

# CQ Chatter

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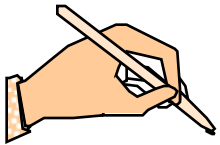
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## A Note from the Editor

The middle of the winter is a good time to reflect on how things have gone in the past and how we would like them to go in the future. It's also the point in time when I solicit comments, criticisms and suggestions for making CQ Chatter better. If you have any ideas that you would like to see put into practice, please drop me a line.

Yours truly is of course always in need of material to use in the newsletter. If you have a contribution or just a news item, send it to me (preferably via e-mail) so that it can be included. If there are any special features that you would like to see that perhaps aren't in the newsletter now, make your opinion known and I will try to include them. CQ Chatter is here to serve you the members.



73 de Bob ■

## *If It's Winter, There Must Be a QSO Party Going On*

Have you ever participated in a QSO party? You might notice that in the contest listings (next page) there are a number of QSO parties. So, what are they ---some sort of super bowl party on the air?

Almost all of the 50 states has a QSO party that is sponsored by a local club. What is the purpose and how can you participate? It's simple. You simply jump in and contact a participant or call "CQ QSO Party". The exchange usually amounts to giving your name and state and perhaps a signal report. Most state QSO parties award points for each contact and use their counties as multipliers

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

**Club Meeting:  
Monday, February 12th  
Location: Fairgrounds  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Social Hour: 7:00 pm**

for the final score. Prizes and/or certificates are usually given for the best score in each state.

The sponsoring organizations want to promote contacts between hams in their state and everywhere else. It provides an informal way for hams to talk to each other and to make new friends. The informal nature of the contacts allows anybody to depart from the "format" and chew the fat if so desired. There are also special awards available to hams who work all the counties in a particular state as well as for the nationwide County Hunters endorsements. ■

## *Pagers Available*

The emergency pagers that the Club purchased some time ago are ready to go. These units can be obtained for a \$35.00 deposit that is refundable on return.

Thanks to the efforts of KB8QEW, they can be activated through the 440 MHz machine whenever an emergency occurs. If you want to be alerted whenever ARES/RACES requires your services, you need a pager. To obtain one, contact Bob, N1RB, at 354-1811 or at:

[boughton@bgsnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:boughton@bgsnet.bgsu.edu) ■

## February Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of February includes the following:

<b>Jan 28</b>	<i>1100 to 2200 Z</i>	80 m
<b>Maritimes CW 'Test</b>	<i>(1500-1800 off)</i>	<b>CW</b>
<b>Jan 26-28</b>	<i>200 to 1600</i>	160 m
<b>CQ 160 m CW 'Test</b>		<b>CW</b>
<b>Jan 27-28</b>	<i>0600 to 1800 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
<b>REF (France) CW 'Test</b>		<b>CW</b>
<b>Jan 27-28</b>	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
<b>UBA (Belgium) SSB 'Test</b>		<b>SB</b>
<b>Feb 3-4</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
<b>Vermont QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 3-4</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 2 m
<b>New Hampshire QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 3-4</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 70cm
<b>Maine QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 3-4</b>	<i>1700 to 0100 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
<b>Delaware QSO Party</b>	<i>(0500-1300 off)</i>	<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 4</b>	<i>1100 to 2200 Z</i>	80 m
<b>Maritimes SSB 'Test</b>	<i>(1500-1800 off)</i>	<b>SB</b>
<b>Feb 10-11</b>	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 to 10m
<b>PACC (Netherlands) 'Test</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 17-18</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
<b>ARRL DX CW</b>		<b>CW</b>
<b>Feb 23-25</b>	<i>2200 to 1600 Z</i>	160 m
<b>CQ 160m SSB</b>		<b>SB</b>
<b>Feb 24-25</b>	<i>0600 to 1800 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
<b>REF (France) SSB</b>		<b>SB</b>
<b>Feb 24-25</b>	<i>1200 to 2359 Z</i>	160m on up
<b>North Carolina QSO Party</b>		<b>all modes</b>
<b>Feb 24-25</b>	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
<b>UBA (Belgium) CW</b>		<b>CW</b>
<b>Mar 3-4</b>	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
<b>ARRL DX SSB</b>		<b>SB</b>

## WCARC

### Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>AA8XS</b>
<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>KG8FH</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>WD8JWJ</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>WD8ICP</b>
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>N1RB</b>
<b>Mar 6</b>	<b>N8QMV</b>
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>AA8XS</b>

## February Hamfests

The hamfest line-up for February is listed below:

**Feb 11 InterCity ARC/MASER** ? to ?  
Richland Co. Fairgrounds, Mansfield, OH. Contact Dean, KB8MG, (419) 522-9893.

**Feb 18 Livonia ARC** 8 am to 1:30 pm  
William Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. Contact Neil, WA8GWL, (734) 261-5486.

