

# CQ Chatter

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## Minutes

### WCARC February meeting –

February 19, 2005

Informal Breakfast Meeting--

Couzins Restaurant,  
Grand Rapids, Ohio

Attending: Rex Klopfenstein, KC8PFP, Steve McEwen, K8BBK, Bob Boughton, N1RB, Linda Boughton, N1LB, John W. Gruber, KC8RBT, John S. Gruber, N8MSU, Tom Pendleton, Potential Member, Cap Creps, Chuck Dicken, WD8ICP, Jeffrey Kopcak, K8JTK, Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ, Bob Willman, WB8NQW, Wil Roudebush, KC8IFW, Robert Bowers, KC8RWI, Mike Mason, KC8MM, Mike Stacklin, W8CJJ, Jim Davis, K8JU, Robert Dickey, WD8LEH, Esther Creps, N8OMV

While a formal meeting was not held, some club business was discussed. We started by introducing ourselves, giving our calls, and mentioning the portions of the hobby we enjoyed.

President Steve McEwen, K8BBK won a radio in Dayton and is willing to make it available to the club. He suggested that those attending the meetings could buy tickets at the meetings and later it could be raffled off.

Ham radio license classes were discussed. Students attending would need to buy the "Now You're Talking" book published by ARRL for \$20. We would need to cover the cost of the instructor's book. Otherwise the classes would be free. Perhaps income from the above raffle could reimburse successful students for the cost of their books. Beginning classes could be held first, with a break afterwards, then more advanced classes.

**WCARC Weekly Net:  
Tuesdays at 2130  
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Next Meeting  
Monday, March 14th  
Location: Sheriff's Training Room - Dunbridge and E. Gypsy Lane Rd.  
Time: 7:30 PM---Social Time Preceding**

Bob Johnson is talking to Boy Scout leaders to see if they have interest in classes.

Ideas for future meetings: HF demo at someone's house, covering operations and HF procedures. Contesting demonstration. We may want to have meetings at the Sheriff's office, if possible. Chuck, WD8ICP, has been looking into a venue for field day. The Wood County Historical Society would welcome us. We could set up antennas, set up tents, camp out, set campfires. They have a barn, if we could use it. For inclement weather, Bob Willman, WB8NQW, said we could use the blacksmith shop, though it doesn't have a big

**Membership Dues  
for 2005  
Payable to WCARC  
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## License Classes to be Held

The Wood County Amateur Radio Club will sponsor a Technician Class license course beginning on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 PM. The classes will be held every Thursday thereafter for 6 to 8 weeks at the Wood County Sheriff's Training Room located at the Sheriff's Department at the corner of Dunbridge and E. Gypsy Lane Rd. The course will be completed with a license testing session sponsored by WCARC and the ARRL- Volunteer Examiner Corps.

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Bob Boughton, N1RB at home telephone: (419) 354-1811 or e-mail: boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu. The class will require participants to purchase the 5th edition of *Now You're Talking*, published by the ARRL. This can be done on-line or the instructors will have a limited supply available for purchase at the first meeting.

Plans are in the works to follow up the Tech-

## Last Chance to Renew!!!

Here's another reminder to all members to renew your membership. The dues are:

Senior/Student	\$10.00
Regular	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00

When you renew, please take time to fill out the renewal application form. To assure continuity in receiving CQ Chatter, you must be enrolled by March 15th. A copy of the application form is included in this newsletter. Please send completed forms and your dues for 2005 to P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ■

***Dues are due now!!***

## WCARC Net Control Roster Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Mar	1	N1RB
Mar	8	K8OVO
Mar	15	WD8ICP
Mar	22	N8QMV
Mar	29	WB8NQW
Apr	5	N1RB
Apr	12	K8OVO

nician Class course with a General Class course and, if the interest justifies it, an Extra Class course. The future classes will of course be dependent upon the availability of a meeting space and of qualified instructors. If any members wish to participate as an instructor or VEC examiner, please contact Bob, N1RB, as listed above. ■

## Brain Teasers

1. A station gives says your signal is 3 dB stronger than your friend's. By what factor would your friend have to increase his power to match your report?

