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May Breakfast Meeting

The May meeting of WCARC was an informal breakfast held on May 6th at Couzin's restaurant in Grand Rapids. No official minutes were recorded but at least 12 members and guests were in attendance. The breakfast was followed by a fox hunt with Steve, K8BBK, acting as the fox.

After about an hour of searching, the fox was located by W8QZK, followed shortly thereafter by N1LB/N1RB. Next came WB8VUL, W8PSK and WD8JWJ. Some ideas for future construction projects were generated, including a simple directional antenna and an attenuator for close-in location. Let the officers know if you think these would be good projects for an upcoming meeting. Thanks to the fox, Steve, and all the participants--a good time was had by all. ■

WCARC Net Check-ins

16-May N8QMV (NC), W8PSK, K8BBK, W8QZK, K8NEA, WD8JWJ, WB8NQW, KD8CHQ, K8OVO, WB8VUL (10)

23-May WB8NQW (NC), K8BBK, WD8JWJ, K8OVO, KC8ZJW, WB8VUL, W8PSK, KD8CHQ, WD8LEI, N8QMV (10)

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

**Next Meeting-
MONDAY, JUNE 12th
At: Sheriff's Training Room-
Time: 7:30 pm
Social time preceding
Program: Ins and Outs of
the K8TIH repeaters**

**RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH TO
AMATEUR RADIO
COMMUNITY: "LIGHTEN UP!"**

from the ARRL Letter

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth advised those attending the FCC forum at Dayton Hamvention 2006 to try kindness instead of confrontation when problems arise on the bands. Hollingsworth spoke May 20 to a nearly full house at Hara Arena, and for the most part he praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who volunteered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year. But, he noted, radio amateurs still could be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on-the-air offense.

"You need to lighten up and not embarrass the Amateur Radio Service," Hollingsworth advised. "All of us make mistakes, especially with the new features you have

June Contests

The full contest lineup for the month of June includes the following:

May 27-28	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m	
CQ WW WPX 'test			CW
Jun 10	0000 to 2359 Z	80 m to 10 m	
Portugal Day DX			SSB
Jun 10-11	1500 to 1500 Z	80 m to 10 m	
Argentina SA DX 'test			CW
Jun 10-12	1800 to 0300 Z	6 m on up	
ARRL VHF QSO party		all modes	
Jun 17-18	1600 to 0200 Z	80 m to 10 m	
West Virginia QSO party		all modes	
Jun 17-18	0000 to 2400 Z	6 m	
SMIRK QSO party		all modes	
Jun 17-18	1700 to 0300 Z	80 m to 2 m	
Quebec QSO party		all modes	
Jun 17-18	0000 to 2359 Z	160 m to 10 m	
All Asian DX 'test			CW
Jun 24-25	1400 to 1400 Z	160 m to 10 m	
Marconi Memorial HF 'test			CW
Jun 24-25	1800 to 2100 Z	160 m on up	
ARRL Field Day		all modes	
Jun 24-25	1800 to 1800 Z	160 m to 10 m	
King of Spain DX 'test			SSB

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on radios today. It's very easy to make a mistake, to be on the wrong frequency or be operating split and not know it--there's a hundred ways to make mistakes." Hollingsworth said experience has shown him that at least 75 percent of the interfer-

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

May 30	N1RB
Jun 6	K8OVO
Jun 13	WD8ICP
Jun 20	N8QMV
Jun 27	WB8NQW
Jul 4	N1RB
Jul 11	K8OVO

ence complained about is absolutely unintentional.

In Hollingsworth's view, radio amateurs all too often are hypersensitive and rude. "We have a radar going to detect offenses at all times, we assume the worst in people, we rarely give people the benefit of the doubt," he said. He joked that if there were three amateurs in a town, there would be two Amateur Radio clubs.

"And there'll be two hamfests with 20 people each, because they wouldn't dare consolidate them," he added.

Hollingsworth acknowledged that "certain problem operators" remain, but the real troublemakers are rarely the newcomers to Amateur Radio. "If there's a downfall in Amateur Radio, it won't be caused by no-code Technicians or codeless anything else," he said. "It'll be caused by the microphone--no doubt in my mind." He advised his audience to ignore the troublesome operators and not give them the attention they crave by engaging them on the air.

