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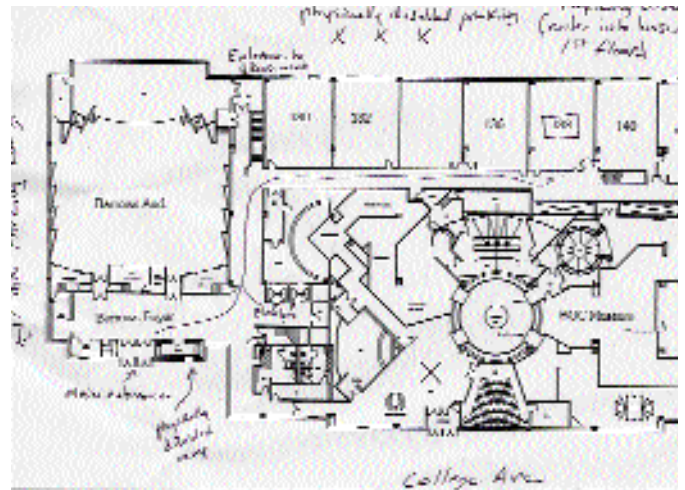
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #1

After spending the time since we moved from College of DuPage to Wheaton College in classroom #8 in Breyer Hall, WCRA is moving our meeting location from Breyer Hall to classroom #138 in the Billy Graham Center. The Center has plenty of parking on the east side of the building and room 138 is bigger with better access. For those of you that are not familiar with the Wheaton College campus, the Billy Graham Center faces College Avenue on the south side of the street. As you enter the front or north side of the building turn left and go toward the elevators then make a left turn and walk down the hall (toward the rear of the building) until reaching classroom 138. You may also enter the building from the rear in the hallway leading to classroom 138. Talkin will be available on 145.39(-) or 444.475(+)

On the map of Wheaton College displayed below, the Billy Graham Center is building #2 at the bottom of the diagram just north of the railroad tracks. Ample parking is located in the area just to the east or right in the picture which is number #33. The diagram on the right below depicts most of the floor plan of the first floor of the Billy Graham Center. If you enter through the main entrance which is on the left as you face the building, turn

right until you reach the elevators and then turn left and walk south until reaching the corridor that will take you to classroom #138.

WHEATON COLLEGE
CONFERENCE SERVICES MAP



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT #2

The WCRA Mid-Winter Hamfest has found a new home. The Kane County Fair Grounds just west of Randall Road between Roosevelt Road (Rt 38) and North Avenue (Rt 64). Due to a conflict with the racing schedule of the race track, our date in January has been taken. The new venue promises lots of space and a more rural location west of the Fox River. Stay tuned for committee meeting notices and calls for help.

From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRAPresident



Hello all, well summer is starting to wind down. All of my children have started school the house is getting quiet when I work at home. Might just have to turn the ham radio on 20m for a little background chatter! Speaking of kids and radios; please be careful when you are driving and using the radio. Ham radio is not quite as much of a distraction from driving as a cell phone but it is close.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting Steve Peterson N9OA has been appointed to fill out the Vice Presidents term. Many thanks Steve. I have been looking at different meeting places for the club and for the next three months we are going to be in the Billy Graham Center room 138. This building is on the south side of the campus and has better parking etc. The October meeting will be on the second Friday due to the College Home Coming.

As you should have heard by now we have been following a bouncing ball on the hamfest! It is beginning to look like Bruce K9OZ has finally captured it and things are settling in. Our hamfest will be on the same date as scheduled but it will be at the Kane County Fair Grounds in two buildings. There are lots of little details to work out, but I am sure that you can help now and on hamfest weekend. Please contact Bruce K9OZ and plan some time in January for a good old fashioned hamfest!

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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 Reprtr

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From the Vice President's Gavel Pad ...

