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## Remembering the pole:

A very common device that many Hams have used during their experiences in the hobby of Amateur Radio is the Gin Pole. Many amateurs have asked where this device came from and where did the name Gin Pole come from and when.

Gin Pole does not refer to a drink that uses the liquid gin as an ingredient. However, during research I did find fourteen drinks listing gin as a required item. Research suggests the Gin Pole had an English/French origin, dating to around 1447. It was a mechanical apparatus for hoisting heavy weights; a kind of crane (boom) powered by a winch or some form of engine. As time passed the word engine became shortened and known as gin.

A later nautical reference is a small iron sheave, to serve as a pulley for the use of a chain in the discharging of cargo and for other purposes. The chain is led through an engine (gin). On ships the boom or pole is used to move items about. So a Gin Pole started out as an engine driven winch on a pole with pulleys.

Recently, while reviewing the web for some information, I came across a reply to the question, "what is the origin of the term Gin Pole?" On 10-09-99 a Brion Toss replied as follows:

*"The term comes, indirectly, from those canes that had the little vial for liquor. And because the cane's owner could be expected to become somewhat rambunctious after repeatedly drinking from said stick, this also led to the phrase "Raising Cane". It was a short translation from cane to crane, the latter even having a little handle-like projection at the top. Liquor wasn't actually kept inside the crane mast, but there was generally lots of it around, so they came to be called "gin poles". And as it happens, the actual story is almost as convoluted, in the wonderful fashion of solid old words. The direct root word appears to be the Latin "Ingenium", natural ability. This branched off into a bunch of different ways, including words like "ingenious", "engine", and "engineer". Other connections include things like "general", "engender", "genius" and "gentle". So "gin" in this sense is a foreshortened form of the OF "engin", which can mean anything from a contrivance or device to snare or trap. "Gin" in this sense is one of those fossilized words; you only see it accompanied by "pole". And it is interesting to note that the ruling word for this class of machines is "crane" which is a poetic sort of word, rooted in the long neck of a bird."*

Looking for a single definition of how Gin Pole got that name is somewhat a kin to why are amateur radio operators called Hams. There are a number of answers to the Ham question and probably additional answers to the gin pole story as well. We welcome each and every additional answer.

Sources used in the above were the Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd Edition, Vol. 6, page 517 and <http://www.brion-toss.com/wwwboard/messages/1219.html>

73, John, N9LIN American Bartender

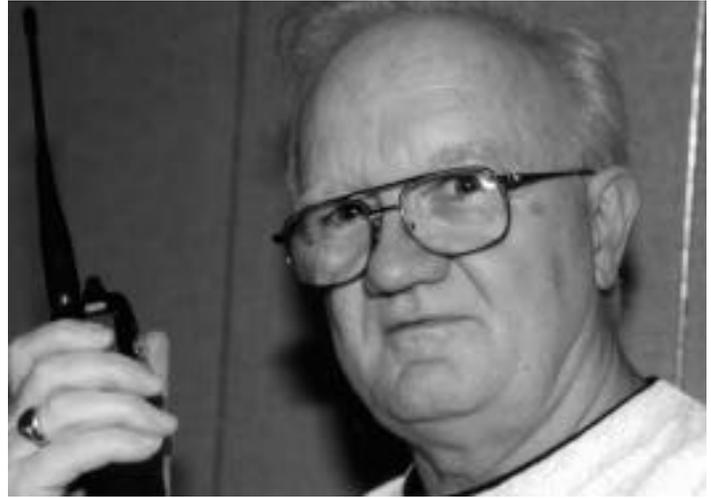
## BAR JOKES

This man was in an accident at home so he filled out an insurance claim. The insurance company contacted him and asked for more information. This was his response:

"I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block number 3 on the accident reporting form. I put 'Poor Planning' as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust the following detail will be sufficient." I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower. "Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in block 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 155 pounds.

