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This is the club dues renewal application. The April 1st deadline is quickly approaching.

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Membership Application

P.O. Box QSL, Wheaton, Illinois 60189

DUES

FULL MEMBER	\$26
STUDENT/SENIOR CITIZEN	\$13
ASSOCIATE (NO LICENSE)	\$13
CLUB BADGE	\$7

Family Memberships Available

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Year	Amount Paid
Check	Cash
New	Renew
Membership Type:	Full Associate
	Student Sr. Citizen

Either mail or turn this application in at the March meeting

Family: Full member call sign

Name on Badge

Name _____ CallSign _____

License Class _____ Expiration Date _____

Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home (_____) _____ Business (_____) _____

EMAIL Address _____

ARRL Member Yes or No (Please Circle One) Receive Hamletter Via US Mail or EMail (Please Circle One)

Sponsor (New members Only) _____

WHAT CLUB EVENTS WILL YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES FOR?

Please circle those which you might be interested in working or serving as a Committee Member

HAMFEST (January) FIELD DAY (June) VE TESTING JULY 4TH PARADE PICNIC (July)

CHRISTMAS PARTY TRAINING MEMBER RETENTION ASSISTANCE (Elmer)

TOWER RUN(March) CLUB TRUCK BIKE-A-THON

OTHER _____

COMMENTS _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

From the President's Gavel

by Bob Fairbairn, KE9AWCRA President



Presidents Message for March Hamletter

Well it is that time of year again. We need to start the process of electing new officers. This year we need to elect a new Vice President and a new Treasurer. The nominating committee has been appointed. Please contact Bruce KA0DSF or Ken N9HQ or John WT9Y with your nominations.

My situation at work is continuing to be very time consuming. It will be impossible to continue to spend the time needed to move the club forward. We will need to add to the elections this year and elect a new president. If anyone is interested in the job and what it entails, please contact me.

We have a possible interim member for Treasurer. Discussions and training are still underway.

I am also in the process of developing a work plan for both the President and Treasurer. This should make transition and training a lot better process.

The Hamfest did pretty well this year and the club should be able to conduct business as usual and be able to update/repair our equipment to ensure our readiness for whatever we are called to do.

That is all for now, please remember to renew and then join in all the fun for the year.

73 KE9A

WCRA Staff

Elected Officers

President	Bob Fairbairn	KE9A	630: 682-3424
Vice President	Steve Peterson	N9OA	630: 742-3581
Secretary	Robert Mitalieri	N9EF	630: 510-7816
Treasurer	Bob Fairbairn - acting		
Custodian	Roberto Beltramelli	WA9E	630: 668-5688

Volunteer Committee Chairs

Club Call Trustee	Tom Geletka	N9CBA	630: 289-2535
Christmas Party	Dale Kwarta	NJ9E	630: 858-8541
Club Awards	John Truitt	W9LQL	630: 682-0304
Club Truck			
Elmer/Know-Code	George Reichert	W9GWR	630: 871-1786
Elmer/Know-Code	Charlie Matthews	WB9SGD	630: 665-4506
Field Day	Frank Krozel	KG9H	630: 653-9090
Field Day	Dale Kwarta	NJ9E	630: 858-8541
Hamfest	Bruce Plantz	K9OZ	630: 604-0157
Chaplin	Harry Sheaffer	W9AXI	630: 483-2044

Historian

Interference

Refreshments

Refreshments Steve Peterson N9OA 630:742-3581

Membership Kim Wiese N9XE 630:545-9950

Membership Robert Mitalieri N9EF 630:510-7816

Membership Retention Robert Noles N9XS 630:372-7036

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Public Service Joe LeFebvre N9WRO 630:587-8059

VHF/HF Awards Peter Barr W9UF 630:971-8581

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Tech Instructor Mike Wolff AB9AX 630: 778-1070

Tech Instructor Robert Mitalieri N9EF 630: 510-9783

General Instructor Pat Byrne K9JAU 630:858-1959

Extra Instructor

Volunteer Exam. Harry Kamer K9HK 630: 953-0519

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Chairman Don Motz, Jr. N9NYX 630: 665-7757

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Tech Advisor Gary Henle N9VLL 630: 736-9102

