.

DO YOU HAVE RESTRICTED LIVING CONDITIONS? CONDO OR APT?

Don't give up your hobby just because your antenna farm is a window box. Page 56-58 covers the technique Dick Jansson, KD1K, uses to operate without his neighbors seeing any wires! Somewhere between the palm trees and orange groves he has an antenna hidden. He uses a pneumatic tennis ball launcher modified to place antennas on tree limbs. Add that to the other techniques (fishing pole and bow and arrow).

SOLAR CYCLE 24 IS HERE!

Propagation Wizards have found Sunspot No. 981, and are making predictions as to its effect on amateur radio frequencies. They say it will begin in March of this year and peak in late 2011.

NEW HAM BAND COMING UP? EXPERIMENT WITH 500kHz UNDERWAY

The 600 meter band (495 to 505 kHz) was originally a marine frequency. Now the ARRL is sponsoring an experimental license (WD2XSH) to check out making it an Amateur Band. For details and how to be a part of it, read pages 43 to 45. Photos of a typical participant's station and map of almost twenty stations are shown in the article.

Closest one to us is K9EUI in the Chicago area.

PRODUCT REVIEW

This month's review covers the Yaesu FT-950 HF and 6 Meter Transceiver. QST does a price comparison putting it at a competitive level with other manufacturer's units.

This is in a 5 ? page article with illustrations and performance graphs. See Pages 46-51

ARE YOU GOING TO HELP WITH SCOUT-O-RAMA?

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Steve N9OA and Dale NJ9E are coordinating the creation of signage to identify the various stations, educate the public about ham radio, and the radio MB as well as identifying the club and demonstration as a whole. We are looking for people to staff the stations through the day so club members can have a chance to work the stations and host the scouts and visitors, and to have some time to tour the SOR and see the many other activities. We're planning to do most of our setup early Saturday morning 5/10/08, and must completely tear down right after the event. If you're busy for part of the day with other commitments, you are welcome to help setup or tear down, or operate for a short shift. Sign up with the station captain of your choice (listed below) or contact Peter N9HDW for an assignment. All of our stations will be on the air simultaneously for the entire event.

INVITATION: Bring a youth to SOR. Whether you can help run the SOR ham demo or not, invite a youth to come to the SOR and give him or her a ride there. Tickets are \$4 per person, or \$8 for a family. Volunteer staff such as WCRA get in free. Invite a youth to help run your station. Especially invite any scouts you know to come and help out in uniform. If you have a boy willing to help out and is interested in wearing an older scout uniform, Bill K9WH and Peter N9HDW have some vintage scout uniforms they can loan for the day to add to the nostalgia. What better way to present our hobby to the youth of today than to have youth doing the presentation! What excellent role modeling! And the harmonious message (or is that harmonic?) of intergenerational shared joy of our hobby of young hams with adult hams! So invite your neighbor, church scout, nephew, grandson, etc. And, although this is a Boy Scout event, invite youth of both genders, and their families.

MEETING: We'll be giving an update on WCRA's participation in SOR at the March club meeting, and will have a committee planning session right after that club meeting, Friday March 7, 2008, about 9 PM for 30 minutes.

STATION CAPTAINS:

20m CW - Mark Potter W9UZ
20m SSB - John Faber WT9Y
40m CW - John Siepmann N9NA
40m SSB - open
IRLP(2m)- Steve Peterson N9OA
Satellite - George Henry KA3HSW
Scanner - Kurt Rubin KB9RTO
ATV - Peter Richey N9HDW
2m FM - Dick Cole KB9IDU
APRS - George Greene NE9ET

FULL VOLUNTEER LIST TO DATE:

Mark Potter W9UZ	Trailer, QSL cards, Special Event Station registration and its publicity (QST, etc.) 1990's 20m CW Station
John Cheney N9MWF	Logistics
John Siepmann N9NA	1960's 40m CW Station
Viktor Kartashov AJ9M	40m CW Station
Bob Schlotzer NV9R	40m CW Station
Dick Cole KB9IDU	2m FM Station, Hallicrafters radio(s) for display
Randolph W9HE (possible)	
John Faber WT9Y	20m SSB Station

George Greene NE9ET	APRS, setup, help operating, logging
Bob Seaberg W3MDM	Setup, Operate, whatever
Bruce Dillingham KA0DSF	Setup, Logistics, whatever
Steve Peterson N9OA	IRLP
Bob Krueger W9BK	Logistics, Setup, whatever
Kurt Rubin KB9RTO	Scanner
Roberto Beltramelli WA9E	
Peter Richey N9HDW	Club Participation Coordination and Planning, Scout-O-Rama liaison

EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

Old radio gear in good shape, working or not, is needed for displaying at our demonstration area. Please speak up if you have some.