# From the President's Gavel

by Joe LeFebvre WCRA President



## WCRA Needs YOU

Well summer is almost over; fall and winter are approaching. It's time for the club to start thinking HamFest. This is our club's only moneymaking event and we need the participation of each and every club member in one form or another. The HamFest committee is now in the planning stages for the 2002 HamFest and needs more help. There are several major positions that are currently open and must be filled. Many members of the current HamFest committee have served for a number of years now. We owe them all our thanks for all the work they have done; but we need to see some new faces on the HamFest committee. It is unfair for so few to have to carry our clubs financial welfare on their shoulders. I believe many of the "long timers" would relish a less hectic fall and winter but some may feel they cannot abandon the committee unless there are others willing to replacement them. The time to act is now. We all use and benefit from the resources paid for from the proceeds of the HamFest; it is time we all contributed also.

If you are not ready for the HamFest committee there are many other options. On HamFest Saturday there is a lot of setup work that must be done. On HamFest Sunday there are activities before the event starts, activities during the event and post-event activities. Whether you work a few hours on HamFest Sunday or work more on the committee, everyone's contribution is vital to the success of the HamFest and to the longevity of our club.

Most importantly I urge each member to take 5 or 10 tickets and sell them. Pre-event ticket sales are critical to the success of the HamFest. We have been lucky recently with the weather, but one of these years a major storm will get us. When that day comes, pre-event sales will mean the difference between a break-even year and a catastrophe.

73, N9WRO

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Sunday 8:00 pm	145.390/(-600)	Net Control: Rotates
Sunday 8:30 pm	224.140/(-1.600)	Net Control: Marty KA9RCC
Tuesday 8:00 pm	145.390(-600)	ARES Net
Tuesday 8:30 pm	444.475/(5.0)	UHF Net

#### WCRA Repeaters

145.390/ 144.790	103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B) PL Encode/Decode
224.140/222.540	Carries Access - SKYWARN Service Liaison
444.475/449.475	114.8 Hz(2A) PLEncode/ Decode
145.310/144.710	WCRA, W9CCU-1 Full Duplex Packet Reprtr

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Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. "Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, and the lacerations of the legs and lower body. The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools. Fortunately, only three vertebra were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and unable to move, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope."

And once again, the evolutionary train takes a brief detour.....

73, John, N9LIN

[www.geocities.com/NapaValley/5653/jokes.htm](http://www.geocities.com/NapaValley/5653/jokes.htm)

## **STILL STRUGGLING WITH CODE?**

**The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs club offers semi-annual FREE 5-wpm Morse code classes. Classes will meet once a week for nine weeks from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Most people who the complete the course seem to have a good time. We provide advice for studying the code and taking the FCC 5-wpm exam as well as a lot of morale support. A high percentage of students pass the FCC code test. YOU MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME. We need time to prepare materials.**

**The next session runs Thursday, September 20 through November 15, 2001, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W.Liberty.**

**For information or to sign up contact:**

**George W9GWR 630 871-1786 (w9gwr@arrl.net)**

**Charlie WB9SGD 630 665-4506 (wb9sgd@earthlink.net)**

# WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitiileri  
N9EF  
WCRA  
Secretary



The meeting was adjourned at 8:15, refreshments were served, and the presentation followed.

You will notice that we do not have any anchors this month. Why not you ask? Are too many of you visiting a weekend hamfest and neglecting to list items for sale with your lonely Hamletter? Shame on you! Please remember those of us that are less fortunate and are unable to attend the many local, regional, and worldwide hamfests and must out of necessity rely on these pages to upgrade their own shack.

## BIRTHDAYS OF SEPTEMBER

John	WB9VGJ	09-01-40
Judy	N9TDU	09-02-37
Vickie	KA9OEB	09-04-20
Carl	N9GZR	09-04-24
Jack	KA9HEL	09-05-33
George	WB9FOQ	09-09-21
Glenn	K9KGU	09-09-31
Norm	K9GSA	09-13-41
Pat	K9JAU	09-15-40
Eugene	WB9JAB	09-15-55
Edwin	N9UWC	09-22-20
Tom	N9CBA	09-25-47

If your birthday does not appear in the month of your entry upon the area please eMail a note to the editor. The many call sign changes over the past several years has also added to some people being left off the birthday list by mistake. The FCC no longer lists birthdays in their database.

