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## Hamfest A Success

By every measure the annual Mid-Winter Hamfest at the Pheasant Run Mega-Center was a rousing success. Compared with last year's crowded, dingy conditions, the Mega-Center offered a brightly lit, spacious facility that suited our purpose perfectly. Vendors were  
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Dues for 2004 are due by the April Club meeting. Please remember to turn in your application (see page 13) when you arrive for this Friday's meeting or mail your completed application to: WCRA, PO Box QSL, Wheaton, Illinois 60189.

# From the President's Gavel

by Mike Wolff WCRA President



## Greetings WCRA Members!

Well, Here it is, just two days after our Mid-Winter Hamfest event, and the praise continues to come in! What a wonderful event this was, and it was possible because of a lot of dedicated people within our organization had the will and purpose to make it happen, and one would be hard pressed to find an attendee or vendor that was not impressed with the whole thing. The final numbers should be together in the next couple of weeks as everybody (including yours truly) gets their ticket sales money straightened out and turned in. We are fairly certain that this event will be another financial success to support the operations of our club, but the future hamfests will also benefit from how well this one came off in the eyes of the vendors and the attendees. K9WH, a man that has been involved with our hamfest for the last 17 years now, has solicited feedback from several vendors, and all of them had positive things to say! Many of them have already said, "sign me up for next year at that place!" Bill also tells me that he jumped on MidCARS (a service on 40 meters at 7,258 KHz), and a few folks down in Peoria spoke

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Remember the Club Elections  
at the April Meeting  
The Club needs YOU! Volunteer

### WCRA Staff

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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)	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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happy, attendees were happy and club members were happy.

I'm writing this on Monday morning, and the current topic on Mid-Cars is what a great Hamfest that was. That's also the buzz on the local repeaters.

We are still putting the final numbers together, but it appears table sales, advanced ticket sales and day-of ticket sales all came in about even or slightly above last year – in other words right on budget. If we aren't hit with any unforeseen costs, we'll turn in a reasonable profit for our efforts.

At present, I'm talking to Pheasant Run about next year and beyond. The consensus from everyone was do what it takes to keep this facility, and that's exactly we're attempting to do.

The successful Hamfest is a team effort. I can't thank everyone personally but there are a few I want to give some special thanks to:

Mike, AB9AX, did double duty as club president and flea market chairman. I know from experience that flea market chairman is the second-most-difficult position on the hamfest committee, so I know we were stretching him thin at that position.

Kurt, KB9RTO, handled logistics, which includes a bunch of details from food service to making sure we have the chairs where we need them.

Mary, K9GAL, was volunteered by the chairman to handle tickets and publicity. She didn't know how hard the ticket job was. She also wound up assisting me in a bunch of ways, so thanks are in order.

Bill, K9WH, we wouldn't have a successful hamfest without him. Enough said.

Kent, KE1NT, stepped in as worker coordinator at the 11th hour. My thanks.

Add to that the committee members, the long-time hamfest volunteers who you know will show up to help, and a special thanks to everyone who shows up early Sunday morning to help with move in, led by Tom, N9WBW. Then there's Doug and Peter doing the stage, Dale setting up the display in the lobby, Pat handling talk-in, Joe and John helping with ticket sales, Jack counting the money ... the list goes on and on. Thanks again to everyone.

Bruce, K9OZ



## WCRA Meeting Minutes

by: Robert Mitillieri  
N9EF  
WCRA  
Secretary



## WCRA Meeting Minutes for the January 9th, 2004 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:35 by the President, **Mike AB9AX** and introductions were made by the board and all in attendance. There was a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting by **N9WRO**. The motion was seconded by **N9MWF**, a vote was taken, and the motion carried. **Bill, K9WH** sadly reported the passing of **Bill McQueen, N9CLL**. More sad news followed when Mike reported the passing of the wife of

