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Field Day and help us make some contacts. Listen to our Sunday Night Public Service Net for more information.

Until next time,
73 de Dean KB7QDI

A Note From Your Treasurer

Well here it is May already. The grass is green, the trees are filling with leaves and the cold and snow is a memory of the past (at least they should be – remember we live in Wisconsin!). Now it's time for all of those wonderful outdoor warm weather activities to begin, like cutting the grass, watching the flowers blossom and **Field Day!** June brings our annual Field Day activities. Last year was the first time I attended Field Day and I found it quite fascinating and informative. I was amazed at how all those short wave towers and antennas seemed to just grow out of the ground and the trees. And that was followed by all manner and sorts of communication systems. Once all the systems are up and running it seems like it all was such a simple thing, but let me assure you, it isn't. A lot of hard work and sweat (all volunteer of course) goes into planning and then doing. And all those volunteers seem to be having the time of their life out there. Of course not all went smoothly last year. Saturday night brought severe weather but the members and operators on hand kept everything running smoothly and safely I might add. If you've never been to a Field Day why not try and make it out this year to the MRC Field Day on the last weekend of June at Whitnall Park. Setup starts on Friday afternoon and the actual Field Day starts on Saturday and goes for 24 hours into Sunday. The volunteers are on site around the clock operating and protecting our interests. It is truly incredible to see the effort that goes into making Field Day a huge success and also how

proud the participants are of the things that they accomplish. Hint: if you want to really see the grit of the operation consider stopping by during the evening and nighttime hours as well as during the daylight hours. You won't be disappointed! I hope to see you all there – I plan on spending a lot of time there!

Tom Moog KC9DPR
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Technical Update

On Friday, March 3rd, Gary N9MGJ and I went to main site and reinstalled the Henry Amp. While we were there we checked our current transmitter power; it was found to be 180 watts given the exciter power that we are running. A standing wave ration check was done at the base of the feed line where we found 1 watt reflected. Gary and I then checked the standing wave ratio immediately after the amplifier and discovered that 9 watts of RF power were being reflected. At this time, we are not sure of the reasoning for the higher reflected power between the amplifier and the circulator, but we are looking into this and will have more information in the near future.

In my last article I suggested that we repair this amp in house. Due to the fact that the Henry Amp failed so quickly following prior installation, I felt compelled to send it back and complain. The Henry Amp was removed from service on February 5th and put back in service on March 3rd. Except for a minimal shipping charge for sending the amp back to Henry for repair, there was no cost to the club to repair the unit.

Mark Zentner
Technical Director

Meeting Notice...

May 18 (Thur) 7:00p At Wauwatosa Savings (Basement) 6560 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI

2006 Club Calendar...

July 19 (Wed) 7:00p Oak Creek
September 13 (Wed) 7:00p Oak Creek
October 19 (Thur) 7:00p Oak Creek
November 15 (Thur) 7:00p Oak Creek

Board Meetings: Call a board member for date, time and location of the meeting.

Oak Creek Location

Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)
6560 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI

From the Vice President

First, I want to thank all those that were able to make it to the Weather Spotter Training/Membership Meeting last month. The presentation was outstanding, and both Skip WD9HAS and Al N9RXD did a great job as always.

Also, don't forget that Field Day 2006 is only a couple of months away (June 24th-25th). Matt and I are starting some of the work, and we will be looking for volunteers. As in the past couple of years, the location will be at Whitnall Park. We will be having a CW, digital and voice tent, as well as a GOTA (Get-On-The-Air) station. If you have equipment you'd like to borrow, or have time to spend putting up/tearing down the site, please let us know. If anything else, show up during

Committees

ARES Net Coord	Jeananne	N9VSV
Awards	TBA	
Computer Net	Dean	KB7QDI
Control Operators	Gary	N9UUR
Emer Operations & Training	Gary	N9MGJ
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV
Historian	Warren	K9IZV
Librarian	Steve	KC9AYN
Membership Coord	Kate	KA9MWT
Net Announcements Coord	Maureen	KB9VLJ

Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW
Public Service	Kate
Station Trustee	Warren Schall
Swapfest	Bob AB9FB & Joe N9UX
Swap Net	Leroy
Technical	Mark
Weather	Skip
Co-Webmaster	TBA
Co-Webmaster	Richard

Computer Net Manager

Some of you might already know that I have taken over for Gary N9UUR as Computer Net Manager. I am personally sad to see Gary have to go, and will miss him at the helm.

That being said, we are looking for candidates to help us out as net control operators. Computer knowledge and experience is great, but not required. If you are looking for an opportunity to both learn net control skills, and help out your fellow ham operators with their computers, here is an excellent opportunity.

