

CQ CHATTER

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Kick-off Banquet Plans

The annual WCARC annual kick-off banquet is planned for Monday, January 11th. This event has been an annual affair for at least the past 15 years. It gives all members of WCARC the opportunity to carry on eyeball QSOs. At the December meeting, the membership will vote on the location for the event.

Chuck, WD8ICP, has investigated several venues for this year's extravaganza: Ben's Table in Bowling Green (same as last year), Maggie's in Perrysburg, and Couzin's in Grand Rapids. Ben's Table, where the banquet was held last year, quoted the same price as last year (\$15.00 per person) for a choice of two entrees, vegetables, salad, roll, drink and dessert. In addition, the entire restaurant would be dedicated solely to the Club banquet. For the same menu, Couzin's would charge

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2030 EST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)
147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL**

***Next Meeting
Business***

**MONDAY Dec. 14th
TIME: 7:30 pm / 7 pm eyeball
PLACE: Sheriff's Training Room,
Dunbridge and Gypsy Lane,
Bowling Green, OH**

\$10.99 per person. Maggie's was not seriously considered because they remain closed on Mondays. Ruth, KC8EKT also suggested that we consider the Naslada Bistro on Main Street in Bowling Green. A meal consisting of entree, salad or soup plus drink would cost \$10.00 per person. Please make sure you attend the Dec. 14th meeting so that we can making a decision among all these appetizing choices! ■

Brain Teaser answers: 1-d, 2-c, 3-b

WCARC

Net Check Ins

Nov 3

WB8NQW (NC)

W8PSK

N1RB

KG8FH

WB8VUL

KD8JHN

AC8EA (7)

Nov 10

K8OVO (NC)

K8BBK

W8PSK

N8QMV

K8NEA

WB8NQW

KD8JHN/M (7)

Nov 17

N8QMV (NC)

K8NEA

W8PSK

K8BBK

WB8NQW

K8OVO

WD8ICP

N8YAE (8)

Dec 1

N1RB (NC)

KD8MLN

KB8QEW

N8QMV

K8BBK

WB8NQW

KC8ZJW

W8KJR

N8YAE

WB8VUL

W8PSK

KC8EKT (12)

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at

2030 EST/0130 Z

Dec 1 N8QMV

Dec 8 WB8NQW

Dec 15 N1RB

Dec 22 K8OVO

Dec 29 WD8ICP

Jan 5 N8QMV

Jan 12 WB8NQW

Brain Teasers

1. What does the horizontal axis of a spectrum analyzer display?

- a.) amplitude
- b.) voltage
- c.) resonance
- d.) frequency

2. The capacitor in an RC circuit is charged to what percentage of the supply voltage after 2 time constants?

- a.) 36.8%
- b.) 63.2%
- c.) 86.5%
- d.) 95%

3. What is the radiation pattern for 2 1/4-wavelength vertical antennas spaced 1/4-wavelength apart and fed in phase?

- a.) substantially unidirectional
- b.) elliptical
- c.) cardioid unidirectional
- d.) figure 8 end-fire inline with antennas

December Contests

The contest lineup for the month of December is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

Dec 4-6	<i>2200 to 1600 Z</i>	160 m
ARRL 160 m 'test		CW
Dec 12-13	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	10 m
ARRL 10 m 'test		all modes
Dec 12-13	<i>1400 to 1400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Croatian DX 'test		CW
Dec 19	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
RAC (Canada) Winter 'test		all modes
Dec 26	<i>0830 to 1100 Z</i>	80 m to 40 m
DARC (Germany) Christmas 'test		all modes
Dec 31	<i>1700 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
South Dakota QSO Party		all modes
Jan 1	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
ARRL Straight Key Night		CW



December Hamfests

Dec 6 L'Anse Creuse ARC. L'Anse Creuse AR Swap/Hamfest. L'Anse Creuse High School, Mount Clemens, MI. Contact Marty, K8HVI, (586) 268-0544.

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ELF Claims to have Topped Two Radio Towers in Washington

from WorldRadio

A radical group calling itself the Earth Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for toppling two radio station towers in Snohomish County, Washington early Friday morning, September 4th. The towers, owned by station KRKO were felled using a stolen excavator machine. A sign left at the scene said the Earth Liberation Front was responsible.

The two towers have been at the center of controversy for several years. There are four towers currently at the location and there have been plans to build two more. Opponents of the expansion claim that radio waves can harm people and wildlife. More recently, nearby residents said that signals interfering with home phone and intercom lines have increased since KRKO recently boosted its broadcasting power. ■

Message from the President

Just a reminder that it is almost time for election of officers again. The election usually takes place in January.

Please consider volunteering to run for an office. Make your intentions known to any club officer by December.

Thank you.

Bob, WB8NQW



Hamvention Attendance Up in 2009

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association says nearly 1000 more people came to the Dayton Hamvention in 2009 than in 2008. According to *Newsline*, DARA reported that the 2009 attendance was 18,877 vs. 17,800 the previous year. Officials at the world's second largest ham-fest, the *Ham Radio Show* in Friedrichshafen, Germany, reported that attendance was up at their 2009 show as well, reaching 17,400. ■

DON'T FORGET!
**10 meter informal net
meets each Sunday
at 2030 EDST
on 28.335 MHz**

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