**Peter K Richey, N9HDW**. The Vice-President, **Steve, N9OA**, reported that tonight's program is on the Hamfest. Next month's program will be on QRP (bring your QRP rigs). In April there will be a presentation on electric cars. Secretary, **Robert, N9EF**, asked members whether we should renew the both .com and .org domain names of the W9CCU web site. Since the time for renewal is upon us, **Pat, K9JAU** made a motion to renew both domain names. The motion was seconded by Bill, K9WH. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Robert will research other web hosting providers in case QSL.NET ever ceases to exist. Treasurer, **Jack, KA9HEL**, was not in attendance. Custodian, **Roberto, WA9E**, said that he received the truck plate renewal sticker. The truck is still at the North Avenue rental site. It hasn't been started since October. Roberto will attempt to start it this Sunday. Roberto also received the renewal for the Hamfest web URL ([www.wheatonhamfest.org](http://www.wheatonhamfest.org) <<http://www.wheatonhamfest.org/>> ). **Don, N9NYX**, asked about the insurance reimbursement for the repeater and antennas. Roberto stated that the insurance company said that they do not cover damage from liquids. Roberto also reported that Travelers said that only the building was insured. Don disagreed. Don and Roberto will meet to discuss the matter and report back. Elmer, **George, W9GWR**, said that they were considering discontinuing classes after the next one due to lack of participation. Public Service, Joe, N9WRO, will attempt to have an event schedule by the next meeting. RAB, Don, N9NYX, reported that there was no change in the status of the antenna installation at COD. **Larry, KA9KDC**, will be starting a rehab project on his QTH this spring so we will need to relocate the equipment prior to that. George, W9GWR, asked about the possibility of using Wheaton College. The structure will not support the WCRA repeater antenna. **Dale, NJ9E**, mentioned that there will be a 17 story convention center going up in Lombard off Highland Avenue. Bill, K9WH mentioned that **Brian, N9ECQ**, may be a possible contact. Training, Robert, N9EF, mentioned that there was not a Tech class due to lack of students. Field Day, Dale, NJ9E, said that we will have one. VE, **Harry, K9HK**, said that there will be a session the Thursday before the Hamfest, and a session at the Hamfest. Mike, AB9AX, thanked **Ruth, KA9RZG**, for a fun Christmas party, Mike also thanked Ruth for arranging the Christmas Party for the past 20 years! Wow! Hamletter, Don, N9NYX, asked for a volunteer to print the Hamletter from the web and send it to the 12 WCRA members who do not have access to the web. Please contact Don if you're interested. Don also mentioned that he is always looking for input as well as new ideas. There was a motion to accept the committee reports by **N9CBA**. The motion was seconded by **KEINT**, a vote was taken and it carried. New Business: Mike, AB9AX, reminded us that there would be three positions available, President, Secretary, and Custodian. Mike asked for volunteers for a nominating committee. The Nominating committee is Don, N9NYX (chairperson), **Doug, W9NJM**, and Pat K9JAU. A motion was made by N9NYX to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 20:35.

Place your Anchor here.

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praises of the hamfest as well. I have only been involved with the WCRAMid-Winter Hamfest for 4 years myself (the first year as an attendee back at Hawthorne, the rest as a volunteer), and I'd have to say that this is the best one that I have seen. So, if you missed it, you really missed a great one! If you remember the 2003 event, this one was much the opposite. Warm, happy Hams spending money vs. Cold, grumpy people packed in like sardines that couldn't get around sufficiently to see anything. In any case, a huge "Thank You!" to all of you that volunteered your talents, time, and efforts to contribute to what I believe has been our best hamfest in many years.

However, the work is not over for the hamfest committee. Bruce (K9OZ) and his crew will be working to procure the same venue for next year's event, so let's hope that we can strike a reasonable deal, and have a repeat performance next January! Also, even though we have received a lot of positive feedback, it is important that if we see ways to do things better, that we also adapt where we can. So, if you have some ideas on what we could do better, please let us know.

Lastly, Ken (N9HQ) and I were talking at the fest while attending to our duties at the hamfest, and he reminded me that Field Day is less than 5 months away now, so time to start planning our next party! Think about what you might like to do this year, and start talking it up. Eventually, the snow will disappear, and the temperatures will rise, and before you know it, contest season is over, and it will be time to start spring cleaning and working on antennae for next season. All will be warm and green again, and voices will be saying "CQ Field Day, this is Whiskey-Nine-Charlie-Charlie-Uniform..." and keyers will be fast and furiously spitting out "CQ FD CQ FD CQ FD de W9CCU K..." at 25 WPM. Maybe we'll be 'Nine Alpha, India Lima' again this year. Time to start thinking about what 40 meter SSB will be putting on the air this year for an antenna... Maybe that delta loop I built this past fall that hasn't made it up in the air yet.... What about you?

