

CQ Chatter

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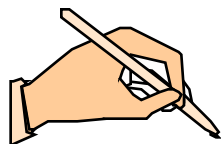
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A Note from the Editor



Another year in the annals of the WCARC is complete. Our Club has been in existence for 47 years and recently received recognition in the form of a certificate from the ARRL for having maintained our status as an ARRL-affiliated club for 25 years. Things have changed a lot since 1954 as we all know. The interest of young people in radio communications and all the other activities that make our hobby a great pastime has steadily declined for a number of years.

We read many articles bemoaning the fact that ham radio is a "graying" hobby. The average age of U.S. hams is pushing 50. The question is, how can we entice more young people to get interested? The new activities that connect radio with computing such as APRS and PSK31 are impressive assets in this quest. Amateur satellite communications is another mode that can bring excitement to anybody. We have a number of expert aficionados in all of these modes right here in WCARC.

It seems to me that we need to devise some method of bringing these exciting techniques to the attention of kids in school to ignite some spark of interest. This "contact" will take a lot of effort on the part of many of us--we need to touch base with science teachers in the middle and the high schools around Wood County. We need to be ready to volunteer our time and knowledge to help young people who show interest in what we present.

Not only are the "experts" called upon to participate, but they could always use some assistance when they set up a visit to a school or to a scout group. All WCARC members should recognize the importance of doing this essential work.

73 de Bob

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

**Club Meeting:
Monday, December 10th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Meeting: 7:30 pm**

Contester Warned for Causing Interference

--from ARRL Bulletin--

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth says he's letting stand a Warning Notice sent to a Pennsylvania licensee following allegations of deliberate interference. The complaint--which arose in part from split-frequency contest operation--alleged that K3NM failed to shift frequency after being notified that the station's signal was interfering with an ongoing contact.

John King, K5PGW, of Denham Springs, Louisiana, complained to the FCC after the September 9 incident, which occurred while K3NM was operating split mode on 40-meter SSB during the Worked All Europe Contest. Following up, Hollingsworth sent a Warning Notice September 12 to K3NM licensee Joseph Brue Jr.

King asserted that he was operating mobile and in QSO with Roy Ezell, K9ROY, in Kentucky when K3NM came on frequency without asking if it were in use and began calling "CQ contest." King told the FCC that he and K9ROY attempted to alert the K3NM operator--Matt Vanni LU9AY/W1--but were unable to do so, because K3NM was listening on 7.083 MHz, outside the US phone band. Failing that, King said, Ezell telephoned Brue, letting him know his station was interfering with his contact and asking him to

December Contests

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

Dec 1-3	<i>1800 to 0100 Z</i>	160 m on up all modes
Tennessee QSO Party		
Dec 7-9	<i>2200 to 1600 Z</i>	160 m CW
ARRL 160 Meter 'test		
Dec 15-16	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	10 m all modes
ARRL 10 Meter 'test		
Dec 15-16	<i>1400 to 1400 Z</i>	160 to 10 m CW
Croatian CW 'test		
Dec 29	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 2 m all modes
RAC Canada Winter 'test		
Jan 1	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	160 to 10 m CW
ARRL Straight Key Night		
Jan 11-13	<i>2200 to 2200 Z</i>	160 to 40 m CW
Japan Int'l DX 'test		
Jan 12-13	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 to 10 m CW
North American QSO Party		

December Hamfests

Dec 2 L'Anse Creuse ARC *8 am to 2 pm*
L'Anse Creuse High School, Reimold Rd., Harrison Twp., MI. Contact Don, WA8IZV, (810) 294-1567.

New County for County Hunters

On Nov. 15, 2001 the state of Colorado will be adding the new county of Broomfield, Colorado. This will become the 3077th county in the United States. The formation of the new county was approved by a statewide election changing the Colorado Constitution. Parts of four existing counties (Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld) will form the new county. ■

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Nov 27	N1RB
Dec 4	N8QMV
Dec 11	AA8XS
Dec 18	KG8FH
Dec 25	WD8ICP
Jan 1	N1RB
Jan 8	N8QMV

