

CQ CHATTER

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P.O. BOX 534, Bowling Green, OH

<http://wcarc.bgsu.edu>

President	NM8W	Craig Magrum
Vice President	WB8NQW	Bob Willman
Secretary	N1RB	Bob Boughton
Treasurer	WD8JWJ	Bill Wilkins

Kickoff Banquet a Success

The 2012 WCARC Kickoff Banquet was held on Sunday, January 8th, at Dyer's Restaurant in Bowling Green. As a switch from previous years, the event was held at noontime as a brunch. The number of attendees was well over 20 with three full tables of members and families. The food was excellent as was the camaraderie. The outgoing President, Bob, WB8NQW, introduced the following slate of officers for consideration by the membership:

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

Running unopposed, the slate was elected by acclamation. The new President, NM8W, introduced himself and had everybody do the same. He promised to do his best to keep the Club moving in a positive direction this year.

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

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Business Meeting

Monday, February 13th

TIME: 7:30 pm / eyeball at 7:00

**PLACE: Sheriff's Training Room
E. Gypsy Ln. and Dunbridge Rds.**

Bowling Green, OH

We all owe a debt of gratitude to NQW and the other officers for conducting a great year for WCARC, with many interesting programs and special events. Any reader who is not a member can become one by submitting an application and dues to the Club Treasurer, Bill, WD8JWJ, P. O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Application forms and other information are available at: <http://wcarc.bgsu.edu>. Dues are: Senior/Student-\$10; Regular-\$15; Family-\$20. Along with Club activities, dues also support publication of CQ Chatter. ■

Net Check Ins

December 27

NM8W (NC)
KI4DKX
N8YAE
K8BBK
K8OVO
WB8NQW
N1RB
K3RC
KC8EKT(9)

January 3

N8QMV (NC)
N1RB
WB8NQW
K8BBK
WD8JWJ
K8OVO
KG8FH
KC8ZJW
WD8PIC
W8MAL- Mike
KD8QYM-Lee (11)

January 10

WB8NQW (NC)
K8BBK
WD8PIC
WB8VUL
N8YAE
K8OVO
WD8JWJ
KC8EKT (8)

January 17

N1RB (NC)
K8BBK
NM8W
WB8NQW
K8OVO
WB8VUL
KC8EKT
N8YAE (8)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2030 EST/0130 Z

Jan	31	K8OVO
Feb	7	N8QMV
Feb	14	WB8NQW
Feb	21	N1RB
Feb	28	NM8W
Mar	6	K8OVO
Mar	13	N8QMV

Brain Teasers

- How would you change a dipole antenna to make it resonant on a higher frequency?
 - lengthen it
 - insert coils in series with the radiating wires
 - shorten it
 - add capacity hats to the ends of the radiating wires
- What is the Q-signal to indicate you are changing frequency?
 - QRU
 - QSY
 - QSL
 - QRZ
- How many amps are flowing in a circuit when the applied voltage is 12 Vdc and the power load is 120 W?
 - 0.1 A
 - 10 A
 - 12 A
 - 132 A

February Contests

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

Feb 4-5	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Vermont QSO Party		all modes
Feb 4-5	<i>0001 to 2359 Z</i>	10 m
Ten-Ten Winter QSO Party		SSB
Feb 4	<i>1400 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Minnesota QSO Party		all modes
Feb 4-5	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
British Columbia QSO Party		all modes
Feb 4-5	<i>1700 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Delaware QSO Party		all modes
Feb 4-5	<i>1800 to 1759 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
XE (Mexico) Int'l RTTY 'test		digital
Feb 11-12	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
CQ WW RTTY WPX		digital
Feb 11-12	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 40 m
PACC (Netherlands) 'test		all modes
Feb 11-12	<i>1500 to 0300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Louisiana QSO Party		all modes
Feb 11-12	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
New Hampshire QSO Party		all modes
Feb 17-18	<i>2100 to 2100 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Russian WW PSK 'test		PSK 31

February Contests-continued

Feb 18-19	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
ARRL Int'l CW DX 'test		CW
Feb 24-26	<i>2200 to 2200 Z</i>	160 m
CQ WW 160 m SSB		SSB
Feb 25-26	<i>0600 to 1800 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
REF (France) 'test		SSB
Feb 25-26	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) 'test		CW
Feb 25-26	<i>1500 to 0300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Mississippi QSO Party		all modes
Feb 25-26	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		digital
Feb 26-27	<i>1700 to 0300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
North Carolina QSO Party		all modes

February Hamfests

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>

Feb 19 Livonia ARC. Annual Swap-n-Shop (see flyer). Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center, Livonia, MI. Contact Michael, N8MR, (734) 941-5043.

