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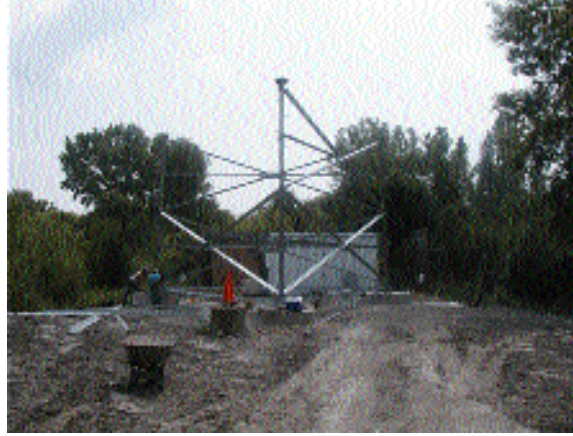
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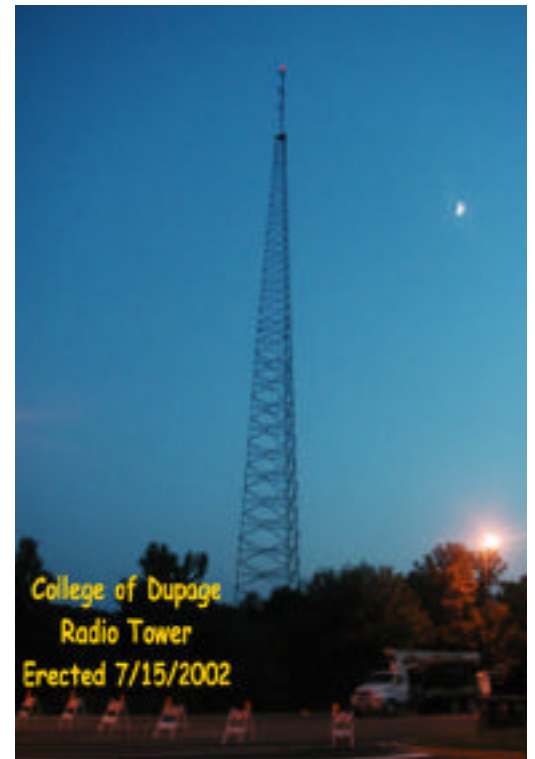


THE COD WDCB
TOWER RISES
ONCE AGAIN



As you can see from these pictures of the tower construction, the home of our 2M/220 repeaters is now back up. After several weeks of tuning the FM antenna at the top, WCRA will go back up on the tower as well.

Photos courtesy of
Larry, KA9KDC



From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRAPresident



Lots of things have been going on in Amateur Radio lately. Field Day is behind us for another year, one of our satellites Oscar 7 has come back to life. The WCRA team did another fine job at the Wheaton 4th of July parade. We will be conducting a hamfest again next year with Bruce K9OZ leading the hamfest team. The new WDCB radio tower has been erected and the FM antenna placed. Over the next few weeks the college radio folks will be installing their feedline and testing the station. Sometime after that we will have our turn to put antennas back up.

We have investigated our insurance coverage and with the replacement policy we have with the ARRL carrier much more of our cost of the 440 repeater repair and the new antennas and feed lines for 144 and 220 will be covered. We are still working with the carrier on how much we will receive.

We have delivered a portion of the required documents to our auditor and we are making copies of the rest. I expect that we will have the audit completed by the end of August

I would like to personally thank Jon KC9OO and Ken KB8VYV for spending a day working on the truck. Their work has saved us a lot of repair money!

We have a final roster and the bylaws together and we are working to publish them for delivery to (continued on page 11)

WCRA Staff

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WCRA Radio Nets

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) PL Encode/ Decode

145.310/144.710 WCRA, W9CCU-1 Full Duplex Packet Repr

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THE WCRA VEC TEAM IN ACTION



From left to right (standing) Janie, AE9JG; Robert, N9XS. From left to right (seated) Ed, K9EWF; Harry, N9HK (Team Coordinator), Mike, AB9AX; Peter, N5UWY; George, KB9TAR; and Don, K9MUF. Not present was George, W9GWR. Not pictured Steve, W9SRB. Behind the camera was Ken, N9HQ, for both pictures.



