



## **WCRA Insider #5 of 12**

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

### **HAMFEST!**

#### **Notes from the President Corner:**

I want to say a big thank you to all the members who turned out to help at the just completed Hamfest. Setup was completed in about an hour. I have been advised that tear down was completed in about the same time. (The work of many reduced the work of a few.)

### **OFFICERS!**

#### **From the President's corner:**

At the April meeting the annual election of officers will be held. The officers positions up for election are Vice President and Treasurer for 2 year terms. The President's position will be open to finish the remaining 1 year of the 2 year term. As you know I agreed to step up and hold the office of President when the previous president resigned and left the club in 2022. As I stated when I became president last year I would not be running for any elected position as my home front duties and responsibilities were increasing. I served as VP for 18 months before taking the President's position. As VP the main role is to head up a group that develops monthly programs for the club. I have also completed the VP's role by continuing to develop programs for the rest of this fiscal year.

I appreciate the confidence the club has in me to continue for the past few months as president.

If the club is to continue as an active club it is time for some younger members to step up and assume leadership roles in the future of the club.

The club needs a nominating committee to put forth a slate of officers for 2023-2025.  
Roger Bassett W9RAF

#### **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)

### **Long time Member, Tom N9WBW**

In my grade school years, I used to listen to my Short Wave Radio. In those years, I had 2 nearby Uncles who were Ham Radio Operators. This peaked a curiosity and interest that had been dormant but present due to priorities of work and family. It was then in the late 1980s I met Ron Rateno (Former Member, aka N0EPT, and now silent key). We joined WCRA in like 1990/1991 as I recall. As time has passed, I've become an old member Tom N9WBW. For WCRA, I have been the Web Master for many years, been the Hamfest Outside Move in coordinator for many years, Setup Field Day Antennas with Bob for many years (we made quite a team) and did few public service events. I've now retired from my latest role of Lead Network Architect Engineer where I designed, procured, and implemented Security-Network-Load Balanced-Firewall-LAN/WAN-Wired/Wireless -VPN-Disaster Recovery solutions, for 100,000s of pension members, annuitants, and employers. In my retirement, I've moved to a ranch house in Kane County. Being retired, I have more time for my 3 grand daughters with #4 due in May. I am into jobs, typically seasonal, that I do because I enjoy them. I have resumed my role at Sonny Acres where I am a tractor driver. I first started driving there in the early ~2003, took a few years off in late 2018-2021 area. But I'm back driving again for the new owners starting 2022.

### **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 and I will find folks to help you get back on the air. Do you need an Elmer to aid you in anything? Dont be shy, get in contact with me.

I need a member to help with the 2nd week Net on Sundays. My station is currently down with coax/antenna issues. If you are willing to help please get ahold of me.

Thank you.

Timothy Wheeler

### **Dues reminder**

### **Dues are due!**

They can also be paid via a link on our website, below or at the meeting this week Friday.

To renew / join, etc

[https://www.w9ccu.org/wordpressLimitless/?page\\_id=1161](https://www.w9ccu.org/wordpressLimitless/?page_id=1161)

### **Some other frequencies of interest:**

3.973 Breakfast Club – Early in the day

7.258 MIDCARS – all day till about 1PM

52.525 (yes that frequency!)

### **Repeaters! (a sneak peek of the future!)**

Last 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.

## Trade / Swap / Free

Elmac AF67 mobile transmitter, Gonset G66 receiver, 6/12/110 volt power supply and 110 only power supply. Interconnecting cables. No manuals. All worked the last time I used them, about ten years ago. I'd rather not separate pieces. \$175 negotiable.

Drake model 2B receiver with speaker/q multiplier. Again worked ten years ago. \$200, again negotiable.

Pat Byrne, [K9JAU@sbcglobal.net](mailto:K9JAU@sbcglobal.net) phone; 630 699-4730. (*Frank - Google the G66, yes this is THAT receiver!*)

## An offer a new ham cannot refuse:

I've got a used Kenwood TM-241a. VHF FM only. Rig works and includes the mobile mounting bracket, mic, power cord and tone board (installed). only issue is one of the backlights is out. Not selling but would like to give this to, preferably, a new ham. Contact [N9DKO@arrl.net](mailto:N9DKO@arrl.net)

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.