### WCRA Minutes from the August 3, 2001 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Vice President, **Chris, KC9L**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Chris, KC9L, reported that tonight's program will be a presentation on computers in the ham shack. Treasurer, **Kim, N9XE**, gave a report of the club's financial condition. Membership, **Carol, KB9FYL**, two new members were voted in at this meeting. Health & Welfare, **Dale, NJ9E**, reported that **Eileen, N9TWS** is still in ICU in Edwards Hospital. She will be moved to a rehab facility this week. RAB, **Don, N9NYX**, reported that the 220 machine is at Roberto's being assembled and should be on the air soon. The 2 meter machine has been experiencing some heat problems. The 440 machine will be worked on after the 220 machine goes up. Historian (retired), **John, N9LIN**, reported that there is no truth to the rumors that the position of WCRAClub Historian has been filled. Training, **Jack, KA9HEL**, requested funds for new training tapes for the Technician Course. Field Day, Dale NJ9E, reported that the unofficial total is 9,398 points. Dale then awarded certificates of appreciation to the Field Day participants. Hamfest, **John, N9MWF**, reported that discussions with Hawthorne are in progress checking on availability. John also reported that the Hamfest website domain has been secured for the next two years. Hamletter, Don, N9NYX, explained that some members had problems opening the Hamletter .pdf file. Don and others fielded questions about Adobe Acrobat and downloading the Hamletter. Old Business: The party interested in purchasing the generator is still interested and just waiting for the cash. New Business: **Janie, AE9JG**, mentioned that she has some scouts interested in JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), and is looking for info (JOTA is the 3rd week in October).

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## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

Electronic QSLing is quickly becoming a reality, spear-headed by the ARRL's 'Logbook of the World' Project. At the heart of the Logbook of the World concept is a huge repository of log data provided by operators--from individual DXers and contesters to major DXpeditions--and maintained by ARRL. The system will benefit big and little guns alike by providing quick QSO credit for awards offered by ARRL, and, it's hoped, for awards offered by other organizations as well.

Once it becomes available (which could be as early as the middle of next year) Logbook of the World will accept authenticated data directly from computerized logs via the Internet. "This is an email based system that uses easy-to-obtain digital signatures for authentication," Mills said. "Once you get your digital certificate, a few keystrokes will do the trick."

The program will offer user access to the LOTW "confirmed database" so an operator can see what "matches" turn up, such as confirmation of new DXCC entities, states or grid squares. The ARRL will publish a list of logs that have been submitted, and operators may access the LOTW database once they've uploaded their own log data.

Heading up software development is ARRL Electronic Publications Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z, along with Web Applications Developer, Mark Simcik, WA1VVB. Software specifications already have been established. Advising the project are Darryl Wagoner, WA1GON, Dick Green, WC1M and Ted Demopoulos, KR1G. ARRL staffer and well-known contesteer and DXer Dave Patton, NT1N who conducted the original electronic QSL project study, is also assisting.

The league hopes to be able to announce a specific inauguration date for the program within a few months, as the software design progresses

Fast on the heels of approval of the "Logbook of the World" by the ARRL Board of Directors, software design to support the electronic contact-verification program is continuing quickly. The

ARRL hopes soon to make LOTW software modules available to vendors for incorporation into their logging programs. These modules are being developed as part of the Trusted QSL open-source project, headed by WA1GON. (More information about the Trusted QSL project can be found at [sourceforge.net/projects/trustedqsl](http://sourceforge.net/projects/trustedqsl).)

Marcel, ON4QM/FOØDEH, will once again be active from French Polynesia and the Austral Islands, possibly the same dates as last year (Sept. 25th through Nov. 25th). He will be active from Pukapuka (OC-062) in the Tuamotu Island group, then from Rapa (OC-051) in the Australes and may be again from Reao (OC-238) in the Tuamotu.

A Dutch team will be active as LX9SW in Luxembourg from September 15-22nd. They will concentrate on CW and SSB, 160-10 meters, but there will also be active on RTTY and PSK31. Suggested frequencies are (+/- QRM):

CW - 1820, 3520, 7020, 10120, 14060, 18070, 21020,  
24900, 28020

SSB - 1845, 3785, 7080, 14185, 18150, 21280, 24950, 28480  
They will listen up 5 kHz. QSL via PA1KW. QSL is OK by the bureau or direct with an IRC or 1 greenstamp.