Don, K9MUF(L) and Harry, K9HK (R) perusing an antique radio during a lull in the action.

WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitillieri
N9EF
WCRA
Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 19:34PM by the President, **Bob KE9A**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. Copies of the last meeting's minutes were distributed to all in attendance. A motion was made by **Joe, N9WRO** to approve the minutes as written, The motion was seconded by **Steve, N9OA**; a vote was taken and the motion was approved. Bob, KE9A, reported that **Bruce, K9OZ**, and **Mary, K9GAL**, have agreed to chair the Hamfest. Bob happily reported that the new WRCA phone number is 630-604-0157. Bob also reported that due to the fact that we are better insured

than we thought, the budget will be in much better shape. He will have a budget prepared for the next meeting. Bob mentioned that we will begin mailing the Hamletter with the next issue. Secretary, **Robert, N9EF**, reminded the members that any update to member data should be reported to him. Please report any updates to n9ef@arrl.net or to his phone in the roster. Robert also mentioned that rosters and membership cards were available after the business meeting. If any member wishes an electronic copy of the roster please let Robert know. The file will be in Excel 2000 format unless otherwise specified. **John, W9LQL**, standing in for Treasurer, **Kim, N9XE**, reported on the club's financials. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, reported that he obtained new safe deposit box and keys. The box was cleaned of outdated items and new items were stored. Roberto believes that he has all items inventoried and checked in, they are available for checkout. The club truck was present at the July 4th parade, driven by **Kurt, KB9RTO**. There was a problem with the transfer switch but that has been repaired. Some repairs were made and steering is greatly improved. Thanks to **John, KC9OO**, for all his help. Roberto also reported that a class C license is required to drive. Members interested in driving the truck should contact Roberto. Public Service chairperson Joe, N9WRO, reported that the July 4th parade coverage was a success, Joe also passed around a sign-up sheet for the August 24th Glendale Heights parade. Please contact Joe if interested. For the RAB, **Don, N9NYX**, reported that the tower at COD is being erected. Given the progress so far and the work remaining, Don estimates that the WCRA antennas will be installed about mid-August. The 2 meter and 220 antennas will be installed on the tower. The new 440 machine will be relocated to the Esplanade building. New Business: Roberto, WA9E, mentioned that the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce is publishing a new booklet and we may wish to consider placing an ad. A discussion followed. **Dale, NJ9E**, made a motion that the board should decide. Steve, N9OA seconded the motion, a vote was taken and it was carried. Bob, KE9A, thanked all who had made Field Day a success. A motion was made by Steve, N9OA to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by **Mike, AB9AX**, a vote was taken and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 20:40. Dale, NJ9E, distributed certificates of appreciation to the many individuals who took part in Field Day.

For Sale

Yaesu FT50RD Dual Band 5W
NC-50 1 Hour Dual Slot Charger
NC-60B Wall Charger
EDC-5B DC Adapter with noise filter
Speaker/Mic
VOX/PTT Headset with boom mic
2 cases (1 Leather & 1 Foam)
ADMS-1E Software
MARS/CAP Modified

Original Manual
\$200.
n9ef@arrl.net

For Sale

Kenwood TM-231 2 Meter 50W
TTP Mic Original Manual
\$50.
n9ef@arrl.net

For Sale

Kenwood TW-4001A Dual
Band
With TTP Mic
Old and scarred, but it works!
No Manual
\$40.
n9ef@arrl.net



Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

I hope everybody had an enjoyable Field Day. While the 20 meter phone station didn't quite hit the 1K personal goal that I set myself each year, we made a very good effort. I'd like to again thank all those who participated; either on the air, or by helping with set up and take down. The weekend has really whetted my appetite to get back to some serious radio after many months of too much time spent in the office. There's a lot to report this month, so let's get to it.

Radio Austria had an interesting program on July 5th about amateur radio in North Korea. You can still hear this in RealAudio or MP3 files by going on the web to their site at http://roi.orf.at/roi/intermedia/im_aktuell.html.