By Steve Peterson, N9OA

Greetings fellow WCRA members! It is my pleasure to serve as your new VP. As many of you know, I was nominated by the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of KC9L. I would like to thank the board for their confidence in appointing me. I hope that in the next several months of this unexpired term to earn yours.

I have been bringing Krispy Kreme's to every meeting for the past several months. I am pleased to announce that the soda selection is going to be more varied now than it was in the past. I will be having several selections that are caffeine-free and non-cola. I am rather flexible on the snack selection. If there is anything that you would like to see as a snack, please see me at a meeting, call me at (630) 742-3581 or e-mail me at n9oa@n9oa.net.

The program for the September meeting was suggested to me by Peter Johnson, KB9ZUM. Peter's suggestion is to have members bring old electronics, radio, and computer equipment and parts for which they have no use (but that is of use to others). Each member will have an opportunity to speak and describe his or her "white elephant" after which members will have an opportunity in an un-moderated session to trade or give away their item or items. As Peter said to me, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." While I know Peter didn't originally coin that phrase, it is so true of amateur radio in particular. I have titled this program, "Junk Box Cleanup".

Some future meeting programs are static in our club. January's meeting will undoubtedly have a program centering around the plans for hamfest (as well as the standard pleas to sell more tickets and volunteer to work.) December will likely be replaced by the Holiday party as in years past. If there is a separate meeting in December, the program will be in some way holiday related. If I receive an affirmative answer for my presenter, I should have two meeting programs set. I have eight months in this term, and nine programs to present as your vice president. I believe to have about half of the meetings covered; so, if you have any program ideas or would like to present a topic please contact me via telephone or e-mail.

I closing, I would like to restate my pleasure in being your new VP and look forward to working with all of you. Thank you in advance for your support.

73, de N9OA

WCRA Minutes from the July 12, 2002 Meeting

WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitillieri
N9EF
WCRA
Secretary



This month's meeting started at 19:30 with the program presented by **Bob, KE9A**. Bob presented a very informative 'show-and-tell', demonstrating the correct method for installing amateur radios in a motor vehicle (no cigarette lighter here!) The business meeting was called to order at 20:36PM by the President, Bob KE9A, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made by **Jim, W9DHX** to approve the minutes as written, The motion was seconded by **Steve, N9OA**; a vote was taken and the motion was

approved. Bob, KE9A, awarded a plaque to **Kurt, KB9RTO**, for all his work as custodian. Bob also announced that **Chris, KC9L**, has resigned as club Vice-President. The board has voted to install Steve, N9OA, as Vice-President for the remainder of Chris's term. An abbreviated printed version of the Hamletter is available for all members present. The Hamletter will be mailed to those members not in attendance. Secretary, **Robert, N9EF**, said that he will email electronic copies of the club roster to those that have requested it. **Treasurer, Kim, N9XE**, reported on the club's financials. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, reported that **Peter, N9HDW**, checked out the computers on the club truck. They will be offered to members in the next Hamletter. Roberto also reported that the truck will be present in Glendale Heights on 8/24. Hamfest, **Bruce, K9OZ**, reported that Hawthorne race-track will not be available for the Hamfest dates since they will begin racing on weekends during the winter. Kane County Fairgrounds appears to be a good site for the Hamfest. Bruce still needs many volunteers for all aspects of the Hamfest, contact him at k9oz@aol.com. Public Service chairperson **Joe, N9WRO**, passed around a sign-up sheet for the August 24th Glendale Heights parade. Please contact Joe if interested. RAB, **Don, N9NYX**, reported that an order has been placed for two antennas to be installed on the new tower at COD. The tower at COD is completed and the FM antennas have been installed and are operational. The 440 machine has been returned to its former location, and its radiation pattern may have changed slightly. Mid August is the approximate target date for the 2 meter and 220 antennas to be installed on the tower. Hamletter, Don, N9NYX, has printed an abbreviated version of the Hamletter (4 pages). The complete and full color version is on the web as usual. Go to <http://www.wheatonhamfest.org/hamletter> and follow the link for the Hamletter. Old Business: Kurt, KB9RTO, has sold the tow-behind generator to \$200. New Business: **Bob, W3MDM**, made a motion to allocate up to \$10,000 for the needed 2 meter and 220 antenna installation expenses. The motion was seconded by Steve, N9OA. A vote was taken and the motion was carried. Anchors: **Pat, K9JAU**, has an Icom 3AT for sale. Bob, KE9A, has for sale a TS-140, an Icom 3200, an RS35, and a VX5R. 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. A motion was made by Steve, N9OA, to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by **Peter, KB9ZUM**, and the meeting was adjourned at 21:30.