Chris, GØWFH, plans to operate from Jersey Island (GJ) October 17-31 as GH4BJC/P. He plans to concentrate on 160M SSB. He even has his expected operating times:

October 18: 23ØØZ-Ø3ØØZ

October 21: 19ØØZ- 24ØØZ.

October 22: 23ØØZ-Ø5ØØZ

October 27: 23ØØZ-Ø6ØØZ

October 28: 22ØØZ-Ø4ØØZ

October 29: 22ØØZ-Ø2ØØZ

Obviously, if the time extends beyond 24ØØZ/ØØØØZ the ending time is on the following calendar day. His gear will include an Icom IC-756, ALS500M 400W amplifier and a Battle Creek special" 160/80 Meter vertical antenna. Chris says this will be his last Jersey trip with the GH4BJC/P call. For skeds contact Chris at [chris.g0wfh@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.g0wfh@btinternet.com).

Look for lots of activity from the Pacific this month. Gunter, DL2AWG is planning to be on Vitu Levu Island (OC-016) in the Fiji Islands as 3D2AW from August 31 to September 8. Dan, KH6UW and Tom, K7ZZ will be making an exploratory trip to Johnston Atoll, KH3, from September 11-21. Travel from Hawaii will be by military "space available" airplane with severe restrictions on equipment "payload" taken along. JH7IMX will activate Saipan in the North Marianas September 28 through October 2. The call will be KHØ/K7WD. QSL to his JH7IMX home call. Meanwhile, KHØHE is active now. Rudi, KH4/DL7VFR, and Tom KH4/DL2RUM will activate

Midway Island September 20-29, 160-6, CW, SSB and RTTY. For more info go to <http://www.qsl.net/dl2rum/>.

Marty,NWØL; Tom,AE9B; and Geoff,WØCG will be activating the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's new station as PJ2T during the Worked All Europe SSB Contest on September 8 and 9. During the week before the contest, they will be active as PJ2/homecall on SSB, CW, RTTY and possibly PSK-31 and MFSK-16, on 160 through 10 meters. QSL prior to the contest via home callsign. Direct QSLs should include a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) for a reply. Limited schedules on the digital modes are available. Interested parties should e-mail NWØL directly at [nw0l@arrl.net](mailto:nw0l@arrl.net). See <http://asgard.kent.edu.ccc> for more information about the Caribbean Contesting Consortium and PJ2T. QSL PJ2T via KN7Y.

Chris,TT8DX is now back Chad. He returned to Moudoun at the end of August, and he will be active for one more year from Grid square JJ88aa. Equipment will include an HF transceiver with a dipole for 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 meters and a HF2V for 30, 40 and 80 meters. An AL-1500 amplifier will also be used. On 6 meters he will use a transceiver with a 2-element HB9CV and 400 watts output. QSL via F5OGL either via the French REF bureau or direct to Didier A. Senmartin, P.O. Box 19, F-35998 Rennes Armees, FRANCE. In addition , Eric, F5JJK, signing TT8JE, was heard on 12 meters with very few takers. Watch 24945 kHz between 0730 and 0830z. QSL via F6FNU.

Dave,AH6HY will be going to Rurutu Island in the Australs from September 9-14th. He will be active from the Rurutu Village Hotel using the callsign FOØFLA. He will concentrate on 15/20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign AH6HY.

Dan,KH6UW will lead a group of four operators to Johnson Island September 11-18th. The group will be active on 160-6 meters including the WARC bands using CW and SSB, using the callsign K3J. Two 24-hour stations will be used with a third activated as needed. European contacts will be emphasized when band openings permit. QSL via AH6HN.

Look for ZX3B, a special callsign that belongs to the Brazilian Army in order to celebrate the independence birthday of this country. This operation will take place through September 9th. Activity is planned to be on all HF bands (including the WARC bands) and on the major modes as well (SSB and CW). The callsign is already placed on QRZ.com and also at BUCK.com with information concerning the operation the QSL address. You can find more info on this operation on: <http://www.qsl.net/zx3b>

From the DXCC Desk we had word that the following operations from Guinea have now been credited for DXCC approval. They

had been on the bad list, for lack of documentations, but are now OK. Anyone who has submitted these and had it rejected can contact the DXCC Desk and have them credited.