e-mail: k8uns@arrl.net web: <http://livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>

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

DON'T FORGET! 10 meter informal net meets

Sunday at 2030 EST on 28.335 MHz

US District Court Issues Summary Judgment against K1MAN

excerpted from ARRL Letter

On January 10, the US District Court for Maine issued a ruling in the FCC's lawsuit to collect monetary forfeitures issued to Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, of Belgrade Lakes, Maine. The FCC had assessed forfeitures in the amount of \$21,000 against Baxter on three asserted violations of the *Communications Act of 1934* and its regulations: Failure to respond to an FCC inquiry in violation of Title 47, Section 308 of the US Code, willful or malicious interference with other radio transmissions in violation of **Section 97.101(d)**, and engaging in communications in which he has a pecuniary interest in violation of Section 97.113(a)(3).

Chief US District Judge John A. Woodcock Jr, in writing for the Court, agreed with the FCC on the first two counts -- willful or repeated failure to respond to FCC requests for information, and willful or malicious interference -- and granted summary judgments to the FCC in the amount of \$3000 and \$7000, respectively. On the third claim -- communications in which an amateur station licensee or control operator has a pecuni-

ary interest -- the Court declined to grant a summary judgment to the FCC, holding that there were issues of material fact to be litigated in the Court in later proceedings.

For those of you who may not be aware, K1MAN was infamous for his "broadcast" transmissions on 14.275 MHz. He was observed interfering with stations already on that frequency without asking if it was in use. It turns out that further investigation showed that he was operating an automatic station with little or no control of its transmissions. The current FCC and Court action is the result of better than 15 years' worth of complaints and observation by other amateurs. ■

Letter from the President

February 2012

This is my first President's Letter, and I want to start by saying: "Thank you for trusting me with this office." Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Craig Magrum, NM8W. I was first licensed as an Amateur Radio Operator in March, 2010, when I earned my General ticket. I upgraded to Amateur Extra in April, 2011. I've been an active member of the Wood

It's Time to Renew!

**Club Dues for 2012---Payable to WCARC
P. O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402**

County Amateur Radio Club since 2010, and am *very* grateful for the assistance I was given as a new ham, and for the new friendships I've created through this Club.

I'd like to encourage all Club members to continue in their great tradition of being a friendly, laid-back club, who jumps at the chance to elmer new hams like myself. I truly believe that this sort of friendly, welcoming attitude is what makes this club such a great one.

For those of you who maybe have not attended a business meeting or eyeball QSO breakfast for awhile, I'd like to invite you to come on back out and get active again with us! We would love to see this Club continue to grow and provide a place for hams to enjoy the hobby together.

Be sure to visit our website located at: <http://wcarc.bgsu.edu/>. There you will find our calendar of events, meetings and the like, in addition to past issues of CQ Chatter and local repeater information.

Please consider joining us at our next Business Meeting which will be held Monday, February 13th at the Wood County Sheriff's Office Conference Room. The Eyeball QSO/Social time starts at 7:00pm, and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm. We'll talk about the upcoming year and what we'd like to accomplish as a club.

Looking forward to a great, exciting year in Amateur Radio with the Hams of Wood County!

73

Craig, NM8W

2012 TO BE A LEAP SECOND YEAR

Look for 2012 to be a tiny bit longer than years past. This is because 2012 will be a bit longer than 2011 or 2010. Confused? The International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service has decided to add a leap second to Coordinated Universal Time at the end of June 2012.

The most recent leap was added on December 31, 2008. They have been necessary because of the Earth's unpredictable rotation. Coordinated Universal Time, better known as UTC is based on highly accurate atomic clocks, but has been kept more or less synchronized with mean solar time by way of leap seconds.

Leap seconds were first introduced in 1972 but may not be with us much longer. Now however, a proposed revision of Standard-Frequency and Time Signal Emissions will be voted by the International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Assembly meeting, immediately before this years World Radiocommunication Conference. If the international panel agrees, Leap Seconds will be eliminated by 2018. Meantime, with this being a so called leap year, February will have a total of 29 days instead of the usual 28, to make up for our rotation around the Sun. So adjust your computer logging software accordingly. ■

Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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or 146.52 Simplex

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Livonia ARC
P.O. Box 51532
Livonia, MI 48151-0532

Call (734) 941-5043

or e-mail us at k8uns@arrl.net

Sunday, February 19, 2012 8:00am - 12:00pm



*Lots of Tables
(8' tables for \$16 each
if paid in advance or
\$20.00 if available and
paid at the door)

*Door Prizes

*Food Concession

*Tickets \$5.00

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