

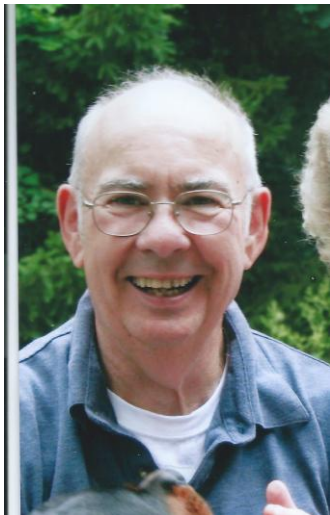


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## Silent Key: Wayne Kiser KF9JC



**HOWARD WAYNE KISER KF9JC**  
*May 19th, 1939- August 17th, 2013.*

Howard Wayne Kiser known to his friends as Wayne died August 17th, 2013 in Traverse City Michigan from complications from Parkinson's disease.

Kiser was born May 19th, 1939 in Springfield IL to Russell and Dorothy Kiser. He grew up in

the Detroit area until he moved to Traverse City with his family. His is a graduate of Traverse City Central High, earned his B.A. at Grace College in Winona Lake Indiana, and a MBA from Wheaton College in Wheaton IL. At the age of 25 he became the pastor of Zion Bethel Church, an independent church in Monticello, Indiana. Two new aspects of the church's outreach became a weekly column he wrote for the local paper and weekly club meetings for the church and community youth. The clubs were part of Pioneer Girls and Christian Service Brigade, and as a Brigade leader he took boys to summer camp and wrote stories for the leader' magazine. The people at camp knew of his writing and for several years talked to him about joining the Brigade editorial staff in Wheaton, IL. After five years at Zion Bethel he and his family moved to Illinois to become the managing editor of the Brigade Leader. He edited that magazine then moved onto to other editorial positions before he and his wife, Ruth

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- Sunday Night Nets-  
Sept 1 CANCELLED
- Sept 8
- Sept 15
- Sept 22
- Sept 29

Sept 6th- Monthly Meeting-First Presbyterian Church Wheaton IL. Topic-DXpeditioning

Oct 4th-Monthly Meeting-First Presbyterian Church-Topic-Smart Phone Radio Apps

Oct 13th, Chicago Marathon

Ann, started a family business, Graphic and Editorial Services. For over 35 years they and later their son, Tim, produced printed material mostly for colleges, missions, and churches. Over the years Mr. Kiser served as a supply or interim pastor for churches that needed temporary help. He was also an adjunct professor at Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College Graduate School.

Kiser is the author of several books, including one published by Broadman Press and one by Scripture Press. Another interest was amateur radio. He achieved in amateur radio, a radio class extra, that led to one of his favorite activities. He volunteered with the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and often coordinated communication between DuPage and surrounding counties during storm emergencies. In addition, he started a chaplaincy program for OEM. After he and his wife Ruth Ann retired and moved to back to Traverse City in 2009 he joined the chaplaincy program of the Grand Traverse Metro Department and helped plan two national conventions. He was a former president of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateur Club and served two terms as club president. As a member of the Studebaker Driver's Club he produced a monthly newsletter.

Wayne Kiser is survived by his wife of 55 years Ruth Ann and their children Dr. Daniel Wayne Kiser (Ruth), Debra Jean Gunther and Timothy David Kiser (Kim), as well as a sister Carol and a brother Russell Lee (Judy) and his brother-in-law Gordon Fischer.



## More remembrances of Wayne KF9JC

By Jim Ward W9DHX

Two -term President of the WCRA, Wayne Kiser, KF9JC, had a long career as a Publisher, Preacher, and long time service to the Ham Radio and Emergency Service community. He died on Saturday, August 17th in Traverse City, Michigan. His funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 20th.