(a) 2    (b) 3    (c) 6    (d) 10

2. A 100 watt output signal is fed into a feed line with a -2 dB loss and an antenna with a +5 dB gain. What is the effective radiated power?

(a) 3 dB    (b) 100 W    (c) 200 W    (d) 7 dB

3. What is the ionospheric layer most responsible for long distance propagation on hf bands?

(a) A    (b) D    (c) E    (d) F

**last month's answers: 1(b), 2 (c), 3 (c)**

## March Contests

The full contest lineup for the month of March includes the following:

<b>Mar 5-6</b> <b>ARRL International DX 'test</b>	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m <b>SB</b>
<b>Mar 13-14</b> <b>Wisconsin QSO Party</b>	1800 to 0100 Z	80 m to UHF <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 12-13</b> <b>Oklahoma QSO Party</b>	1400 to 2000 Z	80 to 10 m <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 19-20</b> <b>Russian DX 'test</b>	1200 to 1200 Z	160 m to 10m <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 19-21</b> <b>Virginia QSO Party</b>	1800 to 0200 Z	160 m to UHF <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 19</b> <b>Ten-Ten International Mobile</b>	0000 to 2359 Z	10 m <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 20</b> <b>9KCC (Kuwait)</b>	1200 to 1600 Z	15 m <b>all modes</b>
<b>Mar 26-27</b> <b>CQ WW Worked All Prefixes</b>	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m <b>SB</b>

## Got A Project?

If you have a construction project or an operating technique that you would like to demonstrate at a Club meeting, you're in luck! The Club officers are looking for program ideas for future meetings.

You might have built a nifty antenna that works better than you expected, or you may be active in one of the new operating modes and could present a demonstration of what you have done at a Club meeting. If you can answer yes to the title question, contact Steve McEwen, K8BBK, or yours truly, N1RB., and tell us when you are available. You can be sure that whatever you have done will be of great interest to all our members and might even attract others to the meetings if we can advertise it. ■

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room. He has keys. Bob N1RB, moved that we take them up on their offer. Seconded by Linda, N1LB. Approved by those attending.

President Steve McEwen, K8BBK, said he would look into the location and time for the next meeting and would let everyone know through the next issue of CQ Chatter. Appreciation was expressed to Bob Boughton for his work on CQ Chatter. Several mentioned their approval of the time and location for this meeting and expressed the desire to do it again. The meeting was adjourned. ■

## Pirates Heard on 20 m

A group of unlicensed pirate operators has set up operations at the bottom end of 20 meters. According to the *WIA News* (Australia), the pirates all appear to be short haul truck drivers in the Australian states of Queensland and New South Wales who use 14.000 MHz as a chat channel.

Since 20 m is a DX band, their operations can most likely be heard all over the world when the band is open. All amateur operators who normally use this band are being asked to monitor 14.000 MHz. If you hear the pirates, please report any information that might assist in identifying them to the Wireless Institute of Australia Director, Glenn Dunstan, VK4DU. His e-mail address is: vk4du@hf.ro.

*excerpted from WIA News, ARNewsline*

## March Hamfests

**Mar 20** **TMRA Hamfest** 8 am to 2 pm  
Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key St.,  
Maumee, OH. Contact W8TER, (419) 893-1177,  
w8ter@arrl.net

**Apr 3** **Lake County ARA** 8 am to 2 pm  
Madison, OH, High School, 3100 Burns Rd.,  
Madison, OH. Contact Rocky, (440) 209-8953.

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# 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular-\$15===Family-\$20===Senior/Student-\$10

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EXP. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY? \_\_\_\_\_

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Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW SSB PACKET RTTY FM DX MOBILE QRP AMTOR PSK31 SSTV

ATV EME SAT APRS RC

Interests: Traffic DX Contests Foxhunts Satellites Nets Antennas

Computers Emergency ARES/RACES Skywarn Classic Radios

Do You Own a Computer? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what operating system \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what class? \_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of equipment would you like to see the Club purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_