

# CQ Chatter

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## A Message from the President

Thirty-six years ago the founders of our radio club decided to hold a fund raiser for the club. They called it Ham-a-rama and the membership that followed have continued that tradition for 35 years. Unfortunately member participation has dwindled over the past few years making it very difficult to continue to put together a quality hamfest. Unless each of us steps up to the plate this year to provide help with setup/cleanup, ticket sales, traffic control, talk-in, exams and all the other little things that need to be done, this year may be the last Ham-a-rama.

### *I HOPE NOT!*

I believe that we owe the founders of this club a duty to carry on this rich tradition. The efforts that they put forward to secure the financial future of the WCARC deserve to be continued by us, the current members for all the future members to follow.

I urgently ask that all of us find the time on Saturday July 7 and Sunday July 8 to come to the fairgrounds starting at 12:00 Saturday and do whatever we can to help with set-up. I realize that not all of us can wrestle tables or do much lifting, however chair placement is not difficult work. If nothing else, just come out to support those that can do the heavier work. Then on Sunday at 06:00, yes that is **AM**, we need help from all the members. The more people that are there, the easier it is for everyone. The amateur community is depending on ALL of us for a quality Ham-a-rama.

Bob  
WB8NQW

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

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

## Upcoming Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the monthly WCARC meetings:

**AUGUST:** The Public Service-Amateur Radio Interface, by Jim Davis, N8DW

**SEPTEMBER:** Foxhunt and picnic - location disclosed only by the fox!!

## July Contests

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

|   |                       |                  |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Jul 1</b>                                | <i>0000 to 2359 Z</i> | 160 to 2 m       |
| <b>RAC Canada Day 'test</b>                 |                       | <b>all modes</b> |
| <b>Jun 30-Jul 1</b>                         | <i>0000 to 2359 Z</i> | 160 to 10 m      |
| <b>Venezuela SSB 'test</b>                  |                       | <b>SB</b>        |
| <b>Jul 14-15</b>                            | <i>1800 to 2100 Z</i> | 6 and 2m         |
| <b>CQ WW VHF 'test</b>                      |                       | <b>phone</b>     |
| <b>Jul 21-22</b>                            | <i>1800 to 2359 Z</i> | 80 to 10m        |
| <b>Georgia QSO Party (0400 to 1400 off)</b> |                       | <b>all modes</b> |
| <b>Jul 28-29</b>                            | <i>1200 to 1200 Z</i> | 80 to 10m        |
| <b>RSGB Islands on the Air 'test</b>        |                       | <b>all modes</b> |

## Did you know??

The K8TIH repeater has many functions that are both useful and informative. Below is brief summary of some them feature that you may use as a WCARC club member.

### Telephone Functions:

*As a reminder you must follow all FCC regulations regarding autopatch functions. Which includes that you must be physically located in the local call area to make an autopatch. Also you must clearly identify yourself at the conclusion of an autopatch.*

### **Manual Autopatch:**

- Type \* then telephone number (without unkeying and do not include a 7 in your number). The repeater will read back the number typed in before it makes the call.
- Type # to hang up the phone. *Please remember to ID*
- Type \* alone to redial last number
- Type \*1 to extend the autopatch timer
- Type \*3 to mute the "radio" side of the autopatch.

### **Speed dial:**

If you have a local Bowling Green telephone number, WCARC members may have up to 3 speed dial numbers programmed into the repeater. To dial your number you need only enter a three digit code.

Contact Shawn Hudson, KB8QEW at [sjhudson@wcnnet.org](mailto:sjhudson@wcnnet.org) or call 352-6226 to submit your request. Please provide your name, call sign and phone number in your request.

### **Signal Test:**

Did you ever wonder how you sound into the repeater? Well since the club has installed a digital voice recorder (DVR) you can perform a talkback test.

