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Minutes-Meeting of the Wood County

Amateur Radio Club

August 6, 2005, 9:00AM

Couzins Restaurant, Grand Rapids,
Ohio

Attending: Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ; John W. Gruber, KC8RBT; Bob Boughton, N1RB; Don Buehrer, K8OVO; Paul Perry, W8QZK; Hoot Gibson, WB8VUL; Loren Phillips, W8PSK; Duane Ashbaucher, K8NEA; John S. Gruber, N8MSU

Loren Phillips, co-president, led the meeting with some topics. He mentioned that he felt Field Day was a success. Phil personally enjoyed erecting the antennas as well as the conversation. Contacts were made and participants enjoyed themselves.

The transmitter hunt was also held since the last meeting (in June). Some participants were good, and some weren't so good at finding the hidden transmitter.

Hams have been slow in volunteering for Wood County Fair duty and that presented the problem of how to distribute fair tickets in time. Loren got a set from the county and has been delivering them himself. Volunteers will work with the public service communications center at the Fair.

The National Tractor Pull also needs volunteers. It will be held from 8/19 to

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

**Next Meeting
MONDAY, September 12th
Location: Sheriff's Training
Room
Time: 7:30 PM
Social Time: 7:00 PM
Program: Handling Traffic**

September Hamfests

Sep 11 Findlay Hamfest 8 am
Hancock County Fairgrounds, Findlay,
OH. Contact Bill, N8ET, (419) 423-5643.
e-mail: kanga@bright.net
URL: www.findlayradioclub.org

Sep 18 Adrian. ARC 8 am
Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian,
MI. Contact Eric, K8JVW, (517) 263-5407.
e-mail: adrianhamfest@w8tqe.com
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Amateur Radio Awareness Day

-excerpted from ARRL Letter

What makes Amateur Radio unique is the ability to communicate with one another anywhere in the world--and even in orbit--without having to rely on any outside infrastructure whatsoever. Hams can

September Contests

The full contest lineup for the month of September includes the following:

Sep 3-4	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m
All-Asian DX 'test		SSB
Sep 10-11	0000 to 2359 Z	80 m to 10 m
WAE(urope) DX 'test		SSB
Sep 10-11	1800 to 2400 Z	80 m to 10 m
Arkansas QSO Party		all modes
Sep 11-12	1800 to 0100 Z	160 m to UHF
Tennessee QSO Party		all modes
Sep 17-18	1600 to 0700 Z	160 m to 6 m
Washington Salmon Run		all modes
Sep 17-18	1300 to 2100 Z	160 m to UHF
South Carolina QSO Party		all modes
Sep 24-25	1400 to 2000 Z	160 m to UHF
Texas QSO Party		all modes
Sep 25	1800 to 2400 Z	160 m to UHF
Alabama QSO Party		all modes
Sep 24-25	0001 to 2359 Z	80 m to 10m
CQ WW RTTY		RTTY

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8/21. Please note that the corrected hours are: Friday Aug 19th. 1:00 P.M. till midnight; Saturday Aug 20th 11:00 A.M. till midnight; Sunday Aug 21st. 11:00 A.M. till 5:00 PM. As far as Loren Phillips knows duties of volunteers will be the same. Procedures are different from ours and the volunteers and responders, like us, have their a lingo all their own.

NW Ohio ARES has a manual, available online, that describes many procedures and related material. An emergency drill is being planned for September and will involve the simulation of a public service repeater. The ARES repeater may be used for this drill.

WCARC **Net Control Roster** Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Aug 30	K8OVO
Sept 6	WD8ICP
Sept 13	N8QMV
Sept 20	WB8NQW
Sept 27	N1RB
Oct 4	K8OVO
Oct 11	WD8ICP

Public Service communications can be a little difficult for us to understand. Working with them and listening to their frequencies should help us become more familiar with those communications and aid in our understanding.

Some club items useful for linking our K8TIH repeater with the ARES repeater may be lost. They were in Larry Reitz possession when he passed away and his heirs may have disposed of them not knowing that they belonged to the club. If the items can't be located there may be other ways of getting the equipment needed to do the linking. It isn't known whether the ARES repeater has coverage of the entire county. It doesn't have the better coverage a VHF repeater would have as there were no VHF frequencies available when it was built.

The next meeting, 9/12, will be at the Wood County Sheriff's office. Meetings alternate between the second Monday evening of the month there and the first Saturday of the month at Cousins. At the next meeting we should start working toward putting together a slate of officer candidates. The program for the Sept

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meeting will completely cover the origination, handling and sending of a formal ARRL message by Don Buehrer, K8OVO.

Those interested are invited to visit Loren Phillip's shack after the meeting. His house is four houses south of Pearl on South Grove on the west side of the street. Street parking is on the east side of the street so it may be best to get to South Grove via Ordway. ■

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even do this without even being plugged into the wall socket. Experienced radio amateurs take this capability for granted, but the general public is far less aware of it. So, an Emergency Power Operating Event (EPOE) on Amateur Radio Awareness Day, Saturday, September 17, will highlight Amateur Radio's ability to communicate worldwide without commercial mains, the Internet or a cellular telephone system.

"What better way to mark Amateur Radio Awareness Day than by calling attention to this unique capability?" says ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "It is particularly appropriate since September is the [Department of Homeland Security's](#) National Preparedness Month."

Amateur Radio Awareness Day activities typically focus on increasing public awareness. Past events have included public demonstrations, talks to community groups and getting local media coverage. According to DHS, National Preparedness Month is aimed at encouraging Americans to prepare for emergencies and to raise public awareness about the importance of being prepared. This Amateur Radio Awareness Day, September 17, the ARRL will sponsor a 15-hour Emergency Power Operating

answers to this week's brain teasers:

1 (b) 2 (a) 3 (b)

Brain Teasers

1. The term "QRP" when sent as a declarative in CW means:

- (a) raise your power
- (b) lower your power
- (c) I have a telephone call
- (d) rest in peace

2. A station on 20m SB tells you to QSY. He means:

- (a) move off this frequency
- (b) stay on this frequency
- (c) your signal is fading
- (d) send a confirmation of the contact.

3. A 1 K Ω -1/4 W resistor can handle a current of:

- (a) 250 mA (b) 16 mA
- (c) 1.6 mA (d) 1000 mA

Event for stations operating off the grid. "It is not a contest," Sumner stresses. "It is simply a demonstration of what we amateurs can do without having to rely on the commercial mains, and what we *will* do whenever the need arises."

An announcement in September *QST* (page 49) spells out the details. The event kicks off at 1300 UTC on Saturday, September 17, and wraps up at 0400 UTC on September 18. The ARRL is inviting home stations to operate from generator or battery power. Portable and mobile stations also may participate. "We hope home stations operating on batteries or generators, mobiles, and possibly even some portables will participate," Sumner says, "although unlike Field Day, the emphasis is not on setting up a temporary station, but rather on operating your regular station on emergency power." ■

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