Mark your calendars for the following WCRA meetings in the next couple of months.

Billy Graham Center, Classroom 138.

9/6/2002

10/11/2002 Date change due to College homecoming.

11/1/2002

**W9DXCC CONVENTION
ROLLING MEADOWS IL - SEPTEMBER 20/21 2002**



**Activities
on the HF
Bands**

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

Almost fifty years ago Bob Baird, W9NN had the idea of organizing a meeting of the 98 amateurs in the ninth call area who were holders of the DXCC certificate. He sent a post card to each, forty five answered and thirty three showed up at the then Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, paying \$5 for the meeting and banquet. Bob must have had the right idea, because fifty years later W9DXCC is still going strong and they extend an invitation to join them in this 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The 2002 convention and banquet will be on

Saturday, September 21, again at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Activities begin with the N4AA DX Publications Welcome Reception at 7:30 PM Friday night, followed by the Northern Illinois DX Association Hospitality Suite. On Saturday, a full day of programs, prizes, and the CW pile-up contest, followed by the anniversary reception and grand banquet. Closing the day, gather in the Greater Milwaukee DX Association hospitality suite for the latest DX tales.

Here is the line-up for W9DXCC 2002!

VP6DI, Ducie Island, with Mike McGirr, K9AJ and Jim Mornar, N9TK.

VP8THU/VP8GEO, South Sandwich and South Georgia" Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

PWØT, Trindade Island, by Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, and Bill Smith, W9VA.

DXing on the Edge -The Thrill of 160 Meters, Jeff Briggs, K1ZM.

Care and Feeding of QSL Managers, by Steve Wheatley, KU9C.

The ARRL Forum, with Director Dick Isely, W9GIG; Vice-Director Howie Huntington, K9KM; DXAC Advisory Committee member Jim O'Connell, W9WU; and Dave Patton, NT1N with news from Newington.

IOTA Update and Deer Island, Alaska - Gordon WB9EEE and Jim K9PPY.

Cycle 23 - 6 Meter Explosion - Propagation Update, by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA.

Cubical Quad Antennas, with Norm Alexander, W4QN.

World Radiosport Team Championship 2002 Finland - K4UEE, K7BV and K1ZM.

GRAND PRIZE - ICOM IC756 PRO II TRANSCEIVER

With generous support from ICOM America, they have announced the best prize lineup ever. - The Grand Prize is an ICOM IC756 PRO II transceiver, covering 160 through 6 meters and the choice of many leading

Dxpeditons.- The Raffle Drawing will be for an ICOM IC706 MkIIG transceiver. In addition, there will be the usual array of prize drawings throughout the day, with grand prizes being presented after the banquet. Check their website for a current list of prize donors.

Following the Saturday program, there is a reception and banquet. In addition to the DXCC countdown, the "Hog of the Year" award presentation and the grand prize drawings, there will be a special 50th Anniversary presentation. This year's banquet offers a choice of Chicken Marsala or Sliced Sirloin of Beef, accompanied by fresh fruit cup, Caesar salad, potato, vegetable, beverage, and topped off with Bananas Foster Flambe.

Dave Patton,NT1N will be available to check your QSLs for DXCC credit. Forms can be downloaded from the ARRL website, or will be available at the convention.