Wayne was a resident of Glen Ellyn until several years ago when he retired to the Traverse City area. Wayne's work on the Weather Net and his Chaplaincy Program at OEM were outstanding, and he was a cheerful volunteer for any task. Wayne's time of presidency of the WCRA was noted for its efficient administration and cooperative efforts by the Board and Members. What only a few club members knew were the details of his multi - talented professional life.

When I looked for a publisher of a magazine which I edited, I found Wayne; he did the job with competence, complete with his own printing press! If I needed spiritual guidance, Wayne was a solid source of advice. He was an ordained minister and had been the

Editor and Publisher of many religious magazines. I was able to talk to Wayne about driving my Studebaker President, Lark and Daytona in the sixties because Wayne had been the publisher of the Studebaker Owners magazine.

Wayne's proudest achievement was his establishing a Chaplaincy at the Office of Homeland Security and OEM. He realized the Emergency Victims as well as the staff serving in an emergency situation needed counseling and he provided for it. My appreciation for Wayne's support was never greater than when he arrived with the OHS-OEM group at my late wife's visitation to offer a prayer of consolation.

When the effects of Parkinson's disease began to take its toll on Wayne, he had to slow down and retire to his home town of Traverse City to be with his family. With the help of his supportive wife, Ruth Ann, he joined the local emergency unit and the local church. I asked Ruth Ann if she had a word to pass on to Wayne's friends. She said: "Tell them that knowing God is directing makes a world of difference when things are tough."

73, Wayne

## **NEW NAME BADGES!! INFORMATION NEEDED FROM YOU!!!!!!!**

By Ken Kwasniewski (N9HQ)

At the club's September meeting the members will be asked for information regarding their NEW CLUB Name Badge. Your name, the first year you were licensed, and mounting options will be requested. Mounting options include the standard pin, a magnet mount, or having the badge punched for a lanyard or clip. Lanyard colors include Red, Green, Brown, Blue, Red White & Blue, Black or White. The ARRL logo can be added as well. An anonymous donor will be purchasing the name badge for each club member. The club will absorb the cost of the various mounting options. Please be prepared to furnish this information. If you do not anticipate being at the September 6 meeting please e-mail Ken (N9HQ) at [n9hq@arrl.net](mailto:n9hq@arrl.net) with the above information. If no information is received, you will receive your new name badge with your name as it appears in the roster along with the standard pin backing.

### **MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS**

September 6, 2013 (Friday AFTER Labor Day): "DXpeditions" - presented by Northern Illinois DX Association

October 4, 2013 : "Smart Phone Amateur Radio Apps" - presented by Mike Wilson KC9KHT

TNX, Peter Richey N9HDW

# Meeting Minutes

Editor's Note, some mistakes were printed in the August Edition of the Hamletter, these are corrected July Minutes

## WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS

July 12, 2013, 1930 hrs

### OPENING

Call to Order	Called to order at 7:34 pm.
Opening Remarks/Announcements	Welcome members and guests.
Approval of Agenda	Approved. No corrections.
Introductions of Members/Guests	N9HQ, N9HDW, KC9LJO, KB9RTO, W9DHX, KC9KHT, W9UZ, KA0DSF, N9CBA, KB9FYL, N9JPG, KA3HSW, K9JWG, N9MWF, WA9FTS, AJ9M, W9NJM, KC9ZDO, Doug Eaton, Steve Newbauer

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES - prior meeting

Corrections/Questions	No corrections.
Approval	Approved unanimously.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President (N9JPG)	Welcome.
Vice President (N9HDW)	Silent key, Richard Potter/ K9EIH, a ham and member of the First Presbyterian Church. August's meeting will be the picnic at Herrick Lake. September's meeting will have a discussion regarding DX.
Secretary (N9HQ)	Membership rosters are available. E-mail N9HQ any updates. Facebook page is up with FD pictures as well as Wheaton Independence Day photos.
Treasurer (KB9FYL)	Balances were given. Carol has new expense reports to be filled out for reimbursement.
Property Custodian (NJ9E)	A Go Box has been completed for the club. The radio was a donation from Vicki. The box and its construction were donated by Dale.

