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THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES

The initial Foxhunt of the 2011 season was held on Sunday afternoon, the 13th of February. The temperature was in the forties and the sky was clear and sunny without a trace of wind. So all in all, it was a great day for a hunt and a nice change from the previous weeks of snow, cold and wind.

The February hunters consisted of four teams including the team of Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS, the team of Steve Nardin, W9SAN and his grandson Alex, the team of Charles Ward, KC9MUT & Fred Gegnagle, KC9EZP, the team of Dave Jones, KC9TIK, Joshua Thorm, AB9YB and Larry Temenoff, KB9OS (who were representing the IPFW ARC) plus solitary hunters Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN and Mark Berke, WA7NX.

The services of the fox were provided by Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9YYI plus Carole & Al Burke, WB9RUS & WB9SSE. They hid the actual fox, a cross-band HT, in a snow drift on the street facing portion of the parking lot of the Menard's complex out at I-469 and Maysville Rd. They employed a 2nd high power cross-band radio in Al's Jeep in the Steak-N-Shake parking lot across the street while they themselves were comfortably ensconced



in Steak-N-Shake itself enjoying coffee, tea and other goodies. They had a perfect view of the actual fox location from their warm, safe and dry location inside the restaurant. (And it is rumored that one of them was heard to comment "Gee, sure wish there was a blizzard going on out there").

The start of the hunt commenced at 1:30 pm as planned, but only three teams heard the initial fox transmissions from

their perch at the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot at Lima and Washington Center Roads. This despite the fact that the Jeep-born transmitter was running at 25 watts into a monopole antenna. After discussing the situation between hunters and the hunted, it was decided to reposition the hunters at the Bob Evans Restaurant on Dupont Rd. and I-469 and restart the hunt at 2:00 pm. From this vantage point everyone except Steve

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Hamsplatter

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FWRC PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just days away from spring, and the Amateur Radio world is definitely ready for warmer weather, hamfests, and of course operating activities! Contests have started already, of course, we have had several DX contests, even 160 meter World Wide, but there are plenty to come.

One event that we have not participated in the past is the Fort Wayne Hobby Show. Since Amateur Radio is often called the "King of Hobbies", we felt that we should give it a try. The Fort Wayne Hobby Show is on Saturday, March 12th, from 10 to 4 at the Coliseum. We have a few volunteers to man the table, but we could use some more, so if you are interested in helping, please give me a call!

Spring also means Hamfests. We have had our first at LaPorte, Indiana, but more will be coming. On March 19th is the Marshall Hamfest, and the following day is the Toledo Hamfest. In recent years, both hamfests have been going strong. The Toledo event has been moved to the Community College in Perrysburg, OH which is a very nice and roomy place for a hamfest. And of course, the granddaddy of all hamfests, the Dayton Hamvention, is only 2 1/2 months away. Ahhh...Spring!!

The presentation for the March meeting will be SDR, or Software Defined Radio, to be presented by Peter Goodman, N19N, the owner of Lazy Dog Engineering. Pete has designed an SDR that is an inexpensive kit and good way to get your feet wet in the new world of Software Driven equipment. Many hams do not realize that this is the wave of the future, and several big name manufacturers are starting to incorporate this technology. Instead of having different hardware to decode and encode each mode of operation, a high performance processor digitizes each mode and uses common hardware for every mode. New modes can be downloaded since they don't require custom hardware to implement.

Lastly, most hams know by now that

a bill before congress, HR607, is threatening the Amateur 70 cm band (420 MHz to 440 MHz). If enacted, we would lose the wideband ATV and weak signal parts of the band. The ARRL is using its lobbyist organization in DC to help bring opposition directly to the representatives. Since mail takes weeks to clear security, this is the best way to get your opinion to them in a timely manner. Please go to the ARRL website (or ours) and follow the directions to send a letter opposing this threat to our frequencies! To date only 1000 replies country wide have been sent. Do it now!



Steve Nardin, W9SAN

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The February Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 11 February 2011 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN serving as host. There were about 25 persons present.

Old Business:

Steve started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and followed this by having all in attendance introduce themselves and their calls.

There were no minutes from the December or January meetings as the December meeting was the Christmas ban-



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March 18: The meeting will feature the Software Defined Radio presented by Pete Goodman, N19N.

April 15: The meeting will feature a Foxhunt antenna building activity during the meeting led by Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

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quiet and the January meeting was the annual club auction.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer's report dated 11 February, 2011 as follows:

- Year to date income, \$1,865.42,
- Year to date expenses, \$270.00,
- Cash on hand, \$31.55,
- Savings/Checking balance, \$8,253.03

The report was approved as read.