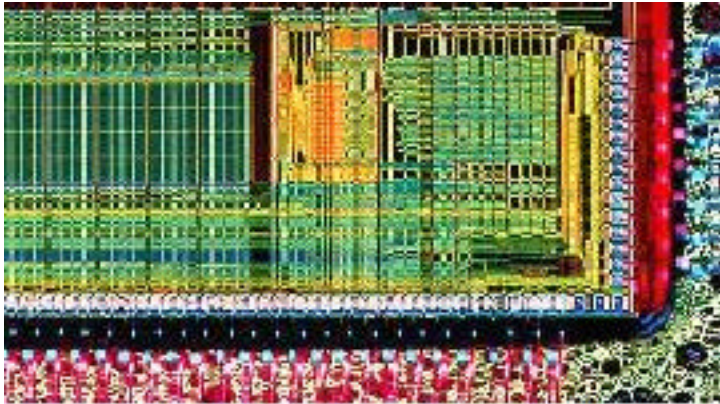
move. King maintained that even after a second telephone call to K3NM, the interference continued. Vanni subsequently told the FCC that he could not hear K5PGW or K9ROY, even after the telephone calls, so he continued operating.

After deliberating over the various assertions, Hollingsworth said in an October 30 letter to Brue that he was standing behind his Warning Notice and said it would remain in the licensee's file. "You could not be expected to protect communications you could not hear, and it may be normal that with such an efficient antenna system you may not have heard certain stations from the back of the beam antenna," Hollingsworth allowed. "The fact remains, however, that both you and Vanni had notice, directly from the complainant operator in two separate telephone calls, that your station was indeed interfering with specific ongoing communications." ■

Annual Banquet Planned

The WCARC annual banquet/election meeting is planned to be held on the regular meeting date in January, Monday, January 14th. The meeting place and time have yet to be determined. Be on the lookout for the January CQ Chatter for details.

This is the traditional meeting for the election of Club officers and Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is presently accepting nominations for various officer positions. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Esther, N8QMV, Shawn, KB8QEW, or Bob, N1RB. Self-nominations are acceptable. ■



WCARC November Meeting 11/12/01

Meeting called to Order at 19:28 hours by President Bob, WB8NQW The Minutes of the October meeting were read by KB8QEW. No corrections were noted. The Treasurer's Report was read by N1RB. The report was approved as read.

Old Business WB8NQW reported on the tower situation. In the process of attempting to remove the old tower base, a sewer line was hit. Because the old tower base is attached to the building foundation, it will take more than a backhoe to remove it. It was mentioned that a plate could be anchor-bolted to the concrete base, and the tower mounted on the plate. We need ideas on how to proceed. The satellite demo has been postponed until next spring.

Technical KB8QEW reported that our repeater is ready to handle 10-digit dialing; at least until "567"- area code numbers start appearing in our area. The repeater batteries have not yet been installed.

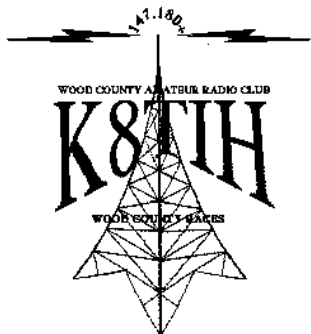
Nominating Committee No report

New Business The time for the 2002 kickoff party/January meeting is approaching. KB8QEW suggested Kaufmans as a possible location.

Also approaching is the time to prepare for Hamarama, if it is to take place. It was decided to proceed with the hamfest in 2002. After discussion, it was further decided to keep the 1st through 3rd place prizes the same as last years. However, there would be no 4th place prize; instead, the \$50 would be earmarked for hourly door prizes. The prize breakdown would be: \$300 -1st. \$100-2nd, \$50 - 3rd, and \$50 set aside for all the door prizes. WD8ICP motioned to accept this scheme, and N8QMV seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

KB8QEW also suggested that we consider holding 50-50 raffles at other hamfests, like other clubs do. KC8EKT motioned to pursue this, and KB8QEW seconded. The motion was voted on and approved. KB8QEW will head up the raffle committee.

KB8QEW motioned to adjourn, and N1RB seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2007.



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2002 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular-\$15===Family-\$20===Senior/Student-\$10

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ DATE OF EXP. _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____
DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY? _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW SSB PACKET RTTY FM DX MOBILE QRP AMTOR PSK31 SSTV

ATV EME SAT APRS RC

Interests: Traffic DX Contests Foxhunts Satellites Nets Antennas

Computers Emergency ARES/RACES Skywarn Classic Radios

Do You Own a Computer? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what operating system _____

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 _____

SIGNATURE _____

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