3XY1BO

3XY7A

3XYO3A

Also, T5AR (Somalia) has been approved for DXCC credit. It was on the bad list for lack of documentation. The documentation has been reviewed and it is OK. People can now receive DXCC credit. Anyone who has submitted it and had it rejected can contact the DXCC Desk and they'll be able to update their record without having to submit the card again. If not, it can be sent in with your next submission.

Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reminds everyone, "Once again, the cutoff to be shown in the 2001 yearbook is rapidly approaching. In order to be shown you must have a submission in between October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001. If you have not submitted and you are not current on the DXCC Honor Roll, you will need to make a submission on or by September 30, 2001. Note, the submission must be in our hands by this date, not post-marked. In 2001, September 30 is a Sunday, so applications received in October 1, only, can be credited for September 30. In order to receive the free copy you must: 1) Be an ARRL member. 2) Be current on the DXCC Honor Roll (325 current entities) or, if not on the Honor Roll you must submit an application by September 30, 2001. The yearbook will be out in the spring of 2002. If you do not qualify for the free copy, it can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Previous editions are available starting from 1993 for \$5 each (includes shipping)."

DX POTPOURRI

K4ZW and K4YT will be traveling to Mongolia and operating as JT1FZW and JT1FYT respectively between September 19 and 27. The primary purpose of this trip is to assist Chak, JT1CO with the installation of antennas at his new QTH outside of Ulan Bator. A Titanex V160 vertical will be installed during the trip so that Chak can continue to focus on lowband activity. QSLs for JT1FZW will go via K4ZW.

Rod Dinkins, AC6V, has authored a new DX book called "THE AMATEUR RADIO DX REFERENCE GUIDE - DXing 101X". You can see and outline and sample pages on his webpage at <http://ac6v.com/DXSAMPLE.htm>. The new book sells for \$19.95 + shipping and handling.

YL operator Shin,S21YH in Bangladesh has kept the CW ops happy on 17/15/12 meters. There has also been some SSB. Check around 18080 (or 18150) kHz after 1700z. Check around 21210 kHz after 0800z and 24895 kHz after 1030z. QSL via 7M4PTE.

Look for Andy,P29AM (QSL via NU5O) and Harry,P29WS (QSL

via W4HUT), to be active from Lae, Papua New Guinea beginning September 7, 2001 through September 16, 2001. The main frequencies will be 1830, 3520, 3780, 7023, 14023, 14200 and 14226.5 (and as they can, on other frequencies).

It looks like Jacques, FR5ZU, is heading back to Tomelin (FR/T) again during the month of September (September 6th through October 5th). Expected activity is to be on all bands SSB. "The Daily DX" states to QSL via direct or his current QSL Manager JA8FCG.

Phil, G3SWH, will be QRV as 5R8HA from Madagascar between September 6 and 20. He'll be traveling extensively and doesn't expect to be QRV until he gets to Ile Ste Marie (AF-090) on September 15. Look for him on CW only. QSL via G3SWH

The Amateur Wireless Club on Diego Garcia Island, VQ9IO, in the British Indian Ocean Territory now has a web page at <http://www.qsl.net/vq9io/>. The group has a web cam in their club station shack. The web cam is typically QRV from 1130 to 1530Z and during contests. A listing of present and past VQ9 can also be found on the web site.

Phil, G3SWH, will be going to Madagascar between September 6 and 20. He has submitted 5R8WH on his application, but has not received word of his call as of yet. He'll be traveling extensively and doesn't expect to be QRV until he gets to Ile Ste Marie (AF-090) on September 15. Look for him on CW only. QSL via G3SWH.

Jeff, KA1GJ, will be on Kwajalein Island for a three-year assignment as V73GJ starting very soon. QSL direct via P.O. Box 1050, APO AP96555.

Look for EP3SMH in Iran Moshen on 15 SSB, near 21300, from 1300 to 1600Z.

Mark, VKØKMT in has been lurking on 21230 between 0700 and 0900Z on Sunday. He is stationed at Davis Base, Antarctica. QSL via VK4KMT.