New Business:

Steve reported that because of the recent inclement weather, both the January and February Board of Directors meetings had to be conducted on the air rather than in person. Everyone involved in these two meetings, and there were a few participants other than Board members and club officers, agreed that they worked out well.

Bob Streeter, W8ST reported the club

had reserved the current domain name for the club's web page (fwrc.info) for five years.

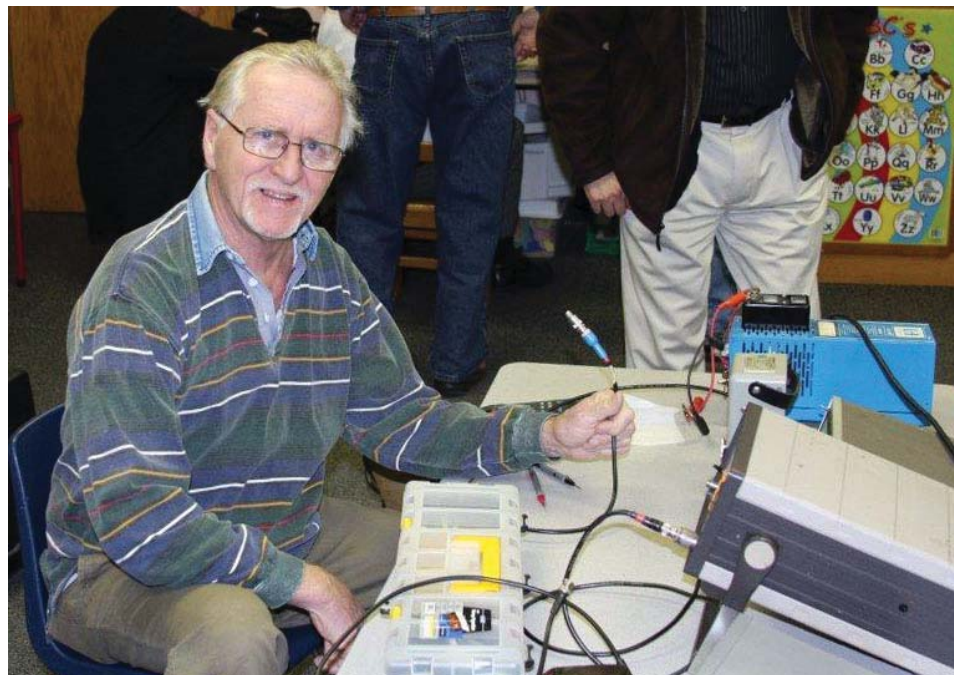
Jim Moehring, KB9WMM noted that he participated in the Crooked Lake Winter Field Day event and had a good time. He said their effort was on the air about 6 hours in total. Jim also noted that he activated the Emergency Communications element at the Allen County EOC during the recent snow emergency. About 30 operators checked into the Resource Net and were prepared to do business, but fortunately Allen County was spared the majority of the wrath of the storm that dumped on the Midwest.

Jim also announced that the National Weather Service would be providing basic SKYWARN weather spotter training next Friday at the Public Safety Academy.

Steve announced that the program for the March meeting would feature Software Defined Radio presented by Pete Goodman, NI9N. The April meeting would feature a Foxhunt antenna building activity during the meeting led by Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

Larry Temenoff, KB9OS reported that the Echo-Link capability on the 146.91/.31 machine had been restored. He also noted that a 160 meter -VHF cross-band net is conducted on the 146.910 MHz machine every Thursday and Sunday evening. It connects 160 meter operators with local

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State of the Arts

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ACARTS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is almost here. At least the official first day of spring is on March 20th. It is also known as the Vernal Equinox, which means equal day and night. I got a little chuckle on groundhog day when ole Phil made his proclamation that we would have a early spring. What happened a week or so later ? We got belted with a couple of heavy storms. It was amusing to watch them pull Phil out of his burrow under all those TV lights and cameras. You can have spring like weather, but spring cannot come any sooner than the Vernal Equinox. I believe some animals who hibernate, or migrate can sense that the weather will be warming up. The early birds (no pun intended) sure did get a big surprise. I am glad that I bought that new snow blower last fall. I got a two-stage, self propelled machine. It has six forward speeds, and enough power to throw the snow 20 feet. In February, we had our annual Skywarn training. The evening session did not have a big turnout. But, those who attended received a very good presentation. It was a lot better than past training that I have gone to. When you are out there spotting, remember to be safe. Do not get yourself in a situation to put your life in danger. At this time I would like to acknowledge the years of serviced that Joel Tye, KB9RH, has given to Skywarn. He has resigned as Quad 2 Co-Coordinator. He was the voice you most often heard during the Skywarn Net.

