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## Hamfest finds new home (we hope)

by Bruce Plantz, K9OZ

The Hamfest Committee is in the final stages of signing a contract with the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. If we're successful, the Mid-Winter Hamfest will be housed in a state-of-the-art, 35,000-square-foot exhibition hall with acres of paved, plowed parking.

By comparison, last year we were crammed into 18,000-square-feet at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

We looked at several venues, including returning to the Hawthorne Race Course. Pheasant Run's costs are about equal to Hawthorne's, but it's a much nicer facility and there's no danger of us getting bumped due to racing dates.

If things move according to plan, we should have a contract nailed down by early May, which will allow us to have flyers at Dayton and all the summer hamfests.

Pheasant Run even allows us to keep the Hamfest in DuPage County. They told me the west edge of the building sits on the DuPage/Kane County border. Rooms will be available in the adjacent hotel for vendors and out-of-town attendees.

Hopefull



These pictures show the Mega Center where the Hamfest will be held. Lots of free plowed parking adjacent to the Mega Center are within an easy walk to the front door.



# From the President's Gavel

by Mike Wolff, AB9AX WCRAPresident

Greetings Fellow WCRAMembers! I am pleased to report to you that as of the time I am writing this, several things are underway for me to complete the transition into the role as your new club president. I'd like to start by recognizing the hard work that Bob (KE9A) has contributed in the role of President, and for taking on the responsibilities of the club treasurer when that position suddenly became vacant. His 'can-do' approach really helped sustain the club's ability to meet financial obligations and function as an organization. I hope you will join me in expressing much gratitude to Bob for his extraordinary contributions to our club.

Next, I'd like to recognize those who were recently elected and re-elected to offices during the last election. Congratulations to Steve Peterson (N9OA) on his re-election to the Vice President's office in the club, and to Jack Feldman (KA9HEL) for his election to the club's Treasurer office. As many of you are aware, Jack had volunteered to help Bob with the duties of treasurer, and graciously accepted a nomination for the position. I look forward to working with Jack, Steve, and all of the incumbent members of the board to carry out the business of the club.

Speaking of club business, there is a lot going on right now. Bruce (K9OZ), the Hamfest Committee Chairman, has been hard at work searching for a suitable venue for the 2004 Mid-Winter Hamfest. In year's past, this task has been done later in the year for a variety of reasons. By doing this earlier in the year, our advertising materials (flyers) will be printed and available at all of the summer hamfests, including the Dayton Hamvention! I'm not going to steal Bruce's thunder, but I think you will be pleased with what the Hamfest committee has been able to arrange for a venue for the 2004 'fest. Thank you Bruce for your efforts!

Field Day is also rapidly coming upon us (June 28 and 29), and I am really looking forward to it this year. Based on conversations with Frank (KG9H),  
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## WCRAMembers

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Sunday 8:30 pm 224.140/(-1.600) Net Control: Marty  
KA9RCC

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Tuesday 8:30 pm 444.475/(5.0) UHF Net

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**WCRA  
Meeting  
Minutes**

by: Robert Mitillieri  
N9EF  
WCRA  
Secretary



The business meeting was called to order at 19:35 by the and introductions were made by the board and all attendees. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion was approved. Secretary, **Robert, N9EF**, reported that one new member was voted in tonight, **N9NA, John Siepmann**. Vice-President, **Steve, N9OA**, reported that tonight's program will be on the Hamfest. Next months program will be on weather spot-

