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On This Channel

Your editor is always on the lookout for timely news items from the members. Any informative articles that you feel might be of interest to the readers of CQ Chatter are welcome. Also, any comments about features that you would like to see should be forwarded to Yours Truly.

Minutes of the meeting of the Wood County Radio Club-Jan. 14, 2002

Business Meeting Called to Order at 19:24 hours by President Bob, WB8NQW.

Nominating Committee---The slate of officers for 2002 was presented as follows:

President: WB8NQW Vice President: K8NEA/KB8QEW Secretary: AA8XS Treasurer: N1RB
N8QMV continued as trustee. KC8RWI and WD8ICP volunteered for the second position. However, only two trustees are permitted by the Club bylaws.

N1RB motioned to close nominations and to accept the slate of officers as presented. N1LB seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

KC8EKT motioned to suspend the rules to allow for three board members. N1RB seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

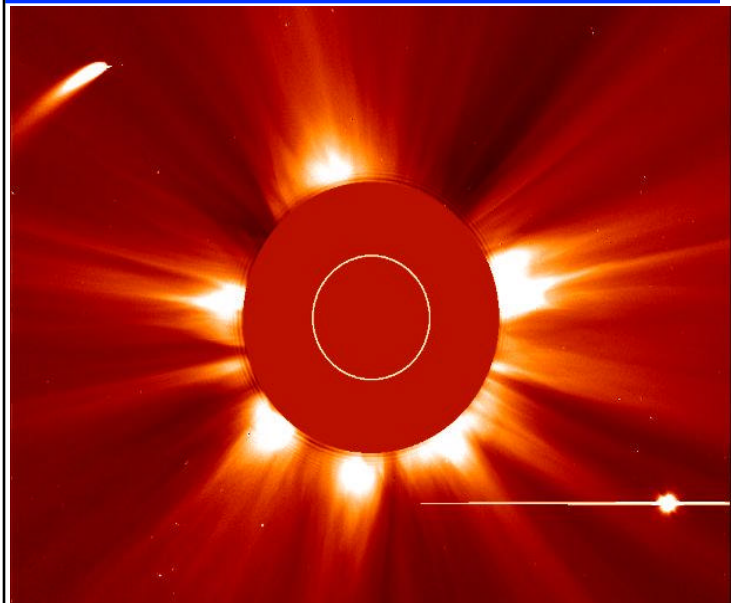
WD8ICP presented a bill for \$546 for the new repeater receiver. The 2m machine now requires a PL of 77.0 Hz or a touch tone code of "123" The AC hum still remains, though.

KB8QEW motioned to adjourn, and AA8XS seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1938

JOHN LAGGER AA8XS SECRETARY, WOOD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

**Next Meeting
Monday, February 11th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Banquet: 7:30 pm**



The Bane of DX Operators

This is a photo of the recent solar flares that erupted last month, blacking out HF propagation for several hours. These flares are made up of highly energetic particles that make their way to the Earth's ionosphere after a few hours or even days and disrupt the delicate electrical equilibrium of the upper layers---the ones that provide multi-hop propagation. The peak of the sunspot cycle is

February Contests

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

Feb 2-3	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
Vermont QSO Party		all modes
Feb 2-3	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 2
New Hampshire QSO Party		all modes
Feb 2-3	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 70cm
Maine QSO Party		all modes
Feb 2-3	1700 to 0100 Z	160 to 10 m
Delaware QSO Party (0500-1300 off)		all modes
Feb 2	1400 to 2359 Z	160 to 6 m
Minnesota QSO Party		all modes
Feb 2-3	0000 to 2400 Z	10 m
Ten-Ten Winter QSO Party		all modes
Feb 3	1100 to 2200 Z	80 m
Maritimes SSB 'Test (1500-1800 off)		SB
Feb 9-10	1200 to 1200 Z	160 to 10 m
PACC (Netherlands) DX 'test		all modes
Feb 9-11	1400 to 0200 Z	80 to 10 m
YL-OM Contest		SB
Feb 16-17	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
ARRL DX 'test		CW
Feb 22-14	2200 to 1600 Z	160 m
CQ 160 m SSB 'test		SB
Feb 23-24	0600 to 1800 Z	80 to 10 m
REF (France) DX 'test		SB
Feb 23-24	1200 to 2359 Z (both)	160 m up
North Carolina QSO Party		all modes
Feb 23-24	1300 to 1300 Z	80 to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) DX 'test		CW
Feb 23-25	1400 to 0200 Z	80 to 10 m
YL-OM Contest		CW

February Hamfest

Feb 23 LaPorte ARC 7 am to 1 pm
 LaPorte (IN) Civic Auditorium. Contact Neil,
 WZ9N, (219) 324-7525.

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jan 29	WD8ICP
Feb 5	N1RB
Feb 12	N8QMV
Feb 19	AA8XS
Feb 26	KG8FH
Mar 5	WD8ICP
Mar 12	N1RB

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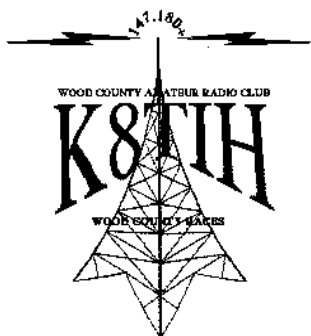
a period of high activity in the Sun. There is mounting evidence that the current cycle did not necessarily peak in late 2000 as had been previously thought. January, 2002, was a month of high solar flux (and sunspot numbers). Some solar physicists are predicting that this cycle may be a rare "double peaked cycle" with two distinct maxima that occur about 1.5 years apart. If that is the case, we may well be experiencing the second peak right now, so keep looking for great propagation, especially on 10 meters! ■

It's Time to Renew!!!

The first of the year brings with it a reminder to all members to renew your membership. The dues are:

Senior/Student	\$10.00
Regular	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00

When you renew, please take time out to fill out the renewal application form. I know that for many the information is the same, but many times things like phone numbers and e-mail addresses change. The comments on what you would like to see the Club do in the upcoming year are also very important -- the Executive Committee takes this information very seriously and tries to have a Club that fits your needs. A copy of the application form is included in this newsletter. Please send completed forms and your dues for 2002 to P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ■



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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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