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Minutes

Wood County Amateur Radio Club
Monday, October 8, 2007, 7:30 pm
Sheriff's Training Room
Wood County Justice Center
Bowling Green, OH

Attending: Duane Ashbaucher -K8NEA, Jim Davis -K8JU, Chuck Dicken -WD8ICP, JW Frey -KD8BOH, Hoot Gibson -WB8VUL, Brett Luna -KC8UMN, Steve McEwen -K8BBK, John Pastor -K8RZP/AE, Loren Phillips -W8PSK, Will Roudebush -KC8IFW, Orville Wilcox -KC8NKC, Bill Wilkins -WD8JWJ, Bob Willman -WB8NQQ

Co-President Duane, K8NEA, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made and carried to approve the August minutes to be entered into record.

Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ, presented the Treasurer's report for August / September. WD8JWJ noted that September's ending balance of the WCARC treasury is \$1,872.90.

General Announcements Presented: The next club breakfast meeting will be held

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

**Next Meeting
BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd
TIME: 9:00 am**

**PLACE:
Couzin's Restaurant, Grand
Rapids, Ohio**

at Couzin's in Grand Rapids on Saturday, November 3, at 9 am.

Duane, K8NEA made note of the various nets and frequencies that club members can utilize to "hone" Amateur Radio skills.

Jeff, K8JTK, has been keeping the web page up to date and the Club would offer thanks considering that K8JTK is no longer a Wood County resident. The official website of the WCARC can be located at www.wcarc.bgsu.edu

Bill, WD8JWJ, has 2 tickets to the Kalamazoo hamfest. If anyone is interested, please contact WD8JWJ.

Old Business:

1. A committee comprised of Don,

K8OVO, and Esther, N8QMV are working on a list of possible nominees for club officers for 2008.

2. Phil, W8PSK, circulated a proposed change to the constitution of the WCARC regarding club membership. The proposal is centered around the meaning of the word "mail" and should "e-mail" be considered as "mail". The membership agreed that the two are to be considered as one and the same as the newsletter is distributed using both the USPS and e-mail.

3. Steve, K8BBK, has offered to be the program chairman for the calendar year 2008.

4. The annual kickoff dinner is to be held Monday, January 14, 2008. Bob, WB8NQW will make the arrangements with the "Bens Table" restaurant. Monetary considerations involving these arrangements will be discussed at a later date.

5. Chuck, WD8ICP, was unable to complete the set up for the new APRS radio/computer link. WD8ICP's computer is currently rendered useless. Jim Davis, K8JU, has agreed to make the cabling and has the radio, will acquire the WCARC TNC from WD8JWJ, and will have the APRS up and running again soon.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, Phil, W8PSK, presented an interesting program on satellite radio and GPS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Halsey, KG8FH, Secretary – WCARC
Minutes graciously submitted by Chuck,
WD8ICP – THANKS!

Bylaws Change Proposed

A committee headed by Loren, W8PSK, has been hard at work to address the question of lifetime membership eligibility to the Club. The proposal is in the form of an amendment to the WCARC Bylaws. Our Constitution provides that a printed version of any such amendment must be provided to all members along with notification of the meeting time when a vote on the matter will be taken. A two-thirds majority of those present must vote in favor in order to pass the amendment. The intended vote will be taken at the regular December meeting, to be held on Monday, December 10, at the Sheriff's Training Facility at Gypsy Lane and Dunbridge Roads, Bowling Green. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm. The text of the proposed amendment follows:

Pursuant to the authority and procedure of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club Constitution, under Article VIII, "Amendments", "Section 1", it is proposed that the following amendments be made to the Wood County Amateur Radio Club Bylaws as follows:

Section 2

MEMBERSHIP

New applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing using a standard membership application form. Each applicant must express his/her willingness to abide by the Constitution and bylaws and such rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the Club.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime memberships shall be available, to members in good standing, under one or more of the following three conditions:

1. Lifetime membership may be granted upon payment of 10 (ten) times the annual dues in the category in which the member qualifies (individual, family or senior).