ting. Interim Treasurer, **Jack, KA9HEL**, gave the Treasurers report. Hamfest, **Bruce, K9OZ**, reported that Hawthorne Racetrack looks like the best bet for next years Hamfest. He would like to make a final decision by the end of the month. Elmer, **George, W9GWR**, reported that there were four for the Know Code class. Public Service, **Joe, N9WRO**, reported that the MS Walk is on 4/6, the Special Olympics will be held this weekend in Naperville and second shift operators are still needed. The July 4th parade will be held as usual, and the Glendale Heights parade will be held on 8/23. Joe passed around sign-up sheets for these events. If you are interested please contact Joe, N9WRO. Truck, **Kurt, KB9RTO**, reported that the brakes on the truck are fixed and the charges came in under budget. The oil and coolant were also changed. The master cylinder needed replacement and the rear drums needed to be ground. Training, Jack, KA9HEL, reported that there are no students for the Tech class this quarter. Field Day, **Dale, NJ9E**, reported that it will be held in Panfish Park this year, and he is looking for station captains. Contact Dale, NJ9E, or **Frank, KG9H**. VE Program, **Mike, AB9AX**, reported that at the last session there were 11 who passed the Tech test and 2 upgrades. Hamletter, Steve, N9OA, reported that members should receive notification by email that the Hamletter is ready. Bruce, K9OZ, suggested looking into alternatives to using a .pdf file for the Hamletter. A discussion ensued about the direct correlation between the lack of good communication and declining club membership. A committee was formed to investigate this. The committee is, **Jim, W9DHX**, Bruce, K9OZ, and Dale, NJ9E. Announcements: Robert, N9EF, suggested that members visit the ARRL web site to obtain information to write to their representatives about two important issues; the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act and the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act (the CC&R bill). So far there have been no cosponsors from Illinois. Dale, NJ9E, reported that **Judy, N9TDU**, will be using an organized garage sale to sell some of **John's (W9LQL, SK)** equipment and tools. Old Business: The Nominating committee, Bruce, K9OZ, **Ken, K9HQ**, and **John, WT9Y**, opened nominations for tonight. Ken, K9HQ, has respectfully decline the nomination. There were no further nominations. Since each of the nominees for the office is running uncontested, a motion was made to declare by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried. The new WRCA club officers are: President, Mike, AB9AX, Vice President, Steve, N9OA, and Treasurer, Jack, KA9HEL. Congratulations to our new officers. A motion was made by Joe, N9WRO, to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mike, AB9AX. A vote was taken and the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 20:08.



**From The President's Gavel:**

Dale (NJ9E), and Peter (N9HDW), our capable Field Day Committee co-chairs, we will again be participating from the Panfish Park location in Glen Ellyn. I know that they are still looking for volunteers of all kinds, and the more the merrier! The one thing that we would ask is that you come out looking to have fun, because that is what Field Day is all about HAVING FUN! If you have never been to a field day event, come on out and see (Continued on Page 8)



## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

A five-man group will go to Lesotho in July for a weeklong 7P8 DXpedition. This will be an ALL MODE operation. The team includes Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU/7P8CF, Madison Jones, W5MJ/7P8MJ, Neil King, VA7DX/7P8NK and Tom Anderson, WW5L/7P8TA. They will hit the air July 18-25 from Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho. A recent RTTY survey showed Lesotho was the 89th most wanted RTTY country. On the recent 425 News DX survey 7P8 was ranked 75th in most needed, up some 24 spots from 2002. Among USA hams it ranks 60th and 89th among European hams. Operations will be at the Hotel Mount Maluti (<http://www.seelesotho.com/mountmaluti.htm>) near Mohale's Hoek (30.16 S and 27.48 E). Equipment

includes Tribanders for 10-15-20, a 2 element WARC band antenna, a donated Tennadyne T-6 LPG, and Alpha Delta 40/80/160 dipoles. Kenwood TS850S, ICOM 706MKIIg and 756 PRO, plus 600 and 1 KW amps. Most of the equipment is already in country. QSLs will be handled by each operator separately via their home calls as each will have their own 7P8 call. Andre van Wyck, ZS6WPX, is the on-scene coordinator of the DXpedition. For additional information contact Frosty at [frosty1@pdq.net](mailto:frosty1@pdq.net) or Tom at [WW5L@gte.net](mailto:WW5L@gte.net).