Very modern radio gear is also needed to show how Amateur Radio is doing today, so Software Defined Radio, Digital Voice and Data Gear, computer-controlled radios, microwave gear, etc. is also needed to round out our display. If you can provide some of this, whether for station operation or just for display, please speak up.

PICTURES:

Some pictures are included with this article showing the band shell, surrounding trees, satellite tower field, etc. to help show what the site inspection team found. Also included are two maps showing where the radio demo area is within Cantigny.

In summary, here are a few of the positions needing filling where you might have special talent or know of someone who does. Please let a committee member, station captain or Peter N9HDW know of your interest.

OPEN POSITIONS (You are encouraged to volunteer):

D-Star Station Captain - Full responsibility for putting a D-Star Digital Voice/Data VHF/UHF station on the air: gather gear, secure personnel, setup, operate, log, coordinate visitor experiences and operating sessions

40m SSB Station Captain - Full responsibility for putting a 40m SSB station on the air: gather gear, secure personnel, setup, operate, log, coordinate visitor experiences and operating sessions WCRA Membership table - provide club literature, answer questions, provide membership applications

Demo Tour Guide(s) - Walk visiting scout groups (troop, pack, den) around our demo area to show them the most of all that we have to offer, and find answers for questions they raise.

Radio Merit Badge Counselor - Contact Dick KB9IDU if interested, either because you are already a registered MB counselor, or are interested in becoming one.

Antenna Stringing Assistant - Contact Bob NV9R, master tree stringer.

Media Publicity - Contact Mark W9UZ if you're interested in publicizing our participation on broadcast radio, TV, newspapers, Comcast Public Access TV, etc.

Youth Radio Operators - Licensed or not, registered scout or not.

Boy Scout hosts - Registered scouts whose troops are not participating in SOR or are not needed in their troops' demonstration in SOR and can serve as hosts in our demo area, welcoming visitors.

Kit Table Host - Demonstrate simple kit building (crystal radio, code oscillator, etc.) and related construction techniques (soldering, component assembly, etc.).

Chart Captain - Person(s) to design the content to be placed on educational posters such as the Morse Code Alphabet,

What's An Antenna and How it Works, Analog Radio vs. Digital Radio, History of Amateur Radio,

Welcome to Amateur Radio, History of the WCRA, etc. - This person(s) would work with Dale NJ9E and Steve N9OA to create the display posters and post them.

Ham Radio Passport Captain - Design a scavenger hunt (passport trail) for visitors to follow within the WCRA demo area to get scouts to see and try many of the different modes of operating, to learn a bit about what amateur radio is and how it works. Determine some sort of prize or give-away gift for completing the passport. (E.g., roll of electrical tape with club logo and contact information as stick-on label, or ham radio SOR demonstration patch or small certificate for scout to wear immediately on uniform pocket.) Coordinate passport trail destinations with Station Captains and signage clues.

Military Radio Liaison - Arrange overseas MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Service) contact with U.S. troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. Arrange radio contact with military units on site at Catigny Park during SOR: Paratroopers jump-in, National Guard Helicopter group, etc.

Scout Displays Radio Liaison - Work with the several Scout Districts that are including radio related activities in their decade displays to coordinate interaction in theme and or operation with WCRA amateur radio demonstrations:

Indian Prairie District (1920 -1929): Crystal Radio Construction

Fox Valley District (1930 - 1939): Morse Code - Telegraph

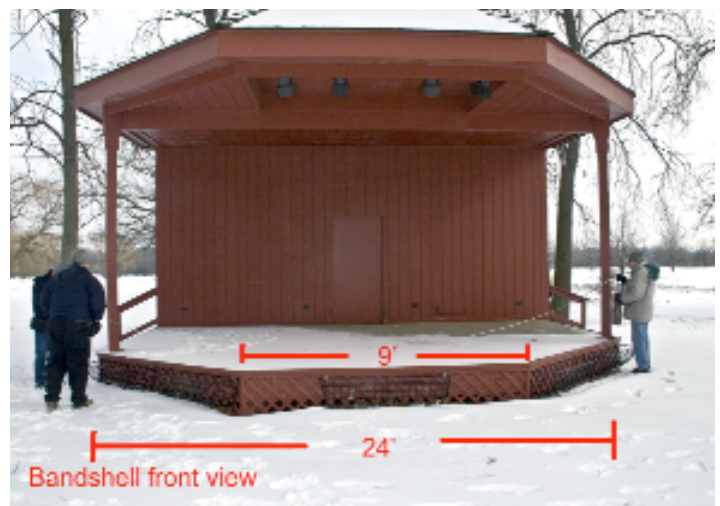
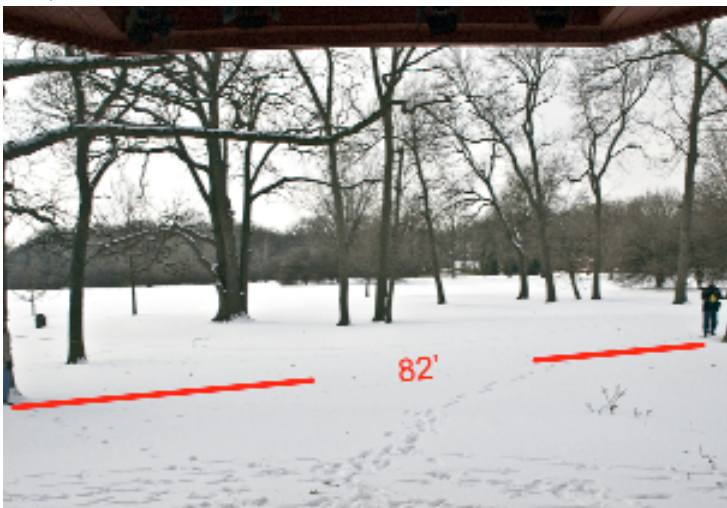
Kishwaukee District (1950 - 1959): Signalling (planning to use flag wigwag [morse code] or semaphore

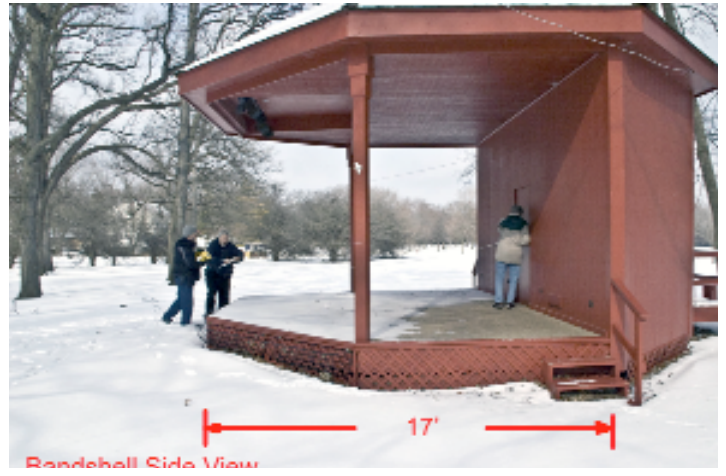
Potawatomi District (2000 - 2010): GPS/Geocaching

If you have additional suggestions to add to the effective of our demonstrations and displays, and especially if you are willing to provide the gear, talent, etc., please bring your idea to the meeting 3/7/08, or forward them to Peter N9HDW. It's important that we keep in mind that the SOR is only two months from now. While there may be a million good ideas, we need to stay focused on what we can do. If a person is willing to do something, this may be much more helpful than an idea with no followup support. Please limit the number of suggestions you are willing to make but not staff. This will help all involved to stay energized and be effective.

The Scout-O-Rama is a rain or shine event so we'll need to bring temporary shelters such as tents, dining flies, gazebos to protect ourselves and our equipment from the elements. We'll also have to consider bright sun especially how it can make computer screens seem really dim to the point of useless. Let us embrace the Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared."

See you at our next planning meeting, Friday March 7, 2008 after the club meeting and refreshments end (~9 PM).

