



# CQ Chatter

WCARC MEETING  
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## Repeater User Guide

### NET CONTROL ROSTER

April 15 ..... AA8XS  
April 22 ..... KB8QEW  
April 29 ..... WD8ICP  
May 6 ..... N1RB  
May 13 ..... N8QMV

Would you like be a net control operator?  
Contact Shawn Hudson at [kb8qew@wcnnet.org](mailto:kb8qew@wcnnet.org)



The K8TIH 147.18+ repeater has many functions that are both useful and informative. Below is brief summary of some them feature that you may use as a WCARC club member.

### Telephone Functions:

#### **Manual Autopatch:**

Type \* then telephone number (without unkeying and do not include a 7 or 419) The repeater will read back the number typed in before it makes the call.

Type # to hang up the phone. *Please remember to ID*

Type \* alone to redial last number

Type \*1 to extend the autopatch timer

Type \*3 to mute the "radio" side of the autopatch.

#### **Speed dial:**

If you have a local Bowling Green telephone number, WCARC members may have up to 3 speed dial numbers programmed into the repeater. To dial your number you need only enter a three digit code.

Contact Shawn Hudson, KB8QEW at [kb8qew@wcnnet.org](mailto:kb8qew@wcnnet.org) or call 352-6226 to submit your request. Please provide your name, call sign and phone number in your request.

#### **Signal Test:**

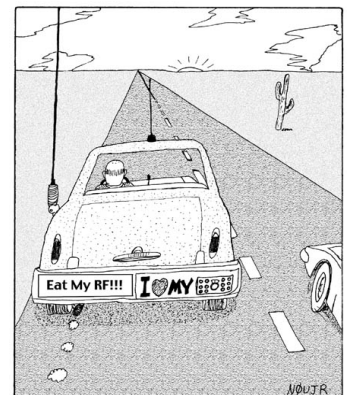
Did you ever wonder how you sound into the repeater? Well since the club has installed a digital voice recorder (DVR) you can perform a talkback test.

1. Type 44 \* and then unkey.
2. The repeater will say " Start Test"
3. Key up and then say something up 30 seconds in length, then unkey.
4. The repeater will beep twice and then echo back what you said.
5. *Remember to identify after using this feature.*

### WCARC OFFICERS

President	Bob Boughton	N1RB
Vice-President	Shawn Hudson	KB8QEW
Treasurer	Bill Wilkins	WD8JWJ
Secretary	Chuck Dicken	WD8ICP

**HAM-A-RAMA**  
Saturday July 12, 2003 at  
Woodland Towne Center



QCWA members with an attitude...

## IRAQI AMATEUR OPERATION REPORTED

### Amateur Radio Newline Vol. 22 No. 15

The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>> this week reported that Jim Dunkerton, KT4CK, of Tennessee, has been active from the Middle East on 15 meters SSB. On April 6, he was giving his location as somewhere in the desert of the Middle East, but the following day, he was identifying as YI/KT4CK and saying he was in the desert of Southern Iraq. The Daily DX says that John Shelton, K1XN, has confirmed that Dunkerton is--or has been--with the 101st Air-

borne, reported by CNN this week as being near Karbala in Central Iraq.

Several stations have reported working or hearing YI/KT4CK between 1400 and 1600 UTC. SV1GRH spotted YI/KT4CK at 1438 UTC on April 7 on 21.312.5 MHz and noted that he was looking for US stations but, The Daily DX quoted SV1GRH as saying that YI/KT4CK was not getting many replies.

Meanwhile, The Daily DX says Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN,

now is in the Middle East after wrapping up his North Korean (P5) operation. He has been in Turkey, very close to the Turkish/Iraqi border, for the last month and awaits his next UN World Food Program assignment--which could be inside war-torn Iraq.

## WCARC Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2003

Minutes of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club

Pres. Boughton called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and proceeded with a self introduction of all those persons in attendance. The previous months' minutes had been printed in the newsletter and they were approved with Shawn moving to accept them. The treasurers' report given by Bill, WD8JWJ indicates the club has \$2,785 and some odd cents as of Jan. 15, 2003. B. Willman moved to accept John AA8XS 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Boughton welcomed several guests to the meeting.

Ham-A-Rama discussion consumed a lot of the meeting, and the most important part was the finalization of the date and time being approved by the club. Saturday July 12, 2003 at the Woodland Towne Center will be the new site. Trunk sales in the parking lot will be controlled by blocking off an approved area for our purposes. It was recom-

mended to have a ticket vendor at each entrance to the mall and also all members of the WCARC will have identifying markings to wear on the day of the fest. Larry Reitz will have the tickets printed with two stubs, and it was emphasized, the tickets are to be sold at \$5.00 each with no discounts of early sales. Shawn will be mailing postcards to previous vendors and participants using the last years data base for address information. Flyers will be printed very soon and are to be distributed at the TMRA fest on March 16. Advertising in the local area and in the appropriate magazines will begin soon. Word of mouth advertising is very important and we need to get out the word.

New Business included the announcement of SkyWarn training to be held April 9, 2003 in the Wood County Commissioners Office area.

The business meeting was adjourned and a program presentation by Steve K8BBK was most interesting. Steve began by asking what kind of antenna

and feed line was being used at several QTH's. Then he told us about his installation using a loop antenna and the proper use of feed lines and antenna tuners. He had also taken pictures of the antenna and its supporting structure and these were presented as a computer slide show. Pretty impressive. Along with this program, Pres. Boughton let us view a DVD devoted to ham radio and it was narrated by Walter Cronkite. This DVD is available to anyone who would like to view it by themselves or in a group. Just ask Pres. Bob for the disk.

Chuck Dicken WD8ICP  
Secty. WCARC