You can reach me on the air, my email at kb7qdi@yahoo.com, or my cell phone at 414-507-8939.

Dean KB7QDI

MRC Meeting Minutes March 25, 2006

Location: 400 West River Woods Parkway, Glendale, WI.

Attendees: Bob (AB9FB), Dean (KB7QDI), Mike (K9MDJ), Tom (KC9DPR), Matt (KC9COY)

Plus sign in list

Meeting called to order at 6.31PM, by AB9FB

President Bob (AB9FB)

1. Motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes as published by Tom W19TOM 2nd by Al N9RXD motion passed.
2. Motion to accept new members Ken WK9H, Neville KC9IST, John KC9IQO, Tyler KB9UKM – Motion by Warren K9IZV, 2nd by Dean KB7QDI.
3. Dean KB7QDI has been nominated to be a control operator, motion to accept by Joe N9UX 2nd by Steve KC9AYN. Motion Passed.
4. Bob has appointed Maureen KB9VLJ to be the public announcements coordinator, to replace Deb KB9ISE.
5. Skip WD9HAS will be conducting several short weather nets for training purposes during the severe weather season.
6. Gary N9UUR has requested to be replaced as the computer net manager and the club webmaster. Dean KB7QDI will be the new computer net manager and has invited all interested members to participate. The webmaster position is undecided; contact a board member if you are interested.
7. Tom KC9DPR is out of town. He has put together a new style treasurer's report that has more information than the old one we

have been using for several years. Motion to accept by Mike K9MDJ, 2nd by DJ KC9AYO. Motion passed.

8. Due to M&I Bank's excessive fees and miscellaneous charges, Tom KC9DPR has opened 2 new accounts at Tri City Savings. He is in the process of moving our funds into these accounts. The majority of our money will be in an interest bearing account, with a checking account to handle expenses.

Vice President Dean (KB7QDI)

1. The financial review for 2005 has been completed. Many thanks to Steve KC9AYN and Dean KB9RCB for their work on this. There were some minor issues which were resolved and the paperwork will be complete by the May meeting.
2. Dean is looking forward to Field Day and invited all to help and participate.

Secretary Mike (K9MDJ)

1. The main site has been inventoried, and Mark KB9VJQ is compiling a list of spare equipment he has. Receive sites will be inventoried when they can be accessed. If anyone has club equipment I need to know what they have and where it is kept.

Treasurer Tom (KC9DPR)

Not Present

Activities Manager Matt (KC9COY)

1. Matt is starting to plan for Field Day, it will be at Whitnall Park again this year as most members like that spot.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Warren K9IZV thanked Larry KC9IJA for obtaining this meeting space.
2. Gary N9MGJ discussed how ham radio worked during last years' disasters. Due to the use of standard reporting procedures and net communications protocols, interoperability is not an issue for hams.
3. DJ KC9AYO gave a short overview of the highway watch program. This would be good training for hams.
4. Steve KC9AYN discussed the joint bowling tournament with the 5.13 club. This is set for April 22nd at the AMF lanes of 76th and Oklahoma Ave.
5. Mark KB9VJQ gave a technical update.
 - a. The Henry has been reinstalled and there was no charge for the repair.
 - b. The antenna and feedline were

checked and there is a problem in the area of the antenna.

- c. The circulator was checked and is OK.
 - d. Echolink is ready to go pending the resolution of a legal question.
 - e. Mark has been exploring other options for the main site if rent becomes an issue
6. Al N9RXD asked for volunteers for the Tour de Cure May 21. This will be based at Grafton HS this year.
 7. Tom W19TOM is taking orders for blue club name badges. They will be \$7.00 to \$8.00 and he can be contacted at w19tom@arrl.net
 8. Ken WK9H – General classes will start April 9th at ITT Tech, 6300 W. Layton Av.

Adjourned 7:25PM, By AB9FB

Al N9RXD and Skip WD9HAS conducted weather spotter training after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael D. JONES (K9MDJ)

ATTENTION:

Anyone wishing to purchase a name badge like the one shown here, should E-mail me at w19tom@arrl.net. I am setting a ceiling price of \$7.50 on them and anything left after the badges are sent to me will be put in the Capitol Improvement Fund.

73' Tom W19TOM .-.-.



Newsletter...

The MRC Newsletter is generally published 6 times per year (January, March, May, July, September, and October). The Newsletter deadline is 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. Send articles, reports, comments, and suggestions to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak. Email aa9jw@amsat.org, Fax 208 247-9055 or ☎ 262 544-6151.