# Meeting Minutes (cont)

## REPEATER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (RAB)

RAB report (KA3HSW)	The .39 repeater was put on the air for the Wheaton Independence Day parade. George is requesting photos/documents to bolster the club's dependence on getting our .39 repeater antenna back up on the COD tower. He would like them ASAP.
Questions & Answers	None

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Committee chairs are requested to keep reports brief and concise.*



*Please hold any and all questions for continuing business.*

HAMLETTER (KC9IJO)	None
Website (N9WBW)	None
Public Relations (W9UZ)	None
Club Awards (N9MWF)	Deferred to new business portion of the meeting.
Public Service/Emergency (N9OA)	An honorarium will be forthcoming from the Wheaton Parade organizers.
CSU (N9MWF)	When the CSU is used, please clean it up after use. If something is damaged or not stowed correctly, please let John or Joe know to prevent further damage. A public address system is being designed for onlookers. A training program is also in the process of being designed for club members. A brief discussion of the power cord from the generator to the CSU was had.
Interference ( <i>open position</i> )	None
Training ( <i>open</i> )	A fall Tech class is being organized. See Kevin for details or assistance.
VE team (NE9ET, de facto rep.)	The VE team is looking for volunteer examiners.

# Meeting Minutes (Continued)

[Meeting] Program (N9HDW)	Tonight's meeting will be about the Arduino microcontroller. There will be NO August meeting. Our club picnic will be held on 8/4/13 from 4-8pm at Herrick Lake. September's meeting will be regarding DX.
Club Nets ( <i>open position</i> )	Net Control Operators are needed. See Kevin.
Hamfest (KB9RTO)	2014 flyers have been printed and are available. New vendors are being solicited. January 19, 2014, is the date. More details will be forthcoming near September or October.
Radio GO KIT Fundraising (NJ9E)	The Rockford Area Skywarn people are very interested in the kit. Dale has left several of the boxes with Harold for possible sales.
Field Day (N9WRO, KC9KHT)	Over 700 contacts were made. Point submission to the ARRL will done within the next two weeks. Thanks go out to Mike, Joe and Kurt for a great job. Clap clap clap...
Holiday Party (KA9RZG)	None
Membership (open)	None

## CONTINUING BUSINESS

Questions for Committee Chairs	None
By-laws Amendment Proposal	Being looked into.
WCRA Name Badge Design Vote	<p>Keep Old                      or                      Go with the New Design</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>A brief financial discussion was had regarding</p>

# Meeting Minutes

	<p>the costs involved. An anonymous donor will cover the costs of the new design. A vote was taken. Old Name Badge 5. New Name Badge 12. The New Name Badges have been voted in. More information to come.</p>
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## NEW BUSINESS

WCRA Picnic in August	<p>August 4, 2013...Herrick Lake South Pavilion...4-8 pm</p>
Award Presentation	<p>Steve/N9OA Past Presidents Award (2012-2013), Mary/KC9IJO Past Vice President's Award (2012-2013), Kevin/N9JPG Past Secretary's Award (2010-2013), Ken/N9HQ Past Treasurer's Award (2005-2013) The awards were returned to John/N9MWF to get the spelling errors corrected.</p>

## CLOSING

anchors	None
Announcements	<p>Thanks to all of the volunteers, Captains, and organizers for their Field Day help. N9HDW thanked the 40m Phone Field Day team for an outstanding team performance (193 of the club's 713 contacts), and especially Colin Oleniczak (non-member, unlicensed youth) who contributed 53 QSOs (49 as operator, 4 as logger) to the 40m Phone contact tally.</p>
Guest Comments	None
Member Comments	Joe/K9JWG made his first HF contact recently.
Adjournment	Adjourned at 8:24 pm.

