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QST Review—June 2011 – Field Day is Here!

By Jim Ward, W9DHX

LOTS OF IDEAS FOR MAKING FIELD DAY A BIGGER EVENT THIS YEAR

At least half of the articles and ads are about Field Day and how to score points and have fun at the same time. However, the most “serious” is the plan by Jim Ashward, KC8PD, to use the annual event to update and practice “The Incident Command System”. According to Jim, hams who want to remain active in Emergency Communication Services are being required by State and local authorities to obtain NIMS(National Incident Management System) training. Look on pages 80 and 81 for his article and block diagram of the ICS structure of command.

BOB DIXON, W8ERD, SUGGESTS AN EASY WAY TO ERECT A SAFE ANTENNA MAST

He has found a unique tripod (diagram and photos on page 30 to 32) that is versatile and uses inexpensive parts that are easily available. The nice thing about the mast is that they can be put up easily by one person for a variety of frequencies and applications.

FIELD DAY SUPPLEMENT TOUTS NEW EQUIPMENT FOR HIGHER SCORES

Six pages of Special Advertising supplement tells you all about latest gear. Towers, study books, antennas and new receivers and transmitters vie for attention. It is located opposite page 16.

HOW TO MEET OLD FRIENDS—GET TOGETHER ON FIELD DAY!

Field Day 2010 was a special one for Norm Fusaro, W3IZ. An ARRL staffer, he reports his “Elmering” experience with a 7th grader who won a science fair demonstration prize. Norm followed through on his contact with Jim McDowell, NN4JM, and their subsequent visit took place at last year’s Field Day after a five year correspondence. The article is on pages 65-67. The same article includes all the US/Canadian Abbreviation Section List that you’ll need on FD.

HAROLD KRAMER, W1JIB, REPORTS ON HIS VISIT TO JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

As Chief Operating Officer of the ARRL, Harold gets invited to some exciting places. In this case he was discussing ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) with some of the folks from NASA. The article is a double page(72-73) with dramatic photos of Mission Control and mock-ups of the Russian Service Module with a Kenwood 2-meter TM-D700 mounted on the wall. The Space Center ham call is W5RRR.They have a 30 member radio club.

WCRA Staff
Elected Officers

President Steve, N9OA
Vice President Vic, K9WXV
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Treasurer Ken, N9HQ
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Club Awards John, N9MWF
Elmer/Know-Code Charlie, WB9SG
Field Day Dale, NJ9E
Hamfest John, WT9Y
Refreshments John, WT9Y
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Public Service Steve, N9OA
VHF/HF Awards John, N9MWF
Webmaster Tom, N9WBW

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WCRA Repeater Administrative Board (RAB)

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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
145.390/144.790 103.5(1A) PL Encode/Decode

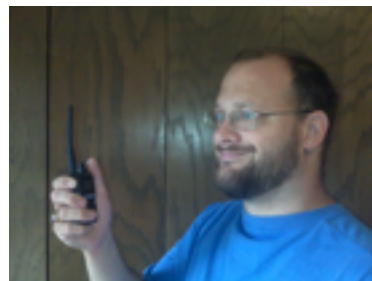
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From the President's Gavel

by Steve, N9OA WCRA President

Salutations to members and friends of WCRA:

Summer is upon us. Public Service events and severe storms are happening and we need to be prepared. For me that meant a new HT. I got a Wouxun KG-UVD1P V/UHF model. It is a marvelous rig for all of \$100 at cheapam.com. The battery is the best part. It is 1.7 AH. Check it out. Whatever you do, no or old rig ... Keep it charged, have spare batteries and a better antenna option (or two, or three). I have a copper J Pole, a twin lead J Pole, a mobile whip and a magnetic base for the mobile antenna. For an extra battery, I have a AA pack.

The bottom line is -- in the words of the Boy Scouts -- Be Prepared.

73,
Steve N9OA
Da Prez...
Regards,
Steve Peterson

"Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister and now wish to withdraw that statement."
~ Mark Twain

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.....