Scroll down and click on "DIE P5-STORY/THE P5-STORY Amateur Radio in North Korea". It's available in either

English or German. The 25-minute story covers all previous P5 operations plus interesting interviews with Ed, P5/4L4FN about his activity and N7NG about ARRL's DXCC acceptance criteria. Pictures of all P5 QSLs from over the years - Romeo, Martti, Ed, etc. are included. Very interesting listening!

Here's some more information on the French DXpedition taking place now through August 14th in Benin. The team is set up in Grand-Popo, just near the southern border with Togo, and just 2 km away from the ocean. Their aim is to contact as many stations as possible from all continents, especially on WARC bands as well as low bands. Satellite activities are also planned. Due to the proximity to Togo, they expect to transmit from the southern part of that country as well if a license can be obtained. They know of several young people in Benin guys who are really interested in Ham Radio, but don't have the money to pay for licenses and gear. The antennas from the DXpedition will stay there along with a transceiver. They really hope to leave the country with at least 1 station (permanent resident) active from Benin. Their relations with the OPT (Ministry of Telecommunications) was excellent during their operation last year, and they are working hard to promote ham-radio in this country. They have a web page available at: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/f5cwu/html/benin02.htm>.

Rick, KL7AK, Blaine, KL7TG, Linda, NL7RE, Larry, KF6XC and Jim, K9PPY were going to activate Deer Island, part of the Southern Alaska Peninsula West group, an unnumbered IOTA island group, and should be on the air now. They will use the callsign KL7AK, and are projecting to be on the island late in the evening on the 31st of July, UTC, until mid-afternoon on the 5th of August, UTC. Their main station will be a Kenwood TS-570S(G) HF transceiver with an Ameritron AL-80A amp, using a Mosley Mini-33 tri-band Yagi up about 30 feet. A Cushcraft R-7000 will be used for 40 and 80 meters. Rick, KL7AK has found during his many Alaska island DXpeditions that 20 meters is the optimum band in Alaska. There is normally propagation up to 20 hours a day. However, they will attempt all bands, 80-10 meters, both SSB and CW, including the AO-27 and UO-14 satellites. They will operate on or near the IOTA frequencies on each band. The QSL Manager is Fred Stenger, N6AWD, good in the callbook and web databases.

For those who need reminding, the IOTA frequencies are:

CW 28.040 24.920 21.040 18.098 14.040 10.114 7.030 3.530
SSB 28.560 28.460 24.950 21.260 18.128 14.260 7.055 3.765

This month's operation to Myanmar, 2nd through the 19th, has been updated. The schedule now includes dates, locations and activity as follows. All activities will include WARC band operation:

August 2-8th: Yangon, 80-10 meters; one station.

August 9-22nd: Ngapali, 160- 10 meters; up to 4 stations.

August 16-19th: Apaw-Ye Kyun, New IOTA (Arrakan Group) now permitted, 80-10 meters; 2 stations minimum. The IOTA activation will be at least 4 days, possibly longer. Expected callsigns to be used are XY3C, XY5T and XY7V. For up-to-date info, on "Myanmar2002", check the Web site at: <http://www.dx-pedition.de/myanmar2002>.

Paul,K9OT and Peg,KB9LIE will operate from Miquelon (NA-032), August 11-19th, as FP/K9OT and FP/KB9LIE. Operations will be on 80-6 meters CW and SSB only; 160 will be attempted. This is a low-key vacation trip with 100 watts to wire and vertical antennas. Rigs will be a Ten-Tec Jupiter, Yaesu FT-900 CAT and Alinco DX-70TH. Special emphasis will be on 30, 17, and 12 meters. They will enter in the North American QSO Party SSB Contest, and will use the Green River Valley ARS club callsign FP/K9WM. QSL via their home-call, with the exception of FP/K9WM - QSLs go to NN9K.

