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Minutes WCARC April Meeting

WCARC April Meeting – 4/8/02

Meeting Called to Order at 19:35 hours by President Bob, WB8NQW

No corrections to the March meeting minutes were noted. The Treasurer's Report was read. KB8QEW motioned to accept the report and AA8XS seconded. The report was approved as read.

Technical - Thanks to the installation efforts of KB8QEW, we now have a new antenna. However, the new repeater receiver has an oscillation problem that several adjustments have failed to correct. The 440 side also sounds distorted.

Hamarama - We need to update the information page to 2002 (it's still showing 2001)

Old Business - KB8QEW has ARRL Field Day information and will be reserving City Park.

New Business - The ARRL has offered the Club an insurance policy for \$350. However, the Club has purchased a plan through Brooks Insurance for \$250. The ARRL plan includes antennas and feed line. We need to investigate the two policies, examine their coverage and decide which one to purchase for the next year. An inventory of the equipment was requested by the Treasurer in order to facilitate the decision.

AA8XS motioned to adjourn, and KB8QEW seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1958

JOHN LAGGER AA8XS SECRETARY, WOOD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

**Next Meeting
Monday, May 13th
Location: Fairgrounds
Social Hour: 7:00 pm
Banquet: 7:30 pm**

May Hamfests

May 17-19 Dayton ARA

(F) 8 am to 6 pm, (Sa) 8 am to 5 pm, and (Su) 8 am to 1 pm

The Dayton Hamvention is the granddaddy of them all. If you haven't been there, you should go! Hara Arena Complex, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., Dayton. Admission: \$17.00 in advance; \$22.00 at the door. Contact Jim, KB8PSO (937) 276-6930, or e-mail to: info@Hamvention.org. URL: www.Hamvention.org/

May 26 Franklin Co. HC 9 am -?
Franklin County (OH) Fairgrounds, Hilliard.
Contact Chris, KC8BUO, (6414) 267-7779. e-mail to: clind2@juno.com.

June 9 Fulton Co. ARC 8 am to 1 pm
Fulton County (OH) Fairgrounds, SR 108. Contact Angela, KB2AVN, (419) 822-4382. e-mail to: lindsay@powersupply.net. URL: www.fcarc.8m.com

**Answers to last Month's Brain Teasers:
1 (c); 2 (c,d); 3 (b)**

May Contests

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

May 4-5	2000 to 2000 Z	160 to 10 m
ARI (Italy) DX 'test		all modes
Mar 4-5	2000 to 2000 Z	160 m to 70 cm
New England QSO Party		all modes
May4-5	0000 to 0600 Z	160 m to 6 m
Nevada QSO Party		all modes
May 4-5	0000 to 2400 Z	80 m to 10 m
MARAC County Hunters 'test		CW
May 5-6	1800 to 2300 Z	160 m to 70 cm
Indiana QSO Party		all modes
May 11-12	1400 to 0200 Z	160 m to 10 m
Oregon QSO Party		all modes
May 11-12	2100 to 2100 Z	160 m to 10 m
CQ-M Int'l DX 'test		all modes
May 18-19	2100 to 0200 Z	80 m
Baltic 'test		CW
May 18-19	1800 to 1800 Z	160 m to 10 m
King of Spain 'test		CW
May 25-26	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m
CQ WPX 'test		CW
Jun 1-2	1200 to 1800 Z	80 m to 10 m
WW South America 'test		CW

Brain Teasers

1. The Maidenhead grid number for Wood County is:

(a) EM81 (b) EN81 (c) EN80 (d) EM80

2. The driven element of a Yagi (beam) antenna should be what multiple of the wavelength?

(a) 0.5 (b) 0.25 (c) 1.0 (d) 0.625

3. A 1 μF , 2 μF and 3 μF capacitor are connected in parallel. What is the equivalent capacitance?

(a) 6 μF (b) 1 μF (c) 3 μF (d) 0.55 μF

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

May 7	KG8FH
May 14	WD8ICP
May 21	N1RB
May 28	N8QMV
Jun 4	AA8XS
Jun 11	KG8FH

AMATEURS MUSTER FOR WEATHER EMERGENCIES

---from the ARRL Letter---

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) teams activated or stood by to assist as severe weather struck several states in recent days. The National Weather Service (NWS) said storms over the April 27-28 weekend left pockets of devastation from Kentucky to Maryland. "It has been a wild 24 hours in Charles County, Maryland," said Maryland ARRL Section Manager Tom Abernethy, W3TOM. A tornado April 28 badly damaged the business district in La Plata. Among structures destroyed or damaged were the Charles County Chapter of the American Red Cross office and the building housing the Charles County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Abernethy said Michelle Sack, N3YRZ--on the job at the LaPlata hospital at the time--broke into a SKYWARN net to report a tornado only one-half mile away to the west heading directly for her location. "She tracked and described the tornado until it struck her location and then continued to provide on-the-scene assessments," Abernethy said. Other amateurs along the storm's track also provided reports on severity and damage.

