



WCRA Insider #3 of 12

The newsletter for the WCRA Community (January 1, 2023)
The Insider is a short burst of W9CCU's activities and their members.

Thanks to Kelsey for "fixing" the Dues Renewal page!

Members can now renew easily!

Dues are due! To renew / join, etc <https://www.w9ccu.org> (Then click Join/Renew)

- Alternate -

**Send a \$26 (\$13 for Senior) check to : WCRA • P.O. Box 1055 • Wheaton, Illinois • 60187-1055
or, bring to the January 6th meeting!**

The Hamfest is almost here - **we need volunteers!!**

"The work of many reduces the work of a few".

The Hamfest committee has worked hard to re-establish the momentum and have a profitable hamfest.

Current officers

President – Roger Bassett/W9RAF

Vice President - Open

Secretary - Steve Peterson/N9OA

Custodian - Michael Wilson/N0MO

Treasurer - Carol Jongleux Schroeder/KB9FYL

Repeaters – get on the air! - here are our repeaters available.

Frequency (MHz)	PL Tone (Hz)	Mode
145.310/144.710	107.2 (1B)	PL Encode/Decode Auto In/Auto Out
145.390/144.790	107.2 (1B)	PL Encode/Decode Analog Only Limited Range
224.140/222.540	110.9 (2Z)	PL Encode/Decode Analog Only Limited Range
444.475/449.475	114.8 (2A)	PL Encode/Decode Auto In/Auto Out

Nets - Please find time to check into our nets (set a calendar reminder!)

Sunday at 8:00PM, 145.31 (every fifth Sunday on 444.475)

The Insider is based off of your input, not mine, it was created to motivate folks to participate well into their later years in the WCRA club and our community.

If you would like to contribute, send your info to kg9hfrank@gmail.com

Note from the President

To those of you that missed our Christmas dinner, we missed you. It was a great time to meet greet and socialize. We even had a little excitement at the end of the dinner. Your President knows how to get everyone on their knees looking for his wife's diamond wedding ring that she lost. All ended well as it was found.

Don't forget the Jan regular meeting on the 6th. (Bring a friend)

Final arrangements will be completed for our upcoming Hamfest on Sunday January 15th. Set up will be on Saturday the 14th. Remember the help of many makes the work of a few much lighter. We need at least 20 members helping with the Hamfest. Mike Wilson (NOMO) will be looking for your assistance.

From our sister club: The DuPage Amateur Radio Club is offering license classes for the Technician, General, and Extra Class licenses starting in January. Check here if you're interested: <https://w9dup.org/education.html>

Local hams looking for help: Some hams are in need of help, maybe soldering a PL-259, reassembling their station, etc. Send your request to me (kg9hfrank@gmail.com) and I will find folks to help you get back on the air.

The December Holiday Party had about 30 people in attendance! Where you there?







>>Photos courtesy of Bill, N9WJP, Roger, W9RAF, and Frank, KG9H <<

At the Holiday Dinner, Awards were given to:

Carol Schroeder-KB9FYL for For the many hours of behind-the-scenes work regarding: the Club Social Events and Hamfests.

Kelsey Schroeder- KA9KDC For the many hours of maintaining the club website and serving as:the Hamfest Chairman for many years.

(pictures above)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267873833946>

Our Website is <http://www.w9ccu.org>

Our membership grew in 2022, from 41 in 2021 to 55 in 2022!

Some other frequencies of interest:

Our repeaters! (See above)

3.973 Breakfast Club – Early in the day

7.258 MIDCARS – all day till about 1PM

52.525 (yes that frequency!)

Club repeaters and System Fusion

The Club currently runs 3 Yaesu DR1X repeaters, with a DR2X currently in testing. The 31 and 440 machine are both in auto in/auto out mode, so they will transition between C4FM and FM analog seamlessly based on what mode is received. 39 is in FM only mode, and 220 is not a System Fusion repeater.

System Fusion uses CF4M for digital voice and data. Currently, none of the repeaters are connected to the larger Wires X digital system, but that is soon to change when the DR2X goes into service. Repeater users with a System Fusion II capable radio (some radios may require a firmware update) will soon be able to connect to connect our repeater to Wires X rooms with other repeaters around the world!

More on this will be coming soon from the RAB in 2023!

Repeaters! (a sneak peek of the future!)

Earlier this year, the club had a New Yaesu DR2X Fusion repeater donated. The goal of this new Repeater is to replace the 145.31 machine to be a full fledged fusion Repeater utilizing Yaesu Wires X and be fully compatible with Yaesu Rooms. This will allow club members to remotely connect to repeaters all over the region, country, and even the world. The RAB is currently testing the functions, and setting parameters, and hopes to have this machine live shortly after the 1st of the year.

WCRA Hamfest January 15, 2023

https://www.w9ccu.org/wordpressLimitless/?page_id=967

Trade / Swap / Free

West Mountain Radio Rigblaster Nomic radio to PC soundcard, Yaesu cables, Free Rich, N9DKO, n9dko@arrl.net

This page is <http://electronicinstrument.com/wcra.pdf>

Meeting!

The January meeting is Friday Jan. 6th at DuPage Homeland Security offices, 418 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187 in Wheaton just off County farm road at the County complex.

Meeting starts at **7:30 pm.**

The program for that meeting will be discussion of final details for the Hamfest to be held on Jan. 15th.

Members are asked to bring a friend, past member, etc to our meeting!

If you have any input to the WCRA "Insider", please send your items to kg9hfrank@gmail.com

Until next month! De KG9H