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Minutes

Wood County Amateur Radio Club June 12, 2006

With 20 members and several guests in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the Wood County sheriff. Co-President Steve K8BBK asked for the minutes of the preceding meeting. As they are printed in the newsletter, CQ Chatter, he asked for a motion to accept. Esther moved and Bob W. seconded. The Treasurer was asked to report and as of June 5, 2006 the balance in the club coffers is approximately \$1,943.09.

There was no old business brought before the club.

In new business, our guest Brent Stover WD8PNZ, who is a Legislative Action Assistant in the 9th Congressional District discussed with us the importance of contacting our representatives in Washington, D.C. It is important to let them know we care about the future of amateur radio and we need their support to influence the FCC. Letters to our representatives are the best way to convey our thoughts.

Field Day 2006 will find the WCARC participating at least on Saturday June 24. The Historical Society venue is a popular place in the summer and this one is no ex-

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

**Next Meeting-
SATURDAY, JULY 1st
At: Couzin's Restaurant
Grand Rapids, Ohio
Time: 9:00 a, pm
Program Afterwards:
Building an Attenuator**

ception. A bicycle group has planned to use the area on Sunday, June 25, and that precludes the radio club. Our chief coordinator is Phil, W8PSK. Larry, N8VNT, has volunteered to bring a generator, and Ruth, KC8EKT, said she would be happy to cook this year. Bill, WD8JWJ, is foraging for food, and the word is out to have Jeff, KG8FH, use his slingshot skills again to raise the loop antenna.

The first fox hunt of the year, (early May) was well received and more fox hunts are being planned. The July meeting?---a building project of antenna attenuators and or directional finding antennas was suggested.

Phil W8PSK made a statement regarding the forthcoming officer elections for the WCARC. He and Steve K8BBK have been co-presidents for the past 2 years and are not interested in doing it again for a third year. Phil asked that other partici-

July Contests

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

Jul 1	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 2 m
RAC Canada Day 'test		all modes
Jul 1-2	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Venezuelan Ind. Day 'test		all modes
Jul 8-9	<i>2300 to 0300 Z</i>	6 m
WW Major 6 Club 'test		all modes
Jul 15-16	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		RTTY
Jul 15-16	<i>1800 to 2100 Z</i>	6 m & 2 m
CQ WW VHF 'test		all modes
Jul 22-23	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	80 m to 2 m
Great Lakes SS		all modes
Jul 29-30	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
RSGB IOTA		all modes

SBA Honors Katrina Hero

from Amateur Radio Newline

Brice Phillips, KB5MPW, of WQRZ Radio in Hancock County, Mississippi, has received the coveted Phoenix Award, for his "Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery by a Volunteer in the wake of Hurricane Katrina."

As the storm approached the Mississippi coast, Phillips loaded his van with transmitters and extra antennas and relocated WQRZ Radio to the county's emergency operations center. As the storm surge waters reached the building's second level, Phillips braved the elements and rigged his car batteries to power the sta-

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jun 27	WB8NQW
Jul 4	N1RB
Jul 11	K8OVO
Jul 18	WD8ICP
Jul 25	N8QMV
Aug 1	WB8NQW
Aug 8	N1RB

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pants in the club be considered.

Fred, N8CWJ, offered for free a computer printer to anyone who might want it.

The program of the evening was presented by Chuck WD8ICP, and was a working discussion of the 147.18 repeater. With a block diagram of the repeater drawn on the white board and a discussion of how the voice signals get in and out of it, along with user function codes to make the repeater somewhat friendly. After fielding some very good questions, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Bob, WB8NQW.

submitted by:

Chuck Dicken , WD8ICP, Secretary ■

WCARC Net Check-ins

30-May N1RB (NC), W8QZK, K8BBK, W8PSK, KD8CHQ, K8OVO, KC8EKT, WB8NQW, WB8VUL, WD8JWJ, KC8WLK, N8QMV, N8MSU (3)

06-Jun K8OVO (NC) , KD8CTA/M, K8NEA, K8BBK, WD8JWJ, W8PSK, KD8CHQ, WB8NQW, N8QMV, W8QZK, WD8CIP/M, KD8TOM, KC8YUE (13)

Brain Teasers

1. Which of the following connectors is not designed for RF transmission lines?

- a.) PL-259
- b.) Type N
- c.) BNC
- d.) DB-25

2. Which of the following is true of a lead-acid storage battery as it is being charged?

- a.) It tends to cool off
- b.) It gives off explosive oxygen gas
- c.) It gives off explosive hydrogen gas
- d.) It takes in oxygen from the surrounding air

3. What maximum size fuse should be used in circuit using 14 AWG wiring?

- a.) 15 A
- b.) 20 A
- c.) 30 A
- d.) 60 A

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tion's broadcasting of search and rescue information. WQRZ was one of only four Gulf Coast radio stations that stayed on the air in the early days after Katrina struck.

The Phoenix Award is an acknowledgment of their heroic efforts, and a token of appreciation for their support of the physical and economic recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast and Florida. Since 1998, the Small Business Administration has presented the Phoenix Awards to business owners and individuals who displayed courage, resourcefulness and tenacity in the aftermath of a disaster, while contributing to the rebuilding of their communities. ■

Close to the Bottom

Tired of hearing nothing of 10 or 15 meters, or of having 20 meters close down at night? Most prognosticators agree that we are rapidly approaching the minimum of Sunspot Cycle 23, so hope is in sight. Although difficult to precisely predict, the bottom should be reached in late 2006 or early 2007. After that, propagation conditions on the HF bands should slowly but surely improve until the next maximum is achieved approximately 6 years from now. Cycle 24 is predicted to be quite similar to Cycle 23. ■

Brain Teasers answers: 1-d, 2-c, 3-a

July Hamfests

July 8 Indianapolis HA 6 am
Camp Sertoma, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Bob, N9FIM, (317) 261-6658.
e-mail: bob9fim@aol.com
URL: www.indyhamfest.com

July 15 Northern OH ARS 8 am
Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH. Contact Al, N8CX, (216) 221-3682.
e-mail: bob9fim@aol.com
URL: www.indyhamfest.com

July 16 Van Wert ARC 8 am
Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert, OH. Contact Louie, WD8LLO, (419) 238-2812.
e-mail: n8cx@mindspring.com
URL: www.noars.net

Aug 5 Voice of Aladdin ARC 8 am
Aladdin Shrine Complex, 3850 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH. Contact James, KB8KPJ, (614) 846-790.
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