

CQ CHATTER

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Letter from the President

I would like to thank Jeff KG8FH for his fine program at the February meeting about his double bass instrument. At the April meeting Hoot WB8VUL will tell us about his navigation skills before the days of GPS. If you have a program idea or would like to present a favorite topic of your own, please tell us.

We had 3 volunteers to head up Field Day activities for June 26-27. They are Steve K8BBK, Bill WD8JWJ and Bob N1RB. Stay tuned for details.

I would like to schedule a fox hunt for the June meeting. Anyone want to be the fox?

The March meeting is breakfast at Couzins in Grand Rapids at 9:00AM. See you there.

73 until next time,
Bob WB8NQW
blcksmth@wcnnet.org

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2030 EST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)
147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL**

***Next Meeting
Breakfast***

**SATURDAY Mar 6th
TIME:9:00 am
PLACE: Couzin's Restaurant
Grand Rapids, OH**

WCARC Minutes

Meeting of February 8, 2010

Present: J W-KD8BOH, Bob-WB8NQW, Don-K8OVO, Hoot-WB8VUL, Bill-WD8JWJ, Esther-N8QMV, OM Cap, Chuck-WD8ICP, Steve-K8BBK, Jim-K8JU, Stan-AC8EA, Duane-K8NEA, Jeff-KG8FH.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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Net Check Ins

Feb 2
N1RB (NC)
K8BBK
WB8NQW
KG8FH
N8QMV
N8PYA
K8OVO (7)

Feb 9
N8QMV (NC)
K8NEA
K8BBK
WB8NQW
K8OVO (5)

Feb 16
WB8NQW (NC)
N8QMV
K8BBK
K8OVO
N1RB
K8NEA (6)

Feb 23
WB8NQW (NC)
WD8JWJ
WB8VUL
N8QMV
K8BBK
WD8ICP
K8OVO
KD8MLN (8)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2030 EST/0130 Z

Mar 2	K8OVO
Mar 9	N8QMV
Mar 16	WB8NQW
Mar 23	N1RB
Mar 30	K8OVO
Apr 6	N8QMV
Apr 13	WB8NQW

Brain Teasers

1. When selecting a SSB transmitting frequency, what minimum frequency separation from a contact in progress should you allow to minimize interference?
 - a.) 150 to 500 Hz
 - b.) about 3 KHz
 - c.) about 6 KHz
 - d.) about 10 KHz
2. When does scatter propagation on the hf bands most often occur?
 - a.) when sunspots are at minimum and D-layer absorption is high
 - b.) at night
 - c.) when F1 and F2 layers are combined
 - d.) when using frequencies above the maximum usable frequency (muf)
3. What is the circuit called that causes a transmitter to automatically transmit when an operator speaks into the microphone?
 - a.) VXO
 - b.) VOX
 - c.) VCO
 - d.) VFO

March Contests

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

Feb 28-Mar 1	<i>1700 to 0300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m	
North Carolina QSO Party			all modes
Mar 6-7	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
ARRL Int'l DX 'test			SSB
Mar 13-14	<i>1600 to 1600 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m	
EA (Spain) PSK 'test			PSK31
Mar 13-14	<i>1900 to 1900 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
Idaho QSO Party			all modes
Mar 14-15	<i>1800 to 0100 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m	
Wisconsin QSO Party			all modes
Mar 20-21	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
Russian DX 'test			all modes
Mar 20-21	<i>1400 to 2000 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m	
Oklahoma QSO Party			all modes
Mar 20-21	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
North Dakota QSO Party			all modes
Mar 20-21	<i>1800 to 0100 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
Virginia QSO Party			all modes
Mar 27-28	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m	
CQWW WPX 'test			SSB

Skywarn Training Sessions Announced

The annual National Weather Service Skywarn Training for 2010 will be held at two different times and locations this Spring:

Central Joint fire station
13179 Mermill Road
March 9 at 6:30 pm

St. Lukes Hospital Auditorium
Maumee, Ohio
March 27 at 10:00 am

Registration is not required. The sessions last about 2 hours. You can attend at either location. ■

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December minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Old Business:

- Club Room-Wood County Fair Board rejected our bid to recover space in the Administration Bldg. There may be some hope still alive if an addition is added to the building. Steve, K8BBK, mentioned that nobody seemed to have any objections but somehow it was defeated. Bob, WB8NQQW, asked if there were any other ideas about where we can go.
- Brett's Repeater- still needs to be programmed but otherwise is ready to go according to Jim, K8JU.

March Hamfests

Mar 21 Toledo MRA. 55th Toledo Hamfest and Computer Fair. Owens Community College, Rossford, OH. Contact Brian, WD8MXR (419) 385-5624.

e-mail: brian.harrington@utoledo.edu

web: <http://tmrahamradio.org>

**DON'T FORGET! 10 meter informal net
meets each Sunday at 2030 EDST
on 28.335 MHz**

- Fund Raising-Scott, AC8DS, suggested we try to issue a cookbook to raise money.

New Business:

- Field Day-Bob requested volunteers to coordinate Field Day. The following persons volunteered: Bob, N1RB, Bill, WD8JWJ, and Steve, K8BBK.
- Hamfest-Bill reminded everyone that the TMRA hamfest is coming soon. It will be held at Owens Community College this year.
- Building Membership-It was suggested that we might assign members to contact people found in HamLocator who live in our area to become new members.
- Next Meeting-Bob reminded everyone that the March 6th meeting is a breakfast meeting at Couzin's restaurant in Grand Rapids.

Motion to adjourn by Hoot, WB8VUL seconded by Esther, N8QMV. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The business meeting was followed by a very interesting talk by Jeff, KG8FH, on

bass viol. He demonstrated the various parts of the instrument and passed around strings, bridges, bows and rosin. He also wowed the audience by playing a few ditties on his bass.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob, N1RB, WCARC Secretary ■

The Sun is Back!

The sun is coming back to life for the new solar cycle. Sunspot numbers averaged over 20 all last week and the solar flux numbers have been staying above 80. Last weekend, the ARRL CW DX Contest was held, with most activity on 20 m, but with regular daytime openings on 15 m and even 10 m. The ol' brass pounder (yours truly) snagged about a dozen contacts on 10 m, including South Africa, and about 2 dozen on 15 m. As the seasons move into summer with the Sun shining for much longer periods, the ionospheric layers will be much stronger and should lead to a lot of activity on the higher frequency bands. Good DXing! ■

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.

KD7WPL HF STATION FOR SALE

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Yaesu FT-920	Tx-Rx 100 Watts 160 - 6 Meters
Yaesu SP-8	External Speaker
Yaesu MD-100	Microphone
Astron RS-35A	35 Amp. Power Supply with Volt Meter
Ameritron AL-811	Amplifier 600 Watts 160 - 10 Meters
MFJ Versa Tuner	V 989-C
Antenna Tuner	3KW 160 - 10 Meters
G5 RV Antenna	1.5 KW 80 -10 Meters
Leader LS-1020	Oscilloscope
Vectronic 802	Low Pass Filter 0-30 MHZ 1.5 KW
Coax	RG-8 200 ft. +/-
Assorted Cables	
24 Hour Clock	

I want to sell the complete station. Asking \$2,250.00.....
Anyone wishing to see and operate the equipment is more than welcome---This is a great set up for someone new to amateur radio

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