

CQ CHATTER

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Vice President	K8NEA	Duane Ashbaucher
Secretary	N1RB	Bob Boughton
Treasurer	WD8JWJ	Bill Wilkins

Minutes

WCARC Meeting

December 12, 2011

Present: N1RB-Bob, WD8ICP-Chuck, KD8QYM-Lee, KD8QYL-Al, WD8JWJ-Bill, K8LL-Stan, WB8NQW-Bob, K8OVO-Don, WB8VUL-Hoot, K8BBK-Steve, N1LB-Linda, NM8W-Craig
Meeting opened at 7:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report accepted.

Old Business:

- Kickoff Banquet-Steve, K8BBK, reported the Committee's recommendation that the banquet be moved to Sunday. They suggest holding it at Dyer's (old Elk's Club on Campbell Hill Rd.). Brunch is served from 10 am to 2 pm at a cost of: \$14.95-regular, \$10.95-seniors, and \$6.95-children 10 down to 3 years. Bob, N1RB, moved to hold the banquet on Sunday, January 8 at 1 pm. Second by Stan, K8LL. Friendly

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**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2030 EST
(0130 Z year-round)**

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

KICKOFF BANQUET

Sunday, January 8th

TIME: 12:30 pm

PLACE: Dyer's Restaurant

200 Campbell Hill Rd.

Bowling Green, OH

Kickoff Banquet Moved to Sunday

The annual WCARC Kickoff banquet will be held on Sunday, January 8th. The location is Dyer's restaurant (old Elk's Club at 200 Campbell Hill Rd.) The menu is a brunch and cost will be covered individually. The charge is: \$14.95, \$10.95 and \$6.95 for regular, senior and child (10 and under) rates, respectively. Children under 3 years of age eat free. If you plan to attend, please inform WB8NQW: blcksmth@wcnet.org ■

Net Check Ins

December 6

K8OVO (NC)
N8QMV
WB8NQW
K8BBK
NM8W
N1RB
WD8JWJ
KD8PCQ
N8YAE
KC8EKT (10)

December 13

WB8NQW (NC)
K8BBK
WD8JWJ
KC8EKT
N8QMV
N8YAE
KD8PCQ (7)

December 20

K8OVO (NC)
WD8JWJ
WB8NQW
WB8VUL (4)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2030 EST/0130 Z

Dec	27	K8OVO
Jan	3	N8QMV
Jan	10	WB8NQW
Jan	17	N1RB
Jan	24	NM8W
Jan	31	K8OVO
Feb	7	N8QMV

Brain Teasers

1. What is the disadvantage of using a trap antenna?
 - a.) it will radiate harmonics
 - b.) it can only be used on a single band
 - c.) it is too sharply directional at lower frequencies
 - d.) it must be neutralized
2. What is the direction of an ascending pass for an amateur satellite ?
 - a.) west to east
 - b.) east to west
 - c.) south to north
 - d.) north to south
3. What is the maximum mean power permitted for any spurious emission from a transmitter or external RF power amplifier transmitting on a frequency below 30 MHz?
 - a.) 50 mW
 - b.) 100 mW
 - c.) 10 mW
 - d.) 10 W

January Contests

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

Jan 1	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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Straight Key Night		CW
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Jan 7-8	<i>1800 to 2400 Z</i>	80m to 10 m
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ARRL RTTY Roundup		RTTY
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Jan 8	<i>1800 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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Kid's Day		SSB
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Jan 14-15	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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North American QSO Party		CW
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Jan 21-22	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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HA (Hungary) DX 'test		all modes
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Jan 21-22	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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UK DX RTTY 'test		RTTY
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Jan 21-22	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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North American QSO Party		SSB
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Jan 21	<i>0000 to 0400 Z</i>	80 m to 40 m
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LZ (Bulgaria) Open 'test		CW
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Jan 21-23	<i>1900 to 0400 Z</i>	6 m on up
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ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes		all modes
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Jan 28-29	<i>0600 to 1800 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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REF (France) DX 'test		CW
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Jan 28-29	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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UBA (Belgium) DX 'test		SSB
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amendment by Steve to change the time to 12:30 pm was accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