In trying to find a program for this month, my first choice was not available to do a program. I then saw a news story

March 15: The program will be about Fort Wayne's connection to the First Gulf War in 1991. It is about the role Ham Radio played. It is a video hosted by Frank Moore, W1URA and is titled "The Secret Source."

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about the first Gulf War which took place in 1991. Did you know that there was a Fort Wayne connection. It was via Ham Radio, and Frank Moore, WA1URA, the former general manager of WANE, Channel 15. I still have a video tape of a TV Special about that connection. It has been several years since we have seen that tape. There are a lot of new hams who may not know of the role Fort Wayne played in the First Gulf War. Come and find out what happened. It is really very interesting. A reminder to put April 19th on your calendar. That is the date of our Annual Spring Banquet. There will be more details in the April newsletter. That is all I have for now.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

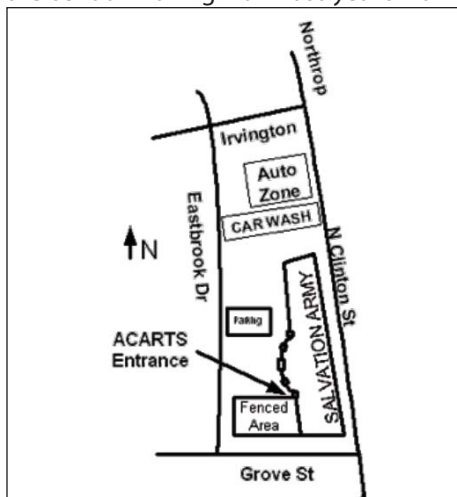


FEBRUARY 2011 ACARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the February meeting would be the Skywarn Training to be held at the Public Safety Academy on Friday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Dave, W9LKH, reported that he had gone through the deposited tickets from the school mailing from last year's Ham-



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fest. The totals were 31 tickets from 7 of the 300 schools that received complimentary tickets, with 25 individual names. Because of the increased cost of the mailing, it was decided to discontinue the mailings for future Hamfests. Paying \$10.00 apiece to bring 25 more people into the Hamfest is not worth the cost.

Howard, N9ADS, presented the proposed 2011 ACARTS budget. He recommended keeping it the same as 2010. Jim, KB9IH, made a motion to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded by Dave, W9LKH, and passed by a voice vote.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he had spoken with Dennis Gilbey, K9JZZ, in reference to the Wouff Hong Ceremony at the 2011 Hamfest. It was agreed to hold it between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No extra meeting rooms will have to be rented to hold the ceremony.

Vic, KA9LTV, stated that Ken Helms, KC9TPF, had submitted a sample newsletter to FWRC and ACARTS Board Members. Everyone in attendance agreed that it looked very good and that he had the approval of ACARTS if he wanted to assume the responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

JOSEPH LAWRENCE K9RFZ SELECTED NEW SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

ARRL Indiana Section Manager (SM) John Poindexter, W3ML, announced via email January 6, 2011 that he had appointed FWRC member Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC). John indicated that the appointment was effective immediately.

"I think that you will find that Joseph is going to be a great SEC," John wrote, "as he has the qualifications that we were looking for in a SEC."

According to the ARRL website, "the SEC is the assistant to the SM for emergency preparedness. The SEC is appointed by the SM to take care of all matters pertaining to emergency communications and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) on a section wide basis. The SEC post is one of top importance in the section and the individual appointed to it should devote all possible energy

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ARRL MEMBERS RESPOND TO HR 607

From ARRL's Web page, dated 03/02/2011

Last month, a bill was introduced in the US House of Representatives that addresses certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network.

This bill -- HR 607, known as The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011 -- if passed, also calls to auction off parts of the 70 cm band, namely 420-440 and 450-470 MHz. As such, the ARRL asked its members to write their Representative, asking them to not support HR 607 in its current form.

According to ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, Chwat & Co -- the ARRL's legislative relations firm in Washington, DC -- received almost 1000 letters in just the first week from League members in opposition to HR 607. "This is a great start and many thanks to the diligent members who have risen to the challenge; however, it cannot stop there. As long as HR 607 is in its current form, we must continue this campaign." He clarified that the ARRL opposes HR 607 in its present form: "We do not oppose the concept of dedicated spectrum for the development of a Public Safety infrastructure and wireless network. We object to the bill because of the inclusion of 420-440 MHz as part of the spectrum to be swapped and auctioned to commercial users."

Henderson shared a few pointers for writing letters in opposition to HR 607. He said that two of the most frequently asked questions that he receives are Why does the ARRL ask us to funnel our letters to Congress through Chwat & Co? Why can't I send my letter directly to my Representative?