Francois,VE2XO, has informed the DX community that he will be active from Lome, Togo, as 5V7XO from August 25-31st. He will be mainly active on RTTY and SSB on 20-10 meters, operating split. Francois also mentions that he may possibly be active from Benin. He will be running 1KW (TS-850SAT, IC-706 MKIIG and Acom 1000) into a Sigma-5 vertical, a Sigma-6M and a four-square Sigma-20 vertical array. QSL via his home callsign.

Following their all-YL mini-DXpedition to Norfolk Island in 2000, YLs Elizabeth,VE7YL, June,VK4SJ, Mio,JR3MVF, Raija, SMØHNV and Gwen/VK3DYL will next operate from Lord Howe Island (OC-ØØ4) next month as VK9YL from September 15-29th. QSL to VK3DYL (Gwen Tilson, 3 Gould Court, Mt. Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia) either direct with SAE and sufficient return postage or via the VK3 Bureau. Any direct cards received without return postage will be returned via the Bureau.

The DL7DF crew recently announced its next DXpedition to Guinea, using the callsign 3XY7C. Operations will take place between October 30th and November 13th. They will have several stations on the air on all bands from 160-6 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They will also make an attempt at SSTV. This experienced crew includes Tom,DJ6TF, Dirk,DJ7UC, Manfred,DK1BT, Wolf,DL4WK, Frank,DL7UFR, Tom,DL7BO and Sigi,DL7DF. The equipment consists of 4 transceivers (2 IC735's & 2 IC706's), 2 1kW linears (maybe 3), a TH3 for 20/15/10, a A3WS (17/12), 2 Titanex V80E Lowband Verticals, a GP for 40/30, another R5 Multiband GP as well as 5 laptop computers. The QSL route is either direct or via the bureau to DL7DF. An on-line log will be available and updated during their DXpedition. For more details, check the 3XY7C web-site at: www.qsl.net/dl7df/3x. Their pilot station for this DXpedition is Bernd, DF3CB (bernd@df3cb.com)

Mirek, 9V1XE/VK2DXI/SP5IXI, is once again active as 7XØDX from Algeria. His activity will begin the first or second week of July. He is expected to be there through the middle of the month. He will be active in his spare time on HF and AO40. This time he did not take antennas for UO14, so there will be no activity on that satellite. Updates about his operation will be published on the Web site at: <http://www.7x0.sp5zcc.waw.pl/>. You can also find his on-line log and a guest book where you can > place your requests for a special band or mode. QSL via DL4DBR.

Vasco,7Q7CT is working in Malawi and will be there for some time, according to Gus,CT1ABE. Vasco has had some problems with his antennas but is now getting more active, working 20 and 15 most of the time, but he is also able to get on 10 and 40. He is almost exclusively a phone operator. QSL as instructed.

Bruce,AC4G/V73CW, says he is going back to Wake Island in May 2003. He was unable to get operating permission from the U.S. Army in April and May, 2002. Security on Wake is "tight," he says. Terry,K7ASU attempted to operate but was shut down. Later, in late May, he was allowed to operate for a few hours on PSK31 "after all missions were complete." Despite sensitivities, Bruce says, "Next year looks very good". He hopes to stay two extra weeks to work KH9 off the European most wanted list.

Lots of activity from Afghanistan in the last few months. Here are a couple of the newcomers: Mark,VK4KMT, and Karen,EK6KB, are working for the United Nation World Food Program, and allowed to work with the callsign YA5T. Note: in mid July, Peter,ON6TT reported that none of the YA5T Team will be 'in country' again until mid-August at the earliest. As of July 13 they had logged 40,000 contacts. QSL all YA5T

contacts via KU9C.

Also from Afghanistan, Chris, YA/GØTQJ, has been active on all bands with the exception of 10 meters. The length of his stay is not known. QSL via Chris Vernon, 66 Kesteven Road, Stamford, England - U.K.

Ron, DL5NAV says he closed his Afghanistan log as of June 26th. He is back in Germany, putting his YA logbook in a readable format to be put online. He will be in Germany for four weeks, then be portable as YU8/DL5NAV in Kosovo from August to November. QSLs for Afghanistan and presumably his Kosovo operation as well, will be answered next winter. Ron notes he will be away from home a total of nine months this year and doesn't want to spend all his vacation time filling out cards. He is in the process of sending his Afghanistan documentation to the DXCC desk.