Member George Henry KA3HSW 630: 830-6659

Member Larry Schroeder KA9KDC 630: 665-3228

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) PLEncode/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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WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitillieri
N9EF
WCRA
Secretary



WCRA Minutes from the February 7, 2003 Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 19:35 by the President, **Bob KE9A**, and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion was approved. Bob thanked everyone who worked at the Hamfest, especially **Bruce, K9OZ**, and **Mary, K9GAL**. He also expressed special thanks to **Jon,**

KC9OO for his exceptional efforts. Bob also reported that we are currently in search of a new Treasurer. The Vice-President, **Steve, N9OA**, reported that this evenings program was cancelled at the last minute. Bob, **KE9A**, gave the Treasurers report. **Larry, KA9KDC**, reported that **Samantha and Kelsey Schroeder** have obtained their Technician license and are new members of the club. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, reported that we will get estimates to repair the brakes on the truck as well as leakage from the rear axel. Roberto did obtain a copy of the receipt for the insurance company. Bob, **KE9A**, will contact the insurance company to obtain a copy of the policy. Hamfest, **Bruce, K9OZ**, reported that there were some complaints about the size of the facility and overcrowding. Bruce will look into more space for next year. Bruce would like to find out by April to allow sufficient time to schedule. Bruce thanked all who participated for their special efforts. Elmer, **George, KC9CG**, reported that the Know Code class will be conducted 3/20 – 5/15 7-9PM at the Wheaton Police Dept. Public Service, **Joe, N9WRO**, reported that the MS Walk is on 4/6. RAB, **Don, N9NYX**, reported that COD is negotiating with cell companies and that the antennas will probably wait until the negotiations are completed and the cell companies antennas will be mounted. Don is looking for suggestions regarding the packet repeater. Discussions ensued regarding the possible uses of the repeater and site. Training, **Jack, KA9HEL**, will write up an ad for the Hamletter for the Tech classes. Field Day, Bob, **KE9A**, reported that the new rules are out. They include a new category, 'F', for EOC's. VE Program, **Harry, K9HK**, reported that there were 28 tests administered at the Hamfest and 21 passed. Hamletter, Don, **N9NYX**, reported that the Hamletter has not been moved to the web yet. If you have a new email address please give it to Don, **N9NYX**, or Robert, **N9EF**. Web Page: we are in need of someone with basic HTML skills to author the clubs web page. Announcements: We need a nominating committee. Bob, **KE9A**, is seeking volunteers, otherwise he will appoint a committee. A motion to accept the committee reports was made by **N9NTM**, seconded by **N9OA**, and passed. A motion was made by to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 20:35.

Some notes on the Training Classes

There have been some staff changes at the college, and it seems that we may be benefiting from them. Each class is handled by a staff Coordinator. In the past, the director of Continuing Education has acted as our coordinator, and while she was generous with her time, she was limited to the time she could give us. We now have a coordinator who can give us more time, and the following are some notes from my discussions with her.

We will give up room K144, and become nomads as are the rest of the Continuing Ed Classes. Noet term we will be in IC 3111. Giving up the room has a number of advantages, one of them allowing the Coordinator more flexibility to scheduled us in a more suitable room.

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Activities on the HF Bands

by:
Peter Barr
W9UF

More details were released recently regarding the upcoming second Ducie Island DXpedition. Activity is expected on March 8th or 9th, depending upon seas and weather. Stu, WA2MOE, states the call-sign will NOT be released or announced just before the operation begins to avoid slim activity. The announcement will come from Kan, JA1BK, or Stu. The operators will use SSB, CW and RTTY from three sites on all HF bands, 6 meters and the AO-40 satellite. However, the main bands to be used will be 20 and 15 meters (QRV 24 hours). The organizer is Kan, J A1BK. Operators will be Dieter, DJ9ON(CW), Hans, DK9KX(CW), Philippe, FO3BM(6m SSB), Hiro, JA1SLS(CW/SSB), Yuichi, JR2KDN(SSB), Doug, N6TQS (SSB,AO-40),

Dave, VP6DB(SSB), Mike, VP6AZ(SSB) and Meralda, VP6MW(CW/SSB). Pilot stations will be JE2EHP, DJ8NK and WA2MOE. QSL Manager is JR2KDN (direct or Bureau). The official Web page for the second Ducie Island DXpedition is at <http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm>. Another site with the latest news from JA1BK and the pilots, and with E-mail links to pilots is at: <http://www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie2.htm>