1. Type 44 \* and then unkey.

## WCARC

### Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

|     |    |        |
|-----|----|--------|
| Jun | 26 | WD8ICP |
| Jul | 3  | N1RB   |
| Jul | 10 | N8QMV  |
| Jul | 17 | AA8XS  |
| Jul | 24 | KG8FH  |
| Jun | 31 | WD8JWJ |
| Aug | 7  | WD8ICP |

2. The repeater will say " Start Test"
3. Key up and then say something up to 30 seconds in length, then unkey.
4. The repeater will beep twice and then echo back what you said.
5. *Remember to identify after using this feature.*

## Solar Activity Still High

*excerpted from ARRL Propagation Bulletins*

The sun is still providing us with good propagation conditions. As of June 22, the sunspot numbers for this week rose over 43 points because of the appearance of a new group of sunspots. The average solar flux was up 32 points. The sunspot number on Fathers' Day was 289, the highest since April 1, when it was 320. Around the end of March there was a huge increase in sunspots, which will probably move the smoothed value for the peak of Cycle 23 to a later date than earlier assumed. Over the past two weeks we have witnessed another large run up in activity, although not quite as sharp but perhaps a little more sustained than the increase at the end of March.

We have just passed the summer solstice, and from now until the end of the year the days get shorter. Several months from now we will be back to fall conditions, with better 12 and 10 meter openings, especially in the higher latitudes.

**MINUTES****W.C.A.R.C. June MEETING June 11, 2001**

WB8NQW called the meeting to order at 19:32 EDT.

No corrections were noted in the published minutes. The minutes were approved.

N1RB read the Treasurer's report. There was a small income from class manual sales, and expenditures related to Ham-a-Rama. AA8XS motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and N8VNR seconded. The report was approved as read.

**Program** – Will follow the meeting – N1RB will talk about various forms of contesting.

**Technical** – The repeater is working. WD8ICP reported that an Ethernet connection is coming. The APRS has also a doubled power output.

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## July Hamfests

**July 7 Central Div. Conv.** 7am to 3pm  
Marion County Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN.  
Contact Rick, N9LRR, (317) 257-4050.

**July 8 WCARC** 8am to 1 pm  
WCARC Hamarama- Wood County Fairgrounds  
in Bowling Green. Contact Bob N1RB, (419) 354-1811. **This is the big one!!**

**July 15 Van Wert ARC** 8am to 2pm  
Van Wert hamfest. Van Wert County  
Fairgrounds, Van Wert, OH. Contact Bob,  
WD8LPY, (419) 238-1877.

**July 21 North. Ohio ARS** 8am to 2pm  
NOARSfest. Lorain County Fairgrounds,  
Wellington, OH. Contact John, K8JWS, (216) 696-5709.

**Aug 4 Voice of Alladin ARC** 8am to?  
Alladin Shrine 'fest, Columbus, OH. Contact  
James, KB8KPJ, (614) 846-7790.

**Aug 5 Land of Lakes ARC** 8 am on  
Steuben County, Indiana, 4-H Park at the corner  
of 200 W and 200 N, exit 150 off of I-69. Contact  
Sharon, WD9DSP, (219) 475-5897.

Ham-a-Rama - Assignments were discussed and are as follows:

AA8XS – Talk-in

WB8NQW – Trunk Sales

N1RB – Table Reservations

N8DWR – PA

WD8ICP – Selling tickets at Main

Gate

We will commence setup on Saturday at noon.

N8QMV reported that the American Legion is still on track for food service.

N1RB also reported that N8SNG is selling tickets for us in Findlay.

**Education** – N1RB reported that the class is in progress with 2 for Tech and 1 for General.

**Old Business** – WD8ICP will take our club rig out to a Field Day site if there is any interest.

N1RB reported that our insurance coverage would be more expensive through ARRL. They had given us a quote for coverage through them, but our current policy will not expire until the end of the year. N8DWR motioned to table this discussion until October, and N8VNR seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

**New Business** – N1RB has tickets. Sell away!

AA8XS motioned to adjourn, N8DWR seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 20:10 – Program began at this time

**JOHN LAGGER, AA8XS**



**WCARC Hamarama**  
**Sunday, July 8th**  
**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Wood County Fairgrounds**  
**Junior Fair Bldg.**  
**VE Exams at 9 am sharp**

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