- Bob, WB8NQW, revealed the officer slate for the election at the banquet as follows:

President	Craig, NM8W
Vice President	Bob, WB8NQW
Secretary	Bob, N1RB
Treasurer	Bill, WD8JWJ
Board	Steve/Phil, K8BBK/W8PSK

- Chuck, WD8ICP, remarked that this year marks the 55th anniversary of the Club's ARRL affiliation. He suggested that we hold a picnic at a local park in the summer to mark the event. Steve suggested that we operate a special event station at that time also. The organizing committee is Bob, WB8NQW and Phil, W8PSK. If you have any suggestions, please let them know.

New Business:

- Don, K8OVO, reported that there is no movement on the State PRB-1 bill, but keep alert to the need for writing letters to legislators as the case may arise.
- Chuck mentioned that BGSU has publicized a 5-year plan where the Administration Building will be demolished. Since our repeater transmitter is housed in the penthouse of that building, it is essential that the Club start making plans to move it.

- Don mentioned that the December ARES meeting has been cancelled per Bob Schumann, W8NYY, Wood County EC
- Bob mentioned that the next business meeting is on February 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. ■

Letter from the President

December 2011

This will be my last President's Letter. For me it has been a fast but fun 2 years. WCARC gained a few new members, we welcomed back some previous members and Wood County has several new hams. Our K8TIH repeater in my opinion is one of the best in the county thanks to our talented technical committee. Thank you to my fellow officers and board members. And thanks to Bob, N1RB, for CQ Chatter. The Tuesday night net is well attended and the Sunday 10 meter net at 28.335 MHz has a small but steady following. I have also heard that our members are among the friendliest hams in the area. For this we can be very proud.

In 2012, WCARC will celebrate 55 years of affiliation with ARRL. This deserves a party that should include all past members and as many Wood County hams as possible.

It has been my pleasure to serve as

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January Hamfests

Jan 15 Hazel Park ARC. Annual Hamfest. Hazel Park High School, Hazel Park, MI. Contact Walt, KD8LWC, (248) 548-4645 .

e-mail: kd8lwc@yahoo.com

web: <http://hparc.org>

Feb 5 Northern Ohio ARS. Annual Winter Hamfest. Gargus Hall, Lorain, OH. Contact Darlene, KA8VTS, (216) 398-8858.

e-mail: dohman@roadrunner.com

web: <http://www.noars.net>

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your President. Please give the next Administration your continued support. I thank you for your support and I look forward to attending future meetings from the middle row of seats.

See you at the kickoff banquet, January 8, 2012.

73

Bob WB8NQW

OHIO SECTION EMERGENCY

COORDINATOR REPORT

As the year closes, ARES activities will generally slow down. Take time and check your equipment. There is still a chance of bad weather. When the winter storm warnings come up in your area keep a close ear to the National Weather service advisories, and act according to your county plans. As I have said many times before, take a few FEMA classes.

Brain Teaser answers: 1-a, 2-c, 3-a

Jay Bookwalter, KC8GNL, DEC of District 6, reports 100% of the active ARES members in Marion County have completed IS-100, and they are working on IS-200. It is great seeing ARES members working together to improve training. It is more fun to work in groups, also.

After many years as being the DEC of District 1, George Henzler, WB8HHZ, has stepped down from that job. I have been privileged to work with George, yet I know George, and he will still keep involved with ARES. Thank you, George, for your professionalism. Taking over as DEC is Brent Stover, WD8PNZ. I have talked to Brent a few times and I am sure he will do a very fine job.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a happy and joyous Christmas and holiday season. Thank you all for being there and your support of ARES and Amateur Radio.

73, Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ

Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator

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