

CQ CHATTER

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Minutes

WCARC Meeting

August 8, 2011

thanks to WB8VUL for recording the minutes in the absence of the Secretary

Present: KC8HQI-Denny, Lee Boulis, W8CLM-Chris, WB8NQW-Bob, WB8VUL-Hoot, Jerry Wicks, W8PSK-Phil, K8LL-Stan, KC8EKT-Ruth, K8OVO-Don, WD8JWJ-Bill

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report accepted.

Old Business:

- WCARC and Wood County ARES are cooperating with the BCPD to address some communications issues they are having. A review was made by Phil, W8PSK. A written recommendation was provided and is being considered by outside vendors at the present time. A J-pole antenna for use by hams in an emergency is being installed at the Police HQ.

WCARC Weekly Net:

Tuesdays at 2130 EDST

(0130 Z year-round)

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, September 3rd

TIME: 9:00 am / foxhunt follows

PLACE: Edgewood Inn

Rtes. 6 and 199

Pemberville, OH

- W8PSK also provided an update on KD8NJZ's tower construction request. The City Planning Director has officially turned down the request. Phil is awaiting the outcome of pending legislation (HB-198/SB-93) in Columbus before taking further action.
- Bob, WB8NQW, asked for positive or negative comments on this year's Field Day operation. Some discussion ensued, but all commenters seemed positive on the effort.

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Net Check Ins

July 26

KD8NJZ (NC)
WD8JWJ
WB8NQW
N8YAE
KD8PCQ
W8CLM
K8OVO
W8PSK
KC8NKC (9)

August 3

K8OVO (NC)
WB8NQW
WD8JWJ
W8PSK
N8YAE
W8MAL (6)

August 23

WB8NQW (NC)
KD8NJZ
N1RB
WD8JWJ
W8CLM
K8OVO
N8VNT (7)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2130 EDST/0130 Z

Aug 30	N1RB
Sep 6	KD8NJZ
Sep 13	N8YAE
Sep 20	K8OVO
Sep 27	N8QMV
Oct 4	WB8NQW
Oct 11	KD8NJZ

Brain Teasers

1. What is a transmission called that disturbs other communications?
 - a.) interrupted CW
 - b.) harmful interference
 - c.) transponder signals
 - d.) unidentified transmissions
2. If your mobile transceiver works in your car but not in your home, what should you check first?
 - a.) power supply
 - b.) speaker
 - c.) microphone
 - d.) SWR meter
3. Which sideband is commonly used for 10 meter phone operation?
 - a.) upper sideband
 - b.) lower sideband
 - c.) amplitude companded sideband
 - d.) double sideband

September Contests

The contest lineup for the month of September is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

Sep 3-4 0000 to 2400 Z 80 m to 10 m

All Asian DX 'test **SSB**

Sep 3 0000 to 2400 Z 80m to 10 m

Russian WW RTTY **RTTY**

Sep 3-4 1200 to 0400 Z 160 m to 10 m

Colorado QSO Party **all modes**

Sep 4-5 1800 to 0300 Z 160 m to 20 m

Tennessee QSO Party **all modes**

Sep 10-11 0000 to 2400 Z 80 m to 10 m

Worked All Europe 'test **SSB**

Sep 10-11 1500 to 0300 Z 80 m to 2 m

Arkansas QSO Party **all modes**

Sep 10 1600 to 2400 Z 80 m to 10 m

Ohio State Parks OTA **all modes**

Sep 17 0000 to 2359 Z 80 m to 10 m

Connecticut QSO Party **all modes**

Sep 17-18 1300 to 2100 Z 80 m to 10 m

South Carolina QSO Party **all modes**

Sep 24-25 0000 to 2400 Z 80 m to 10 m

CQ WW RTTY 'test **RTTY**

Sep 24-25 1400-0200 to 1400-2000 Z 160 m to 10 m

Texas QSO Party **all modes**

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- The Nominating Committee is still looking for volunteers to run for office next year.

