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Minutes

Wood County Amateur Radio Club

Monday, December 10, 2007, 7:30 pm

Sheriff's Training Room

Wood County Justice Center

Bowling Green, OH

Attending: Duane Ashbaucher-K8NEA, Linda Boughton-N1LB, Bob Boughton-N1RB, Don Bueher-K8OVO, Jim Davis-K8JU, Chuck Dicken-WD8ICP, Hoot Gibson-WB8VUL, Jeff Halsey-KG8FH, Fred Leetch-N8CWJ, Steve McEwen-K8BBK, John Pastor-K8RZP/AE, Loren Phillips-W8PSK, Orville Wilcox-KC8NKC, Bob Willman-WB8NQW

Co-President Duane, K8NEA, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Motion was made and carried to approve the October minutes to be entered into record. There was no Treasurer's report for November/December.

General Announcements Presented:

1. The annual club banquet will be held on Monday, January 14 at Ben's Table. The doors open at 6 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per person and advance reservations and payment are required. Please contact Bill, WD8JWJ NO LATER than Monday, Janu-

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

Next Meeting-Banquet

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th

TIME: 6:00 pm

**PLACE: Ben's Table
1021 S. Main St.
Bowling Green**

ary 7 with your reservations and payment.

Old Business:

1. A discussion regarding the APRS computer link and repeater technical issues was presented. Chuck, WD8ICP and Loren, W8PSK have volunteered to pursue the matter.

2. A second reading of the amendments and proposed changes to the bylaws was presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments into the record. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Jeff, KG8FH made mention that he has been contacted by Jeff, K8JTK who wishes to clarify to all club members that the official website address of the WCARC is <http://wcarc.bgsu.edu>

New Business:

1. A discussion of the officers for the cal-

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endar year 2008 ensued. The Co-President's, Don, K8OVO and Duane, K8NEA are willing to continue to serve for another year. Bill, WD8JWJ is also willing to continue in his capacity as Treasurer for 2008. Bob, N1RB volunteered to serve as Secretary. As a result, the "slate" of officer candidates to be voted on at the banquet/meeting on January 14, 2008 will be:

Co-Presidents

Duane Auspacher, K8NEA
Don Buerher, K8OVO

Treasurer

Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ

Secretary

Bob Boughton, N1RB

2. Steve, K8BBK, in his capacity as program coordinator requested input from Club members regarding items of interest for meeting programs. Various issues were discussed including a request for a demonstration of digital HF transmission devices.

3. It was determined that the old 2 meter receiver in storage is not worth the \$95.00 it would cost to repair said device.

4. Chuck, WD8ICP, announced that he was removing his ads regarding his 70cm HT for sale. Interested members may contact him directly.

5. Duane, K8NEA, reminded the club of the informal Sunday 10 meter net at 8:30 pm EST on the frequency of 28.335 MHz.

6. A reminder was presented regarding this Saturday's ARES meeting. The meeting was adjourned. Following the meeting, K8BBK presented an interesting video.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Halsey, KG8FH, Secretary, WCARC ■

WCARC
2 m/440 Net Control Roster
 Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jan	1		N8QMV
Jan	8		WB8NQW
Jan	15		N1RB
Jan	22		K8OVO
Jan	29		WD8ICP
Feb	5		N8QMV
Feb	12		WB8NQW

DON'T FORGET!!
10 METER INFORMAL NET
SUNDAYS, at 8:30 pm
on 28.335 MHz

Brain Teasers

1. During a VHF/UHF contest, in which band section would you expect to find the highest activity?
 - a. at the top
 - b. in the middle, on the calling frequency
 - c. at the bottom
 - d. in the middle, 25KHz above the calling frequency

2. Which of the following is used to transmit high-quality still images by radio?
 - a. AMTOR
 - b. RTTY
 - c. AMTEX
 - d. Facsimile

3. How much farther does the VHF/UHF radio path horizon distance exceed the geometric horizon?
 - a. by about 15% of the distance
 - b. by about twice the distance
 - c. by about one-half the distance
 - d. by about four times the distance

January Hamfests

Jan 20 Hazel Park ARC 8 am
42nd annual Swap n' Shop. Hazel Park High School, Hazel Park, MI. Contact Sean, K8KHZ, (248) 850-7941.
e-mail: k8khz@yahoo.com
URL: www.hpark.org

Feb 10 InterCity ARC 7 am
MidWinter Hamfest. Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, OH. Contact Dean, KB8MG, (419) 589-2415
e-mail: Metal07man@yahoo.com
URL: www.w8we.org

Brain Teasers answers: 1-c, 2-d, 3-a

January Contests

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

Jan 1 0000 to 2359 Z 80 m to 20 m
Straight Key Night CW

Jan 12 0000 to 2359 Z 80 m to 10 m
070 PSK Fest PSK

Jan 12-13 1800 to 0600 Z 80 m to 10 m
NA QSO Party CW

Jan 19-20 1800 to 0600 Z 80 m to 10 m
NA QSO Party SB

Jan 19-21 1900 to 0400 Z 6 m to 70 cm
VHF Jan. Sweepstakes all modes

Jan 20-21 1200 to 1200 Z 160 m to 10 m
Hungary DX 'test CW

Jan 26-27 0000 to 2359 Z 160 m
CQ 160 m 'test CW

WCARC Net Check-ins

11-Dec N1RB (NC), N8QMV, K8BBK, W8PSK, KG8FH, W8KJR, WD8JWJ, WD8ICP, WB8NQW, WB8VUL, AJ9J/M, K8OVO, KD8HGS (13)