Chris, DL5NAM has announced that after many problems, a German team has finally received permission and a license for Sudan. The German team will be using the callsign STØRY (Sierra Tango Zero Radio Yankee) and will start their operation in March and stay approx. 3 weeks (+/-); also, they will be active in the WPX Contest. Their tickets are in hand; first material is on the way there. Their focus for this DXpedition will be the Low Bands, WARC Bands, RTTY and 6 meters (in this order). The German team consists of Falk, DK7YY (CW), Dietmar, DL3DXX (CW), Uwe, DL9NDS (SSB/RTTY), Felix, DL7FER (SSB/CW) and Chris, DL5NAM (SSB/RTTY). Currently, they have plans for 3 HF stations (with amps), 3 Quarter Wave GP for the Low Bands, some Yagis for 10-20 meters (incl. WARC) and some wire. They will leave some materials for the national amateur radio club there. A web page will be available with an online log search thanks to DF3CB (also a possible 24 hour internet connection may be available to them). Further details on pilot stations and their schedule will be forthcoming. For questions, please contact them via E-mail at: dl5nam@dar.c.de

Ray, WQ7R has announced that he will be active as HQ9R from Roatan Island (NA-Ø57) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. Ray states he will be leaving Las Vegas on March 22nd and will arrive on Roatan Island the same afternoon via direct from Houston. This year Ray will be staying with friends at their beach house on the north shore. His equipment will be a FT1000MKv w/voice keyer, Rigblaster Pro for the digital modes and an assortment of other necessary parts and pieces. Antennas will be: an A3 tribander and dipoles for 40/80. He expects to be on the air March 27th, probably on SSB testing the antennas and rig. Again on the 28th, he will be on SSB and CW, and on the 29-30th, he will be devoted to the contest. After the contest, Ray will be on and very active until April 4th. He does want to do RTTY and PSK on this trip but has no schedule for those operations. As mentioned, his contest callsign will be HQ9R, however before and after the contest, he will sign WQ7R/HR9. All QSLs should go to Dick Wolf, N6FF. Cards will be printed prior to departing for Honduras, and all logs will be computer generated and forwarded to Dick after his return to his home QTH on April 5th. Ray states he will not be checking into any DX nets.

Steve, OM3JW, informed OPDX that his son Mike, OM2DX, is the newest operator at the Slovak Embassy in Baghdad. He will use the YI9OM callsign a few weeks, then he will try to get other callsign (probably YI9DX). He is using a TS-850SAT and IC-706, Log periodic antenna on 10-30 MHz, a dipole, an Inverted Vee on 40 and 80 meters and a long wire on 160 meters. He does have an amplifier (1kW), but it does not work on 160m. Mike will be active on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31, and he is active every day after 2030z on 1832-1833

kHz. His stay in Baghdad will be 2-4 years. The QSL Manager for YI9OM beginning November 28, 2002, is his father, OM3JW.

Now through November 30, 2003 Lee, DS4CNB is QRV as D88S while working at the South Korean research base King Sejong on King George Island in the, South Shetlands, IOTA AN-010. He is QRV until November 30, 2003. QSL to home call.

Members of the IOCA Group led by Fredy, DEØMST (member of WLH Management Committee) will activate Vela Palagruza and Otocic Palagruza Lighthouse (EU-090, CI-084, LH-0057) as 9AØCI between May 2-10th. The group may also try to operate from Mala Palagruza (EU-090, CI-461) and Galijula Island (EU-090, CI-462). Operators mentioned are: 9A2WJ, 9A6AA, 9A7N, DEØMST, DF9MV, DJ3XG, DL1SDN, DL5MFL and DL9CHR. Their activity will be on CW/SSB and near the IOTA and lighthouse frequencies on 80-10 meters. QSL to a DEØMST (only for 9AØCI, May 2-10th, 2003) via the DARC Bureau or direct to: Fredy Stippschild, P.O. Box 1406, D-83657 Lenggries, Germany.