Hams in Panama again have access to 30 meters. Enrique Preciado, HP1IBF credits "tenacious efforts of the Radio Club of Panama and of many individual amateurs." He says that "after lengthy discussions, debates and public hearings, Panama's amateurs convinced authorities to reconsider the value of amateur activity to the community - as well as the importance of having Panama's regulations conform to international conventions and agreements that it had already signed."

Roberto, EA4DX has his license, plane tickets and a hotel reservation confirmed and is ready for his mini DXpedition to Providencia Island. He'll be leaving for Bogota, Colombia on August 14 and will be on the air as HKØ/EA4DX sometime on the 20th. Plans are to be QRV until August 30. Pilot stations will be JI6KVR, for Japan, and EA5BY and EA5FID for the rest of the world. QSL via EA4DX.

Several members of the Bristol Contest Group from England are now in Curacao. Their main purpose for going was to operate in the IOTA Contest at the end of July. The group will be there through August 5th, and hopes for a lot of 6 meter activity after the contest. Listen for PJ2/G4FKA, PJ2/G3XSV, PJ2/G3TKF, PJ2/GØHFX and PJ2/MØWLF.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA) Amateur Radio operators from the Philippines have recently begun using the special prefix 4D7Ø (individuals) and DZ7Ø (clubs). The special prefix became available to them in July, and Philippine Amateurs are free to use this call through December 31, 2002.

Ron, WA6FGV is currently active from Alaska as AL8/WA6FGV. His stay is unsure, but he has been active on 40/20/17 meters CW. Watch after 13ØØz on 40 meters, after Ø5ØØz on 20 meters and after 233Øz on 17 meters. Also, check phone on 14.205 at about Ø3ØØz. He says he has a very high noise level, but he wants to pass out the AL8 prefix as much as he can.

Members of Russian Robinson Club are planning a polar mountain DXpedition, and plan to be active as R3RRC/1 from August 9-23rd from Khibiny Mountains in the Kola Peninsula (RM-Ø1Ø1 for the Russian Mountain Award). For more information regarding Russian Mountain Award, see the Web page at: <http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc/AWARDS/rma.htm> (However, it is in Russian - better to check with K1BV's award book.)

Have you ever worked an Argentine Antarctic station and not know the exact QTH? LU stations with the first letter Z in the suffix (LU#Z?) are the ones in question. Check out this new site www.qsl.net/lu5gpl/spanish/bases.htm for the exact QTHs.

The "Council of Europe Amateur Radio Club (CEARC)", TP2CE, applied for a membership in the IARU region 1. If they had become a new member this could have been a new DXCC entity. On the IARU region 1 meeting in San Marino on April 26-29 this application was declined because it does not follow article 11.2 of the rules. For more information, log onto www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/rules.html.

> SPECIAL EVENT. The Prezes BGK club station, SP9PGB will activate the special event callsign SN15ØHZ (Sierra November One Five Zero Hotel Zulu) to celebrate the 150th birthday anniversary of Hugo Zapalowicz. Activity will be on all modes through August 31st. Hugo Zapalowicz was a Polish nature explorer, activist for nature preservation, author of natural science. In addition, he was a climbing guide and expert in highlander folk

custom of the residents of the Carpatia Mountains in Poland. QSL via the Bureau to SP9PGB.

GETTING STARTED ON RTTY. Don,AA5AU has offered his assistance to anyone interested in getting started on RTTY to work the P5 operation. He states that he was surprised at the interest he generated, and has helped several individuals privately to operate RTTY. Instead of trying to tutor all these operators individually, Don has decided to create pages on his web site with step-by-step instructions on how to download, install and use the MMTTY program. The URL is:<http://www.aa5au.com/rtty>. The project is called "Getting Started on RTTY". Don states, "As most of you probably already know, RTTY is a very popular mode for DXing. Every current DXCC Entity has been QRV on RTTY except one, BS7. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to try to answer them for you. RTTY is a very easy and fun mode to operate. You can watch TV, read your E-mail, surf the Web and work RTTY at the same time". Don's E-mail address is aa5au@bellsouth.net.