2. Lifetime membership may be granted to members who have made substantial equipment or monetary donations to the club equal to or above 10 (ten) times annual dues.

3. Lifetime membership may be granted to members who have made substantial technical or service contributions to the Club.

NOTE:

Lifetime membership applications must be made by following the procedure shown below:

a) The Lifetime membership application must be submitted in writing.

b) A Lifetime membership may be awarded to a member in good standing provided that all members are notified by mail/e-mail of the intent to submit an application for Lifetime membership at the next regular meeting.

c) At the next regular meeting, after the submission of an application, a vote by two-thirds of members present shall be required to approve the Lifetime membership application. ■

WCARC

2 m/440 Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Oct 30	WB8NQW
Nov 6	N1RB
Nov 13	K8OVO
Nov 20	WD8ICP
Nov 27	N8QMV
Dec 4	WB8NQW
Dec 11	N1RB

DON'T FORGET!!
10 METER INFORMAL NET
SUNDAYS, at 8:30 pm
on 28.335 MHz

Brain Teasers

1. What kind of impedance does a half-wavelength transmission line present to a generator when the line is open at the far end?

- a very high impedance
- a very low impedance
- same as characteristic line impedance
- same as generator output impedance

2. How does the beam width of an antenna vary as the gain is increased?

- it increases geometrically
- it increases arithmetically
- it is essentially unchanged
- it decreases

3. What happens to the bandwidth of an antenna as it is shortened through the use of loading coils?

- it is increased
- it is decreased
- no change occurs
- it becomes flat

November Contests

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

Nov 3-5 2100 to 0300Z 160 m to 10 m
ARRL Sweepstakes CW

Nov 3-4 1200 to 1200 Z 160 m to 10 m
Ukraine DX 'test all modes

Nov 10-11 1400 to 0600 Z 160 m to 10 m
Kentucky QSO Party all modes

Nov 10-11 1200 to 1200 Z 160 m to 10 m
OK-OM DX 'test CW

Nov 17-18 1200 to 1200 Z 80 m to 10 m
LZ (Bulgaria) DX 'test all modes

Nov 24-25 0000 to 2400 Z 160 m to 10 m
CQ WW DX CW

* Please note: for the range of bands given in each entry, no contesting is permitted on the so-called WARC bands: 60 m, 30 m, 17 m or 12 m

November Hamfests

Nov 17-18 Allen Co. ARTS 9 am
Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo.
Allen County War Memorial Museum, Ft.
Wayne, IN. Contact James, KB9IH, (260)
579-2196.

e-mail: chairman@ftwaynehamfest.com

URL: www.fortwaynehamfest.com

Dec 2 L'Anse Creuse ARC 8 am
35th Annual Amateur Radio and Computer
Swap and Shop. L'Anse Creuse High
School, Harrison Twp., MI. Contact Marty
K8HVI, (586) 268-0544

e-mail: k8hvi@arrl.net

URL: www.n8lc.org

WCARC Net Check-ins

2-Oct N1RB (NC), K8BBK, W8PSK,
K8NEA, WD8JWJ, WB8VUL, K8OVO,
WB8NQW, KD8CHQ, N8QMV (10)

9-Oct K8OVO (NC), K8BBK, N8QMV,
K8NEA, WB8NQW, N1RB, KG8GF,
WD8DWO (8)

23-Oct N8QMV (NC), K8OVO, WB8NQW,
K8BBK, W8PSK, N1RB, WD8JWJ, W8QZK
(8)

January Banquet Planned

Bob, WB8NQW, reports that he has reserved Ben's Table for January 14, 2008 like last year, so pencil in that date on your calendar. At the present time, there is not a firm price established, but it will be slightly more than last year because food prices have gone up. Details will follow, so stay tuned. ■

FOR SALE

- used Radio Shack HTX-404 (440 handheld) complete with: ctcss encoder / decoder
- flexible "duck" antenna
- original battery pack and charger
- extra battery pack for use with 6 "AA" batteries
- owner's Manual

Asking \$50.00 OBO

Chuck WD8ICP
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Brain Teasers answers: 1-a, 2-d, 3-b

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