"Trust me when I say I understand your concern and I firmly believe that the more input members of Congress receive -- either for or against an issue -- from their constituents, the better the public interest is served," Henderson said. "But using the services of Chwat & Co has many advantages that help the ARRL further its legislative agenda. The most important



part of our system is that hand-delivery of constituent letters to a Congressional office provides the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with key staff or your Member of Congress -- an opportunity to make our point directly."

Unfortunately, several dozen letters sent to Chwat & Co. are not usable for a variety of reasons, Henderson explained. Some letters are in support of bills that the ARRL supported in previous sessions, but have no bearing on HR 607. Henderson cautioned that bill numbers change in subsequent Congresses, as do the issues being addressed: "Please make sure your letter is addressing the correct issue. Don't 'dust off' that letter you sent previously -- it will not help with the current problem."

While we all look for "easy" ways to express ourselves to our Representatives, a letter sent without a signature carries little weight when Congressional staffs begin assessing support or opposition to a bill. Though many members of Congress have websites where constituents can simply fill out a web page form to share their thoughts with their Representative, such web forms have only limited usefulness in lobbying on a specific issue. "The fact that a constituent makes the effort to sign a letter personally -- then sends it in via fax, regular US Mail or by scanning the signed letter into a PDF then e-mailing it -- has a far greater impact than an unsigned e-mail or web-based form," Henderson said. "Please make sure your letter carries your signature. It does make a difference!"

Henderson said that several letters received at Chwat & Co were addressed to the wrong person. For example, there were several letters addressed to Senator Boxer, but began with "Dear Representative Boxer" -- an incorrect title. "We are not asking letters be sent to members of the Senate -- only to your Representative in the US House. If you are unsure of who your Representative is, you can find out here."

Sometimes, in our eagerness to help, we can overlook some of the basics, like grammar, spelling and the proper form of address. "Please proofread your letter several times to ensure it is accurate," Hen-

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THE ORLANDO HAMFEST – A MINI-DAYTON

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

To escape the cold and snow for a couple days, my wife Vicky AE9YL and I attended the Orlando hamfest – officially known as Orlando HamCation – the weekend of February 12 and 13. We helped the ARRL with card checking and enjoyed seeing Amateur Radio friends.

The trip started out a bit dubious. When we were getting ready to drive to the Fort Wayne airport early Thursday afternoon, American Airlines left a recorded message saying our flight from Fort Wayne to O'Hare was cancelled due to a broken airplane, and that they had re-booked us on a Friday morning flight. That wasn't acceptable, so we called American, told them to keep us on our original 6:00 PM Chicago to Orlando flight, and immediately jumped in the van to drive to O'Hare. We made it with time to spare (the time change sure helped), and were soon on our way to Orlando.

We met Dan N1ND (from ARRL HQ) for breakfast Friday morning, along with several other W4s. After breakfast we headed over to the fairgrounds where the hamfest was held. The hamfest essentially used three buildings – the main big building housed the commercial vendor booths and the other two had indoor flea market booths. There were many, many outdoor flea market set-ups. And there were lots of RVs.

We didn't have much card checking business. We had about fifteen DXCC applications (about what we get at the Fort

Wayne hamfest), and Vicky had two WAS applications. Don W3AZD (former DXCC Manager at HQ) was also there on Saturday to help with card checking.

We saw several Fort Wayne friends – John K9UWA and Jean, Jim K9JF (former

lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area (he was WV5Z at the time). We used to play around on the radio together, and we played softball together. We also enjoyed seeing Andrew ZF1EJ (our host when we operate from the Cayman Islands).

We attended the Florida Contest Group (FCG) contest dinner Friday night (emcee'd by Dan K1TO), and noted K9FN's truck in the parking lot when we arrived. Sure enough, Dave was there from Indy (he gave the 'Mobile DXing from a pick-up truck' presentation at last year's Fort Wayne hamfest).

The attendance at the hamfest was reportedly near 10,000, which makes it



L to R: AE9YL, K9LA, KB9MI, WB9VCI

Fort Wayne native now in Washington state) and his wife Shirley, Art KB9MI, and Paul WB9VCI. I also ran into John K9KA – he was my boss when I started at Motorola in Schaumburg (IL) in 1974 (he's retired and lives in Tennessee and snowbirds to the Tampa area in the winter).

Kevin K4PG stopped by to say hello. We knew him from the 1980s when we

about a half-size Dayton. And that's what it felt like, too, with all the people in the big building and the many flea market set-ups. So if you're looking for some warm weather in February in conjunction with a nice hamfest, consider Orlando next year. Maybe we'll see you there!