The ARRL has posted the DXCC Honor Roll standings at: www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/listings/hr0203.pdf.

DX Potpourri

Nicola, IØSNY and Gianni, I8KGZ are using the Mongolian callsign JT1Y. It is not known how long they will stay in Mongolia. QSL via IØSNY.

RTTY DXers are reporting 5WØDL in Samoa on 14.085 from Ø73Ø to Ø9ØØZ and then on 21.083 just before 19ØØZ. He has been reported in this pattern fairly regularly. Meanwhile, 5WØTR haunts 15 & 17 meters on both CW and SSB between Ø3ØØ and Ø8ØØZ. QSL via K8AA.

9Q5BQ from the Democratic Republic of Congo is regularly on 17 meters CW around 193Ø to 21ØØz.

Jacques,FR5ZU/T on Tromelin Island shows up on 20 meters RTTY between Ø3ØØ and Ø4ØØz. QSL via JA8FCG.

JA7ETU/JD1 has been active on 15, 20 and 40 meters from the Ogasawara Islands on CW and SSB.

Hiro,JH7JCX belongs to the team that is staying at the scientific base Syowa during the Antarctic winter. He is on the air as 8J1RL. A good chance to find him is the Antarctic roundtable at 21.275 on Mondays. Also, look for HFØPOL from King George Island (AN-010) in the South Shetlands. Favored modes are CW, RTTY, and PSK-31 (some SSB) on all HF-bands and WARC. QSL via SQ5TA. More info at: <http://www.qsl.net/hf0pol/>

Marek Krzaszula,SP3GVX, the former operator of HFØPOL in 1997 and 2000, has recently joined the Hornsund Base staff on Svalbard Island. He will be stationed there for a year. He plans to use the call JWØHU. QSL via SP3WVL.

Here's what August has to offer to keep you busy:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTEST/EVENT NAME</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>MODE</u>
ØØØ1z	Aug. 3	10-10 Intl.		
24ØØz	Aug. 4	QSO Party	10M	SSB/FM

1000z 2159z	Aug. 3 Aug. 3	European HF Championship	80-10M	CW/SSB
1800z 0600z	Aug. 3 Aug. 4	North American QSO Party	160-10M	CW/SSB
0000z 2359z	Aug. 10 Aug. 11	Worked All Europe DX Contest	160-10M	CW
1600z 2359z	Aug. 10 Aug. 11 (Mandatory off-time 0400z to 1600z)	Maryland/DC QSO Party	80-10M	CW/SSB
1200z 1200z	Aug. 17 Aug. 18	Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	80-10M	CW
1200z 1200z	Aug. 17 Aug. 18	SEANET (Asia) Contest	80-10M	All Modes
1800z 0600z	Aug. 17 Aug. 18	North American QSO Party	80-10M	SSB
0000z 1600z	Aug. 17 Aug. 18 (Mandatory off-time 0800z to 1600z & 2400z to 00800z)	SARTG WW RTTY Contest	80-10M	RTTY
2000z 0200z	Aug. 17 Aug. 19 (Mandatory off-time 0700z to 1300z)	New Jersey QSO Party	80-10M	CW/SSB
1200z 1159z	Aug. 24 Aug. 25	SCC RTTY Championship	80-10M	RTTY
1600z 0400z	Aug. 24 Aug. 25	Ohio QSO Party	80-10M	CW/SSB
1800z 2359z	Aug. 25 Aug. 25	CQC Summer QSO Party	80-10M	CW/SSB
1200z 1200z	Aug. 31 Sept. 1	YO DX HF Contest	80-10M	CW/SSB
1600z 2200z	Aug. 31 Sept. 1	Hawaii QSO Party	80-10M	All Modes
1600z	Aug. 31	South Dakota		

That's it for August. There's plenty going on out there to keep you busy. Give me a call on 2 meters or 440, and let me know what you're working.

