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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE APRIL CLUB MEETING IS THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THIS YEAR THE CLUB IS ELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ELECTIONS YOU MUST HAVE PAID AND BE CURRENT IN YOUR 2010 DUES. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND FOR THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 5.

Auction Prize Keeps Harmonic's Room Neat

Colin Olzeniac, 8 year old son of Club Member Kevin, AV9XY, has a better organized room as a result of his "Auction" pick of a wall-cabinet at the February WCRA meeting. With a lot of other goodies from which to choose, onlookers were shocked when Colin picked the cabinet.

"For your Mom?" a club member asked.

"No, its for my Legos!" Colin responded.

His Lego collection is two years old, and now that he has a storage place, Dad Kevin, has come up with a matching fiber-board carton that holds the wall cabinet and gives the installation the look of "Fortress Lego" in the corner of his room.

And what does Colin build with his Lego sets—which have come his way from holiday gifts and astute management of his allowance money? He likes to build ships—ships of all kinds. His two favorite shopping places; Toys-R-Us and Target.

Just keep that room neat, Colin!

It is time to renew your annual WCRA Dues. Near the end of the HamLetter you will find a Membership Application that you may print and fill in and bring to the next meeting with appropriate coin of the realm. Remember you cannot vote in the April elections without being a paid up member.

WCRA Staff
Elected Officers

President Mark, W9UZ
 Vice President John, WT9Y
 Secretary Steve, N9OA
 Treasurer Ken, N9HQ
 Custodian Bob, W9BK

Volunteer Committee Chairs

Club Call Trustee Tom, N9CBA
 Christmas Party Ruth, KA9RZG
 Club Awards John, N9MWF
 Elmer/Know-Code Charlie, WB9SG
 Field Day Dale, NJ9E
 Hamfest John, WT9Y
 Refreshments John, WT9Y
 Membership Paul, KA9RVS
 Public Service Steve, N9OA
 VHF/HF Awards John, N9MWF
 Webmaster Tom, N9WBW

Amateur License Staff

Training Classes Charlie, WB9SGD
 Volunteer Exam. Harry, K9HK

WCRA Repeater Administrative Board (RAB)

Chairman Don, N9NYX
 Secretary George, KA3HSW
 Member Rich, N9DKO
 Member Larry, KA9KDC

WCRA Radio Nets

Sunday 8:00 pm 145.310/(-600) Net Control: Rotates

WCRA Repeaters

145.310/ 144.710 103.5(1A) or 107.2(1B) PL Encode/Decode
 224.140/222.540 Carrier Access
 444.475/449.475 114.8 Hz(2A) PL Encode/ Decode

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From the President's Gavel

by Mark, W9UZ WCRA President

My two year term as President comes to an end with this column. I have been blessed with an Executive Committee that has served faithfully in fulfilling their jobs. New two year terms are coming up for President, Secretary and Property Custodian. I am sure they will be ably filled by well-qualified people. Jim Ward, W9DHX, now has a full and well qualified slate of officer candidates.

The new Executive Committee as well as the entire Club will face major challenges in the years ahead. Amateur Radio is competing with just about every interest imaginable. New and innovative ways are needed to build the Club. People need a reason to join a specialized Club. We are there to give them that reason. Interesting Club programs need to be sent to local papers. Participation in Public Service Events using our CSU will help in getting our message across. The CSU is really a great showcase of our technical capability. Work is only about half way done according to Joe, N9WRO and John, N9MWF, who are the system engineers. Still to be installed are a retractable pneumatic tower, solar panels, ARPS, public radios, etc.

Technical instruction needs more volunteers. ARES needs more participation, as well as our Sunday night nets.

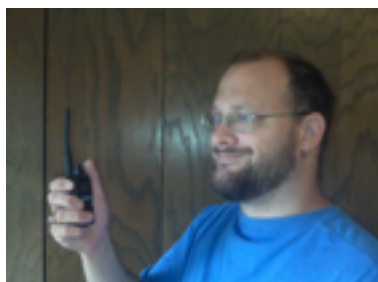
Let's continue to build the Club to fulfill our role of community emergency service and keeping alive the great hobby of Amateur Radio.