New Business:

- TRAC is putting up a D-star repeater for those who are interested.
- Bob is still seeking suggestions/ comments on what to do with the Club's inventory of equipment.
- There will be a Fox Hunt after the September breakfast meeting on the 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm. ■

Letter from the President

September 2011

We had several new faces at our last meeting. Please extend a warm WCARC welcome when you have an eye-ball QSO.

The September breakfast at Edgewood will be followed by a fox hunt. Bring your direction finding skills to breakfast. There was only one volunteer to be the fox, so Phil, W8PSK, will be it. He assures me that he will not change location this time during the hunt.

I have almost recovered from the lightning hit here during the fair on Saturday night. Somebody needs to find a better way to migrate data from one PC to another. Of course the learning curve for Windows 7 did not help any. I have

Brain Teaser answers: 1-b, 2-a, 3-a

too many contacts in my address book.

No one has volunteered to run for office next year. Please contact Steve, K8BBK, or me if you are willing.

Next Breakfast is September 03 at Edgewood with a foxhunt after breakfast.

Next business meeting is October 10 at the Sheriff's office.

73

Bob WB8NQW ■

Foxhunt to be Held After September Breakfast Meeting

The next Fox Hunt will start after the September breakfast meeting at 9:00 am at the Edgewood Inn. The frequency is 145.600 simplex. W8PSK mobile, Tan color 1987 Ford F150 pickup, will be the fox. Please join the fun and be the first one to find me, if you can!

I WILL BE WAITING!!!

Phil, W8PSK

HEATHKIT SAYS IT IS RETURNING TO THE KIT SUPPLY MARKETPLACE

Heathkit says it is re-entering the kit business that it abandoned almost two decades ago. In an announcement posted to its www dot heathkit dot com website, Heathkit Educational Systems which is the current name for the company states that in late August the company will debut its new line of do-it-yourself kits for common around-the-house items.

September Hamfests

Sep 11 Findlay RC. Annual Hamfest plus ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention . Hancock County Fairgrounds, Findlay, OH. Contact Bill, N8ET, (419) 423-5263.

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Sep 18 Adrian ARC. 38th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show. Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI. Contact Mark, NU8Z, (517) 423-5906.

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web: <http://www.w8tqe.com>

Don't look for ham radio gear to be a top priority even though the word on the street is that kits for the amateur radio market may be down the pike. Right now the company is starting off with more general interest kits with their first entry being a Garage Parking Assistant or G-P-A for short. The Garage Parking assistant kit lets someone build their own system that uses ultrasonic sound to locate a car as it enters the garage. The system signals to the driver using LED lights mounted on the wall when the car is detected and in the perfect spot for parking. Next on the market will be a Wireless Swimming Pool Monitor kit followed by many more novel items.

For those of you too young to remember, it was on March 30, 1992, that the then managers of Heathkit announced that after some 45 years the company was closing out its kits and leaving the business. In its heyday, Heathkits were products of the Heath Company of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Their build it yourself product line included everything from electronic test equipment to high fidelity home audio

equipment, television receivers, and of course amateur radio gear. It was the emergence and subsequent domination of the world electronic marketplace by Pacific Rim manufacturers who could produce and market completely assembled equipment at prices far less than Heathkit or anyone else could supply a do it yourself version that led to the demise of names like Eico, Paco, and of course Heathkit.

So why has Heathkit decided to re-enter the kit market? To hazard a guess you have to remember that the current incarnation of Heathkit is an educational materials supplier. As such it has likely taken notice of the burgeoning maker and hacker community. This is an ever expanding group of technology hobbyist's world wide that in recent years has grown into a multi-million dollar business opportunity for those smart enough to recognize it and are ready to fill the void. These are also the people that many believe will be the next generation of technology leaders and radio amateurs. (AR Newsline) ■

Adrian Amateur Radio Club Adrian, Michigan Sunday, September 18, 2011

38th Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

8:00 A.M. until the event ends...
Talk-in 145.370 – 85.4 pl



At the Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Tickets \$5.00

8 ft tables \$10.00 each

Trunk Sale Spots \$3.00 each

Handicapped Parking

Additional Information

Email

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Table forms are on the web

www.w8tqe.com



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