WCRA Meeting Minutes

Kevin, AB9RN
WCRA
Secretary



Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Agenda for Annual Meeting - May 6, 2011

First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson and Ellis, Wheaton, IL

CALL TO ORDER

Call Presiding Officer 7:32

Approval of Agenda Presiding Officer Approved

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS AND OPENING REMARKS

Introductions Entire Assembly N9OA, K9WXV, KA0DSF, AB9RN, WA9VAA, N9MWF, AJ9M, KC9PWL + 1, W9BK, N9HDW, KB9RTO, KA9KDC, WA9ACO, KC9IJO, KC9TOD, KC9NWO, WA9E, KC9NYR

Opening Remarks John Faber's presentation on logging will be delayed to next month and Vic will present tonight's topic.

Tonight's program John, WT9Y Vic presented the topic Emergency Mobile Operating

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

MEETING PROGRAM Emergency Mobile Operating – Go Kits and more

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Corrections Secretary Kevin apologized for mistakes in the callsigns listed for last month. A signup sheet will be Approval Presiding Officer Approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President	Steve, N9OA	Nothing to report.
Vice President	Vic, K9WXV	Looking for volunteers to present topics
Secretary	Kevin, AB9RN	Nothing to report.
Treasurer	Ken, N9HQ	Nothing to report.
Property Custodian	Bruce, KA0DSF	Looking for club equipment members may have in their possession.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Service	Steve, N9OA	5/1/11 was a successful Special Olympics event. July 4th Wheaton parade is coming up. 25 Volunteers needed.
CSU	John, N9MWF	Work continues on the DC power wiring and looking to complete that by field day. Extra DC connections being added to support ad hoc radios. Garage space may be available with the city of Wheaton.
Hamfest	John, WT9Y	Nothing to report.
Club Awards	John, N9MWF	Bought plaque for John Faber
Field Day	Dale, NJ9E	Large tent (10' by 20') being tried for field day. Captains are needed for field day.
Christmas Party	Dale, NJ9E	Nothing to report.
Hamletter	Don, N9NYX	Nothing to report.

RAB	Don, N9NYX	Nothing to report.
Website	Tom, N9WBW	Nothing to report
Training	Charlie, WB9SGD	Nothing to report.
Program	Vic, K9WXV	Next month, John will present logging programs.
Public Relations	Mark, W9UZ	Nothing to report
Membership – New Members	Paul, KA9RVS	1 New member Brian KC9TOD voted in KC9IJO, KC9MWF
Membership – Retention/Renewal	Tom, N9WBW	Nothing to report.
VE Program		Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mission Statement	AB9RN / W9BK / N9WBW	Proposals have been socialized
Cuban Stamp Book	Jim, W9DHX	Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Presentation Steve, N9OA Next month a plaque will be presented to John WT9Y for his service.

ARRL Insurance has changed and new applications need to be submitted for club equipment.

The 220 Repeater has no activity and the idea has been proposed to sell it. The RAB will be contacted.

The tower and beam is still at Bruce's house awaiting a new home.

220 antenna at the College of Dupage was checked and they indicated they are considering letting us go on the tower and they would replace the stolen hardline. We may be able to obtain a police report for an insurance claim. Bruce will follow-up with Roberto.

ANCHORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP/GUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

Entertain Motion Presiding Officer Adjourned at 8:56 pm

Here is today's CleanLaugh - "Phonetic Hymn Title"

Many hymnals have a hymn called "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."

It seems that one week when the church secretary was typing the Sunday bulletin, she asked the pastor which hymn would come just before the sermon. He replied with the above-mentioned hymn.

The following Sunday the bulletin read:

Hymn No. 134: "Gladly, the Cross-eyed Bear."

An old guy ... (ok, a guy about our age and not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym when he spotted a sweet young thing.

He asked the trainer that was nearby, "What machine in here should I use, to impress that sweet young thing over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said, "I'd try the ATM in the lobby"

ANCHOR ANCHOR ANCHOR

I'm selling everything related to the tower (Mosely yagi, rotator, wire, mast, etc.) and I have no price at the moment, but I'm quite willing to consider all offers. I'll be leaving Wheaton.

Regards,

John, N9NA

MEETING DATES FOR 2011

6/3

7/8

9/9

10/7

11/4

There will be a Club Pinnic in August and a Christmas Party in December in lieu of a regular membership meeting.

OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE



DENNIS
RUTH

KE9VG
KA9RZG

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.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2nd: 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.
- 3rd: Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on 145..31. Program this month is John, WT9Y, will present a program on electronic logging.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for July.
- 23rd. 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 December.

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 3rd, 2011, 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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