

CQ CHATTER

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Secretary	N1RB	Bob Boughton
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WCARC Minutes

Meeting of April 13, 2009

Present: Matt Maurer (future ham), Duane-K8NEA, Bill-WD8JWJ, Cap Creps, Esther-N8QMV, Stan Klakamp (future ham), Colleen-N8TNV, Steve-K8BBK, Bob-WB8NQW, Chuck-WD8ICP, Hoot-WB8VUL, Jim-KD8CIJ and XYL Nancy, Don-K8OVO, Loren-W8PSK, Bob-N1RB.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Don, K8OVO. Introductions were made and the special guest, Colleen, N8TNV, demonstrated the operation of her Braille transcriber.

Old Business:

- Field Day is set to be held at the grounds of the Wood County Historical Society.
- The May breakfast meeting will be held at Couzin's restaurant as usual.
- The following slate of officers was nominated for 2009:

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The slate was unanimously accepted by acclamation.

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130 EDST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)**

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Next Meeting

Breakfast

SATURDAY, MAY 2nd

TIME: 9:00 am

**PLACE: Couzin's Restaurant,
Grand Rapids, OH**

- Phil, W8PSK, asked if there was any update on the repeater at the WBGU-TV tower. Since Brett's call sign is apparently not available to us without a lot of shenanigans, it was agreed to use K8TIH with some location designator. Phil will confer with Jim-K8JU, who has been working on the machine. Phil will research the possible configurations and report at a later date.
- Bob, WB8NQW, asked if all were willing to have a potluck picnic at the Field Day site. Bill, WD8JWJ, suggested that the Club buy hot dogs and hamburgers as well as refresh-

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Net Check Ins

Apr 7

WB8NQW (NC)

K8NEA

N8QMV

K8BBK

WD8JWJ

KG8FH

WD8ICP (7)

Apr 14

N1RB (NC)

N8QMV

K8BBK

WB8NQW

K8NEA

W8PSK (6)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130 EDST

Apr	28	WD8ICP
May	5	N8QMV
May	12	WB8NQW
May	19	N1RB
May	26	K8OVO
Jun	2	WD8ICP
Jun	9	N8QMV

Brain Teasers

1. What is the maximum symbol rate permitted for packet emissions on the 10-meter band?

- a.) 300 baud
- b.) 1200 baud
- c.) 19.6 Kbaud
- d.) 56 Kbaud

2. What type of capacitor is often used in power supply circuits to filter the rectified AC?

- a.) disc ceramic
- b.) vacuum variable
- c.) mica
- d.) electrolytic

3. Depending on the wavelength of the signal, the energy density of the RF field, and other factors, in what way can RF energy affect body tissue?

- a.) it heats the tissue
- b.) it causes radiation poisoning
- c.) it harms blood cells
- d.) it cools body tissue

May Contests

The contest lineup for the month of May is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

May 2-3	<i>1300 to 0700 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Seventh Area QSO Party		all modes
May 2-3	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Indiana QSO Party		all modes
May 2-3	<i>2000 to 1959 Z</i>	80 m to 15 m
ARI (Italy) DX 'test		all modes
May 2-3	<i>2000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
New England QSO Party		all modes
May 9-10	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
CQ-M (Russia) Int'l DX 'test		all modes
May 9-10	<i>1700 to 1700 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Nevada QSO Party		all modes
May 16-17	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
EU PSK DX 'test		PSK31
May 16-17	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
King of Spain DX 'test		CW
May 16-17	<i>2100 to 0200 Z</i>	80 m
Baltic 'test		all modes
May 30-31	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
CQ WW WPX 'test		CW

Brain Teaser answers: 1-b, 2-d, 3-a

DON'T FORGET!

**10 meter informal net meets each Sunday at 2030 EST
on 28.335 MHz**

May Hamfests

May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention---the granddaddy of them all! Theme: *Digital Radio Enabling Amateurs to do More*. Sponsored by Dayton ARA at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., Trotwood, OH. Contact Mike, W8CI, (937) 276-6930.

e-mail: info@hamvention.org

web: <http://www.hamvention.org>

June 6 Fulton County ARC. Fulton County Hamfest, Family Park, 101 Hill Ave, Tedrow, OH. Contact Lindsay, K8LI, (419) 822-4382.

e-mail: lindsayinf@yahoo.com

web: <http://www.k8bxq.org>

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ments, and have the rest be potluck. There was general agreement with this plan.

- Chuck, WD8ICP, commented that there may be conflict between Field Day activities and the GOBA event when they are here in the County.

Don then introduced one of the visitors, Jim, KD8CIJ, and his XYL, Nancy. Jim is the District Public Information Officer. He explained his duties and his goals. He would like to do an article on the Club with pictures. His aim is to help promote our Club and all other clubs in NW Ohio.

