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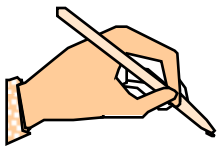
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A Note from the Editor

This month, we start a new feature of reprinting the minutes of the last month's WCARC meeting. To get everybody in the swing, the past two months (February and March) have been included this one time. It is hoped the programs that President Bob, WB8NQQW, is arranging for each meeting can possibly attract those members who have not attended in the past. This is also important for attracting visitors and newcomers to the hobby. Hope to see you at the next meeting! ■



Need to Renew or Modify Your License?

Bob, WB8NQQW, was recently faced with the necessity of replacing his missing license. In case you haven't had to perform a similar task recently, here is the procedure (as furnished by Bob's FCC correspondent).

To file for a duplicate license you need FCC Form 605 (Main Form). The purpose of the filing will be Duplicate License "DU" (in the case of a lost license-ed.). For a manual filing the appropriate form can be obtained via web site: www.fcc.gov/formpage.html.

Electronic filers would utilize web site: www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls.

- 1) Select Online Filing.
- 2) Enter your TIN (taxpayer identification number) and Password. If you do not have your password or have forgotten it call Tech Support 202-414-1250 for assistance.
- 3) Select New Filing.
- 4) Purpose of Application - select Duplicate License from the drop down box and click continue.
- 5) Your call sign should appear on this screen, click the box to have it

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, April 9th
Location: Fairgrounds
Time: 7:30 pm
Social Hour: 7:00 pm**

Upcoming Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the monthly WCARC meetings:

APRIL: The Public Service-Amateur Radio Interface, by Jim Davis, N8DWR

MAY: Micro-model airplanes, by Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ

JUNE: Having fun with Contests, by Bob Boughton, N1RB

Minutes-W.C.A.R.C. FEBRUARY MEETING-Feb. 12, 2001

WB8NQQW called the meeting to order at 19:30 EST.

AA8XS read the minutes of the business portion of the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

N1RB read the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Guest/RACES Report: Because of time constraints, our guest, Eric Larson went on first. He discussed the plans he has for RACES in Wood County: Because the fair board didn't like

April Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of April includes the following:

Mar 24-25	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
CQ WPX 'test		SSB
Apr 7-8	<i>1500 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
SP (Poland) DX 'test		all modes
Apr 6-8	<i>2300 to 2300 Z</i>	20 to 10 m
Japan Int'l DX CW 'test		CW
Apr 7-8	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
King of Spain		all modes
Apr 14	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
Australian Postcode 'test		all modes
Apr 14-15	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	160 to 10m
Holyland (Israel) DX 'test		all modes
Apr 21-22	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
YU (Yugoslavia) DX 'test		CW
Apr 21-22	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Michigan QSO Party		all modes
Apr 21-22	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	160 m on
up		
Ontario QSO Party		all modes
Apr 28-29	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Helvetia (Switzerland) 26		all modes
Apr 28-29	<i>1700 to 1700 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Nebraska QSO Party		all modes
Apr 28-29	<i>1800 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m on
up		
Florida QSO Party		all modes

the idea of tripod-mounted antennas on the roof of the Administration Building, we should look at the feasibility and prices of a free-standing tower. This tower would be erected on the east side of the building, but should NOT have the same sized footprint as the one on the west side (a real trip-hazard).

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Mar 27	WD8JWJ
Apr 3	WD8ICP
Apr 10	N1RB
Apr 17	N8QMV
Apr 24	AA8XS
May 1	KG8FH
May 8	WD8JWJ

We should also look at prices/specs for a new amateur-band radio for the EOC. Also, a radio and a (preferably) retractable antenna mount for the County's communication vehicle should also be considered.

For the Fair and the Tractor-Pull, Eric would like to have the fire band radios in our clubroom.

In the coming months, Eric would also like to meet with the club officers to discuss setting up a communications exercise.