The convention is held at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, located at 3405 Algonquin Road (Route 62) just east of Route 53, and convenient. Please check out the website at www.w9dxcc.com for complete information and online registration.

During the American Radio Relay League Board of Directors meeting in July, members unanimously voted that the Secretary of the ARRL is instructed to cast a vote on behalf of the ARRL in favor of International Amateur Radio Union proposals (#233 and 234) concerning the admission of the Association des Radio Amateurs du Cameroon and Associacao dos Radioamadores de Macau into the IARU. While Careroon already qualifies for DXCC status, Macau on the other hand is not a member of the UN and doesn't have it's own ITU prefix block. This DXCC Entity has remained on the DXCC list since its return to Chinese sovereignty in late 1999. The ARRL has been waiting to see what would happen to Macao and now it seems this territory will become a member of the IARU, thus ensuring its status on the DXCC list. As a reminder there will be no more deleted countries/entities. If a country/entity no longer meets the DXCC criteria, the said country/entity would be removed from the DXCC list. Thus if Macao were removed from the DXCC list back in December 1999 and then be granted IARU membership and then added back onto the DXCC list, everyone would have to work this DXCC entity again for DXCC credit! It now looks as if Macao will not be the first DXCC entity to be removed from the DXCC list.

Peter,ON6TT reports YA5T has now made 40,462 contacts since November. AP2ARS has made 30,000 QSOs since early 2001. After the summer break, Peter will be back in Pakistan for 2-3 weeks. He says, "We still have antennas up, but need to bring the radios back in." From the beginning of September through October the UN team will travel around Afghanistan installing satellite communications for the UN World Food Program. They will not stay in one place more than two weeks so there will be some YA5T activity but with limited power and antennas. After October the group of hams who have been putting Afghanistan on the air as YA5T expect to leave central Asia. They expect to log another 10,000 or so QSOs from Afghanistan and maybe another couple of thousand from Pakistan.

The Industry Canada has authorized Canadian Radio Amateurs the use of special prefixes to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Canada. The authority is valid from September 1st until October 31st, 2002. The special prefixes will be:

CK1 for VE1	CJ1 for VA1
CK2 for VE2	CJ2 for VA2
CK3 for VE3	CJ3 for VA3
CK4 for VE4	CJ4 for VA4
CK5 for VE5	CJ5 for VA5

CK6 for VE6 CJ6 for VA6
CK7 for VE7 CJ7 for VA7
CK8 for VE8 CK9 for VE9
CY1 for VO1 CY2 for VO2
CZØ for VYØ CZ1 for VY1
CZ2 for VY2

Bill Dawson,W7TVF who has operated as ZK2VF and 5W0VF, says arrangements are made and confirmed for him and his wife to go back to Apia, Western Samoa, November 18-December 9. He plans to operate all bands as usual and will try to improve his RTTY and PSK31 skills so he can operate those too. He will have a beacon on 50.104 most of the time. He will spend quite a bit of time listening for Europe and Africa but expects there will still be plenty of time for everyone else to work him. After the operation he will post his log on www.air-internet.com. If you need 5W on a particular band or mode you can e-mail Bill at bill.w7tvf@air-internet.com before he leaves for the Pacific.

The 425 DX News reports that Stephane,J28VS will operate as 3D2VS/p from Rotuma Island (OC-Ø6Ø) from August 30th through September 5th. He will also be active from Suva (OC-Ø16), Fiji Islands, between September 6-11th. Activity will be on all HF bands SSB. QSL via F6KHM either direct or through the bureau.