The program was presented by Colleen, N8TNV, who talked about handling traffic

and the local traffic nets. She gave us an impressive demonstration of how she records the calls of check ins to the various nets that she serves as NC for. Her use of the transcriber was at or faster than the rate a sighted person could write the calls down with pencil and paper. Colleen encouraged everybody to become active on the traffic nets, the local NW Ohio one being held on 146.94 at 6:40 pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. ■

**Have you paid your
dues yet?**

**contact Bill, WD8JWJ
PO Box 534**

***ALLEGED UNLICENSED BROADCASTER FINED \$10000 BY THE FCC
from AR Newsline***

Federal Communications Commission has affirmed a \$10,000 fine issued against Steven A. Skalecki of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This for allegedly operating an unlicensed broadcast station and failing to heed FCC warnings to take it off the air. The story goes back to March 25, 2006. That's when FCC agents observed a radio station broadcasting on 92.9 MHz and located that the station was operating from a single family residence in Milwaukee and that Skalecki lived there. The agents took field strength measurements and determined that the signals being broadcast exceeded the limits for operation under Part 15 of the Commission's Rules and therefore required a license. An agent searched Commission databases and found no evidence of a Commission authorization for this operation on 92.9 MHz in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Later that day, the agents knocked on the front door but there was no response. Before leaving they wrote up a Notice of Unauthorized Operation and left it between the inner and outer doors. It directed Skalecki to terminate operation of the unlicensed station immediately. As a follow-up the FCC sent a registered letter to Skalecki with the same demand. The return receipt from the U.S. Postal Service shows that Skalecki signed for and received the notice on April 24, 2006. Then on May 6th Commission agents again traced the broadcasts on 92.9 MHz to Skalecki's residence. They again tried to talk with those in the home but received no response. On May 10th the Chicago office received a response to the Notice of Unauthorized Operation issued to Skalecki. In it he denied having any broadcast equipment and also stated that no local broadcasts can be heard on 92.9 MHz.

Skalecki also acknowledged receipt of the notice left in the front storm door by Commission Agents on March 25th.

On March 1st, 14th, 24th as well as May 28th of 2007 Commission agents again traced the broadcasts on 92.9 MHz to Skalecki's home. On December 14, 2007, the Chicago Field Office issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture to Skalecki in the amount of \$10,000 for operating radio transmitting equipment on the frequency 92.9 MHz without a license. In his response to the proposed fine Skalecki again denied operating an unlicensed station. He did admit that he operated a weather monitoring station from that property, but claimed that the unlicensed broadcast station was operating from another nearby residence on which several antennas are located. On March 13th, the FCC rendered its decision on Skalecki response. It said that it would not cancel the proposed forfeiture based on Skalecki's claim that he was not operating an unlicensed broadcast station from his home. It said that only evidence Skalecki provided in support of his claim is a list of nine dates on which he states he observed a station operating on 92.9 MHz from a nearby residence but the FCC countered that it had determined the signals were coming from Skalecki home on those dates. The FCC also rejected Skalecki's claim that it could not assess a forfeiture because agents were unable to conduct an inspection. The FCC says that whether or not agents were able to inspect the station does not affect its determination here that Skalecki violated Section 301 of the Act based on the direction finding evidence collected by its agents. It said that even if he did not personally operate the station that Skalecki is responsible for its unlicensed operation because he provided the facilities used in its operation. As such, he is required to pay the fine. ■

Equipment for Sale- WA8SXP

Exiting Amateur Radio---Take All or Nothing Sale

Must pick up everything as I cannot economically ship some items

\$650 Firm-Cash or U.S. Postal Money Order Only

Patrick Buchanan, 210 South 2nd Street, North Baltimore, OH 45872

419-257-3260 patb.210sss@verizon.net

1. Yaesu FT-7800 VHF/UHF FM Transceiver - Bought new from Universal Radio Dec., 2008 hardly used. Never mobile, used mostly as a base listening unit.
2. Programming software and cable for Yaesu FT-7800-Used once.
3. Kenwood TH-F6A Tri-band FM HT Good Condition-bought used 2 years ago. Has new antenna, PG-3J power adapter and battery charger.
4. 15 Volt 33 Amp Linear Power Supply. Good Condition Used but works just fine. Mfg. in U.S.A.
5. 15 Volt 5 Amp Linear Power Supply. Mfg, in U.S.A. Like New Condition
6. Comet CX-333 Tri-band 144/220/440 Vertical Antenna. Erected about 18 months ago. Very Good Condition. Antenna comes with 40 ft of Andrew Heliac Hard-line and PL-259 connectors.
7. JTWVUHF HF/VHF/UHF Power and SWR Meter- Purchased new 1 month ago- Excellent condition as it was used only once.
8. 200 ft of Andrew Heliac Superflex FS4J-50A-New in box never opened along with several brand new and used N-connectors.
9. 2- Coax jumper cables with PL-259's on both ends - Like new condition
10. Cushcraft 215WB 2 meter Boomer Yagi. This was bought used 2 months ago but was completely disassembled and reconditioned to almost like new condition with all new stainless steel hardware and balun.
11. MFJ-862 VHF/UHF SWR and Power Meter-Like New Condition
12. 2-New in box Rohn 5 ft antenna tripods
13. ARRL Antenna Handbook 20th Edition VG condition
14. ARRL Extra Class License Manual VG Condition
15. ARRL 2008/2009 Repeater Directory VG Condition
16. Repeater Directory- Ohio Area Repeater Council
17. New In Box- Channel Master 9510A VHF/UHF Antenna Rotor and Control. This is a Mfg. in U.S.A Model, not Chinese built.
18. 65 ft tall American Tower with base plate. This was completely de-rusted, painted with 3 coats of rust inhibiting primer and 3 coats of rust inhibiting silver paint top coat Good Condition.
19. 30 ft Mast- Homebrew but in very good condition.
20. Misc. new guy wire, turnbuckles, eye bolts and other hardware. Purchased all brand new but never used.

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