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Minutes

Wood County Amateur Radio Club

January 9, 2006, 7:00 pm

Charlie's Restaurant, Perrysburg, OH

The WCARC enjoyed its annual kickoff dinner at Charlie's, located in Perrysburg, Monday January 9, 2006. There were 34 people in attendance for the evening's get-together. Co-President Loren Phillips opened the meeting and asked all the members to stand and introduce themselves and guest if present.

The selection of officers for the calendar year of 2006 include the following members:

Co-President	Loren Phillips	W8PSK
Co-President	Steve McEwen	K8BBK
Treasurer	Bill Wilkins	WD8JWJ
Secretary	Chuck Dicken	WD8ICP

Pres. Phillips read a list of the accomplishments that had transpired over the past year and these included:

- 1.) Alternate meetings (every other month) and a breakfast at Cousins in Grand Rapids when there is no meeting.
- 2.) A new meeting room (very accessible) at the Wood County Sheriffs compound.

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

**Next Meeting-
MONDAY, February 13th
At: Sheriff's Training Room
Dunbridge and Gypsy Lane
Time: 7:30 pm-social hour
preceding**

February Hamfests

Feb 5 Northern Ohio ARC 8:00 am
Gargus Hall, Lorain, OH. Contact Tom,
W8KYZ, (440) 930-9115.
e-mail: tporter161@comcast.net
<http://NOARS.net>

Feb 12 Intercity ARC 7:00 am
Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield,
OH. Contact Dean, KB8MG, (419) 589-
2415.
e-mail: deanwrasse@yahoo.com
<http://www.iarc.ws>

Feb 19 Livonia ARC 8:00 am
Livonia Community Recreation Center, Li-
vonia, MI. Contact Bill, W8WSJ, (734) 673-
5071.
e-mail: swap2006@larc.mi.org
<http://larc.mi.org>

Time To Renew Your Membership!

February Contests

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

Feb 4-5	0000 to 2359 Z	10 m
10-10 Winter QSO Party		SSB
Feb 11-12	0000 to 2359 Z	80 m to 10 m
CQ WW RTTY		RTTY
Feb 18-19	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m
ARRL Int'l DX 'test		CW
Feb 24-25	2100 to 2100 Z	80 m to 10 m
Russian WW PSK		PSK
Feb 25-26	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m
CQ WW 160 m 'test		SSB
Feb 25-26	1800 to 0600 Z	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		RTTY

WCARC Net Check-ins

03-Jan WB8NQW (NC), WD8JWJ, WB8VUL, WD8ICP, K8OVO, W8PSK, KB8CIJ, K8OIL, KC8ZJW, N8QMV, K8BBK, KD8CHQ (12)

10-Jan N1RB (NC), WD8JWJ, K8OVO, WD8ICP, W8PSK, WB8VUL, KD8CIJ, K8BBK, N8QMV (9)

17 Jan K8OVO (NC), K8BBK, K8NEA, WD8JWJ, W8PSK, KC8ZJW, N8QMV, WB8NQW, KG2BC, N1LB, KC8QHD (11)

February Meeting Program

The program for the next WCARC club meeting on Monday February 13th will be on "Antennas 201"---discussing mostly directional antennas, beams, etc. and presented by Phil, W8PSK.

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jan. 31	N8QMV
Feb. 7	WBNQW
Feb. 14	N1RB
Feb. 21	K8OVO
Feb. 28	WD8ICP
Mar. 7	N8QMV
Mar. 14	WBNQW

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- 3.) 4 newly licensed technicians obtained thru classes offered by the WCARC.
- 4.) Field Day at the Historical Society grounds.
- 5.) A fox hunt
- 6.) Members assisted with the Wood County Fair communications
- 7.) Weather warning network is / has been established
- 8.) Publicity in the local newspaper included Steve McEwen, Bob Boughton, Loren Phillips
- 9.) A letter from John Quinn, mayor of Bowling Green expressing his thanks for a job well done in the test of the EMA sponsored drill.
- 10.) In the fall the WCARC conducted upgrading license classes for General
- 11.) The web server / APRS computer was replaced with a much newer and faster computer that was donated in part by Dacor.
- 12.) The creation of the ARES for Wood County which includes many of the members of the WCARC. Dual band antennas were installed at the Sheriff's office and

Brain Teasers

1. The Sunspot Cycle repeats approximately every _____ years

(a) 3 (b) 5 (c) 11 (d) 25

2. A half-wave dipole antenna is best matched to _____ coax feed line.

(a) RG-8 (b) RG-58 (c) RG-59 (d) RG-6

3. What is the smallest resistance you can make with a 100 Ω , 200 Ω and a 300 Ω resistor

(a) 100 Ω (b) 55 Ω (c) 600 Ω (d) 155 Ω

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many more are being planned to be installed at a later date.

Loren then passed out tickets to everyone present for a door prize give away. The winners were: 1st prize-MFJ atomic clock: Jeff Kopcak K8JTK, 2nd prize-\$25 R&L gift certificate: Fred Leetch N8CWJ, 3rd prize-R&L \$25 gift certificate: Don Buehrer K8OVO, 4th prize-R&L \$25 gift certificate: Bob Willman WB8NQW.

Co-President Steve thanked Bill Wilkins for choosing this year's restaurant, Bob Boughton for another year of good workmanship in putting together the CQ Chatter, Jeff Kopcak for being the web master of the WCARC web site at <http://wcarc.bgsu.edu>, John Gruber for the time and the fine keeping of the club minutes, and Shawn Hudson and Chuck Dicken for helping to keep the computer /repeater on the air.

Goals for 2006 include but are not limited to:

- 1.) Our club involvement with the local scouts and radio training.
- 2.) Linking the WCARC and ARES repeaters together
- 3.) Planning for another fox hunt
- 4.) Field Day in June
- 5.) General licensing class if needed/wanted.

Our next scheduled club meeting is to be held February 13, 2006 at the sheriffs office. The next breakfast at Cousins in Grand Rapids, is March 4 .

WCARC Secretary

It's Time to Renew!!!

The first of the year brings with it a 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 out to fill out the renewal application form. For many of you the information is the same, but many times things like phone numbers and e-mail addresses change. The comments on what you would like to see the Club do in the upcoming year are also very important -- the Executive Committee takes this information very seriously and tries to have a Club that fits your needs. A copy of the application form is included in this newsletter. Please send completed forms and your dues for 2006 to: WD8JWJ, WCARC Treasurer, P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ■



view of the head table



*Co-chair Steve, K8BBK,
and Treasurer, WD8JWJ*



*Co-chair Phil, W8PSK,
reporting on accomplishments
of 2005*



*Noise Committee, Phil,
W8PSK, and Linda, N1LB, in
conference*



*views of the crowd---
34 in attendance*



2006 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 _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

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 _____

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