A large group of Dutch amateurs will be going to Malta for their 15th vacation/DXpedition. Because of this special occasion, they have received a very special callsign 9H9PA to be used by their group. They think it's the first 9H9 call ever issued. Their operation will take place September 16th through October 6th. Activity will be on 40 through 6 meters including the WARC bands, on all modes including the digital ones. They might try 80 and 160 meters providing they can find a good spot to put up antennas for those bands. Their QTH on Malta (IOTA EU-023) will be in the city of Qawra. The following operators (with their own 9H3 callsigns) will participate:

Sietse PA1XA 9H3AAG	Peter PA7PTR 9H3TE
Ton PA1SL 9H3AB	Louis PA0LRK 9H3LRK
Rob PE9PE 9H3PE	Frits PA0BEA 9H3IE
Andre PA3HGP 9H3S	Hans PA3FYG 9H3AAL
Jaap PE1NGF 9H3X	Bill PA3BIZ 9H3ON
Ger PA0OI 9H3OI	Sjirk PE1OFJ 9H3YM
Barry PA3FEO 9H3QF	Ruben PD3RUB 9H3ZR

All QSLs for 9H3 callsins are via home callsign CBA. The QSL Manager for 9H9PA will be: Anton Kerkhof PA7DX, Blaublicke 2, 8401 MG GORREDIJK, The Netherlands. They will try to keep an on-line log along with pictures at: <http://www.vrza.nl>

Ken Holdom,ZL4HU Group Organizer/Team Leader/QSL Manager, reports that "The Kermadec DX Association" is undertaking a DXpedition to Chatham Island between October 15-29th, 2002.

This DXpedition follows their previous very highly successful DXpeditions as ZL8RI (Raoul Island) in May 1996 and ZL9CI (Campbell Island) in January 1999. They realize that ZL7 is not on the most wanted country list, but the timing of this event will coincide with the CQWW SSB contest which will give DXers and Contesters alike the opportunity to perhaps gain a new band/mode for their awards, etc. The ZL7 DXpedition team will be made up of international operators from USA, England, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and possibly Canada. There is an exceptionally good mix of talent within the team, most of whom have been on previous DXpeditions. They hope to be able to operate 160-10 meters on all bands where possible, realizing of course,

that this may not be the best time to undertake such an event due to the position of the solar cycle. The operation site has been arranged and confirmed, as well as their callsign which will not be released until the time of the operation (this is to prevent "Pirates"). The address for correspondence is: Kermadec DX Association ZL7, P.O. Box 7, Clyde, Central Otago, New Zealand. Cards sent to their previous Wellington addresses will no longer reach them. E-mails can be sent to Ken Holdom at: zl2hu@clear.net.nz. Please note that there will be NO online logs or pilots and they will NOT be E-qsling. This is a back-to-the-basics DXpedition, and they hope that you will all get a great deal of satisfaction in making contacts with them.

A Multi-national team of DXers will be going to American Samoa, with operations expected to start late October. They will concentrate on Europe when propagation allows. The team is currently studying the propagation forecasts for 160 meters. They hope to be able to give the deserving KH8 on topband. Please visit their Web site for updated info on propagation conditions from the islands.

The plan at this point is to activate two islands at the same time (3 operators on each). The islands are Tutuila Island (OC-Ø45) and Ofu Island (IOTA OC-Ø77). Modes of operation will be CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. The operation dates are Oct. 29th to Nov. 8th for Tutuila Island and the 30th to the 6th for Ofu Island. More information can be found at the KH8 DXpedition Web page at: www.ukdxers.co.uk.

7Q, MALAWI. Ely,IN3VZE is expected to be active in Malawi as 7Q7CE from September 22nd through October 8th. Bands and modes of activity were not provided. QSL via his home callsign IN3VZE via the Bureau or direct to: Ely Camin, C.so 3 Novembre 136/2, 38100 Trento, ITALY.

John,G4IRN will be active from The Gambia as C5/G4IRN from September 6-13th. Activity will be mainly on CW, 80-10 meters with 100 watts plus wire antennas. QSL to G4IRN: 31 Greenwood Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0DU, England, UK.

