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NET CONTROL ROSTER

Dec. 16 WD8ICP
 Dec. 23..... KB8QEW
 Dec. 30..... N8QMV
 Jan. 6..... N1RB
 Jan. 13 WD8ICP

“OUT DINING” MEETING

Monday Jan 19

Social Time
6:00 p.m.

Dinner
6:30 p.m.
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B.G. Restaurnt and Grill
(old Leons).

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD CONTINUES TO GROW

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The ARRL's Logbook of the World secure contact- verification database continues to grow. So far, reports ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, nearly 5000 users have uploaded logs containing some 25.4 million Amateur Radio contacts. This has resulted in more than 1 million QSL records.

"The key is participation, and it doesn't cost a thing to get the software and upload logs," Mills pointed out. "We're encouraging all hams to participate in Logbook, whether the ham is a casual operator, con- taster, ragchewer or DXer." To fur-

ther expand the da- tabase and generate more confirmed con- tacts for all LoTW users, Mills is calling on everyone to sign aboard and submit as many logs as possible.

Once LoTW program- ming is complete, users will be able to redeem credits for ARRL awards without having to go through the ex- pense and trouble of obtaining hard- copy QSL cards. Mills emphasizes that LoTW is not meant to replace paper QSL cards but supplements tradi- tional QSLing.

Signing up as a new LoTW user is sim- ple. Visit the Log- book of The World Web site www.arrl.org/lotw and read the "Getting Started" document, Mills said. He ad- vises new users to print it out to have the instruc- tions handy.

The "Getting Started" page of- fers step-by-step instructions for

getting a secure digital cer- tificate from ARRL and preparing and uploading logs. Mills noted that most new user prob- lems result from failing to specifi- cally follow the instructions out- lined on the "Getting Started" page.

Amateur Radio soft- ware developers are starting to include direct support for Logbook of The World in their pro- grams. Most logging software allow users to export a log in ADIF format, which LoTW will ac- cept. A few pro- grams incorporate the ARRL's TQSL file-generation and digital certificate code, which simpli- fies the process of digitally signing logs and exporting them in a separate e-mail.

For more informa- tion, visit the Logbook of The World Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw>>.

WCARC OFFICERS

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| President | Bob Boughton | N1RB |
| Vice-President | Shawn Hudson | KB8QEW |
| Treasurer | Bill Wilkins | WD8JWJ |
| Secretary | Chuck Dicken | WD8ICP |

WCARC Meeting Minutes December Meeting 2003

Minutes of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club
December 8, 2003

The monthly meeting was held at the home of WD8ICP with 12 members present.

President Boughton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The minutes of the previous month were read and approved along with the treasurers report. Bill WD8JWJ reported that several checks had been issued including one to pay for the plates to the "Silent Key" plaque. Pres. Boughton told us that the hamfest tickets had been printed and he had brought an ample supply along with him in case any one needed some to sell. Ticket prices are \$5.00 each w/2 stubs until the day of the hamfest. A breakfast is being planned for the morning of the fest and a vendor has been approached for services. Hamfest tickets do not include

the price of breakfast. Serving time of 8 am to 10:30 am is being planned.

The Tech Report included the notes that the old equipment in the receiver room had been removed. Also, if no one is using the 6 meter link for packet, the antenna will be removed.

The "Dining Out" report included options of Doc's, Quarters, Forks, SamB's and the winner is B.G. Restaurant and Grill (old Leons). It was decided that the dinner will be Monday Jan 19 with the gates to be opened at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30. The club is not subsidizing the meals this year. A request to the membership will be sent out soon to determine how many persons plan on attending.

Pres. Boughton would like to hold an executive meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting Jan. 12, 2004. A time and

place to be determined.

There was no nominating committee report for selection of officers. Steve remarked about going to the Ft. Wayne hamfest in early November and his attempt in getting a vendor listing that we might also use. Bob K3RC reported studying the ARRL emergency procedures in an online course. He also talked about our relationship with the county and plans to talk with the EMA Director soon.

The meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed various eats and beverages provided by Jackie Dicken while some of the members toured Chuck's radio shack.

Respectfully submitted.

Chuck Dicken WD8ICP
Secty. WCARC

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Minutes of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club
November 10, 2003

Pres. Boughton opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. in the Fair Grounds Admin. Building with 11 members present. The previous meetings minutes were printed in the current newsletter (CQ Chatter) and were accepted as presented.

Treas. Bill Wilkin introduced several due insurance premiums (club liability coverage) and it was suggested by Bob Willman that payment be made. Those members present agreed verbally. Bill then told us that he had received a payment of \$25 dollars to cover the NSF check that was passed during the hamfest.

The tech. committee reported on the status of the receiver site at Offenhauer. The area is scheduled to be renovated next spring with new wiring (electrical, phone, data). Chuck requested some help to remove old

equipment in preparation.

Bob Willman shared information about available heliack feedline. As more information is released to him, he will pass the information to us. The tech committee was looking to acquire some of the feedline to replace aging wiring at the repeater site.

Discussion of the WCARC server and its operating system was a topic. Greg Lee who is familiar with the operating system will talk with Kevin (who is out of state) via e-mail and determine what can be done to maintain or improve the operation of the computer.

Old Business: Esther reported that the Tontogany American Legion will not be able to provide the hamfest breakfast as requested. Mike Stacklin said he would make contact with the ELKS of B.G. and see if they would be interested. John Gruber presented a proposal from a firm in Dublin, Ohio "Chris Cakes". A decision could be made at the December meeting on who to choose.

Nominating committee consisting of Shawn Hudson and Steve McEwen will attempt to recommend names for election. 4 officers and 2 trustees to be selected and elected.

A lively discussion of places to have the kick off dinner to be held in January 2004, was held. Bill Wilkins aka. The "Dining Out Expert" will provide a report on where we can have a dinner. This will be decided on by the club at the Dec. meeting.

An invitation to hold the December meeting at the QTH of WD8ICP (Chuck). Holiday refreshments are to be served. Notification of the meeting change is to be noted in the newsletter and on the weekly net.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Dicken WD8ICP
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