73,

Mike

The membership of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs would like to express a heart felt thanks to Dale, NJ9E, for preparing and printing up the large display that he set up in the lobby of the Pheasant Run Mega Center lobby on the morning of the Hamfest. For those attending the Hamfest is allowed them to spend a few moments learning about us as a club and possibly gaining a few new members in the process.

Thanks Dale

**Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs**

**Check us out!**

- 2 meter FM: 145.390 offset 107.2 PL
- Monthly meeting: First Friday of every month at 7:30 PM Wheaton College (sponsored dinner, Feb. 1, March 1)
- Training: We offer license classes at the College Of DuPage
- On the Internet: <http://www.wheatonhamfest.org> <http://www.w9ccu.org>
- By mail or phone: PO Box 028, Wheaton, IL 60189 (630) 545-5950

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## Activities on the HF Bands

by:  
Peter Barr  
W9UF

Henry,LU4DXU should be active now from the South Orkney Islands by the time you read this. On January 23rd he was to set sail aboard the "Almirante Irizar", an icebreaker and supply ship. Baring unforeseen circumstances, his arrival at the Orcadas Antarctic Base on Laurie Island would be five days later. Activity from the South Orkney Islands will be run until February 29 as AY1ZA, which was recently authorized by the Comision Nacionalde Comunicaciones.

Suggested frequencies are as follows:

SSB: 28.390, 24.930, 21.190, 18.130, 14.290, 7.090 and 3.785 CW: 28.035, 24.905, 21.035, 18.090, 14.035, 10.120, 7.025, 3.515 and 1.835 RTTY: 28.120, 21.090 and 14.090 PSK31: 21.070 and 14.070

Equipment will include an IC-751, a TL-922 linear, a 4-element KLM yagi, a rhombic antenna and some wire antennas. Henry's HF operations are conditional that he not interfere with the island's commercial HF radio. If there is interference, all Amateur Radio activity would be put on hold until the commercial traffic is complete. QSL AY1ZA via LU4DXU, Horacio Enrique Ledo, Caracas 2664 or P.O. Box # 22, Martinez 1640, Bs. As. ARGENTINA.

Sponsors for this operation include the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF), the German DX Foundation (GDXF), the European DX Foundation (EUDXF) and other Antarctic enthusiasts. After Henry's operation the HF rig will be left behind for the LU1ZA club station.

Two one-man operations will take place from Ascension Island this month. Glenn,K6NA will be active again as ZD8A. He'll be on all bands, mostly CW, including WARC, from February 13-17. He will also be active again from February 28 to March 2. QSL ZD8A via N6CW. Rick,N6ND will sign ZD8R also between February 13-17 period. His QSL route will be announced. XF1K will be the callsign for this month's operation from the Sonora State South Group, NA-166, also known as "the most wanted IOTA group in North America." The operation is February 5-9, 80-10 meters, (with 160 a possibility), SSB and CW, with three 100-watt stations running on batteries and generators 18-24 hours per day. The antennas will be a pair of tri-band yagis, verticals 160-40 and a dipole for on 80/40/30. QSL via N6AWD.

### 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

Mark,G4AXX; Dick,GU4CHY; Steve,G4JVG and Rich,M5RIC will operate from Malawi between April 18th and May 1st. Their full 7Q7 callsign will be announced shortly before the start of the operation to discourage pirates. A website at <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com> has been set up and will include a log-search facility updated regularly. Activity will be on all bands 10-80 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK using three stations with amplifiers and beam antennas. Kenwood (UK) has kindly agreed to sponsor the DXpedition and will be providing transceivers. Each of the team members will be making a personal donation to a Malawian aid charity (details to appear on the website) and donations from DX clubs and individuals for the DXpedition or the charity would be welcome. They may be sent to G4JVG, SteveTelenius-Lowe, 27 Hertford Road, Stevenage SG2 8RZ, England. QSL cards should be sent via G3LQP direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or via the bureau.

Rudi,DK7PE will be in Sri Lanka March 3-8, operating all bands, including 160M if the "situation there" allows. Rudi hopes propagation will allow contacts over the pole to North America. Along with Rudi will be Bernd,DK7TF; Karl,DL4FP; and Frank,DJ3FK.