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) last month admitted three new member societies. The National Association Radio amateurs of Georgia (NARG), the Federation of Radiosport of the Republic of Armenia (FRRA) were voted in April 10; the Vietnam Amateur Radio Club (VARC) officially joined IARU on April 4.

NARG has 156 licensed members out of a total of 485 amateurs in the country. The NARG president is Mamuka Kordzakhia, 4L2M. FRRA counts 84 of Armenia's 128 radio amateurs as members. Its president is George Badalian, EK6GB. VARC was founded as a national organization in July 2002 under the Vietnam Radio-Electronics Association. The president of VARC is Eng. Nguyen Bac Ai, XV2A/3W6AR.

The IARU, founded in 1925, is a worldwide federation of national Amateur Radio societies with members in 156 countries and separate territories. In addition to joining the worldwide IARU, NARG and FRRA become members of IARU Region 1 and VARC becomes a member of IARU Region 3.

A large group of Italians and several Albanians will join forces as they are QRV from Durazzo, Albania starting late next month. The team will sign ZA3/ their home calls from May 25 to June 8. Look for activity from Alfredo, IK7JWX, Gilberto; IK7LMX, Angelo, IK7CTE, Raffaele, IZ7BNH; Gadalet, IZ7ATN, Giancarlo, IK7MQJ, Michele, IK7FPX, Antonello, IK2DUW, Giovanni; IZ2DPX, Carlo; IK6CAC, Elvera; IV3FSG, Alessio; IZ0CKJ, Lorenzo; IK5MDF, Marco; IK5BHN, Fatos; ZA1FD, and Florian, ZA5G. Operations are scheduled for CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY.

Jake, N6XIV is once again operating from Wake Island (KH9), and is on the air now through the middle of this month, with the possibility of being there through mid-June. Operating times will be limited due to his work requirements. However, Jake states he will carry along his AH-4 tuner in order to try and operate on multiple bands if the opportunity affords itself. As before, K2FF, Glenn, in Mississippi and W6FRH, Bob, in California will help with piloting duties. All QSLs go via K2FF direct.

Peter, ON6TT has given an update on the UN World Food Program's hams' activities, with Iraq being the current focus of attention. Peter notes that Diya, YI1DZ is the WFP's Baghdad Telecoms Officer. He is safe and well.

The "fast intervention team" from WFP that Peter is a part of, known as "FITTEST," has previously been involved and on the ham radio from 5X, 9Q, 9X, YU8, YA and AP. It is responsible for building technical infrastructure to ensure WFP can move relief food rapidly and safely. S53R, S57CQ and ON6TT were active from

YI just before the conflict. S53R was the very last UN international staff person evacuated before the conflict.

The team has also been given the mandate to install or build basic technical networks such as VHF repeaters, satellite communications, HF fixed location and mobile stations, radio rooms, rework administrative procedures, callsign assignment, etc. for all UN humanitarian aid workers and NGOs (non-governmental organizations - other international aid organizations).

The "FITTEST" team members are pre-positioned in Turkey, Cyprus, UAE, Kuwait, Iran, Syria and Jordan, ready to go into Iraq as part of the very first UN assessments, when they are given the go-ahead. Many of the team have already been on the airwaves from their "standby" locations. Several have already gone into Iraq since the conflict started, including Patrick Pointu, F5ORF and Mark Tell, VK4KMT. Mark is one of six UN international staff members already permanently inside Iraq.

Others ready to go: Robert, S53R and Peter, ON6TT had been waiting in Cyprus, but should just be arriving in Baghdad about the time you read this, Dane, S57CQ, will travel from Cyprus to Irbil (or Erbil), and Mark, ON4WW will be on standby in Syria. Karen, EK6KB, standing by in Jordan to go to Baghdad. Ed, 4L4FN standing by in Turkey to go to northern Iraq Mats, SM7PKK, Krister, SM4FXR, Kent, S M4TFE and Joost, PE1RMN are standing by in the UAE, with Iraqi destinations not determined. Rolf, SM4SWW, Stig, SM5BOF and Leo, SM7WZA are standing by in Cyprus for deployment. Aramais, EK6DO is standing by in Syria and Thomas, SM5WTI is standing by in Jordan, while finally Ghis, ON5NT, new to the team, helping coordinate everything from the UAE.