Charles County ARES Emergency Coordinator and RACES Officer Mike Tackish, KA3GRW, activated the Charles County ARES/RACES team's emergency plan. Amateurs established a UHF command/control net while VHF tactical nets supplied communications for the hospital, which was left without telephone service or internal

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20	Deb	Miller	KC8RYB	360 Colony Lane, #66	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 353-7170
21	Thom - LouAnn - Kevin	Otte	WB8ZHU, N8ORD, N8VNR	14250 Euler Rd.	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 352-6598
22	Larry	Reitz	WA8CWD	25650 Luckey Rd.	Perrysburg	43557	(419) 837-2202
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24	Jim	Ryan	WA8SCT	751 E. Main St. P.O. Box 52	Jerry City	43437-0052	(419) 655-2427
25	Charles	Shirkey	KB8JXY	208 W. Reed	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 352-7079
26	Richard	Traver	N8NCF	441 S. Grove St.	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 352-2339
27	Bill	Wilkins	WD8JWJ	11065 Lynwood Rd.	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 353-9165
28	Bob	Willman	WB8MQW	14118 Bishop Rd.	Bowling Green	43402	(419) 353-6221
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communication. ARES/RACES also worked with the county's Director of Emergency Services, Donald McGuire, and provided communication at Red Cross shelters. ARES/RACES teams from Prince Georges and Calvert counties supported Charles County ARES/RACES. After an activation that lasted until 2 AM the following day, amateurs returned a few hours later to enable direct communication between damage assessment teams in the field and the Charles County EOC.

Amateurs specially trained in National Weather Service severe weather investigations also assisted NWS Meteorologist Barbara Watson of the Washington/Baltimore NWS office in its follow-up investigation of the tornado, a record-breaker at F5 on the Fujita scale with winds of 261 MPH or greater. "Amateur Radio has once again proved to be of immense value to our community in time of disaster," Abernethy said. "With large areas of the county without commercial power and cell phones not useful due to overloading, Amateur Radio provided a communications bridge in the time of need until normal services were restored."

In Kentucky, Section Emergency Coordinator Ron Dodson, KA4MAP, said the Wide Area Repeaters Net (WARN) and Meade/Breckinridge County ARES responded April 28 to assist both the National Weather Service and Meade County Emergency Management when severe weather struck that state. Dodson said a weather-spotting net activated after a severe thunderstorm warning was issued for the two counties. A few minutes later, a tornado was spotted in Breckinridge County. A second report of a possible tornado west of Irvington was followed by damage reports east of the town. As a result of amateur reports, the NWS issued a tornado warning. Several homes in the Irvington area were damaged or destroyed, Dodson said, and one person died. No major damage was reported in Meade County, although the area experienced power outages, high winds and heavy rainfall. Dodson said 11 amateurs participated in the response. Floyd Sense, K8AC, notes that a tornado that swept through the Jackson Township, Ohio, area April 28 severely damaged the home of Jerry LaRocca, KF8EB, in Massillon. "Jerry and his wife, while in the house when the tornado struck, were uninjured," Sense said. "The home next door, about 50 feet away, was completely leveled."

In Erie, Pennsylvania, Lee Williams, N3APP, reported that a line of severe thunderstorms that plowed through his area April 28 left a trail of destruction. The Radio Association of Erie was providing communications for a March of Dimes nine-mile

walk, which was called off after the severe weather hit. "SKYWARN was activated, and the event's net control was advised that a tornado warning had been issued," Williams said. High winds damaged buildings at the Erie International Airport, which also suffered a power outage. Trees and power lines also were downed, but no injuries were reported.

In Missouri on April 24, tornadoes struck southeastern Missouri. Hardest hit were Butler, Carter and Madison counties. More than 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. ARRL Missouri Section Emergency Coordinator Patrick Boyle, K0JPB, said ARES teams and individual amateurs remained on standby to assist if needed during the recovery period. ■

Tower Sections Available

I have 8 (I think) sections of 12"triangular tower (abandoned TV antenna towers)--- six straight sections and two tapered top sections.

Anyone may have any or all of them---free if you transport them. I can help load them into a pick up truck.

Steve, K8BBK (419) 352-3253

**Are you helping?
Volunteers needed for a
variety of jobs---
Help make this year's Hamarama a success!**

**Contact any Club officer
for information.**

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