Later this fall, look for Juha,OH9MM, is going to celebrate his 30th birthday in The Gambia with a special Multi/Multi operation (Multi/Single also considered) from Gambia. The main focus is to operate the CQWW contest, but there will also be some activity before and after the contest (November 20th through December 1st). Activity will be on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31 on 160-6 meters. His operation site will be near Banjul and the call-sign will be C53M. Juha reports that he has now 10 people to go with him (some are not hams). Juha states The Gambia is very easy to get to and cheap access, at least for Scandinavian operators (others are also OK!). If interested, contact him at: oh9mm@sral.fi

QSL Manager KK5DO informed the DX community that Ed,P5/4L4FN, has repaired his AL-80a linear. It had a blown rectifier bridge. He had temporarily hooked up another 12v power supply so he could still use it and has just completed replacing the bridge with a larger one. Ed had to take his Hex Beam down. The mast he was using wasn't strong enough to hold both it and the rotor. He is looking for something that will work better, and it might have to wait until he goes back to Beijing in later this month. His work at the present time has kept him from doing as much operating as he would like, but he will be back on more as things settle down. Meanwhile, with great news that Ed's RTTY activity is now good for DXCC. It was reported in August that Ed is expected to operate CW sometime. However, QSL Manager states "in order to give everyone a chance at one QSO, Ed might limit CW QSO's to only those that have never had a P5 QSO with him. This way more people will get at least one QSO as he will never be able to work everyone on SSB, CW and RTTY. Ed says he might decide that if you had a SSB QSO, then one CW QSO would be okay, or if you had RTTY, then no CW. He said he wasn't sure as of yet as to how to do it, but there has to be some type of limitation."

OJØ0, MARKET REEF. The "QLF DX TEAM" will be active from here August 31st through September

7th. They have applied for the OJØLA callsign from the Finnish PTT. Operations will be on CW/SSB, maybe some RTTY and on all bands, with special attention paid to both high and low bands. QSL OJØLA to LA9VDA. For direct QSL, please send a SASE + 1 IRC or \$2.00 USD. For more info, please visit the Web page at: <http://home.c2i.net/la6yea/>.

If you missed Jim,MMØBQI operating special event station GB5SI on the Summer Isles off the north west coast of Scotland in mid-July during the IOTA contest, you will have a second chance October 19-24th. His activity should be 80-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL direct or via the bureau to MMØBQI. Jim's home page is <http://www.qsl.net/mm0bqi>

SEANET CONTEST 2002. Ray, HS0/G3NOM, wants to remind everyone that "the organizers of the SEANET Convention 2002 invite all radio amateurs to participate in the SEANET 2002 Contest. This contest is associated with the 30th Annual SEANET Convention in Perth, Western Australia to be held November 1st-3rd, 2002, in the spirit of amateur radio world-wide friendship. The format of the contest will remain the same as last year, in accordance with the wishes of the contestants. The contest will therefore be a single 24 hour contest incorporating CW, phone and digital modes." Look for more information at the SEANET2002 Web Site <http://www.qsl.net/seanet2002>.

Bill Moore,NC11 DXCC Manager, reports that the following have been approved for DXCC credit:
Tunisia - 3V8KO June (2002) operation from Kuriat Island
Nepal - 9N7QK September 29th-November 29th (2001)
Bhutan - A52PC October 22nd-November 3rd (2001)
Laos - XW1LLR May 1st-September 30th (2002)
Congo - TN3B and TN3W (May 16-27th, 2002)
Laos - XW1CKC, XW1CW, XW1EQY, XW1GBI, XW1HS, XW1IC, XW1OM from March 9th through April 20th, 2002) and XW3ZNR (March 20th through May 20th, 2002)

DX Potpourri

Special event station HF9JP was active from August 10 to 31, commemorating the 9th visit of Pope John Paul II to his homeland. If you worked this one, you may QSL via SP9PKZ.

RTTY DXers can find Billy,6W1RD from Senegal near 21.080. Look for him daily from 21ØØ to ØØØØz. QSL via CBA.

