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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 a annual affair for at least the past 15 years. It gives all members of WCARC the opportunity to carry on an eyeball QSO at least once a year. The location this year is Couzin's restaurant in Grand Rapids. The cost per individual is \$11.90, including taxes (gratuity not included). In order to receive these rates, we must have 25 persons signed up.

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 6th, to Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ (419) 353-9165. Also let Bill know your choice of entree and dessert from the following: Entrees: Baked Chicken or Swiss Steak. Desserts: Vanilla Ice Cream or Bread Pudding

The meal also includes: mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, and drink.

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2030 EST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)**

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

***Next Meeting
ANNUAL KICK-OFF
BANQUET***

MONDAY Jan. 11th

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

Vegetarians or others with special meal needs will be accommodated from the menu, which includes salad bar, breakfast dishes and sandwiches. ■

Minutes

WCARC Meeting

December 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

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Net Check Ins

Dec 8
WB8NQW (NC)
KG8ZY
AC8EA
K8BBK
W8PSK
KC8ZJW
N8QMV
K8NEA
KD8MLN
KC8EKT
K8OVO (11)

Dec 15
N1RB (NC)
K8BBK
K8OVO
N8QMV
WB8NQW (5)

Dec 22
WB8NQW (NC)
K8BBK
KC8ZJW
N8QMV
N8WAC
WD8ICP
KD8KBU (7)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2030 EST/0130 Z

Jan	5	N8QMV
Jan	12	WB8NQW
Jan	19	N1RB
Jan	26	K8OVO
Feb	2	WD8ICP
Feb	9	N8QMV
Feb	16	WB8NQW

Brain Teasers

1. What are the restrictions on the use of abbreviations or procedural signals in amateur service?
 - a.) no restrictions
 - b.) may be used if they do not obscure the meaning
 - c.) not permitted because they obscure meaning
 - d.) only "10" codes are permitted
2. Without a grant of FCC certification, how many external hf amplifiers can you build or modify in one year?

a.) 0	b.) 1
c.) 5	d.) 10
3. What is the most useful type of map to use when orienting a directional hf antenna toward a distant station?
 - a.) azimuthal
 - b.) Mercator
 - c.) polar projection
 - d.) topographical

January Contests

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

Jan 2-3	<i>1800 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
ARRL RTTY Roundup		RTTY
Jan 9	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
070 PSK Fest		PSK
Jan 9-10	<i>1800to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		CW
Jan 10	<i>0900 to 1059 Z</i>	10 m
DARC (Germany) 10 meter 'test		all modes
Jan 16	<i>0000 to 0600 Z</i>	80 m, 40 m
LZ (Bulgaria) Open 'test		CW
Jan 16-17	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
UK DX RTTY 'test		RTTY
Jan 16-17	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
HA (Hungary) DX 'test		all modes
Jan 16-17	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		SB
Jan 23-24	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
REF (France) 'test		CW
Jan 23-24	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) DX 'test		SB
Jan 30-31	<i>2200 to 2200 Z</i>	160 m
CQ WW 160 m 'test		CW

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After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed. There was no Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- President Bob, WB8NQW, reported that the issue of WCARC space in the Fairgrounds Administration Building was on the agenda of the Fair Board for the next meeting, December 17, 2009. He assumes that a decision will be made.

- Having no volunteers or nominations, Bob polled this year's officers and they agreed to serve for the year 2010, so there is no need to hold an election at the Banquet meeting.

- The choices of venue for the banquet and the costs were reviewed, including Ben's Table in Bowling Green, Maggie's in Perrysburg, Nasladeh in Bowling Green and Couzin's in Grand Rapids. Motion was made by Steve, K8BBK, and seconded by Jim, W8JU, to hold the banquet at Couzin's--motion passed.

- Jim reported that the KC8UMN repeater was just about ready to go on the air. He will be looking into the details.

- The issue of the second repeater (the former 145.19 wide area machine) was discussed. Jim reported that he did not believe that it was worth the trouble to resuscitate because of the age of the equipment. Discussion was closed.

New Business:

- Bob raised the issue of fund raising ideas for discussion. Several comments regarding the possibility of a 50/50 drawing, etc., were batted around. It was pointed out that the current situation where funding depends on member dues is a break even proposition, with expenses such as telephone line, post office box, etc., just being met. It was suggested that if a major repair was needed, contributions could be solicited. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

A short demonstration of electrostatic and electromagnetic effects by N1RB followed. ■

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

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