**WCRA Picnic Reminder!**

# CLUB PICNIC!!!!!!!!!!!!

By: Jim Ward, W9DHX

## 5 - 9 - 9 REPORT FOR PICNIC

Perfect weather, the premium location at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, wonderful food and an exciting fox hunting and radio game competition – that was the 2013 WCRA Picnic! Vice President Peter Richey (N9HDW) and his committee drew applause from the three long picnic tables of members, family and friends for the Sunday afternoon event on August fourth.

Two tables were loaded with food and refreshment with the appetizers taking on the first attack. While early arrivals did some practice warm - up runs on the sophisticated hand - held fox hunt gear furnished by Tom Geletka (N9CBA), Colin Oleniczak and Kelsey Schroeder (KC9CUQ) did the fox hide so Tom could enjoy the chase. Next came the serious chow line opening with two barbeque offerings and a variety of side dishes.



Ruth-KA9RZG helped to organize the trays of Barbeque along with all of the side dishes

Pictured l-r  
Ruth Kwarta  
(KA9RZG) Jannice  
Potter, Mark Poter  
(W9UZ), Peter Richey  
(N9HDW), Sheryl  
Oleniczak, and Kevin  
Oleniczak (N9JPG)



One guest, who set the record for youngest in attendance, was the newborn son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wheeler (KC9YFI). The “little harmonic” also was best behaved. He slept the entire afternoon.

With the food out of the way Peter presented his promised “Radio Game”. It turned out to be a complicated rework of the old -fashioned charade game with the silent portrayal of a radio related topic. The crowd was divided into Partners for presentation and produced some lively competition.

Fastest solution was for the “choke” radio part, with the “Performer” grabbing at her throat. Other amusing depictions for “dummy load”, and “time out” (referring to the Repeater) brought chucklers from the players.

Credit for obtaining the premium lakeside location permit goes to Treasurer Carol Schroeder, KB9FYL. She and other members of the Board gave the Picnic full support. Dale Kwarta, NJ9E, was present with his ever- present GO Radio at his side.



Tim Wheeler (KC9FYI)  
Shows off a future Ham  
to John Cheney (N9MWF)



Tom Geleka (N9CBA), Mike  
Wilson (KC9KHT) Dale Kwarta  
(NJ9E), Kelsey Schroeder  
(KC9CUQ) and the Oleniczak  
family proceed to "Hunt" foxes.



Orin Atkinson (WA9VAA) attempts Radio Charades while Jim Ward (W9DHX) attempts to guess the radio related word

The "Fox" Hidden Transmitter was not difficult to conceal in the Herrick deep forest. The Chasers left the Picnic area and marched into the woods with a "Tally-Ho" and in due time were able to score. Mike Wilson, KH9KHT, was first to the "Fox".

As the sun was deep in the West, the clean-up crew picked up the remains and headed home thanks to the many that helped with the planning and execution of a tasty and fun afternoon in the park. Special thanks goes to Ruth Kwarta (KA9RZG) for catering the two marvelous Barbeque dishes and hats off to President Kevin, N9JPG, for taking the registrations and helping with the arrangements.

John Faber (WT9Y) came back from North Carolina to catch up with old friends from the club

(Pictured l-r)  
Kurt Rubin (KB9RTO), John Faber (WT9Y), Peter Richey (N9HDW), Mike Wilson (KC9KHT)





## The President's Corner

Fellow members,

I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for an action packed fall with the WCRA. The annual club picnic was a great time and I want to thank Ruth Kwarta (KA9RZG) for assisting with the food as well as Peter Richey (N9HDW) and Tom Geletka (N9CBA) for putting together fun activities for us. The potluck choices were plentiful and it was good to catch up with members and their families.

Earlier in my term as President, I announced a strong desire to focus on membership growth and youth interest in amateur radio. This fall we will undertake a new Radio Scouting initiative that involves JOTA, Radio Merit badge classes as well as a fun project for kids to do at our Hamfest. I believe these events will help us build interest for an upcoming technician license class. We decided to have the tech class in the late winter after the Hamfest so that we can use all of our events to promote it and to build a list of students. I have a few volunteers to help with some of the scouting events this fall but I am looking for more help with the Hamfest kids' project as well as the tech class. Let me know if you might be interested.