Three Swedish hams left for Svalbard, JW, for an operation that began February 23, and will continue until sometime in March. The team is comprised of JW/SMØBSO, Peter; JW/SMØLQB, Stellan; and JW/SM1TDE, Eric (ex-SM1TDE/4U and TF/SM1TDE). They will be operating from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen. They plan to be on 160-6m CW, SSB, RTTY and digital. QSL via their homecalls or E-QSL via www.eQSL.cc. (Remember e-qsL's while quick, do not count towards most awards).

Nik, HB9EAA reports he will be active from Penrhyn, South Cooks (OC-Ø82) March 8-15, and Aitutaki, South Cooks (OC-Ø83) March 15-22. He hopes to have the ZK1EAA callsign and plans to operate mainly CW. The callsign will be confirmed when the license is picked up on arrival in Rarotonga. For more info, check out his web site, <http://www.qsl.net/hb9eaa/dxped03/>. QSL via HB9EAA direct or bureau.

W3CMP, Chris Patterson, W3CMP plans an expedition to Bermuda, VP9, June 27-July 5, concentrating on six meter operation. He has gotten a higher power permit from Bermuda telecom (tnx to VP9GE) to use a 3CX800 amplifier and nine-element M2 antenna. Chris also will have about 200 watts on two meters, hoping for some sporadic-E to Europe, Africa, the U.S. and Central America, he says.

Nik, HB9EAA informs OPDX that he will be active from Penrhyn, N. Cooks (OC-Ø82) from March 8-15th and Aitutaki, S. Cooks (OC-083) from March 15-22nd. He hopes to go on the air with the callsign ZK1EAA, mainly on the CW mode. The license with the definitive callsign will be known after his arrival on Rarotonga. Activity will be mainly on CW on the following suggested frequencies: 14.040, 21.040, and 28040 kHz (+/- QRM). QSL via HB9EAA direct or via the bureau is OK. For more details, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/hb9eaa/dxped03/>.

Operators' Eiji/JQ1SUO, Tatsuhiko/JF1CCH and JA2HMD will sign homecall/1 from Hachijo Island AS-Ø43, March 8-9th. They will be active on 40/30/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via home callsigns direct or via the bureau.

Dennis, ZS4BS reports, "A DXpedition to Robben Island is on the books." Robben Island (AF-Ø64) is listed amongst the top 500 most wanted IOTA groups in the latest IOTA Directory. There have been several fairly low-key operations in recent years, mainly on SSB only. The team, consisting of Phil, G3SWH, David, G3UNA, Vidi, ZS1EL, Kosie, ZS1SR, Malcolm, ZS1MC, Andrew, ZS1AN and Hester, ZS1ESU. They have been allocated the special callsign ZS1RBN. The team plans to activate the island between April 4-7th, and, propagation permitting, have two stations on the air on a 24 hours a day basis. One station will operate SSB and one will operate CW on all bands 40-10 meters. QSLs will be handled by G3SWH, either direct to his CBA with SAE and return postage or via the RSGB bureau.

Members of the Florida DXpedition Group (FDXPG) will be part of a thirty-member humanitarian mission team traveling to Haiti. They will operate from the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission (NWHCM) March 10-21. Team members are Jan, HH4/K4QD, William, HH4/N2WB, Bill, HH4/W4WX and Al, HH4/K3VN. The team will have three stations and when not working on mission projects they will operate on all bands 160M through 6M and all modes including PSK-31. QSL HH4/K4QD, HH4/W4WX AND HH4/K3VN via CBA. QSL

HH4/N2WB via N2OO. For more information visit the DX team website at: <http://www.geocities.com/n2wb2003/> For information on the NWHCM visit: <http://www.nwhcm.org/>

