

# CQ CHATTER

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President	WB8NQW	Bob Willman
Vice President	K8NEA	Duane Ashbaucher
Secretary	N1RB	Bob Boughton
Treasurer	WD8JWJ	Bill Wilkins

## Minutes

### WCARC Meeting

October 10, 2011

*Thanks to WB8VUL for recording the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.*

Present: 8 members

#### Old Business:

- Nominating committee for 2012 office candidates reported the following slate of candidates: Craig Magrum (KD8NJZ) – President (provided Bob, WB8NQW remain as Vice President to advise him. Bob has agreed.) Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJW - Treasurer. Bob Boughton, N1RB – Secretary. Additional candidates may volunteer before the December meeting.
- With the increase of membership Bob stated the club by-laws require an additional board of directors member. Steve McEwen, K8BBK and Phil Phillips, W8PSK have volunteered.
- Phil, W8PSK discussed his work in attempting to get the local city council to approve ham antenna towers. Before pursuing legal action he requests all hams help in prodding the State Senate to pass Bill 93. You can call the State Senator for Wood County, Mark Wagoner at 614-466-8060 or email him at: [SD02@senate.state.oh.us](mailto:SD02@senate.state.oh.us). You can also contact the chairman of the senate committee dealing with the bill, Chris Jordon. Please call him urging him to take up the bill and pass it before the end of the year. Mr. Jordon's number is 614-466-8086.

**WCARC Weekly Net:  
Tuesdays at 2130 EDST  
(0130 Z year-round)  
147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL**

### **Breakfast Meeting**

**Saturday, November 5th**

**TIME: 9:00am**

**PLACE: Frisch's Big Boy  
Corner of Poe & Main Streets  
Bowling Green, OH**

- Phil, W8PSK has offered clean, dry space to consolidate all the club's equipment. The offer was accepted. Concensus also agreed that the club's unused antenna, feed line, and rotator from the fairground tower should also be removed and put into storage. WB8NQW and K8BBK will look into that possibility including clearance from the fair board. A volunteer work crew will be solicited.

#### New Business

- Annual January "Kick-Off" meeting/dinner is tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2010. Denny K8HQL, will check and report of possible establishments.
- Chuck, WD8CIP suggested a celebration for 55 years of affiliation with the ARRL.

## Net Check Ins

September 27

N8QMV (NC)  
WB8NQW

October 4

WB8NQW (NC)  
KD8NJZ  
K8BBK  
W8PSK  
WD8JWJ  
W8CLM  
WB8VUL  
N8YAE  
KD8PCQ  
K8OVO

October 11

KD8NJZ (NC)  
KD8PCQ  
K8BBK  
VA3UG  
WB8NQW  
WD8JWJ  
N8YAE  
KD8CES  
KD8QYM  
KD8LWR  
N8FM  
KI4DKX  
K8OVO  
KD8HIZ  
WD8PIC  
WB8VUL

October 18

N8YAE (NC)  
KD8NJZ  
K8BBK  
W8PSK  
WD8JWJ  
WB8NQW  
K8OVO  
WD8PIC

October 25

K8OVO (NC)  
WB8NQW  
K8BBK  
W8PSK  
N8YAE  
W8CAP  
KD8PCQ  
KD8NJZ  
WK8JWJ  
KC8EKT

## WCARC

### 2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at  
2130 EDST/2030 EST\*/0130 Z

Nov	1	N8QMV
Nov	8*	WB8NQW
Nov	15*	KD8NJZ
Nov	22*	N8YAE
Nov	29*	K8OVO
Dec	6*	N8QMV
Dec	13*	WB8NQW

## Brain Teasers

1. What emission modes are permitted in the mode-restricted sub-bands at 50.0 to 50.1 MHz and 144.0 to 144.1 MHz?
  - a.) CW only
  - b.) CW and RTTY
  - c.) SSB only
  - d.) CW and SSB
2. Who must designate the station control operator?
  - a.) The station licensee
  - b.) The FCC
  - c.) Frequency coordinator
  - d.) The ITU
3. What type of control is used when the control operator is not at the station location but can indirectly manipulate the operating adjustments of a station?
  - a.) Local
  - b.) Remote
  - c.) Automatic
  - d.) Unattended