"Now, think about it: If what you're hearing annoys you, or angers you or is stupid, use the 'stupid filter,' which is that

Brain Teasers

1. What is solar flux?
 - a.) the density of the sun's magnetic field
 - b.) the radio energy emitted by the sun
 - c.) the number of sunspots
 - d.) tilt of earth's ionosphere toward sun
2. If the maximum useable frequency to Germany is 17 MHz, which band offers the best chance for a contact?
 - a.) 80 meters
 - b.) 40 meters
 - c.) 20 meters
 - d.) 2 meters
3. What is a characteristic of HF scatter signals?
 - a.) high intelligibility
 - b.) a wavering sound
 - c.) reversed modulation
 - d.) reversed sidebands

June Meeting Program

The June WCARC meeting will feature a presentation on how the K8TIH repeaters function and how any operator can make good use of all its features. Also up for discussion at this meeting will be the final plans leading up to the WCARC Field Day operation at the County Historical Museum. Please plan to attend. ■

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big knob--that VFO that will take you somewhere else," he quipped. "It's the largest knob on the radio."

He recommended moving to another frequency or even another band altogether. Hollingsworth praised the Volunteer Examiner program as "outstanding" and noted there had not been a single complaint in the past year stemming from an examination session. He also said the Amateur Radio community should have a

Brain Teasers answers: 1-b, 2-c, 3-b

greater appreciation for what the ARRL is doing on its behalf.

"Most of you have no idea how much work is done in Newington for you and the Amateur Radio Service generally," he said. "I see it every day, but I think you have no idea of the hard work and dedication that comes out of that office up there, and I don't think we would be there if it weren't for [the League]."

"This country's communications infrastructure needs Amateur Radio," Hollingsworth emphasized, praising Amateur Radio's overall performance following Hurricane Katrina. "You have a tremendous amount to be proud of." ■

June Hamfests

June 4 Chelsea ARC 8 am
Chelsea Fairgrounds, intersection of US 12 and Old Manchester Rd. Contact Frank, KD8ABW, (734) 945-1915.
e-mail: swapchair@wd8iel.org
URL: www.wd8iel.org

June 11 Fulton Co. ARC 8 am
Roth Family Park, Tedrow, OH. Contact Angela, KB2AVN, (419) 822-4382.
e-mail: lindsayinf@wcnnet.org
URL: www.k8bxq.org

June 18 Monroe CRCA 7:30 am
Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI. Contact Fred, KA8EBI, (734) 242-9487.
e-mail: ka8ebi@arrl.net
URL: www.mcrca.org/hamfest.htm

July 8 Indianapolis HA 6 am
Camp Sertoma, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Bob, N9FIM, (317) 261-6658.
e-mail: bob9fim@aol.com
URL: www.indyhamfest.com

Some Photos from the May Meeting

photos courtesy of K8JTK



Main table at Cousin's



Chuck, WD8ICP and Jackie, KA8ZRJ



Steve, K8BBK, Bill, WD8JWJ, and Hoot, WB8VUL



Phil, W8PSK, Jeff, K8JTK, with Jeff's Parents



Phil, demonstrating his ultrasonic noise sniffer



Phil, Jim, K8JU, and Paul, W8QZK



Field Day 2006

June 24-25



2pm on Saturday through 2pm on Sunday

HELP MAKE OUR EVENT SUCCESSFUL!

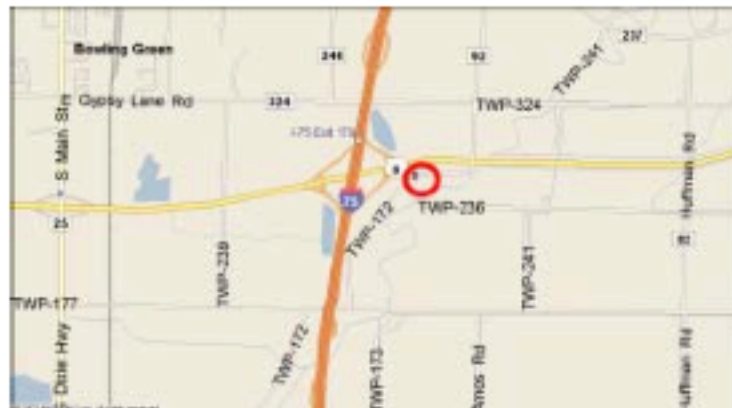
WE CAN USE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- ⇒ Yourself and friends (especially those that are interested)
- ⇒ Tools (screwdrivers, sockets, hammers, etc)
- ⇒ Radios (TS-440 will be provided)
- ⇒ Wire and feedline
- ⇒ Connectors
- ⇒ Tuners
- ⇒ And anything else you need to have fun!

Feel free to bring coolers, ice, drinks and snacks to get through the evening.

Location:

Wood County Historical Society
13660 County Home Road
Bowling Green
(near the intersection of I-75 and Route 6)



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