For those of you who have been DXing for some time, or if you don't DX but have been reading my column over the years, a lot of these names and callsigns will be familiar. Over the coming months as you read about UN activities in Iraq, take time to remember the many Hams that are over there.

Fabien, FO/F8CFU, will be on Hao Atoll (OC-066), French Polynesia through May 5th, then from Tubuai island (OC-152), the Australs, May 6-16th. He will be on 30-10M with a 2-element yagi and dipoles.

The EDR of Denmark has announced that its headquarters station will be on in the IARU HF Championship Contest in July using the OZ1HQ callsign. This is a new call they have obtained primarily for this annual event. QSL via OZ1ACB. You can find out more about the EDR organization at [www.edr.dk](http://www.edr.dk). QSL info and log search can be found at [www.oz0j.dk/oz1hq](http://www.oz0j.dk/oz1hq). OZØJ, Jorgen, who appears to be in charge of this, at least information-wise, can be reached at [oz0j@roemming.dk](mailto:oz0j@roemming.dk).

Rich, KB7KET has been on a missionary assignment in Samoa for the last three months. He is on the air with an IC-706 and G5RV as 5W1RA. Rich likes 20 meters SSB. His son Dan, KB7KEU is working on arranging his QSL route so please QRX for the info.

The Pontifical Lateran University club station HV5PUL at the Vatican will be active during the Lateran Journey on Saturday May 10th. Operations are expected on HF SSB & CW. The Vatican has been relatively rare for the last several years, making this a good one to look for.

Look for Duarte, CT1CPP to be active as S92UN from Sao Tome & Principe over the next three months. He will have a TS-50 and doublets for 20 and 40 meters. Some suggested frequencies are 14.270, 21.270 and 28.470 on SSB. QSL via his home call.

Skipper Susan Meckley, W7KFI, has started a 3 year DXpedition to Central America and the South Pacific. Susan left Oakland, CA, in January and has been slowly working her way south. She has spent time in many ports, and she found them very nice. Susan has been in Ensenada, Mexico (Baja California), for the last month, but left again in mid April, for San Jose, Punta Cabras. Heading south, Susan told the OPDX that she would be operating from an island that has not been operated on before, the Isle San Martin (NA-162). She was heard April 17th as XE2/W7KFI from San Martin on 14.249 kHz at 2341z. The length of her stay is not known. However, Susan provided OPDX with her next stops (no dates given). Her next stop will be at Bahia de Torguga (Turtle bay), and from there to Magdalena Bay, Cabo San Lucas, and finally La Paz. Susan will be in La Paz for a few weeks, then it is off to the islands in the Sea of Cortez for operating....and into Guymas for the hurricane

season. Come fall she will go down the mainland coast ending in Costa Rica. In April 2004, she is off to Galapagos Islands and into the South Pacific. Susan states, "I will be in the South Pacific for up to three years, operating from any island that will give me a license to operate. This is a fully self-funded expedition. I asked all around for support but was unable to get any. Rig is an FT-847 with two 32' pop-up masts and I will be on all modes except SSTV...including Pactor. I intend to follow in the footsteps of Danny Weil from the 50's. Hopefully, I will not end up on a reef like he did." Susan is 69 years old!