Pete,K2PS and his XYL will be traveling to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. The trip and operation start off at the University of Sydney (Australia) ham club for the ARRL DX CW contest, he hopes, using the callsign VK2FRC. Pete says that call is not currently assigned, so there should be no problem getting it. Pete is undoubtedly a member of the FRC, Frankford Radio Club, primarily of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, hence his callsign choice. He expects to operate as 3D2PS April 21-24 with the T33C group, who will be resting after their two weeks living in tents. He does not give the dates for the New Zealand operation, but I assume that will be after Australia and before Fiji.

Lada,OK1LO was operating from the EP3PTT club station in Tehran, Iran before Christmas and since then has been trying to get his own callsign and to operate from Sistan, Baluchistan. He has been informed that authorities are not granting callsigns to foreigners at present, but he still hopes to be able to get one as an "expedition." He continues to work on it. Meantime, he expects to be on from time to time from EP3PTT when he's back in Tehran. It appears his next activity will be February 10th or soon thereafter.

Paolo,YV1DIG says the planned Aves Island DXpedition has been delayed until late February or March (more likely March) and the planners will avoid the WPX contest weekend. Aves Island is a separate DXCC entity separate from its parent country, Venezuela. Ave (YVØ) is number 10 on DX Magazine's most wanted survey list, and is ranked higher on digital modes, satellite and low bands. Two stations will be dedicated to those. Fifteen operators are expected to be on the team.

Hungary becomes a full member of the European Union May first. The special callsigns, HA2ØØ4EU and HA2ØØ4UNI will be on the air to mark the event, perhaps for the rest of the year. QSL HA2ØØ4EU via HA5XXA and HA2ØØ4UNI via HA6QT.

Nakamura,JE1JKL will use the 9M6NA callsign from East Malaysia in the ARRL DX Contest February 21-22. He will be single op single band on 80 meters. He will be on Labuan Island, OC-133, February 17-March 2, concentrating on 160 as well as 80 outside the contest. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail QSL requests for bureau answers are fine, via 9m6na@jsfc.org. The web page for Nakamura is <http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html>.

Danny,T93M will enjoy some warm weather in Martinique when he operates FM/T93M in the CQ WPX SSB March 27-28. He will be single operator all band high power. QSL via DJ2MX. Danny's web page is <http://www.t93m.com>.

Craig,FS/AH8DX will be in the ARRL DX CW February 21-22 from French St. Martin. He will be single op all band high power. QSL via AH8DX.

Scott, N9AG will be operating with his St. Lucia callsign, J68AS, February 11-25 with an emphasis on 160M. He will have a 65-foot-tall inverted-L on the side of a hill looking north and a kilowatt. This is a vacation trip, so it won't be all radio. He expects to show up on 160 about the 14th.

Mississippi's Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) is drumming up activity for the Mississippi QSO Party the last weekend of February. It runs for 12 hours starting at 15ØØz February 28. MDXA plans to put on two rare counties, George and Greene. K5MDX will be the callsign used. For more info on the QSO Party, go to [http://www.arrlmiss.org/AFTERA\\_1/aftera\\_1.htm](http://www.arrlmiss.org/AFTERA_1/aftera_1.htm).

Bernhard, DL2GAC, Bernhard, is back in the Solomon Islands again. He reports that he will stay in the capital city of Honiara for the time being and operate as H44MS. On past trips to the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea he has operated from several IOTA islands. That probably won't happen on this trip, as the non-activated groups are difficult to access due to transportation. He should be there through April. QSL via DL2GAC.

Darran,M1DAZ flew back to Umm Qasar in Southern Iraq in mid January. He's using a Yaesu

FT100D along with an Atas 120 and G5RV wire antennas. Look for him as YI9DAZ on the HF bands. QSL via M1DAZ, Darran, P.O. Box 17, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1SF, ENGLAND.

Three operators plan to be on from Brunei March 8-15, operating from the QTH of V85GD. Jim,G3RTE; Phil,G3SWH and Ray,G3NOM/HSØZDZ will use the special callsign of V8JIM. One of them, possibly G3NOM, will be in the RSGBCCommonwealth Contest with the callsign V8NOM. Plans are to be on 160-10M, CW, SSB and digital, with as many as three stations on the air simultaneously. They have a goal of making 12,000 QSOs, divided between CW, SSB and digital. QSL V8JIM via G3SWH and V8NOM via GM4FDM.

