



Hamletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4th - Wheaton Independence Day Parade-

CANCELED

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July 13th - Membership Meeting

First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton

(Rescheduled from July 6th)

July 20th - Deadline-Hamletter.



Field Day 2012

The weekend of July 23rd and July 24th found 25 Hams from the club participating in the ARRL's annual Field Day contest. The club had four operating stations including CW, satellite and digital. Several members of the general public as well as ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isley W9GIG and ARRL Central Vice Director Kermit Carlson W9XA who stopped by to check out our CSU. Those in attendance had lots of fun and made lots of contacts through various modes of amateur radio.



Ken Kwasneski (N9HQ) Works 2m in the CSU



ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR DICK ISLEY W9GIG AND VICE DIRECTOR KERMIT CARLSON W9XA POSE WITH MEMBERS OF FIELD DAY

Letter From The President

By Joe Grosshauser-K9JWG

Members, Friends:

Field Day is now over and done. From my vantage point, Kevin ran quite a show. Kudos to Mary for delicious cuisine and keeping all of us hydrated. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Due to the recent bad weather the annual Wheaton 4th of July Parade has been canceled. Steve would personally like to thank all those who volunteered to be a part of this year's parade team. I am looking forward to next year's 4th parade which will hopefully be bigger than the one proposed for this year. .

Speaking of the July 4th holiday, the regular club meeting will be July 13th (the second Friday in July) rather than July 6th (the first Friday in July) due to the holiday. The meeting will still be in our regular room at the usual time.

Due to concerns over not including all interested parties and the legalities of the appointments the RAB, the board elected to reconsider the RAB appointments. Please refer to the additional article regarding the method that the board will use in making their appointments to fill the two vacancies. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Steve and Kurt for your understanding in this matter.

Oh and speaking of the RAB, I am grateful to them (George, Tom and Rich) and Carol for meeting and resolving the audio level problems affecting the repeater ID and courtesy tone on our ' 31 machine. It is very much appreciated.

As always, I am here to resolve any issues that you may have or suggestions that you may have. I have a strict open door policy. My e-mail address is k9jwg@yahoo.com, and my phone number is [\(630\) 809-6221](tel:6308096221).

73,
Joseph, K9JWG
President (2012/13 - 2013/14)

THE VEEP CORNER

By: Mary Tuohy KC9IJO

Hello again everyone. I hope you had fun at Field Day. Thank you Kevin (AB9RN) and co. for all of the hard work you put in to make Field Day a success. Other than getting a little too much sun and not enough sleep, I know I had a great time in the CSU.

I also want to take a minute to thank those who have completed the survey I put in the June Hamletter and have given their responses back to me. Remember you still have time to complete it if you want your opinion to be heard, and trust me I want to hear from you. Please complete the survey by the July 13th membership meeting. If you need a copy of the survey please consult the June Hamletter on our website of www.w9ccu.org or contact me at m2e1990@gmail.com and I'll send you your own personal copy.

Now enough about the previous stuff, I've got a great program for you this July. The other day Steve (N9OA) introduced me to a rather interesting Ham and his Ham-van. Andy Baumannn (KC9BKP) of United Radio Communications Inc. upgrades and installs professional radio equipment for local municipalities and major corporations. To be honest, I was envious when I saw the number of antennas on his van. Fortunately for me and any other Ham that wants to Ham-Shack his ride he agreed to give a talk about mobile radio installs and antennas. Please come on out and check out his ride and see how you can become the envy of your fellow hams.

WANTED: CLUB MEMBERS FOR THE REPEATER ADMINISTRATION BOARD

The WCRA Board of Directors is looking for two members of the club to serve out the terms of two vacancies on the RAB. The RAB meets once every three to four months and is responsible for maintenance of the club repeater, establishing rules for the repeater use and acting as control operator for the repeater. If you are interested in getting more involved with the operation and management of our repeater please contact k9jwg@yahoo.com by September 1st, 2012. Once we have your name we will contact you and interview you about your interest in the RAB and the qualities we are looking for in a member of the RAB.

If you have any additional questions about what the RAB does contact one of the members of the board of directors.

**Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Agenda for the Regular Club Meeting for November
June 1, 2012**

First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson and Ellis, Wheaton, IL

CALL TO ORDER		
Call	Presiding Officer	Called to order 7:33pm
Approval of Agenda		
	Presiding Officer	Approved
INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS AND OPENING REMARKS		
Introductions	Entire Assembly	K9JWG, KC9IJO, NJ9E, AB9RN, N9HQ, KA9HEL, WA9FTS, N9WRO, KX9RJ, N9HDW, AJ9M, KC9UKN, W9BK, N9MWF, W9UZ, WT9Y, N9DKO, NV9R, N9OA, N9WBW, KB9RCO, WA9VAA, KC9EXO, AC3Q
Opening Remarks Board Member	Any	None
Tonight's program		Field day
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING		
Corrections	Secretary	None
Approval Presiding Officer		Approved N9WRO and N9HQ seconded.
OFFICER REPORTS		
President K9JWG	Joe,	Joe K9JWG reminded folks that he will buy a HT for the member that gets the most new members to sign up this year. Joe is going to donate an extra battery as well.
Vice President	Mary, KC9IJO	Mary sent out the survey and would like to remind members to respond by July 13 th .
Secretary AB9RN	Kevin,	None
Treasurer N9HQ	Ken,	
	• Bank Account balances	Balances were given.
Property Custodian NJ9E	Dale,	Dale would like to know if there is any club equipment that folks may have, but hasn't been accounted for.
RAB APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION VOTE		
REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB) Report		
A. Chairman		George noted that the RAB will elect a new chairman on 6/3/2012. George plans to do some work on the repeater audio in the near future. He also asked for patience with the club members to resolve repeater issues. Carol addressed the club

	<p>and board about appointments to the RAB and why others including her-self were not considered despite her note to Joe K9JWG. Joe acknowledged the mistake and apologized. The board acknowledged this should have been handled better.</p> <p>Tom N9WBW, also noted his interest in being a RAB board member and the general need for the board to socialize the need for volunteers before deciding. He also suggested that the board seek to learn whether any of the new appointments to the RAB might consider to resign in light of the news that procedurally the board made a mistake which would restart the process. The board will consider this suggestion.</p> <p>Kevin AB9RN suggested that the board advertise open positions for boards and committee chairs a month in advance of filling them to allow members an opportunity to communicate their interest.</p> <p>George continued to address the formal requests by noting that the RAB would look into those technical items at the upcoming meeting event. George offered to host the 145.31 repeater at his office for the week of the July parade to accommodate communications for that event.</p>
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<p>Public Service Steve, N9OA</p>	<p>Steve is asking whether members have a HT with 2m and 440 for the purpose of the 4th of July parade.</p> <p>Tour-D-Cure is seeking help from hams, check your email if interested.</p> <p>4th of July parade is coming up and volunteers are needed.</p>
<p>CSU John, N9MWF</p>	<p>Joe made some small enhancements to the CSU and is seeing a need to change the hitch to a weight distribution hitch. The AC circuits have been enhanced to support 6 separate breakers rather than 1. He would also like to get 2 G5RV antennas for the CSU. At the last boy scout event, the CSU came back not clean and he would like to make sure those that use, take a few minutes to clean it before it's returned. Also the tie-downs need to be taunt but not overly tightened. There's a desire to identify a smaller group of people responsible for the CSU that would be trained to care for it following standards the club establishes.</p>
<p>Hamfest Kurt, KB9RTO</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Club Awards John, N9MWF</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Field Day Kevin, AB9RN</p>	<p>Currently there are 3 station captains identified. More details to follow in the program.</p>

Christmas Party	Dale, NJ9E	Still looking for suggestions for a restaurant
<u>Hamletter</u> KC9IJO	Mary	20 th of each month is the deadline. Joe noted that the address may be missing from the recent newsletter.
Website	Tom, N9WBW	Thank you Tom for making the recent web site updates.
Training WB9SGD	Charlie,	No report
Program KC9IJO	Mary,	Field day activities
Public Relations W9UZ	Mark,	Tribune local will be updated with our field day details.
Membership N9WBW	Tom,	Patrick Dennin KC9EXO was voted in.
VE Program NE9ET	George,	No report
UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
A. Sunday Night net		They are resuming in June starting 6/3
B. Rag Chew net		This will remain suspended until the repeaters situation is fully resolved.
NEW BUSINESS		
		Joe motioned to purchase 2 G5RV antennas for the CSU to support field day, but after discussion decided to hold off on the motion until a later date.
ANCHORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP/GUESTS		
ADJOURNMENT		
		8:24pm

**** Refreshments and meeting program will follow the business meeting. ****

WCRA Says Bon Voyage to WT9Y



Peter Richey (N9HDW) presents John Faber (WT9Y) with a card

On June 1st, 2012 Members came together to wish a fond farewell to John Faber (WT9Y). He received a gift of Cash and a new radio. A great feast of appetizers was enjoyed by all.