4-Dec WB8NQW (NC), W8PSK, N8QMV, K8BBK, KG8FH, WB8VUL, K8OVO, KD8GZX, KD8HGS, WD8JWJ, W8QZK (11)---traffic (1)

Banquet Update--LAST CHANCE

The WCARC 2008 kickoff dinner will be January 14, 2008 at Ben's Table 1021 S. Main St. in Bowling Green. The menu is Margaret's Chicken, homemade mashed potatoes & gravy, peas or carrots, coleslaw, fresh baked rolls and butter. Coffee, hot tea, iced tea or soft drink included. A vegetarian chef's salad will be available as an alternate to chicken. The cost is \$15.00 per person in advance, which includes tax and gratuity. Please make reservations and payment to Bill Wilkins (WD8JWJ) by **January 7, 2008**. The restaurant will be closed to the public. Doors open at 06:00 with dinner at 06:30. ■

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Jan26-27 0600 to 1800 Z 80 m to 10 m
REF (France) 'test CW

Jan 26-27 1300 to 1300 Z 80 m to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) 'test SB

* Please note: for the range of bands given in each entry, no contesting is permitted on the so-called WARC bands: 60 m, 30 m, 17 m or 12 m

Ever Heard of Logbook of the World?

The ARRL Logbook of the World is a paperless way to send QSL confirmations of contacts without using the mail. It was begun about three and a half years ago until now it counts more than 150 Million contacts.

ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world that automatically checks for and confirms contacts and then applies the confirmation to awards. To apply, you simply need to apply for a certificate that verifies you as the owner of your call. The entire process can be taken care of via e-mail.

LoTW passed its latest milestone Wednesday, December 19, as the QSO counter clicked past 150 million contacts entered into the system, with more added since. When both participants in a contact submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit (DX Century Club or Worked All States so far).

ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, said, "These 150 million QSOs represent a doubling of the total since July 2005 when ARRL Contributing Editor H. Ward Silver, N0AX, wrote an article for QST, 'Logbook of the World -- 75 Million QSOs Can't Be Wrong!' . It can be downloaded at :

<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/silver.pdf>

If you have an interest in getting into the LoTW system, check out the Logbook of the World web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/> ■

Hog Morse

reprinted from K9YA Telegraph

The origin of "Ham" in ham radio has been endlessly debated; everything from the Cockney "am" for "amateur" to "ham-fisted" to early noncommercial wireless operators "hamming it up" on the air. Now here's another to toss in the mix.

L. C. Hall's article "Telegraph Talk and Talkers: Human Character and Emotions an Old Telegrapher Reads on the Wire", in *McClure's Magazine*, January, 1902, states:

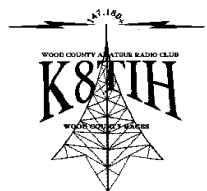
Like any other language, Morse has its patios---a corrupted version of the purer speech used by the inexperienced or by those to whom nature has denied the finer perceptions of timing and spacing. This patios might be called "hog-Morse". It would be quite impossible to give even a rude idea of the humor contained, for the expert, in some of the corruptions of which hog-Morse is guilty. These consist largely in closely joining elements, which ought to be spaced, or in separating others that are meant to be close-coupled.

Here's where the term, now universally applied, appears in Hall's article"

The original message had been transmitted by senders of hog-Morse, called technically "hams", and the receivers had absent-mindedly recorded the words as they had really sounded.

If anything else were needed to complete the parallel between the telegrapher and a recognized vehicle of expression, I might add that the users of the language of dots and dashes are animated by a spirit as clannish as that of the Highland Scots. Bring two strangers together; let each know that the other is acquainted with the wire tongue, and in five minutes' time the pair will be swapping telegraph yarns as if they hand known each other for years. ■

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***It's Time to renew! Use the attached form to
renew your membership in WCARC***

Wood County Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application & Renewal Form

For more information visit: <http://wcarc.bgsu.edu>

Regular - \$15 | Family - \$20 | Senior / Student - \$10 | Checks payable to **WCARC**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Call sign: _____ Class: _____ E-mail: _____

Active Bands:

60	80	75	40	30	20	17	15
12	10	6	2	220	440	higher / other	

Other bands: _____

Modes:

CW	SSB	Packet	RTTY	FM	DX	Mobile	QRP
AMTOR	PSK31	SSTV	ATV	EME	Sat	APRS	RC

Other modes: _____

Interests:

Traffic	DX	Contests	Foxhunts
Satellites	Nets	Antennas	Computers
Emergency	ARES/RACES	Skywarn	Classic Radios

Other interests: _____

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 activities you would like to see the Club offer?

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

General Comments?

Signature _____