Yuu, JA3IG, (member of the A52A operations) is going to Nepal for vacation in September. Look for Yuu to operate 20m and 15m SSB/CW from September 7-9th, as 9N7IG. QSL via homecall.

Claude, F9LC (ex FF8AK), retired and moved to Phnom Penh. He is now signing XU7ABN in PSK31 and RTTY on 15m and 20m. QSL via Claude Laget, P.O. Box 1373 G.P.O., 99999 Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Here's what's happening on the HF bands this month.

ØØØØz Sept 1 All Asia  
2359z Sept 2 DX Contest 160 – 10M SSB

12ØØz Sept 1 LZ (Bulgaria)  
12ØØz Sept 2 DX Contest 80 – 10M CW

ØØØØz Sept 2 North America  
Ø4ØØz Sept 2 Sprint 80 – 20M CW

23ØØz Sept 1 Michigan QRP Club  
Ø3ØØz Sept 2 Labor Day Srint 160 - 6M CW

ØØØØz Sept 8 European DX  
2359z Sept 9 Contest 80 – 10M SSB

ØØØØz Sept 9 North American  
Ø4ØØz Sept 9 Sprint 80 – 20M SSB

15ØØz Sept 15 Scandinavia  
18ØØz Sept 16 DX Contest 80 – 10M CW

14ØØz Sept 15 YLRL  
Ø2ØØz Sept 16 Howdy Days (YL's Only) 80 - 10M CW/SSB  
RTTY

19ØØz Sept 15 QCWA  
19ØØz Sept 16 QSO Party 160 – UHF CW/SSB

ØØØØz Sept 15 Atlantic  
2359z Sept 16 QSO Party 160 – 10M CW/SSB

0000z Sept 29 CQ WW  
2359z Sept 30 DX RTTY Contest 80 – 10M RTTY

Hopefully this will be enough to keep everybody occupied for the month. I'd like to express my thanks this month to the Ohio-Penn DX Association, The Daily DX Report, the ARRL DX Bulletin, World Radio and the DARC DX Newsletter.

73, and I'll see you on the HF bands.

## NOTICE

Would any of you like to volunteer to interview fellow club members for a Shack-of-the-Month article for the Hamletter? The job takes a tremendous amount of time each month but this is more than made up by the large salary the club pays people to write for this publication. If you have any interest please contact the editor.



# W9CCU



The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs  
Are Proud to Present

The Field Day Chairman Award  
To

**Frank Krozel KG9H**

For Excellence in Leadership  
and Dedication to the WCRA During  
Field Day, June 23, 2001

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, Box QSL Wheaton, IL 60187

At the August meeting, Dale, NJ9E, presented a personalized award shown above to the Field Day participants. He also sent out an eMail which is included below. Editor

I gave out the awards for field day at last Friday's meeting. Many of you did not attend so I will bring them to future meetings and you can pick them up there.

I attached a copy of the award for Frank KG9H. The background I used in Corel Draw was called "Solar Flare". I think it made an impressive graphic.

Each of you did an outstanding job and I think our point total is excellent considering the conditions. I know there was questions about how we stacked up compared to last year. Well, its hard to know. We are damn good at what we do. If we had a hard time because of conditions, our competition certainly did as well. I think we will make a great showing in the standings.

Lets do it all again next year.

Dale Kwarta NJ9E

## September Calendar of Events

- 4th of September: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 6th of September: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 7th of September: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #8 in Breyer Hall. Breyer Hall is located just to the East of the library and is two buildings East of Edman Chapel. Room 8 is in the basement at the base of the stairs.
- 13th of September: Club dinner held at the Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.
- 15th of September: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.
- 27th of September: WCRA monthly VEC testing will be held from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard. Testing will be in the Col Plum Auditorium. For last minute changes check the following website: <http://plaws.net/VE/>.

### WCRA General Membership Meeting - September 7th - Wheaton College - 7:30 PM

WCRA was founded in 1948 and continues to be involved in all facets of Amateur Radio supporting the healthy growth of the hobby through diversification and participation. Our members have always been our most important asset and we would like to see you join us for our next meeting. Our business meetings are followed by a break for conversation, coffee, soda pop, and fat pills. This is followed by an amateur radio related program. We would like to see you there to share the enthusiasm.

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