We also need to get the word out to the public and other area hams about our membership meetings and the club. We've made progress on putting together banners and brochures for the club and appreciate the help of Dale Kwarta (NJ9E), Steve Peterson (N9OA), and others on that. However we need to look at advertising and welcome ideas you may have. I also want to give a shout out to Carol Schroeder (KB9FYL) and the committee chairs for all their work on the annual budget exercise! There are a lot of little details that go into this and it all adds up to having an accurate assessment of the club's financial health which we will review at the September meeting.

Don't forget to let Ken (N9HQ) know your preferences for your new WCRA club name badge! Within the Hamletter there are details about how to respond. The new badges were paid for by a very generous anonymous donation from a club member. We are made stronger by our dedicated club members.

*73's  
Kevin  
N9JPG*

# QST REVIEW



By Jim Ward W9DHX

## PUBLIC SERVICE ISSUE--LOTS OF ARTICLES THIS MONTH FEATURE PUBLIC SERVICE!

Dale Kwarta (NJ9E) would urge you to take note of the cover of the new issue. It shows Paul Cesniak, K1SEZ, with a suitcase full of “Go-Kit” gear. Dale would suggest you acquire one of his “ammo-box compact go-kits” and leave the suitcase at home! It is a great photo of Paul working out of the back of his minivan located deep within the woods.

## PUBLIC SERVICE WITH APS FOR BIKE RACE

Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Editor of QST, reports a new twist on Public Service for a bike race. Using Garmin’s new Montana model and Kenwood’s DH-T72 the Automatic Packet Reporting System gave the race committee all the information they could use on the progress of riders. Steve says that the Garmin units are expensive, but that’s the price to pay for up-to-date data. The article and equipment information is on page 48.

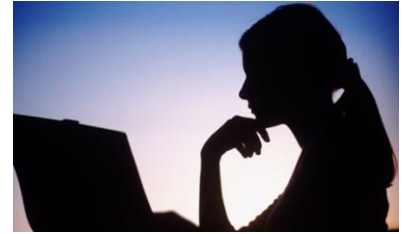
## MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES - A HAM FOLLOWS THE ARKANSAS RIVER

With some time off from your college teaching job, what kind of a vacation would you choose? Max McCoy, KCOMAX decided to follow the Arkansas River from its source in the Rockies and made the trip a QRP adventure in his utility vehicle and dome tent. He tells the story of his trip on pages 68-69. Included are descriptions of dramatic mountains and his detailed preparations for the trip.

## A RESCUE OF A SIXTIES HAM SHACK - A COLLINS ERA STATION STILL LIVES!!!!

The “Vintage Radio” column on pages 96-97 trots out a great story of a station that survives. It was the creation of Earl Abbott, W2FIT now a Silent Key who died in 1996. Fortunately, Column Director, John Dilks, K2TQN, heard about the availability. Remarkably, John was able to recover the major equipment and memorabilia. He tells about Earl’s early dedication to becoming a radio professional, as well of his life-long hobby, amateur radio. Illustrations of the original shack and components provide exciting reading about what “radio used to be”. The wonderful part of the story is that the shack will “live on” in the author’s own “Mobile Museum” that travels from Hamfest to Hamfest throughout New England. Congratulations, John, for your personal dedication to the hobby.

## Dear Ann Ode...



Dear Ann Ode,

All the ham radio clubs in this area are pooling their funds to have really big bash for themselves and their non-ham friends.

I am the event chairman. We plan to rent a fancy ballroom for this major event.

We would like to hire you to stand at the door and call the guests names as they arrive.

Are you interested?

Signed, The Event Chairman

Dear Chairman,

You bet I am! That will be great fun! I know a lot of real beauts.