Although summer is not even here yet, it pays to look forward to fall. A group of German DXers plan to be QRV from two Australian islands in the Indian Ocean during a good portion of October. They plan to start off on Christmas Island from October 4 to 25. They, but maybe not all, will also operate from Cocos-Keeling from October 9 to 19. Team members include: Gerd, DJ5IW/VK9XW, Hari, DM5TI/VK9XT/VK9CT, Tom, DL2RMC/VK9XM, and Andy, DL8LAS/VK9XA/VK9CD. Look for activity on 6 through 160 meters on all modes, including an AO40 Satellite operation. They will be taking 160 kg of equipment, which will consist of 3 complete HF stations, beams, verticals and a dish. QSL all via DL2RMC, Thomas Hitzner, Anton-Moosmueller-Str. 1, D-84571 Reischach, Germany. The team has a Web site at <http://www.qls.net/vk9xt/> which should include on-line logs.

Don't forget as reported last month, there's a group of Italian Hams on Marquesas until May 7. They have three stations on HF and one on 6 meters. Look for their beacon on 50.105, which will be active every hour and every half hour for 5 minutes. The call sign is TX4PG in honor the French artist Paul Gauguin, who died on the island a century ago this month. QSL via I2YSB either direct or via the bureau. There are two addresses that can be used. They are: Silvano Borsa, P.O. Box 45, 27036 Mortara (PV) Italy or Silvano Borsa, Viale Capettini 1, 27036 Mortara (PV) Italy. They also have a nice Web page at <http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb/marquesas/marq.htm>.

Willie, KV4EB/YI is located just south of Baghdad, Iraq. He will be operating near 21.270 daily at 1400z. Later in the day he will move to 20 meters, perhaps around 14.255. Also from Iraq, look for Albert, YI/KA1FFO/M on PSK31 on 20 meters daily between 1700 and 1800z.

ARRL Membership Services Manager N7NG, Wayne Mills, says the League will accept for DXCC credit YI/ operations from Iraq by US or British military personnel provided the operator has written permission from his or her commanding officer. "There is precedent for this," Mills said, citing an operation during the 1991 Gulf War. "These operators will need written authorization to operate from their commanding officers until an interim Iraqi government is in place," Mills said. After that point, operators would need documented permission from Iraqi authorities.

Jay Slough, K4ZLE will be the Master of Ceremonies for this year's Dayton DX Forum, which will take place on Saturday May 17 from 9:30AM to 12:15PM. On the program will be Don Miller, AE6IY (ex W9WNV), speaking on his DXpeditions in the 60s. Bernie McClenny, W3UR, on the AH3D trip and Al Hernandez, K3VN, on the ZL7C trip. Plus Jay is putting together presentation on the 60's DXpeditions to Serrana Bank, San Felix and other Caribbean Islands in the days of Iron Man DXpeditions!

## DX POTPOURRI

The call W6C has been reserved for use as a Special Event station during the International DX Convention in Visalia May 2, 3, and 4, 2003. Activity plans include HF, VHF and satellite. QSL to K6AO.

Look for Jim, ZD8Z on Ascension Island at 21.250 daily, around 2000z. He plans to put in a serious effort Friday and Saturday nights on 80 and 160 meters. QSL via VE3HO.

Ernie, W1MRQ is operating at the McMurdo Station in Antarctica from now until sometime in August as KC4USM. QSL is to his manager K1CA.

Members of the Caribbean Amateur Radio Group will be celebrating a Hamfest and Old Timers recog-

dition on May 4, 2003. The group will use special callsign K4C from Puerto Rico for the event from May 3 to May 17 on the following frequencies: 28.370, 21.370, 14.270 and 7.270. All QSLs go via KP4ARN, with SASE (U.S. postage).

The Crimea contest club will operate the following station from May 5 through the 11th. The call will be EO58JM and the QSL route will be via KG6AR.

V51/DL2SL is on from Namibia every day at 0800z on 21.365. That's pretty early for North America to work him, but something to look for if you can't sleep.

Contesting enthusiast and professional soccer player Sergei Rebrov, M0SDX, has been traded from the London Spurs to the Fenerbahce team in Istanbul, Turkey. He has gotten the callsign TA2ZF.