Two German operators, DL1VKE and DF2SS have been planning to be active from Samoa(5W) and Niue(ZK2)between March 25 and April 10, 2004. This will be an all band operation on SSB, CW and RTTY. Earlier this month however, hurricane Heta caused heavy damage on Niue so new arrangements may possibly need to be made for this part of the trip. QSL this operation via DL2MDZ.

In April, an international team will be active from Banaba (IOTA OC-Ø18)as T33C for a period of about 12 days. Formerly Ocean Island, Banaba is one of the many islands in the Republic of Kiribati. This expedition will be a major effort, featuring 24 hour a day operation. CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and SSTV will be used as appropriate on all bands 160 through 6 meters and AO-40. There will be seven separate HF stations featuring Elecraft K2/100 transceivers and ACOM1000 amplifiers, including a dedicated station for the digital modes and another for 6 meters. Operations on 20 meters and above will use StepIR yagis, while low band stations will use a variety of transmitting and receiving antennas, including loops and beverages. Logs will be transmitted daily to Australia and will be available on the Web.

The T33C QSL Route is Flo Moudar,F5CWU 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, FRANCE. Include a SASE plus at least \$2.00 for postage, or at least one "New Type" IRC

### **WHAT'S ON THE WEB**

The on-line logs of the recent Z38M operation can be found at <http://www.mdxc.org/default1.asp>.

Don't forget the 425 DX News new survey for the best DXpedition of 2003. They have chosen 14 DXpeditions which took place last year (3CØV, AH3D, BQ9P, CY9A, S05X, STØRY, T31MY, TO4E, TS7N, TX4PG, TZ6RD, VK9CD, VP6DIA and XZ7A) and now ask for your vote. The "425TROPHY" will be given to the winner during a DX Convention (to be defined). They are also accepting donations exclusively for the 425TROPHY. The calls and names of the donors will be engraved on the trophy and listed on the 425 website. Vote today - [http://www.425dxn.org/trophy\\_2003/](http://www.425dxn.org/trophy_2003/).

### **APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT**

The ARRL Board of Directors in January, voted to remove the IARU Member Society rule from the DXCC rules. This is one of the three criteria for adding a new DXCC Entity under the Political Entities provision. The UN and ITU criteria are still in place. "It was a long and complicated story and took up over an hour of fierce debate at the meeting", said John Kanode,N4MM, ARRL Honorary Vice President. The IARU criteria were responsible for the additions of the Chesterfields and Ducie Island to the DXCC list. There were several other possible DXCC entities that could have resulted if the parent entities had gained an IARU society, including Sala y Gomez (CEØY), Swains Island (KH8), Gough Island (ZD9), and possibly one other.

The following operations were approved for DXCC credit: Uganda - 5X2A (July 29, 2003 to July 1, 2004). Afghanistan - YA4F (September 2003 to April 2004) and YA8G (December 14, 2003 to January 31, 2004).

## DX POTPOURRI

Bull,5U7JB in Niger has been quite active on 17 meters, and will concentrate his activity on the WARC bands for the next few months. He will be active on the other HF bands during contests. QSL via ON5NT.

Need the South Shetland Islands? Ricardo, CE3HDI will be QRV as CE9R from Escudero Base on King George Island, IOTA AN-Ø1Ø until February 24. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to his home call.

Felix,DP1POL has been QRV on 20 meters from Antarctica around 18ØØ to 2ØØØz. QSL via DL1ZBO.

Mohsen,EP3SMH in Iran is generally on the air on 15 meters around 13ØØz. QSL direct.

Maurice,FH/F6AIG is now on from Petite Terre, Mayotte, AF-Ø27. He likes 14.130 (below the U.S. phone band) at 17ØØz.

Pierre, F6FXS is currently in Guadeloupe signing FG/F6FXS until February 13. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW. His activity should be around 13ØØ to 14ØØz and then 22ØØ to 24ØØz. QSL to home call.

Two stations are currently very active from the extreme northern entity of Svalbard. JW5E has been QRV on 80 meters using SSB around Ø63Øz. QSL via operators' instructions. Meanwhile, JW5RIA is also active until May 30. QSL via LA5RIA.

Monk Apollo, SV1ASP/A has been active this last month from Mount Athos. Try on 17 meters around 0800 and 1400z and 12 meters around 0900z. QSL direct.