73, Peter

Special thanks this month to The Daily DX, DX-NL Newsletter, ARRL, and the SK3BG Contest Service for information used.

From the President's Gavel (continued from page 2)

club members in the next couple of weeks. If all goes well the Hamletter will be mailed to all members homes starting in August.

The presentation for the August meeting will be mobile radio installation tips and techniques. We will conduct the presentation before the business meeting outside to show several items in the daylight.

The club has received a donation of \$100 from the estate of Eileen Terry, we will allocate that money to something in the publicity and in-memoriam to Eileen. Finally Chris KC9L is resigning as Vice President of the club. We will work for a replacement ASAP.

73 KE9A



The Hamfest is Alive, the Hamfest is Alive

To quote an old comic line, the reports of the demise of the Wheaton Hamfest have been greatly exaggerated. At the start of July I volunteered to take over as chairman of the hamfest, after handling publicity and the flea market last year. Since that time, numerous club members have stepped forward to offer their assistance, including most of last year's committee.

So we've gone from the Hamfest being cancelled to everything being on track. The location will be the same as last year -- Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney. The date is Sunday, January 26. Flyers have been printed and are being distributed at this summer's hamfests. We plan on having tickets printed and available by the September club meeting.

I am still looking for more help, and more fresh faces to take part at the committee level. Two years ago at the September meeting Janie, AE9JG, asked me if I could come to a meeting and help produce the ad for QST. I showed up at the meeting, and discovered I was on the committee and handling publicity. But I've found that serving on the Hamfest Committee, and being involved in the behind-the-scenes effort to put on this event to be the most gratifying part of my involvement in WCRA.

If that sounds like a pitch to get involved, it is. We will have a committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 16. If you'd like to be involved, drop me a line at k9ox@arrl.net or give me a call at 630/968-1844.

BIRTHDAYS OF AUGUST

George	N9EJS	08-04-29
Peter	W9UF	08-04-55
Robert	KB9OAQ	08-07-46
Keith	KA9HPL	08-11-62
Jim	W9DHX	08-12-21
James	N9NWU	08-17-51
Harry	K9HK	08-19-54
Barbara	N9EXY	08-21-55
Robert	N9EF	08-24-50



The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs recently received a thank-you card from Eileen's family. N9TWS became a silent key on June 10th, 2002.

Thank you to all in the Club who kept Eileen company with your radios. She really enjoyed the contact. We would like to give this check to be used as a memorial for her.

Your thoughtfulness means a lot to us —More than we can say— And our warm appreciation comes With this thank-you note today.

Eileen Terry Family

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To all radio amateurs :

ARLB043 ARRL receives homeland security training grant

The ARRL will receive a \$181,900 homeland security grant from the US government to train Amateur Radio operators in emergency communication. The League was among several dozen nonprofit organizations designated to receive some \$10.3 million in federal money to boost homeland defense volunteer programs. The grant, from the Corporation for National and Community Service special volunteer program, will provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training to 5200 volunteers nationwide, starting in 2003.

"ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and is the national leader in emergency communications by volunteers who operate their own equipment on their time at no cost to any government, organization, or corporation," said the announcement July 18 from Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. The ARRL plans to revise and update the emergency communications curriculum to incorporate additional elements of emergency preparedness and homeland security.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was extremely pleased by the news. "This adds legitimacy to the public service work Amateur Radio has been doing for years," he said.

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, applied for the funding in May. "I think this is an extraordinarily exciting day for Amateur Radio that the role of Amateur Radio in homeland security is recognized at the highest levels of government," Hobart said upon learning of the grant.

Citing Amateur Radio's response in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Hobart said the federal grant "will help continue our work in providing public service and to protect lives, homes, businesses and our frequencies, as we have for decades."