If you have yet to work/QSL "Yankee Uniform" now is the time to do it. Yugoslavia's Parliament formally abolished its nation (Yugoslavia) on Tuesday, February 4th. The remaining two republics of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) will now become two loose unions with semi-independence. According to a deal arranged by the European Union with an aim to keep the two republics together, Serbia and Montenegro will continue to share the capital of Belgrade, and a joint administration for defense and foreign affairs. With the approval by the two chambers of the Yugoslav parliament, the birth of a new country called "Serbia and Montenegro" was formed. According to the ARRL Web page, "The new arrangement will have little immediate impact on Amateur Radio. For DXCC purposes, Serbia and Montenegro will be considered a single entity--at least for the time being--and amateurs there are expected to continue using YU/YT prefixes. The situation could change in three years when residents of the two republics would be allowed to vote to stick together or go their separate ways." As in the case of Ducie Island, VP6DI, hams in either entity would have to form a society and apply for IARU membership. That body would then deliberate and (there is a six month time period that must lapse between application and IARU action) and decide whether the applicant meets the criteria. If so, a call-sign block would be assigned and DXCC would add the new entity to the list. Another recent one like this was East Timor, where the 4W prefix block was reassigned from the former North Yemen to East Timor. Bottom line is that the hams in Serbia and Montenegro will consider what they want to do. If they choose to apply for IARU membership separately, they may, and IARU will decide whether they qualify for recognition. If IARU is favorable, DXCC will follow suit and a new entity will be "born."

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, would like to remind everyone that the cutoff date for the next Honor Roll list is rapidly approaching. In order to appear in the next list that will appear in August 2003 QST, you must be current on the DXCC Honor Roll as of March 31, 2003. Applications must be received or postmarked March 31st, 2003. With the addition of Ducie Island in 2002, the minimum number of entities required is 326, and these include only current entities. Deleted entities do not count towards Honor Roll. For Number One Honor Roll, the total is 335 current entities. Plaques are still available for anyone who is currently, or previously on the Honor Roll. See the DXCC Web site for the latest order form.

DX Potpourri

How many different "countries" (or DXCC entities) are on in any given week? OPDX counted the countries spotted on the AR-Cluster Network in a recent week and there were 239 countries on the air.

ZS9ØSAP is active through the end of the year on 80, 40, 20, 10 and 6M. The operation celebrates a police department 90th anniversary. The operation is by the Vaal Triangle ham club.

VQØMQI (Macquarie Island), operator Peter, is reportedly active every Sunday between 4-5Z on 21365, 28630, 24940 or 18130 MHz. He is scheduled to be there until mid-March.

Henry, F6EAY will be active from Afghanistan as YA6RF for another month or so. Look for him at 1130Z on 28495 or 24940. QSL via F6ITD. It appears F6EKD, Marcel, will take over from Henry in Afghanistan next, for an additional 2-3 months of operation on CW.

Marco, A4/IV3NCC expects to be in Oman another two months. He hopes to be able to get on the lower bands more. QSL to his home call.

Masahiro, JH3IIU will be on Vanuatu operating as YJ8MN until April or May. He will be on 10, 15 and 20M CW.

The operator at VQ9LA, Chagos Archipelago, is WD0HSP, Larry.

Here's an update on the Malawai operations of 7Q7HB, Harry and 7Q7LA, Les. `HB plans to be on for eight weeks. `LA expects to be on the air until April 14th.

5X1CW is the Uganda operation by Christian,F6GQK that started in May 2002 and runs until 2004, primarily CW, from his QTH in Kampala, the capital. It is all bands including WARC, with a little SSB, RTTY and PSK31 thrown in. He's using an FT-900AT to an R7 Cushcraft.

Joel,F5PAC will be in Panama through March 24. Joel will be on NA-17Ø February 25-27, NA-2Ø2 March 3-5, NA- Ø88 March 8-9, NA-Ø71 March 11-2, NA-2Ø2 March 15-16 and NA-Ø72 March 19-20.

IOTA frequencies -

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

The GMDX Group introduces "Celtic Connections" to encourage activity by all radio amateurs world-wide to contact areas with Celtic origins. This is purely an activity weekend and will enable participants to pursue the Celtic Knot Award Scheme and provide an interest in contacting Celtic areas of the world. The event is to be held on the third weekend in April each year.

Reports on activity are welcome and certificates of participation will be awarded to anyone who submits a report. If sufficient reports are received the leading participants from the Celtic and the non-Celtic areas will be presented with an engraved commemorative Quaich (a small Scottish drinking cup)

The 2003 Weekend will start at 00:00z on Saturday 19 April 2003 and last until 24:00 on Sunday 20 April 2003.