John,C56/G4IRN will be on from the Gambia September 6-13, mostly CW, 80-10M. He'll have 100 watts to wire antennas. QSL via his home call.

John Ackley,KP2A and his XYL have tickets, visas and a license in hand to operate from their vacation in Bhutan. KP2A will operate from the "Ham Center" as A52DX September 11-18, 160 through 10 meters, phone and CW. John says, "With a little bit of luck, there will be online logs available at <http://kp2a.vi/> during and after the operation. This site, like most, is under construction now." QSL the A52DX operation via W3HMK.

There is a new award available for all the paper chasers out there, according to Roman,RX3RC. You find the information about the new "Russian Districts Award" (RDA) at: http://rx3rc.paints.ru/rda/rda_eng.htm.

Roman is the award manager.

Mega-QSL Manager Steven Wheatley, KU9C has informed the DX Community: That he has changed his incoming QSL mail address. He has updated the FCC filing, so the various databases driven by this will be updated shortly. He advises that his old address will continue to be in place indefinitely, but that he will shut it down when conditions warrant. If you've recently sent cards to Steve there is no need to resubmit. His new address is: Steven Wheatley KU9C, P. O. Box 31, Morristown NJ 07963-0031"

Ed, N1UR will be heading back to Asia later this year. First stop will be Macau where he will be on and off from October 11 to 21. Activity will be on 10-160 meters. He will be using an IC706 with a C3 and inverted vees. QSL via N1UR. Next Ed plans to be active QRV during the CQ WW SSB DX Contest as 9M6A. He will probably be single band 15 or 20 meters. QSL this operation via N2OO.

7Q7CE will be the Malawi call for Ely, IN3VZE September 22-October 8. QSL to his home call.

D44TC will be in the CQWW SSB in the fall as a single operator all band entry from the Cape Verde Islands. The operator will be Alberto, IV3TAN. QSL as instructed.

Osamu, JA2VUP will be active as AHØB from Saipan Island (OC-086) from September 26-29th. His activity will include participation in the CQ/RJ Worldwide DX Contest (RTTY - September 28-29th) as a Single Op/All Band entry. He will focus on the WARC bands and PSK31 before the contest. QSL via his home call.

Mike, G4IUF plans to operate October 2-29 from Ecuador and The Galapagos Islands. He will be staying with Don Guido, HC8GR on Galapagos from October 5-23. The operation will be relatively low key as Mike and his XYL plan to enjoy watching the wildlife on the islands. He hopes to have an HC8 call, otherwise he'll be on as HC8/G4IUF.

Susan Meckley, W7KFI/mm and skipper of the S/V Menage-A-Trois, was to have left by now on a 2+ year DXpedition into the South Pacific and Asia. She will be using a 46-ft. sailboat, not unlike YASMI in the early and middle 50's. Susan will be single-handing the boat, but had put out a notice that hams are welcome to ride along with her on the next leg of the trip. Watch the maritime nets for this one.

September looks like a great start to the winter DX and Contest season. I'm sure there will be something here that will interest you.

12ØØz 31 Aug. YO DX		
12ØØz 1 Sept. HF Contest	80-10M	CW & SSB
16ØØz 31 Aug. Hawaii		
22ØØz 1 Sept. QSO Party	80-10M	All Modes
16ØØz 31 Aug. South Dakota		
22ØØz 1 Sept. QSO Party	80-10M	CW & SSB
23ØØz 2 Sept. Michigan QRP Club		
Ø3ØØz 3 Sept. Labor Day Sprint	80-10M	CW
ØØØØz 7 Sept. All Asian		