Mark, W9UZ

REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TOWARD THE END OF THIS HAMLETTER AND BRING IT TO FRIDAY'S MEETING WITH YOUR RENEWAL CHECK.

WCRA Meeting Minutes

Steve, N9OA
WCRA
Secretary



Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 2010

In Attendance: W9UZ, WT9Y, N9OA, W9BK, KC9IJO,
N9WBW, N9MWF, NE9ET, W3MDM, NV9R, N9NYX,
WB9SGD, N9DKO, W9NJM, WA9E, N0DAV (guest)
Dane Schow (guest, former radio amateur)

CALL TO ORDER

Call Presiding Officer Mark, W9UZ, President called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS AND OPENING REMARKS

Introductions Entire Assembly All present introduced themselves.

A few anchors were offered for fee in lieu of them being tr

Opening Remarks Any Board Member N9HQ is absent due to a family birthday

Announcement of program John, WT9Y Tonight's program is internet sites of interest to radio amateurs

BREAK FOR PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS Break to program at 7:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Entertain Motion Presiding Officer Motion to approve (N9WBW, N9NYX) passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President	Mark, W9UZ	No report.
Vice President	John, WT9Y	
Future Meeting programs	We are considering calling Scott Childers for next month's program.	
Secretary	Steve, N9OA	No report.
Treasurer	Ken, N9HQ	
Bank Account balances	Given. See Steve or Ken for information.	
Property Custodian	Bob, W9BK	No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Service	Steve, N9OA	Special Olympics is coming. Sign up sheet next month.
CSU	John, N9MWF	No report
Hamfest	John, WT9Y	The section manager complimented our hamfest.
Club Awards	John, N9MWF	No report
Field Day	Dale, NJ9E	No report
Christmas Party	Dale, NJ9E	No report
Hamletter	Don, N9NYX	Contact Don if you are not receiving it. Articles would be helpful
RAB	Don, N9NYX	The 440 machine was fixed. There is an article I the Hamletter
Website	Tom, N9WBW	Up and running. The Hamletter is published. Any pilot with paper certificates will be obsolete and will be replaced by a card. There is a \$2.00 fee.

QST Review – Hams Respond to Haiti Crisis

By Jim Ward. W9DHX

From a dramatic cover photo to an extensive narrative beginning on Page 72, the editors of QST have focused on how the Amateur community in Haiti, Dominican Republic, the Western Hemisphere have come to the aid of the beleaguered people of Haiti. Alan Pitts, W1AGP, ARRL Media Relations Manager, does a great job of describing how the ARRL staff went to work to get emergency equipment out of warehouses and “on the scene” in Haiti. The cover shot is of a doctor at the mike arranging for transportation under the supervision of W4RGL at a tent site near the Port-au-Prince airport.

APRIL FOOL ARTICLE IS HARD TO FIND

Every year the Editors sneak in a little “April Fool” copy- usually about a wild antenna. This year is no exception—they’ve included a “digitally mounted” antenna using a wire wound around the finger of a white glove. They also report a merger of vacuum tube technology and different elements of alternating polarization to reach outside the North American continent. Another successful spoof this year found on page 20.

PRODUCT REVIEW– THE NEW ALINCO DJ-G7T Tri-band Handheld Transceiver

Breaking away from the conventional dual-band unit, Alinco has put together a different combination; the common 2 meter and 70 cm band are supplemented by a 1-watt 23 cm(1240 MHz) band that fits into satellite work. It is also set up to work especially well for fox hunting. The reviewer is Bob Allison, WB1GCM, ARRL Test Engineer. The article begins on Page 53.

NEW OFFICER TEAM IN PLACE AT NEWINGTON HEADQUARTERS

New League President Kay Craigie, N3KN, smiles at the membership from page 69, along with five other newly elected ARRL officials. For those of you interested in following the people and decisions of the Board, there is a concise summary of actions included on pages 69 through 71.

ANTIQUÉ RADIO REVISITED

Remember the beautifully constructed 1927 regenerative receiver that was featured on the cover of the January 2009 issue of QST? Check out its sensational homebrew companion unit in “Building a 1929 Vacuum Tube Transmitter”. It was written by Brian Mattison, K8BHZ. It is on page 37 through page 40. It includes hints on finding old parts at hamfests, and making your own rig, complete with rack! A labor of love by the author, who was first licensed as a 6th grader.

