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JUNE MEETING WITH SCOTT CHILDERS AND MEMORIES OF WLS

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Member Larry, KA9KDC

WCRA Radio Nets

Sunday 8:00 pm 145.310/(-600) Net Control: Rotates

WCRA Repeaters

145.310/ 144.710 103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B) PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540 Carrier Access
444.475/449.475 114.8 Hz(2A) PL Encode/ Decode

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From the President's Gavel

by Steve, N9OA WCRA President

Fellow members and friends,

It is great to see summer is finally (if not officially) here! We have quite a summer ahead with Field Day being held in the somewhat traditional Panfish Park and our annual picnic around the corner. Some new ideas may be implemented for the picnic, so if you have any new (or recycled old) ideas please contact me and the Executive Board will consider them. The day and or venue may be changing as well.

At the meeting Friday, we will be announcing the date, time and location of our next executive board meeting where we will be handling some routine business, some short-term planning, some long term scheduling and other matters brought to us by you -- our members.

I owe a public apology to our newsletter editor. After pushing for a deadline and faster publishing of the newsletter I failed to meet that deadline by a matter of weeks.

THE CLUB IS ALWAYS LOOKING AND IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICERS. WHO KNOWS IT MAY BE A CHANCE TO START A LIFETIME JOB.....

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Minutes of May 7, 2010

WCRA Meeting Minutes

Kevin, AB9RN
WCRA
Secretary

In attendance: N9OA, WT9Y, N9HQ, KC9IJO, KA9RVS, KB9RTO, WA9VAA, N9MWF, W3MDM, AJ9M, W9DBX, N9WBW, W9BK, N9HDW, N9NA, NJ9E, K9WXXV, N9LJL Guest: N9RZX, , W9CHI

CALL TO ORDER Call 7:30 P.M. Presiding Officer: N9OA

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore KC9IJO appointed Secretary Pro Tempore

in absence of secretary. Approved by Unanimous Consent

Approval of Agenda Presiding Officer Approved by Unanimous Consent

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS AND OPENING REMARKS

Introductions Entire Assembly All present introduced themselves

Opening Remarks Any Board Member

Announcement of program John, WT9Y History of WLS by Scott Childers, W9CHI

BREAK FOR PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS At 7:35 p.m. Business Meeting Resumed at 8:54 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Entertain Motion Presiding Officer 1st N9WBW, 2nd KB9RTO, Approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President Steve, N9OA President requested that all committee reports be kept short, and hold suggestions for committees and other ideas to New Business.

Vice President John, WT9Y Program in Newsletters,

Secretary Kevin, AB9RN Out of Town

Treasurer Ken, N9HQ Ken Gave Report

Property Custodian Bruce, KA0DSF Absent, N9OA requests that any members storing club property email him or call KA0DSF

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Service Steve, N9OA N9OA thanked all those who helped out at Special Olympics. Next event-4th of July Parade in Wheaton. MS Walk did not require club support this year.

CSU John, N9MWF 12 V system and Hydraulic Mast should be in place by Field Day

Hamfest John, WT9Y Follow up meeting from within the next couple of weeks.

Club Awards John, N9MWF Copy of Done Drake Scholarship plaque in CSU, outgoing President, Secretary and Property Custodian received award commemorating the work they did for the club in the previous two years.

Field Day Dale, NJ9E mentioned the possibility of floating a trial balloon in Panfish Park. Need to find out price of balloon and gas.

Christmas Party Dale, NJ9E In December

Hamletter Don, N9NYX Was emailed early, deadline for newsletter, May 20th

RAB Don, N9NYX No Report

Website	Tom, N9WBW	Stable
Training	Charlie, WB9SGD	No Report
Program	John, WT9Y	Bonus Program after meeting involving Field Day presented by K9WXV.
Public Relations	Mark, W9UZ	Press Release sent out for Meeting
Membership	Paul, KA9RVS	Any membership questions see Paul
VE Program	No Report	

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Bonding of Club Officers: Steve, N9OA Currently only club officers bonded, cost \$160 a year, discussion ensued on whether bonding officers were necessary in the event of a club lawsuit. Club recommended that application to bond board members be shredded.

Card set up at front for Joe LeFebvre daughter

ANCHORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP/GUESTS: Dave, W6DDJ may join club next month. NJ9E motioned to vote W6DDJ in, motion died due to lack of 2nd. N9HTW had pristine FT-1000 50 W Yaesu radio

ADJOURNMENT 9:22 p.m.
Entertain Motion 1st N9WBW, 2nd KB9RTO

MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE COMING YEAR

June - 6/4 (Field Day)

July - 7/2

Aug - No meeting. Picnic TBA

Sept - 9/10

Oct - 10/1

Nov - 11/5 (Auction)

Dec - No meeting. Holiday Party TBA

QST for June – Field Day Ideas & Advice

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

FIVE ARTICLES PLUS AN ADVERTISING INSERT!

Yes, this month's issue is complete with plenty of suggestions on running a great field day, plus a super-photo on the cover of a mountain top site for one of last year's high point producers, KG6IYN. He used 10 radios, 16 antennas and a dish.

AD INSERT

Starts opposite page 17 and folds out into a six-page array of goodies for last minute purchase—a spare generator perhaps?

TRIPLEXER – Easy to build project lets you use up to three transceivers on 10,15 and 20 meters sharing the same antenna! What flexibility. Gary Gordon, K6KV, wrote the three page article. **VEHICLE MOUNTED MAST** –Page 44-45 gives the knowhow to convert a spring-loaded light bulb changer into a antenna mast for your SUV! Geoff Haines, N1GV, shows you how it is done with great photos.

HISTORY OF FIELD DAY – Yes, there is even an article about Field Day History. Page 66 takes you back to how it all started with a the “whys and wherefores” of the origins of the event.

A SAFE FIELD DAY IS A FUN FIELD DAY – Some good tips about how to avoid mechanical and electrical accidents, and the end of the article gives all the Section Abbreviation lists, arranged by regions. Good to copy and put by your operating position.

OLD TIMER REPORT – John Riley, KB9CYL, an Orland Park Ham, gives his personal advice from 15 years as a FD Chairman. You'll enjoy his article – final word of advice “Have fun.” Look for the article on pages 69 and 70.

GENERAL GEORGE PATTON, Jr., AND HIS USE OF ELECTRONIC “ULTRA”

Geoffrey Pidgeon devotes three pages (60-62) to the history of WWII wireless intelligence, and there is a photo of the famous Enigma machine. When this was captured by the Navy from inside a sinking German U-Boat in the North Atlantic, it meant that the reports of enemy troop movements were available to the Americans and British. Patton took advantage of this data, and you'll see a photo of three National HRO receivers that were used for intercept work.

PRODUCT REVIEW – YAESU-FT-250R AND FT-270R

The big reviewer comment is on the price! These compact units are going for \$125 and \$135 respectively. Both transceivers get high marks.

See you at Field Day!

OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE



Dennis KE9VG

Ruth KA9RZG

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.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 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 145..31. Program will be the 2010 Field Day.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for July.
- 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 for the latest details. No testing on November.

Remember the Club net on 2M is held every Sunday evening at 8 PM local on 145.31 (-) unless it isn't.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting June 4th, 2010, 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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