2400z 8 Sept. DX Contest	80-10M	SSB
0000z 7 Sept. CCCC		
2359z 7 Sept. RTTY Contest	80-10M	RTTY/MTTY
1300z 7 Sept. AGCW Straight		
1600z 7 Sept. Key Party	80-10M	CW
1300z 7 Sept. IARU Region 1		
1259z 8 Sept. Field Day	160-10M	All Modes
1800z 7 Sept. SOC Marathon		
2400z 7 Sept. Sprint	80-10M	CW
0000z 8 Sept. North American		
0400z 8 Sept. Sprint	80-10M	CW
1100z 8 Sept. DARC 10 Meter		
1700z 8 Sept. Digital Contest	80-10M	All Digital
2000z 8 Sept. ARCI End of Summer		
2400z 8 Sept. QRP PSK-31 Sprint	80-10M	PSK-31
1400z 11 Sept. YLRL Howdy		
0200z 13 Sept. Days	80-10M	All Modes
0000z 14 Sept. Worked All Europe		
2359z 15 Sept. DX Contest	160-10M	SSB
0001z 14 Sept. Air Force Anniversary		
2359z 15 Sept. QSO Party	80-10M	All Modes
0000z 15 Sept. North American		
0400z 15 Sept. Sprint	80-10M	SSB
1800z 15 Sept. Tennessee QSO		
0100z 16 Sept. Party	80-10M	All Modes
2000z 20 Sept. Coast to Coast FISTS		
1600z 21 Sept. QSO Party	80-10M	CW
2100z 20 Sept. AGB NEMIGA		
2300z 20 Sept. Contest	80-10M	CW & SSB
1200z 21 Sept. Collegiate		
0400z 22 Sept. QSO Party	80-10M	All Mode
1200z 21 Sept. Scandinavian Activity		
1200z 22 Sept. CW Contest	160-10M	CW

1600z 21 Sept. Washington Salmon 0700z 22 Sept. Run	80-10M	CW & SSB
0000z 28 Sept. CQ/RJ World Wide 2400z 29 Sept. RTTY Contest	160-10M	RTTY
1200z 28 Sept. Scandinavian Activity 1200z 29 Sept. Phone Contest	160-80M	SSB
1400z 28 Sept. Louisiana QSO 2000z 29 Sept. Party (Mandatory off period 0200z t 1400z)	80-10M	CW & SSB
1400z 28 Sept. Texas QSO 0200z 29 Sept. Party (Mandatory off period 0200z t 1400z)	80-10M	All Modes
1800z 28 Sept. Alabama QSO 2400z 28 Sept. Party	80-10M	CW & SSB

You can verify dates and rules at www.sk3bg/contest/c2002. This is just one of several good contest sites on the web.

Well, it is time to wrap up for this month. For many of us, it's been a hectic year so far, but I personally am looking forward to a calmer fall with more time for the important things in life – like DX. Give me a call on one of the machines some time and let me know what you're working.

73, Peter

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

HAMFEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The first meeting of the Hamfest committee had fourteen members in attendance with another seventy three expressing an interest in attending the next meeting. If you would like to join the hamfest committee please contact Bruce, K9OZ, at k9oa@aol.com.

BIRTHDAYS OF SEPTEMBER



WB9VGJ	John	09-01-40
N9TDU	John	09-02-37
KA9OEB	Vickie	09-04-20
KA9HEL	Jack	09-05-33
K9KGU	Glenn	09-09-31
K9GSA	Norm	09-13-41
K9JAU	Pat	09-15-40
WB9JAB	Eugene	09-15-55
N9EWF	Edwin	09-22-20
N9CBA	Tom	09-25-47

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 3rd of September: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 5th of September: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Gargen, Carol Stream
- 6th of September: Monthly membership meeting at Wheaton College 7:30pm in classroom #138 in the Billy Graham Center. The Billy Graham Center is located on the South side of Seminary Avenue across from Old Main. Classroom #138 can be reached by entering the front of the building, turning right and then left when reaching the hallway. Proceed south down the hallway until classroom #138. Program for the September meeting will be your radio room "junk box". Bring things to share with and explain to the members
- 15th of September: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR AUGUST.** Remember we are going back to a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 26th of September: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - September 6th - 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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