Hi, Don.

Is it too late to get an announcement in the April letter? I'd like to announce that I have left Wheaton and will be decommissioning my station there shortly. This will include selling the 40 foot self supporting Heights aluminum tower with rotator and six band (40-10) four element yagi antenna and other assorted non-junk.

Regards,
John, N9NA

Nomination Report for April Election

The nomination status for the forthcoming year finds there are currently three candidates for the officers to be elected for two years terms—President, Secretary, and Property custodian. Previously nominated Tom Negele, N9WBW, withdrew his nomination in a note to the Chairman of the Nominating committee, Jim Ward, W9DHX.

“It is my belief that the time is not right for me to run for office. So at this time I am withdrawing my nomination for the Office of President. I will be focusing my time in the next 18 months on my changing work environment and situation. Thanks for the compliment of the nomination, but for now I will remain in my support roles of Webmaster and Keeper of the Master Membership list. (sig) Tom Negele”

The nominations that have been presented to the Nominating Committee, and have agreed to serve if elected, are:

President, Steve Peterson, N90A, currently serving as Secretary.

Secretary, Kevin Oleniczak, AB9RN.

Property Custodian, Bruce Dillingham, KA0DSF

The candidates, if elected, will serve for a two year term.

The other WCRA elected officers (Vice-President and Treasurer) will begin serving the second year of the two year term with the May Meeting. They are respectively, John Faber, WT9Y, and Ken Kwasniewski, N9HQ.

Training	Charlie, WB9SGD	No report.
Membership	Paul, KA9RVS	No report
VE Program	No report	

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Entertain Motion	Presiding Officer	N9NYX, N9WBW passed
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OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws Committee	Tom, N9WBW	Has been thinking about it. Would like to see Roberts Rules of Order removed.
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NEW BUSINESS

Additional Business None.

Nominating committee report (Jim, W9DHX): Nominations: Property Custodian (Bruce KA0DSF), Secretary (Charlie WB9SGD), President (Steve, N90A). Charlie declined to serve. Secretary remains open. Please contact Jim Ward if you have a nominee.

ANCHORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP/GUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

Entertain Motion	Presiding Officer	Moition (N9NYX, N9DKO) passed. Adjourned 8:46 PM
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OUR MEMBERS THAT CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF APRIL



DON N9NYX

If you do not see your birthday listed here in your birth month, please contact the editor with your information.

YOU! COULD BE FILLING THIS SPACE WITH
AN ARTICLE YOU HAVE WRITTEN.

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs

Membership Application

P.O. Box QSL, Wheaton, Illinois 60189

Dues

Office Use Only

Full Member \$26
Student/Senior Citizen \$13
Associate (No License) \$13
Club Badge \$7

Year Amt Paid
Check Cash
New Renew
Membership Type Full Associate
Student Sr Citizen

Family Memberships Available

Family:
Full member call sign:
Name on Badge.....

Name _____ Call Sign _____

License Class _____ Expiration Date _____

Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

EMAIL Address _____

ARRL Member Yes OR No (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 (Aug)	CHRISTMAS PARTY	TRAINING	MEMBER RETENTION
ASSISTANCE (Elmer)	CLUB TRAILER		

OTHER _____

COMMENTS _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 1st: Club Brunch **1st & 3rd** Thursdays 10:30 AM at Peppercorns. Peppercorns is located at the corner of President and Geneva Road in the shopping center on the North side of Geneva. All are welcome.
- 9th Monthly membership meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, 615 W. Jefferson Ave. at 7:30pm. Talk-in on 145.31. The program will be a video on the Software Defined Radio Forum at the Dayton Hamvention last year.
- 20th: DEADLINE FOR HAMLETTER SUBMISSIONS for May.
- 22nd VEC testing at the Helen Plum Library in Lombard from 6:30 till 8:30pm. Go to the club VE Testing website at vetesting.harrykamer.com for the latest details. No testing on November.

Remember the Club net on 2M is held every Sunday evening at 8 PM local on 145.31 (-) unless it isn't.

Next WCRA General Membership Meeting April 9, 2010, First Presbyterian Church 615 W. Jefferson Ave., Wheaton, Illinois 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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