## *November Contests*

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

<b>Nov 5-6</b>	<i>12:00 to 12:00 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Ukrainian DX Contest		<b>CW, SSB</b>
<b>Nov 5-7</b>	<i>21:00 to 02:59 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
November CW Sweepstakes		<b>CW</b>
<b>Nov 12-13</b>	<i>14:00 to 02:00 Z</i>	160 m to 6m
Kentucky QSO Party		<b>CW, Phone, Mixed</b>
<b>Nov 12-13</b>	<i>07:00 to 13:00 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Japan International DX Contest		<b>SSB</b>
<b>Nov 12-13</b>	<i>00:00 to 23:59 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
WAE DX Contest		<b>RTTY</b>
<b>Nov 12-14</b>	<i>19:00 to 05:00 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
CQ-WE Contest		<b>CW, Phone, Digital</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<i>00:00 to 24:00 Z</i>	160 m to 6 m
SKCC Weekend Sprint		<b>CW</b>
<b>Nov 19-21</b>	<i>21:00 to 02:59 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
November Phone Sweepstakes		<b>SSB</b>
<b>Nov 19-20</b>	<i>00:00 to 23:59 Z</i>	50 – 1296 MHz
EME Contest, 50-1296 MHz (round 2)		<b>CW, phone or digital</b>
<b>Nov 19-20</b>	<i>10:00 to 10:00 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
SARL Field Day Contest		<b>CW, SSB, Digital</b>
<b>Nov 19-20</b>	<i>12:00 to 12:00 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
LZ DX Contest		<b>CW, SSB</b>
<b>Nov 26-27</b>	<i>00:00 to 24:00 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
CQ WW DX		<b>CW</b>

## **RESCUE RADIO: VK HAMS ASSIST IN HUNT FOR AIRCRAFT MISSING 30 YEARS**

A group of amateur radio operators from Sydney, Australia, recently took part in a multi-agency search and rescue exercise in a remote area of New South Wales. This, to help in the continuing search for a small plane that is believed to have crashed some 30 years ago with its pilot and four passengers on board.

The single engine Cessna aircraft had the tail identification of VH-MDX. It had had taken off from Queensland for a flight to Sydney's Bankstown airport when its pilot identified as Michael Hutchins radioed that he was experiencing severe turbulence. Also that the plane had been hit by lightning and he could no longer determine its orientation. To make matters worse, the wings were icing up and despite his best efforts, the Cessna was losing altitude. The aircraft then disappeared from radar and all communications ceased a few minutes later.

For thirty years since the accident, teams of volunteers have returned to the area to walk and climb their way through every piece of unsearched landscape in the hope that somebody will discover a piece of wreckage or spot something that helps to ends the riddle of VH-MDX. The regions that have been searched are marked off on a large map, so further unsearched areas can be checked the following year.

For the safety of the volunteer searchers, each of the six teams carried one vhf or uhf handheld radio and a portable 2- way High Frequency transceiver. Packed in a rainproof canvas box, the H-F sets included a short wire antenna that would work using skywave or N-V-I-S propagation. This, to contact any of several radio command posts set up and manned by WICEN of New South Wales. WICEN is a volunteer organization of licensed Australian amateur radio operators who donate some of their time and expertise to emergency communications to benefit the community much the same way

that ARES members do here in the United States. Other groups helping with the search this year included the Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad, the New South Wales Police Rescue Squad, the New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association and several others.

At the time of its disappearance the Cessna's four passengers were New South Wales Police Inspector Ken Price, who was traveling with Noel Wildash, Phillip Pembroke and Rhett Bosler. Search aircraft sent to the general area could find no sign of wreckage, and there was no smoke or fire to guide them. Several intensive land searches were also lunched but to date, no wreckage of the plane and the remains of its five occupants have been found. At airtime, the search is expected to resume sometime next year.

(Adapted from walkietalkietwowayradios.com)

## **Letter from the President November 2011**

The next breakfast will be at a new location, the Big Boy North November 5 at 9:00 AM.