**Feb 24 LaPorte ARC** 7 am to 1 pm  
LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1000 Ridge St., LaPorte, IN. Contact Neil, WZ9N, nstraub@nii.net.

**Feb 25 Hamilton Co. ARPSC** 9 am to 4 pm  
Hartwell Recreation Center, 59 Caldwell Dr., Cincinnati, OH. Contact Bill, KA8LAY, (513) 661-8558.

**Feb 25 Cuyahoga Falls ARC** 8 am to 2 pm  
Emidio and Sons Party Center, 48 E. Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Contact Carl, N8JLQ, (330) 497-7047.

## It's time to renew!!!

## Now We Have 'Radio Rage'

(reprinted from *ARRL WebNews*)

NEWINGTON, CT, ( --Entering his third year spearheading the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement effort, Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth says "radio rage" could become a bigger danger to the future of Amateur Radio than rule breaking. "It's the in-fighting and arguments and juvenile spats," Hollingsworth said this week. "That's going to come back to haunt us if we don't just grow up. It will do the service in, if the ham community doesn't put a stop to it."

Hollingsworth said that he's encouraged that the FCC's enforcement program has the support of "99.9%" of the amateur community and that the vast majority of hams follow the rules. But, he said that radio rage "can degrade the bands just as quickly as outright rule breaking." Some amateurs take the hobby too seriously or are too quick to take offense, he said, and he suggested that they need to stop and think how they'll sound to others before they get involved in on-air squabbles or frequency fights. "The FCC can't do anything about that," he said. "It's up to the amateur community."

Hollingsworth said he listens "a lot" on HF--and so does the FCC's HF Direction Finding facility in Maryland. While much radio rage technically is not illegal, he said it reflects poorly on Amateur Radio--especially to newcomers and those outside of ham radio who might be listening in--and can balloon into an enforcement issue. More important, he said, rude or intemperate on-air behavior might provide just the sort of ammunition that an entity seeking additional spectrum will use against Amateur Radio.

Hollingsworth pointed to reports of a spectrum crunch in the 108-137 MHz aviation band--on the doorstep of the amateur 2-meter band--as just one example. He suggested that someone listening to some of the antics on one of the more-notorious repeaters might quickly be persuaded that Amateur Radio is not putting the spectrum to

good use. "We can get the bad actors one at a time, but the overall attitude of 'rights' over 'responsibilities' has got to change," he said. "Rules are not the sole solution for on-air behavior."

Hollingsworth predicted that the departure January 19 of FCC Chairman William Kennard and the changing of the guard the White House the next day will not alter the course of the current amateur enforcement effort. He said he sees nothing but positive changes ahead. "I'm willing to bet my SX-115 that we won't miss a beat," he said, referring to one of his latest acquisitions of vintage ham gear, "as long as the amateur community lets it be known it still wants enforcement." ■

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## You Light Up My Life

A ham from 6-land, N6DZA, relates the following very unusual use for his HT (*reprinted from Worldradio magazine*):

I thought I would share one the many ways an HT can really be handy. When it is cold in the garage/workshop, sometimes my fluorescent shop lights won't light up. I key up my HT on an unused simplex frequency while holding the end of the rubber duckie near the lamp tubes, and the lamps light right up. ■

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## Are You an Acrobat?

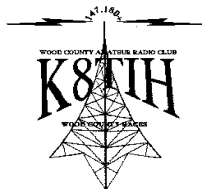
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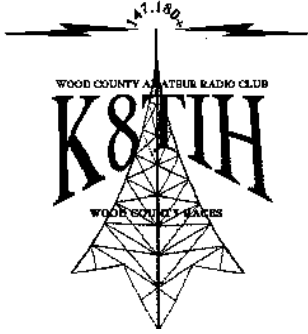
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Save the Club some money! ■

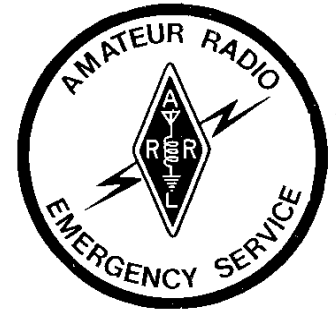
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Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what class? \_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of equipment would you like to see the Club purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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