Skywarn training is March 5. Instead of holding it in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, this year it will be held in the Allman-Bachman Meeting Room at Wood County Hospital.

Hamarama - Flyers are available for download from the web site. In addition, it was decided that flyers should be printed up to distribute at local hamfests. N8DWR motioned to have 500 such flyers printed, and WA8CWD seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

For tickets, WA8CWD recommended the print shop in Perrysburg that the club had used in the past. He also recommended that 1000 tickets be printed. N8DWR motioned to adopt these recommendations and N8QMV seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

KB8QEW suggested that mailing be done, and that e-mail addresses be included. 700-800 mailings were sent out last year.

P.I.O. No report

Technical Committee- WD8ICP reported that the antenna on the Ad Building had been

damaged, which probably explained the high SWR. We have a mobile mag-mount antenna up there now. We are still looking for a tower climber to install the permanent replacement antenna. N1RB made a motion that the club contact a tower climber in Maumee that he had heard about. WD8ICP seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

The 440 side still sounds "musical" despite numerous efforts at troubleshooting.

Old Business: N1RB reported that a memorial contribution had been made in the name of Jim Ryan's wife

New Business: WA8CWD reported that he'd been contacted by Rossford Schools regarding AMSAT and setting up a station to contact ISS. He wants to know if anybody has equipment and/or expertise to work space stations. The event would take place about June, 2002.

KB8QEW is offering to a PSK31 demonstration as a program in March. N8DWR will talk about the Wood County Fire Radio System and Procedures in April.

N1RB reported that he has been in contact with several people that are interested in radio classes, but not until at least mid-May.

KB8QEW motioned to adjourn, AA8XS seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 20:55

JOHN LAGGER, <mail to:aa8xs@arrl.net>AA8XS

Minutes-W.C.A.R.C. MARCH

MEETING-Mar. 12, 2001

Present:N8VNR,WB8ZHU, WD8JWJ, N8QMV, WA8CWD, K8BBK, N1RB, KB8QEW, WB8NQW, WD8ICP, Mike Werner, James Twigg.

WB8NQW called the meeting to order at 19:25 EST.

WD8ICP read the minutes of the business portion of the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

N1RB read the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

Tickets and flyers for Hamarama are available-see Larry, WA8CWD.

WB8NQW reported on efforts to find programs for months of June, August and November. He suggested a fox hunt/picnic for September, and a satellite talk in October. Perhaps an ARRL or FCC rep could speak to us in November.

WD8ICP reported that the repeater is down to

relocate the controller to Offenhauer so that music in background can be eliminated. Many changes are being made, so please be patient.

WB8NQW raised the issue of replacing the East tower as Eric requested. Bob appointed Larry, WA8CWD to make price recommendations.

WA8CWD reported that he is trying to obtain a QSO sked with the ISS through NASA. Will report on developments as they occur.

Meeting adjourned at 19:58.

Shawn, KB8QEW, presented a very interesting program on PSK31 with his own station set up. Thanks, Shawn! ■

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7) Click the Duplicate button to file your application with the Commission. You will receive a confirmation with a file number that your duplicate has been successfully completed. If assistance is needed in completing the manual or electronic form (605), call our ULS/Auctions Hotline at 888-225-5322, select option #2 after recording.

Sincerely, Nancy Gilbert
ulshelp@fcc.gov ■

Ham Classes Planned

The WCARC Education Committee is planning to hold license classes this spring. Plans are in the works to hold an entry-level Technician Class license study class using the ARRL publication, *Now You're Talking!-4th edition* as reference text (available for \$19.00). At the same time, there is a growing demand for Amateur Extra classes for those who recently upgraded to General Class. It is assumed that the 5 wpm Morse Code element has already been earned, and so the Extra Class classes will cover theory only. We will use the *ARRL Extra Class License Manual-7th edition* (available for \$19.00).

Plans are to hold the classes beginning some time near the second week in May. Contact N1RB at boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu or (419) 354-1811 if you are interested. ■

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