## TIME FOR HAMFEST.

Save the date January 19, 2014 Need Tickets See Rich N9DKO Need Flyers come to a club meeting.-  
Kurt Rubin KB9RTO

I now have advance tickets for the 2014 Hamfest and I'm looking for ticket seller. Anyone interested in taking tickets to sell should contact me via email at [n9dko@arrl.net](mailto:n9dko@arrl.net). Thanks.

73



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# THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK.....



Awards Chairman N9MWF  
Presents plaques to N9HQ,  
N9JPG

At the July meeting several former and current officers received plaques and certificates thanking them for their service to the club. The 2012/2013 president Steve Peterson (N9OA) received a certificate thanking him for stepping into the office of president after the former club president stepped down in September of last year. Former club treasurer Ken Kwasniewski (N9HQ) received a plaque and heartfelt gratitude for the eight years he served as club Treasurer. Current club president Kevin Oleniczak (N9JPG) received a plaque thanking him for his three years of service as club secretary. And Mary Tuohy (KC9IJO) received a plaque in appreciation for her one year term as Vice President although as current club President Kevin pointed out she also went beyond her duties as Vice President when she acted as club president between the time the club president resigned and a temporary club president was appointed to serve until the next general election.



And  
KC9IJO



## Fox Hunt Reports For September

1st Sat Hunt - KMart Parking lot, Elmhurst, Rt 93 north of St Charles Rd - CFAR input 147.750MHz

2nd Sat Hunt - Downers Grove Golf Club parking lot, off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av - Simplex 146.565 MHz

3rd Sat Hunt - Centennial Park, Addison, Rohlwing Rd, 0.4 miles south of Lake St - CFMC input 146.160 MHz

4th Sat Hunt - WoodDale Rd between Thorndale and Irving Pk Rd - Simplex 146.34 MHz

For further info contact Mike WA9FTS or call at 708-457-0966

Hunters gather about a half hr before the hunt. Everyone is invited to participate or ride along (call in advance). All hunts start at 8PM.



## WCRA in the Community

### "Radio Scouting this Fall"

This fall we will focus on getting scouts interested in amateur radio through the radio scouting initiative. We'll do this by guiding them along a pathway that builds on their experiences and leverages organized scouting activities that integrate ham radio. In late October we will setup a Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) station at Blackwell Forest Preserve. Scouts from several troops and packs will be attending a Chanonee District open house where we will be setup with Troop 35 of Wheaton. At the event we will help scouts connect with others around the world and promote our other events along the pathway.

In early November we will sponsor a Radio Merit badge class for 25 scouts in Wheaton. The merit badge will focus on the ham radio requirements. The class will be 5 hours long and the scouts will be getting a taste of ham radio practice and theory. At this event we will promote the upcoming Hamfest and technician license class in the first quarter of 2014.

We are also looking into providing a fun "you build it" corner at the Hamfest for youth. An electronics project that is simple and low cost and can be built in about 30 minutes is what we are looking for. Our goal is to get youth excited about electronics and generate interest in our upcoming technician license class.

At each of these events we will promote the WCRA club and our membership meetings in hopes of increasing attendance and interest in amateur radio. For more information contact president Kevin at [kevinoleniczak@gmail.com](mailto:kevinoleniczak@gmail.com)



# WCRA 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MID-WINTER HAMFEST

## ELECTRONICS FLEA MARKET COMPUTERS AND PC PARTS & OTHER GADGETS AMATEUR RADIO EXPOSITION

### FEATURING

- Free Parking
- Heated Indoor Facility
- Paved Parking Lot
- Food
- Amateur Radio Exams
- Educational Forums