As of the October meeting we have at least one candidate for each office for the year 2012 election. They are:

President - Craig KD8NJZ (soon to be NM8W)

Vice President - Bob WB8NQW

Secretary - Bob N1RB

Treasurer – Bill WD8JWJ

Board Members – Phil W8PSK & Steve K8BBK – each serving while not out of town.

It would be nice to have two members for each office and there is still room for volunteers.

In 2012 WCARC will celebrate 55 years as an ARRL affiliated club. Chuck WD8ICP suggests that we have a celebration such as a potluck and invite all hams who have ever been members of WCARC plus other hams in the area.

Next breakfast is November 5 at the Big Boy North in BG. (Poe and Main)

Next business meeting is December 12 at the Sheriff's office.

73, Bob WB8NQW

# November Hamfests

**Nov 19-20 Ft. Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo** Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, Ft. Wayne, IN. Contact Larry, WB8SJD, (586)873-9198.

e-mail: [chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com](mailto:chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com) web: [www.fortwaynehamfest.com](http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com)

## STATEHOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Ohio Section has successfully obtained passage of two very similar pieces of amateur radio antenna legislation in the Ohio General Assembly. The House of Representatives, on June 9, 2011, passed H.B. 158 and forwarded that bill to the Ohio Senate. Last year, during a previous legislative session, the Ohio Senate passed amateur radio antenna legislation identical to a Bill presently pending in the Ohio Senate, S.B. 93. Each of these bills incorporates the federal (FCC PRB-1) prohibitions on unreasonable restriction of amateur antennas into Ohio law, and makes observance of those restrictions mandatory for municipal, county and township zoning authorities in Ohio.

The differences between the two relate to the conditions that would permit a local zoning authority to rebut the presumption that a tower height of seventy-five feet is reasonable and some minor language differences between the two bills.

At the present time, both of these bills are pending before the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee chaired by Sen. Kris Jordan. No hearings are presently scheduled before the Senate Committee and much of our effort has been directed at getting our legislation scheduled for hearing. We are now approaching the elections season, and there is very little scheduled legislative activity between now and the end of the year.

You may recall that last December at our request many of you wrote letters and made calls to legislators seeking to obtain passage of our legislation before the end of the year, as that marked the end of the biennial legislative session and bills not passed simply went out of existence. That's not the case this year. The end of 2011 will mark the end of the first year of the current session, and our bills will remain active for the balance of 2012. However, we must continue the effort to obtain passage in the Ohio Senate as soon as possible and another letter writing campaign may well become necessary.

The Ohio Section, under the leadership of Section Manager Frank Piper, has taken the lead in advancing this important work, and the progress we have made is due to the efforts that Frank, other Cabinet members and interested volunteers have made.

Countless hours of committee hearings, preparation for and delivery of legislative testimony and calls and visits to individual legislators have consumed much of Frank's time, and we are all grateful for his efforts. Those who would believe that amateur radio is held in low esteem should listen to the many complimentary remarks made by legislators who are very aware of the many contributions that radio amateurs make to the welfare of our state.

Nick Pittner, K8NAP  
State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

## HAM RADIO NUMBERS: 700,000 HAMS IN THE USA

Figures released by the American Radio Relay League say that the number of United States hams now stands at a record high number of 700,000. According to ARRL V-E-C Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the number of Technicians peaked in March 2011

at 342,572, while September 2011 saw both Generals and Extras each peak respectively in their number of license holders.

In issuing her report Somma noted that as new Technicians earn their amateur radio licenses, and current Technician licensees move on to General and Generals upgrade to Extra, this can cause up-and-down fluctuations for the totals. None the less, Somma says that for the first time, there are more than 700,000 radio amateurs in the United States. (ARRL)

## Ft. Wayne Hamfest Tickets Available

Bill, WD8JWJ announced on the 10/25 Tuesday night 2m net that he has 5 complimentary Ft. Wayne Hamfest tickets available to any club member interested. You can email him at: [wild\\_bill@wcnet.org](mailto:wild_bill@wcnet.org).

The hamfest takes place Nov. 19 & 20 Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Brain Teaser answers: 1-a, 2-a, 3-b

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