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

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

### SK

Scott Robert Taylor KB9IYY

Scott Robert Taylor, age 68, of Naperville, IL formerly of Lombard, IL passed away peacefully, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born Jan. 5, 1955 in Elmhurst, IL Scott graduated from Willowbrook High School, Villa Park, IL and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. Scott spent his working career in mechanical engineering and software development. He worked for over 25 years at the Joint Commission in software development. Scott, also known as KB9IYY was also a member of WCRA from time to time and worked a number of HamFests. Scott loved photography, playing golf, building model airplanes, gardening, fixing things around the house, but he was most passionate about flying, especially flying his 1962 Piper Cherokee airplane. As a member of EAA he enjoyed taking young people interested in flying on short rides out of Aurora Airport for the Young Eagles Program. In lieu of flowers the family requests that gifts be made in memory of Scott R. Taylor to Mayo Clinic for Immunology Research.

Online <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donatemc> Visitation: Sat. Feb. 11th 1-3 PM CST at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Memorial Service a celebration of Scott's life to follow at 3 PM CST. Interment is private. Info: 630-355-0213 or [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)

### SK

A.Ron Rateno N0EPT

I first met Ron Rateno in the late 1980's through his wife, Debbie. Debbie and I were train riders from Carol Stream to the city. As we became friends, we learned we lived Carol Stream, introduced our spouses, and socialized together, Summer BBQs and New Years Eve dinners.

It was through Ron, that I acted on my Ham Radio curiosity, and started my Flight Training. Yes was a Certified Flight Instructor. More history on Ron?

Ron was born in Ohio, and started his Ham Radio activity. Ron owned his Cessna 172 while in college in Indiana, where he met Debbie, his future wife. Ron and Debbie married and spent time in Iowa and Minnesota, as they moved for work. Along the way, Ron sold airplanes, sold his airplane, and also managed an airport for a while, until the need to move, came again.

In the early 1990's Ron and I were looking for a Ham Radio Club, Ron found WCRA. We joined, and I started studying. Ron would go on to hold the positions of Secretary and Hamfest Ticket Chairman for WCRA for a number of years and was a regular to put up a station at Field Day. Ron and Debbie had a daughter, Allison. They were so very proud of her. Our daughters traveled in the same circle for a while, and I was their soccer coach for a number of seasons.

Again work called, and Ron with family moved to New Jersey in the 1999-2001 area, and Subsequently to Pickerington Ohio in 2003. This is where life got particularly sad, Ron and his wife Debbie divorced shortly after arriving in Pickerington Ohio. Ron found love again, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, married in May, and passed 5 months later in October 2012. Yeah, I still miss Ron as many people do.

Remembered by: Tom Negele N9WBW

If you have any input to the WCRA "Insider", please send your items to [kg9hfrank@gmail.com](mailto:kg9hfrank@gmail.com)

**Meeting!**

DuPage Homeland Security offices, 418 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187 in Wheaton just off County farm road at the County complex. Questions, please contact Roger Bassett, W9RAF. [bassettr@flash.net](mailto:bassettr@flash.net)

Meeting starts at **7:30 pm. Bring a Friend**

**Hamfest**

The Madison Area Repeater Association will be hosting its annual Ham Fest on Saturday April 15th in Stoughton, WI at the Mandt Community Center. Event details, general admission tickets and vendor registration may be found on our web site...

<https://w9hsy.org/hamfest-2023/>

**Hamfest VE Session:**

*This IS significant! Hats off to all that helped this segment.- Frank*

21 applicants consisted of 2 administrative updates and 19 examinees. Those 19 sat for 21 elements and resulted in 5 new amateurs two of whom went straight to general class. There were also 2 general upgrades.

*(Here's an idea, for new hams, give them a free year with WCRA! - what do you.... think?- Frank)*

Until next month! De KG9H