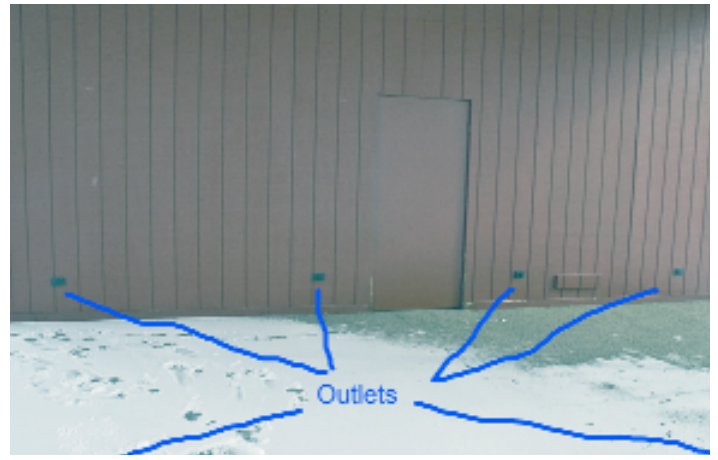




Bandshell Side View



Looking NE towards Band



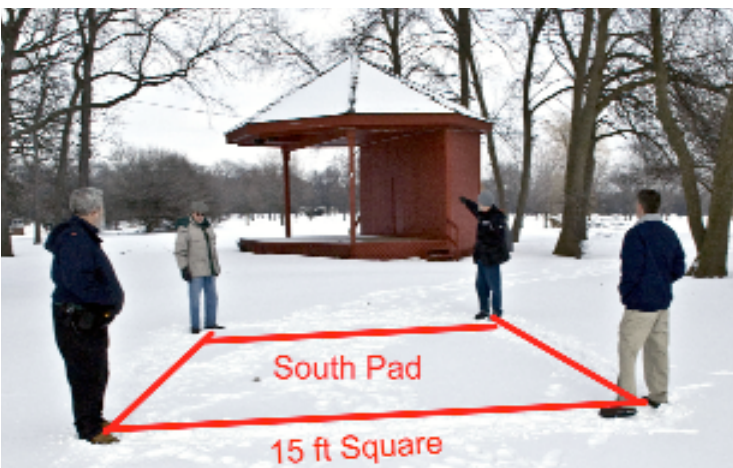
Outlets



View from North side of Bandshell towards parking area



40°



South Pad

15 ft Square



SW View from Band Shelter

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OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF MARCH



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BOB

MIKE

BOB

BRUCE

KB9RTO

WB9VFC

W9BK

N9KYG

W9TIE

KA0DSF

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

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

Here is an inventory of the club's property that is now located in either the storage locker or the club trailer. The goal in the near future would be to determine what is of use to the club in the future and dispose of the remaining items so that the club storage locker may be turned back to the storage facility and reduce the club's cash outflow by about \$100 per month. Please look over the items stored in the storage locker so that you may come prepared to discuss what the club should be planning to do with these items.

INVENTORY OF WCRA PROPERTY IN STORAGE LOCKER AS OF 11/30/2007

- 1 Large storage box on wheels containing misc. lengths of COAX cables.
Several heavy duty power distribution cables.
- 2 Power distribution/fuse boxes.
- 2 6ft. PVC pipes with ground rods.
- 12 Folding chairs. Most not in good condition.
- 3 Antenna rotators.
Coil of green grounding cable. (approx 50')
- 1 Box misc. junk from old truck. (should be trashed)
- 1 Roof mounting tripod.
- 2 6' 2x4's bolted together.
- 1 Waste container.
- 1 Green garden hose.
- 1 4' tall equipment mounting cabinet.
- 1 Box of work gloves.
- 6 Original cartons from club rigs.
- 1 Box of misc. office supplies.
- 1 FAX machine
- 1 Large storage box on wheels containing antenna support ropes.
- 1 Large storage box on wheels containing club archive material.
Hamfest money counter and cash boxes.

INVENTORY OF WCRA PROPERTY IN TRAILER AS OF 11/30/2007

- 2 Halogen light stands.
- 2 Portable halogen lights.
- 1 5' long table.
- 1 Box misc. office supplies.
- 1 Box of radio manuals.
- 1 Coffee maker.
- 2 Coffee urns.
- 6 Traffic cones.
- 1 IFREN radio.
- 1 Power supply ICOM PS55.
- 2 VHF rigs w/antennas.
- 1 Icom IC735 rig.
- 1 Large blue box containing misc. field day equipment (wire antennas filters etc.)
- 1 Heathkit battery charger.
- 1 Tool box containing misc tools.
- 1 OEM radio.
- 1 Box misc. power cords and COAX.
- 1 Box of wire antennas and COAX.
- 1 Box Mag-Mount antennas.
- 1 PVC pipe containing ground rods.
- 3 2 way COAX switches.



MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4th: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn.
- 6th: 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.
- 7th: Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on .39. Program for this month will be a detailed overview of the Scott-o-Rama to be held May 10th at Cantigny.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for April.
- 28th: 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.

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.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting March 7th, 2008, 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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