### **Tickets:**

**Advance, 4 raffle stubs \$8**

**At the door, 1 raffle stub \$10**

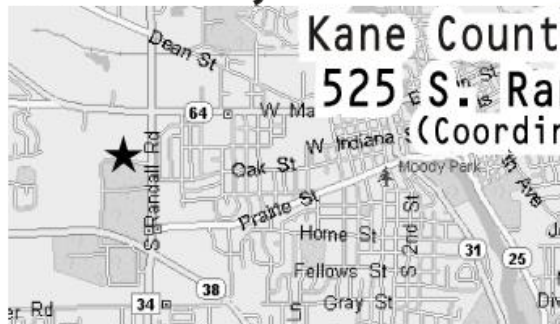
Children under 12 admitted at no charge

### **Exhibit Floor Rental:**

**\$25/table (\$30 after 1/7, if available)**

**Electricity available for \$10**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014 Doors Open 8AM**



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525 S. Randall Rd., St Charles, IL  
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[www.wheatonhamfest.org](http://www.wheatonhamfest.org)

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INFO@W9CCU.ORG



### ***Advance Ticket and Flea Market Table Order Form***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @\$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tables @\$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity (\$10.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include an e-mail address so that we can confirm your order along with an SASE for delivery of tickets..

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- Build antennas and radios
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AMATEUR SATELLITES  
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**Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs**

- ✓ Active in the community
- ✓ Monthly meetings with interesting program topics
- ✓ Monthly newsletters
- ✓ Annual hamfest
- ✓ Multiple area repeaters
- ✓ Field Day
- ✓ Public service events
  - 4th of July Parade
  - Chicago Marathon
  - Special Olympics
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**What is it?**

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**How it happens?**

- Integrate amateur radio with scouting and teach the skills to design, build and operate radio equipment.

**What can I do with it?**

- Take it with you everywhere! Camping, hiking, jamborees, public service and more!

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We establish reliable and self-sustaining communications support . . .

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A while ago there were two portable banner stands donated to the club which could support two banners each (front and back). With all of the public facing events coming up, we thought it was time to put them to use. New banner designs were drafted that can be used in coordinated fashion to promote Amateur Radio and the WCRA!

## Help Desperately Wanted!!!!

An able bodied person to climb Carol's antenna tower and tighten a few bolts is desperately needed. Her tower, which hosts the WCRA antenna, is in need of preventative maintenance. This was last done three years ago. Ideally, this should be done annually. If any club member can do this or knows of someone who can, please contact Ken/N9HQ as soon as possible. A "ground team" will be provided.

Need someone willing to cover the Sunday Night nets for Sept 22nd and Sept 29th. If interested please contact Mary Tuohy at [m2e1990@gmail.com](mailto:m2e1990@gmail.com)

## CQ Hamletter Contributors

I can't believe it is September already! I should declare this the Jim Ward (W9DHX) issue. Jim I don't know where I'd be this month without you. Besides covering the club picnic (and taking photos of course) for me and of course writing his usual QST highlight column for us Jim turned in perhaps the most heartfelt story I have read as Hamletter editor. I know that Wayne Kiser (KF9JC) has touched so many lives in this club and many would consider him a dear friend of theirs, but I didn't know quite what a wonderful person Wayne was until Jim told me all about him in his obituary for Wayne. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Mark Potter (W9UZ) for finding me those photos of Wayne and for providing me his formal obituary as well as stories about your friendship with Wayne.

And as usual if you have an article for the October Hamletter please get it into me by the deadline. My email is [m2e1990@gmail.com](mailto:m2e1990@gmail.com) or if you have any

WCRA meets on the First Friday of every month most months at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton Illinois at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at the intersection of Jefferson and Ellis in Wheaton. The club 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 always followed by a break where light refreshments are served. The break is followed by a program about an amateur radio related subject. We would like to see you there to share the enthusiasm. If you would like more information about the club or would like to join check our website at [www.w9ccu.org](http://www.w9ccu.org) to get an application. You can also check us out on our Facebook page.

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#### Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs is to further the art of radio communications and electronics by mentoring anyone with like interests, participating in community events, preparedness in assisting in the event of a disaster where other communication modes can fail, while promoting social camaraderie among its members.