Activity is encouraged on all amateur HF bands by individuals and Club Stations or the use of a special event callsign from radio amateurs in the following areas:

CT	Tràs-os-Montes region
EA1	Galicia and Asturias areas of Spain
EI	Republic of Ireland
F	Brittany area of France, (Departments:- 22- les Cotes d'Armor, 29- le Finistere, 35- I'le et Vilaine, 56- le Morbihan) Plus Department 44 la Loire Atlantique
G	Cornwall area of England
GD	Isle of Man
GI	Northern Ireland
GM	Scotland
GW	Wales
VE1	Nova Scotia area of Canada

Suggested operating frequencies are as follows:

CW	Phone
1.813 - 833	1.872
3.503 - 013	3.772
7.003 - 013	
10.103 - 013	
14.003 - 033	14.172 - 272
18.073 - 083	18.136 - 162
21.003 - 033	21.172 - 272
24.893 - 903	24.936 - 972
28.003 - 033	28.472 - 572

Further Details can be obtained from the GMDX Group web site www.gmdx.org.uk, or from Drew Givens,GM3YOR, 5 Langhouse Place, Inverkip, PA16 0EW, Scotland, U.K.

Information and pictures of the ZAØIS Albania operation are available at www.qsl.net/ari-lecce/za0.htm.

As winter winds down, so too does the contest season. However there are still a few activities this month that will give you an excuse to duck into the shack for the weekend.

TIME	DATE	CONTEST/EVENT NAME	BAND	MODE
0000z	March 1	ARRL Intn'l		
2400z	March 2	DX Contest	160-10M	SSB
1100z	March 2	DARC Digital		
1700z	March 2	Contest	10M	All Digital modes
0000z	March 9	North American		
0400z	March 9	RTTY Sprint	80-10M	RTTY
1200z	March 9	NSARA		
2200z	March 9	Contest	80M	CW & SSB
1200z	March 15	Russian Intn'l		
1200z	March 15	DX Contest	160-10M	CW & SSB
1700z	March 22	CLARA/Family		
1700z	March 23	HF Contest	160-10M	CW & SSB
0000z	March 24	QRP Homebrew		
0400z	March 24	Sprint	160-10M	CW & PSK31
0000z	March 29	CQ WPX		
2359z	March 30	Contest	160-10M	SSB
1900z	April 5	QCWA		
1900z	April 6	QSO Party	160-UHF	CW, SSB & Digital

For Sale

Laptop with printer \$400

Toshiba 1555CDS Satellite laptop, Windows 98 with complete office 97 suite, 380 MHz AMD processor, 196 Meg RAM, 4.2 Gig HD, built in CD ROM and 1.44 Meg floppy drives, 1 Gig JAZZ outboard drive with spare cartridges, internal 56 K modem, sound card and stereo speakers built in + output jack, built in and outboard scroller mouse, Lio battery pack (runs about 2 1/2 hours) and 110 VAC supply. HP 820Cse Desk Jet , 8 ppm black -- 6 ppm color spare cartridges, 3 yr. old

John k9fid 630-986-9539

BIRTHDAYS OF MARCH



KURT	KB9RTO	03-03-74
DONALD	WB9VFC	03-04-45
HOWARD	W9DYP	03-08-21
JON	KA9EPK	03-11-39
RUDY	W9RKA	03-11-15
BRUCE	KA0DSF	03-31-32

As a reminder, the FCC database no longer provides date of birth as it once did. If you do not see your name appear in the list of birthdays and would like to be included please forward this information to the editor.

TRAINING CLASSES (continued from page 3)

We will no longer be listed in the Teen section, but I have negotiated a more liberal registration process. Before, the minimum age was 15 years. Now anyone who is eligible for taking the license test may register. Anyone under the age of 13 years must have a parent present when attending the class.

Tuition has been raised to \$40. That is the bad news. The good news is that we no longer have to have a minimum of 9 students to hold the class. We have been able to start with as few as five.

I complained that \$40 was a bit steep for the younger students. The proposal now on the table is that the High School and younger students would get a remission of a portion of that fee, perhaps through a scholarship arrangement from the school. I'm still working that issue.

Any questions? I'm good in the roster.

73,
KA9HEL, Jack
Training Coordinator

DUES FOR 2003 ARE DUE NOW

Applications can be found at <http://www.wheatonhamfest.org> or on front page.

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MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 4th of March: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 6th of March: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 7th of March: 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.
- 15th of March: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR APRIL.** Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 27th of March: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

WCRA General Membership Meeting - March 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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