



### **WCRA Insider #7 of 12**

The newsletter for the WCRA Community (May 1, 2023)  
The Insider is a short burst of W9CCU's activities and their members.  
This information is current to me as of April 30, 2023.

### **Annual Meeting**

## **Election of Officers**

President - Tim, KC9YFI

VP - vacant

Treasurer - Carol, WB9FYL

Secretary – Steve, N9OA

Custodian – Michael, N0MO

From Roger, W9RAF, past President:

As one of my last duties at the April meeting I presented Certificates of Appreciation to all the RAB Board Members for their work in getting the new updated repeater installed. I know there is still some minor work to do, but some time volunteers do have to make a living and have a family.

Tom Geletka, N9CBA, Club Trustee  
George Henry, KA3HSW, Member  
Dave Weinheimer, AC9VW, Secretary  
Tim Wheeler, KC9YFI, Member  
Don Motz, N9NYX, Chair

We will also have a bylaws amendment that will be presented by the ad hoc special committee that created the amendment. The amendment will be open for discussion at the April meeting and will be voted upon in May.

The text of the amendment is:

"Article XII. Electronic Meetings

"Meetings of and within the organization may be held particularly or fully via electronic means.

"The membership may adopt standing rules for electronic regular club meeting participation which shall be contained in a single document that may be adopted or revised at any regular meeting of the club by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

"The executive board may adopt standing rules for electronic executive board meeting participation which shall be contained in a single document that may be adopted or revised at any executive board meeting by a majority vote of the executive board members present.

"The repeater administrative board may adopt standing rules for electronic RAB meeting participation which shall be contained in a single document that may be adopted or revised at any RAB meeting by a majority vote of the RAB members present.

"Committee chair shall have sole discretion to publish rules for electronic participation in meetings of their respective committees."

**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**

**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)

**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)

**Below is the list of those who paid for 2023. If your name is not on this list, please contact Carol.**

N9APP Randy Broadwell

W9BK Bob Krueger

N9CBA Tom Geletka

WA9EMO Phil Johnson

WA9FTS Mike Brost

WB9FUB Tom Kravcar

KB9GJX Douglas Miller

W7GW Mike Bauer

KG9H Frank Krozel

KC9IJO Mary Peterson

K9JAU Pat Byrne

WM9L Anna Byrne

N0MO Mike Wilson

KD9NEH Paul Schylinski

N9NYX Don Motz

N9OA Steve Peterson

W9RAF Roger Bassett

W9VCI Keith Rich

KB9VRW Scott DeSantis

AC9VW David Weinheimer

N9WJP Bill Piva

**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.

**Parks on the Air**

Have you tried it? You can participate in this from your own shack as well as going to a park!

Google **Parks on the air**

## **Trade / Swap / Free**

### **From Pat, K9JAU**

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.

### **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)

### **From Roger, W9RAF**

I have a KENWOOD TS 530SP with matching Speaker along with a Kenwood MIC 50 microphone. Also included is a Mr. Pecker Electronics tuning unit.

I am asking \$350 for the whole package. Roger Bassett W9RAF 630-561-7610  
([bassettr@flash.net](mailto:bassettr@flash.net))

The Insider is based off of your input. 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!**

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

## **Meeting!**

The next meeting is at:

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 ?**

### **Hamfest VE Session:**

WITT, PEGGY A N9AZH Granted: N9AZH Upgrade to General  
White, Andrew J KD9VUT Granted: KD9VUT Upgrade to General  
Girard, Timothy KD9HSF Granted: KD9HSF Upgrade to General  
Gaylord, John F KD9KCL Granted: KD9KCL Upgrade to General  
Meisner, Jeffrey A New General  
Devore, Jeffery C New General  
BIRCHFIELD, MICHAEL A AA9QE Renewal  
Calow, Nathaniel W New T  
Sirovatka, John E New Technician  
Spena, Vincent New Technician  
Campbell, Daniel K New Technician  
Barth, Nicholas J New Technician  
Johnson, George KC9YFJ Renewal

*This IS significant!*

*Hats off to all that helped!*

*If you do hear these folks on the air, introduce yourself to them and say hi. Remember your first day "on the air?" Have things changed!*

*Welcome them into our wonderful club and WCRA activities- Frank*

### **Special Olympics**

*A special thanks to all that participated in the Special Olympics over the years!  
WCRA will not be providing this service any longer.*

### **From Michael, NOMO**

All members, please check your emails regarding a proposed Bylaws amendment. If you did not receive an email, please email the board (board [at] w9ccu.org) for it to be forwarded to you and for instructions on how to sign up to the groups.io mail list. This is only for current members with voting rights.

### **SK**

*It is with great sadness that I pass along the notification of a silent key, William "Bill" Crockett (KD9AUP) passed away on April 9, 2023. Our prayers are with Carol and the family during this time. - Tim Wheeler*

Remember, we have a Face Book Page!

Type into the left side box on FaceBook **Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs**

**If you need help getting on FaceBook, contact me, [kg9hfrank@gmail.com](mailto:kg9hfrank@gmail.com)**

**Field Day? Start talking it up "on the air!"**

### **Until next month!**

Folks I have passed the half-way point for my committment for WCRA.

I will be looking forward to passing the torch on the 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the Insider.

*Who wants to step up? De KG9H*