Look for T2ØRE from Tuvalu in the South Pacific on 20 meters around Ø7ØØz, 30 meters around 1Ø:ØØz and 40 meters around 11:ØØz. QSL via HA8IB.

Walsker,CT3HK is signing TN3S from the Congo until October 31. QSL his home call.

Gerd,DJ4KW and Gisela,DK9GG will be in Belize as V31YN and V31GW, respectively, using CW and RTTY, respectively, until the end of this month.

Jim, VK9NS on Norfolk Island likes 20 meters around 23ØØz. QSL direct.

Ted,NH6YK is currently VP8DHI in the Falkland Islands. His activity has been mostly on 17 meters around ØØØØz. QSL to home call.

Omar,YK1AO is frequently putting Syria on the air. Try 40 meters CW around Ø5ØØz. QSL direct.

## CONTESTS

Time	Date	Contest	Band	Mode
ØØØØz	February 1	North American		
Ø4ØØz	February 1	CW Sprint	80-10M	CW
ØØØØz	February 7	Vermont		
24ØØz	February 8	QSO Party	80-10	CW,SSB
ØØØØz	February 7	New Hampshire		
24ØØz	February 8	QSO Party	80-10	CW,SSB
ØØØ1z	February 7	10-10 International		
24ØØz	February 8	Winter Contest	10 Meters	SSB

1400z 2359z	February 7 February 7	Minnesota QSO Party	80-10	CW,SSB
1800z 2400z	February 7 February 8	Mexico RTTY Int'l Contest	80-10	RTTY
0000z 0400z	February 8 February 8	North American Phone Sprint	80-10	SSB
1300z 0100z	February 9 February 14	ARRL School Club Roundup	80-10	SSB,CW
0000z 2400z	February 14 February 15	CQ World-Wide RTTY WPX Contest	160-10	RTTY
1100z 1300z	February 14 February 14	Asia-Pacific CW Sprint	80-10	CW
1400z 0200z	February 14 February 16	YL-OM CW Contest	80-10	CW
1700z 2100z	February 14 February 14	FISTS Winter Sprint	80-10	CW
2000z 2400z	February 15 February 15	QRP ARCI Fireside Phone Sprint	80-10	SSB
0000z 2400z	February 21 February 22	ARRL Int'l DX Contest	160-10	CW
0000z 2400z	February 21 February 22	YL-ISSB CW QSO Party	80-10	CW
1400z 0200z	February 21 February 23	YL-OM Phone Contest	80-10	SSB
0000z 2359z	February 28 February 29	CQ World-Wide 160 Meter Contest	160 Meters	SSB
0600z 1800z	February 28 February 29	REF DX Phone Contest	80-10	SSB
1300z 1300z	February 28 February 29	UBA DX Contest	80-10	CW
1500z 0300z	February 28 February 29	Mississippi QSO Party	80-10	CW,SSB

1800z	February 28	North American RTTY		
0600z	February 29	QSO Party	160-10	RTTY
0900z	February 29	High Speed Club		
1100z	February 29	CW Contest	160-10	CW

Thanks to Bernie, W3UR and his Daily DX, OPDX, WA7BNM Contest Calendar and the ARRL for information used this month.



A recent picture from sunny Florida shows us that John, K9FID, has his station back up and running after his relocation. Is that John on the right???



Come to the meeting this Friday to hear Bruce, K9OZ, talk about and demonstrate the use of this rig.

## BIRTHDAYS OF FEBRUARY

MARY	N9QGR	02-02-54
BRUCE	K9OZ	02-03-53
JOHN	K9FID	02-06-46
FRED	KB9MVU	02-12-55
BILL	W9GMO	02-18-21
RICHARD	K9MGX	02-23-38



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.

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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 3rd of February: Club breakfast **every** Tuesday morning 7-9 AM, Glen Oaks Restaurant, Glen Ellyn
- 5th of February: Club brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursday at 10:30 AM, Carol's Garden, Carol Stream
- 6th of April: 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. AQRP lecture and demonstration will be given by Bruce, K9OZ. Please bring your QRP rigs to share and demo.
- 15th of February: **DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR MARCH.** Remember we are doing a limited printed edition. Please be prompt.
- 26th of February: VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm.

### WCRA General Membership Meeting - February 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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