4X55I will be on from Israel until May 10th to celebrate the 55 years of the State of Israel's existence. QSL via 4Z4SZ.

EX2A in Kyrgyzstan appears occasionally, almost always on 30M at/or near 10.104, and most often around 1930z. He was found on 40M and on 160M last month. He occasionally operates around 0300z as well.

French IOTA Groix island, EU-048, will be on the air under the TM7R callsign May 7-12th. Operators F4AJQ, F4BTP, F4BUX, F4EAV, F4EAX, F5AGB, F5PVF, F5TST, F5VHQ, F8BUI, F8BJI, F8BQQ and F9IE will be on CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via F6KOP.

TM5CW by Dominique, F5SJB, will be on again May 24-June 7.

## On The Web

HF0POL (South Shetland Islands) logs for the Miro, SP7JKW operation in 2002 are now on line. The URL for this one is <http://republika.pl/sq5ta/logs/search.html>.

## CONTESTS

TIME	DATE	CONTEST/EVENT NAME	BAND	MODE
0000z	May 3	MARC County		
2400z	May 4	Hunters	80-10M	CW
0001z	May 3	10-10 Int'l Spring		
2400z	May 4	QSO Party	10M	CW
2000z	May 3	ARI International		
2359z	May 4	DX Contest	160-10M	all Modes
0000z	May 3	Int'l Police		
2359z	May 3	Association Contest	80-10M	CW
0000z	May 4	Int'l Police		
2359z	May 4	Association Contest	80-10M	SSB
1700z	May 10	FISTS		
2100z	May 10	Spring Sprint	80-10M	CW

2100z	May 10	CQ-M Int'l		
2100z	May 11	DX Contest	160-10M	CW/SSB
1800z	May 17	His Majesty, King		
1800z	May 18	of Spain Contest	160-10M	CW
0000z	May 24	CQ WW		
2400z	May 25	Prefix Contest	160-10M	CW
2300z	May 26	MI QRP Memorial		
0300z	May 27	Day Sprint	160-10M	CW
1500z	June 7	IARU Region 1 (EU)		
1500z	June 8	Field Day	160-10M	CW/SSB

Why not try your hand in a contest or two in preparation for the "Big One" next month. Special thanks this month to The Daily DX, ARRL. OPDX and DX-NL Newsletter for information used.

Until next month,

73 & Good DX

Pete, W9Uf

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### From The President's Gavel - continued from page 3

what you've been missing! If you want to come out and put a station on the air, talk to the committee to see what can be arranged. Frank (KG9H) can frequently be found around drive time on either our 2-meter or 440 MHz repeaters. Last year, our Field Day effort went on the air as class 7A and did very well. I'll be captaining the 40 Meter SSB station this year, jointly with Ken (N9HQ), who will be captaining the 10 Meter SSB station. I'm sure all of the stations have slots available for people to come and operate or log at their stations.

Lastly, I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the May 2003 general club meeting, but I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous spring. I look forward to getting to know more of you, and hearing your thoughts and ideas -- particularly those that are Ham radio related. If you have something you'd like to share with the club, consider forwarding it to the Hamletter editor, Don Motz (N9NYX). If you have something that you'd like to present, I know that Steve (N9OA), is always looking for something new in the way of programs following general membership business meetings. Most of all, I hope to hear you on the air.

73,

Mike -- AB9AX

## BIRTHDAYS OF MAY



ROBERT	KG9U	05-02-41
TOM	N9WBW	05-08-57
MAC	W9LIW	05-11-25
WAYNE	KF9JC	05-19-39
JOHN	N9PPO	05-23-25
JIM	KA9OSW	05-26-27

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.

## DUES FOR 2003 ARE NOW PAST DUE

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## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st of May: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 2nd of May: 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. Weather Spotting will be tonight's program.
- 6th of May: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 15th of May: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR JUNE.** Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. **Please be prompt.**
- 22nd of May: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

### WCRA General Membership Meeting - May 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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