WT9Y and W9UZ enjoy one last conversation



WT9Y and NJ9E share some food.

Dear Aunt Enna,

Dear Aunt Enna

Why have some research labs switched from using mice to using ham radio operators instead? Signed, Curious

Dear Curious,

There are three reasons:

- a) Since No-Code began, there are more ham radio operators than mice.
- b) The scientists do not get very attached to the ham operators.
- c) There are some things that mice just won't do

Dear Aunt Enna,

I saw your fantastic mobile antenna farm, but why is your van painted blue on one side and red on the other side?

Signed, Surprised

Dear Surprised,

It's a great scheme! You should hear all the witnesses contradict each other every time I smash into a parked car.

SUN SPOT CYCLE 24 CONTINUES TO AID GOOD SIGNALS ON THE LOW BANDS

The fiery QST cover this month features a solar flare and announces that favorable DX conditions will come to exist-much to the pleasure of HF operators. Carl, K9LA presents six charts explaining the prediction that Cycle 24 will be with us in the near future. Students of solar cycles will enjoy Carl's multi-colored charts. It starts on page 33.

COLLINS FANS-LEARN ABOUT HOW 75A'S ARE RESORED

Vintage Radio Columnist John Dilks, K2TQN, tells about his adventure in meeting Howard Mills, W3HM, a professional restorer of the famous Collins transmitter. His article is like a segment of the History channel's RESTORATION series. The two pages (98-99) reveal how skilled Mills and his suppliers are in bringing the old time beauties back to mint condition.

FCC NOW AT FULL STRENGTH

We now have five Commissioners. The two were appointed six months ago and were recently confirmed by the Senate. Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel has a background in communication work, serving in various positions for the FCC and individual Senators. Commissioner Ajit Pai came directly from a private law firm, but had worked previously in the FCC at the Office of the General Counsel. He was a Chicago resident while he was attending the University of Chicago for his Law degree. Congratulations to the Commissioners. See story on page 71.

AN INVITATION- "COME ON OVER!" WHY NOT VISIT THE ARRL?

If you're heading towards the northeast this summer, put Newington, Connecticut on your route. It's just a few miles southwest of Hartford. Tours are given as visitors come in from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m and from 1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Details are in: www.arrl.org/visit-us Other details of what the tour entails are found on page 13

"A DIPLOE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE STRAIGHT" – ONE HAM'S STORY.

Apartment dwellers listen up-if there's a hunk of wire available, you have a chance of making it a radiation device-providing you have a friendly building manger. Jeffery Brone, WB2JNA, tells the saga of his running wire in several directions and at unusual angles to get his signal moving. He recommends you get a tuner, a dummy load, and to keep the power low for safety and fewer neighbor complaints. The article is on pages 36 and 37.

FOR SALE

Submitted by Kevin AB9RN

I'm selling my rarely used backup station. I will sell items individually or all together at a discount.

Kenwood TS-690S

Nice Clean Radio - 9.5 out of 10

All the HF bands plus 6 meters!

No issues, works great with full output power (100 watts on HF).

Included is the original hand mic and DC power cord with power pole connectors.

** I'm also including a new USB pc interface cable for rig control ** Works great with Ham Radio Deluxe and others! (worth \$40)

Also included is a custom made amplifier cable (works with a TL-922A or equivalent)

Accessory interface cable with audio out and key line for interface to a rigblaster that connects to the back of the radio

Has two CW filters added, YK-88CN-1 (worth \$125) and YG-455C-1 (worth \$120)

Also have a custom fitted dust cover for the radio

No Mods.

Never mobile.

Non smoker.

User manual and service manual included.

This is a really great radio for someone starting out in HF or in need of a backup! I've taken very good care of it and hope it finds a great new home. All the cables are included to start doing digital modes! Asking \$680

Kenwood PS-50

Great power supply to go with the radio. Fully working. 9.5 out of 10 cosmetically.

\$150

Kenwood SP-23

Nice matching speaker. Good sound. Mint condition.

\$70

Kenwood MC-60

Matching desk mic with great sound. Has buttons to change frequency and PTT. Mint condition.

\$100

Buy it all at \$950. Check or paypal plus 2.5% (their fee). Email to AB9RN.ham@gmail.com if interested or have



questions

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Look for more information next month about the club picnic and Hamfest 2013

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About WCRA

The mission of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs is to promote the art of radio communications and electronics. The club does this by mentoring and educating members as well

as the general public about amateur radio, participating in community events, preparing for and assisting with local authorities in the event of a disaster when other communications

modes fail, all while promoting a social camaraderie among it's members.