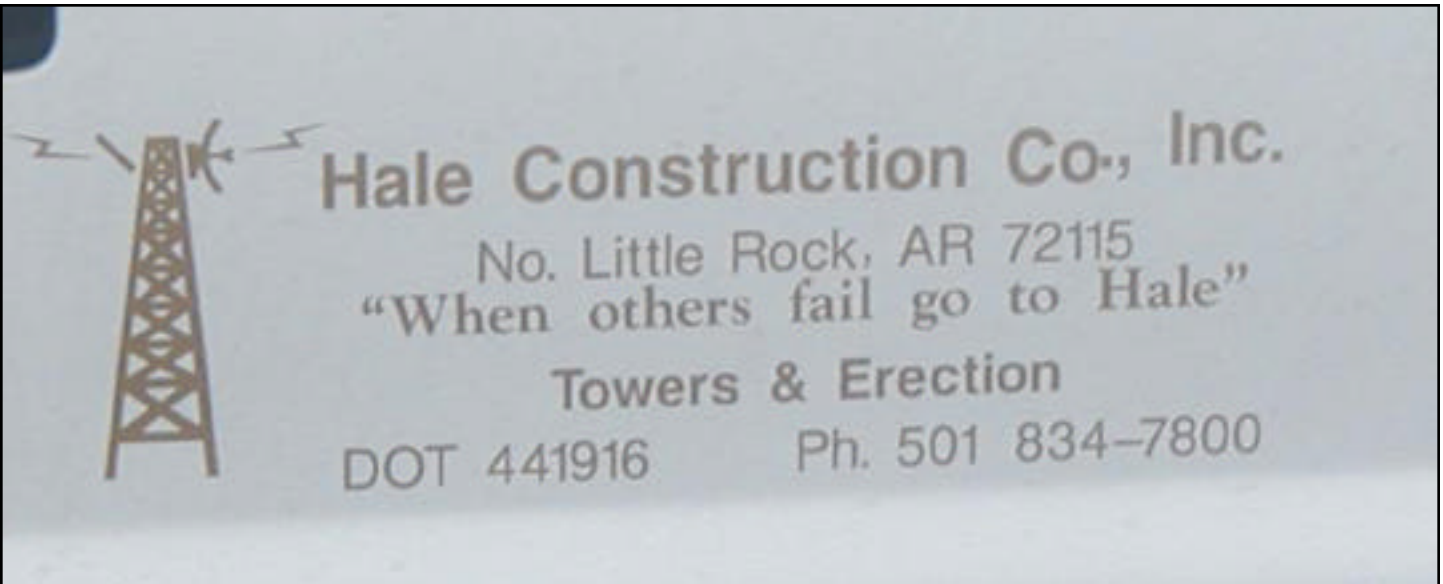
ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was pleased that the League would be able to extend its Amateur Radio Emergency Communications program to thousands of amateurs who might otherwise not be able to afford the program. "We hope all who are interested will get on board," he said.

The grant announcement said that "expanding the opportunities for Americans to participate in meaningful volunteer service" is at the heart of President George Bush's USA Freedom Corps, of which the Corporation for National and Community Service is a part.

"We are deeply grateful to Tom Ridge and to the Corporation for National and Community Service for providing Amateur Radio with a unique opportunity to serve our country," Hobart said.

In June, the ARRL and United Technologies Corporation announced a partnership to provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training for up to 250 Connecticut amateurs.

The tower construction company that COD used to put the new WDCB tower back in the air pulled up with the below pictured sign on one of its trucks. Photo courtesy of Larry,KA9KDC



SHACK OF THE MONTH

As you can see this space is not filled this month with a picture of one of WCRA's members' shack and a story of what she is running and on which bands. Bruce, K9OZ, has been doing this article for the HAMLETTER these past months and he has graciously taken on the task of running our Hamfest. The Hamfest Chairman is one of the most time intensive volunteer positions in the club. He has asked that I find a replacement for him. So if any of you feel so inclined and would like to see your work in print, would you please contact the editor. If you do not feel you can take the pictures for the article we will be more than happy to have one of the club's many photo enthusiasts have your subject sit for pictures.

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st of August: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Gargen, Carol Stream
- 2nd of August: 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. Program on installing a mobile radio without 'holes'. Demo in parking lot prior to meeting to observe some items in daylight.
- 6th of August: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 15th of August: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR AUGUST.** Remember we are going back to a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 22nd of August: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - August 2nd - 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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