Say Again?

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"

David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urging for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

THE FOX HUNT CHRONICLES

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Nardin heard the fox, so the hunt was on. Apparently Steve experienced an equipment failure, so we suggested he tail-end Charlie one of the hunters who could hear the fox.

Now let me tell you, the Foxes consumed an awful lot of coffee and tea while ensconced at Steak-N-Shake just waiting for someone, anyone, to show up. Woody Woodbury was the first hunter we noticed driving past the restaurant at about 200 mph. Slowly but surely other hunter groups wandered into the area. Kim & Jim Machamer were the first to dismount and snoop around the Jeep. Eventually everyone showed up and started rummaging through the Steak-N-Shake parking lot upturning all manner of trash containers and other paraphernalia and



stomping about in a lot of the snowdrifts. Fortunately we had briefed the Steak-N-Shake management on the goings-on and they were most understanding and accommodating. Several of the waitresses really got into the activities and were as amused as we were at the thrashing about of the hunters.

Eventually the hunters figured out that the fox had to be across the street from Steak-N-Shake and proceeded to that location. The fox was cleverly hidden by Jim Pliett and there were no footprints visible to reveal its location because Jim had utilized his patented fox camouflage device while hiding it in the snow drift. But eventually Steve Nardin's grandson Alex found it and, in a burst of youthful enthusiasm, pulled it from the snow. As a result, everyone "found" the fox at the same time.

Given that the fox was discovered, one hour and fifty minutes after the 2:00 pm restart, everyone proceeded to Steak-N-Shake for the traditional after-hunt food-fest which they did with great gusto. Since the Steve Nardin team was the first to find the fox, they were designated to be the fox for the March hunt.

After the completion of the 2010 fox-hunt season it was decided to revise the foxhunt scoring rules so-as to emphasis miles traveled during the hunt and elapse time to find the fox as the scoring criterion. Thus a new set of scoring rules were promulgated and agreed upon by the Fort Wayne area foxhunting community. These rules can be found on the FWRC web page at:

www.fwrc.info

Based upon the miles traveled and elapse time reported by the various hunters / hunter teams, the winners of the first hunt of the 2011 season were, in order:

W9SAN and his grandson Alex



KB9DOS/KB9DOT

KC9MUT/ KC9EZP and WA7NXI (tied)

KC9TIK / AB9YB / KB9OS and KC9CGN (tied)

The March foxhunt will occur on Sunday, March 6th starting at 1:30 from the Off-track Betting Parlor parking lot as usual. Steve Nardin and crew will serve as the fox. Now Steve may appear to be easy going, but it is known that he can be as devilish as anybody in selecting a fox hiding place. So we are looking forward to devilish concealment strategy for the next hunt.

Why don't you join for the March fun?

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

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For Sale: Comet SBB2NMO Dual band (2M/70CM) mobile antenna. Length: 18.5 inches. Gain: 2.15 dBi on 2M, 3.8 dBi on 70 CM. NMO mount (I'm also including NMO connector for your vehicle) Brand New - still in package. R&L has the antenna only for \$35 will sell package for \$25. See reviews at:

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Heathkit Antenna Tuner HFT-9B

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Cushcraft R7 40-10M Vertical Antenna, \$50.00

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MFJ Trans-Ant. Switch 1700B, \$20.00

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Heathkit SB-1000 linear amplifier. With all manuals. 1000 watts output with 100 watts drive. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Can work on 110 or 220 volts. This is in good working condition. I will stand behind it. - \$ 550.00

Icom 6 meter FM/SSB transceiver - 10 watts. It does not work all the time but I have worked many states with SSB and digital communications. - \$50 as is.

Mirage 1015G 6 meter linear amp - 160 watts output with 10 watts drive. Needs 12 volt supply. \$150

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WHO IS KEN HELMS AND WHY IS HE THE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Ken is brand new to amateur radio having just passed the Technician and General exams in January. And he is a new member of FWRC and ARRL. While new to amateur radio, he's not new to newsletters. He has put together hundreds of newsletters for other groups around Fort Wayne.

He's not exactly new to radios. His first encounter with a transceiver was in 1969 as a student pilot sitting in the left seat of a Cessna 150. "Smartt Field unicom this is Cessna three five zero one lima requesting runway information. Over." He did get a pilot's license but hasn't flown as pilot in many years.

He also just retired from ITT with 34 years of service. His first assignment was writing the depot level maintenance manuals for their air traffic control radios. All of his professional career involved supporting electronic equipment, mostly radios. Originally from the St. Louis area where he graduated from the University of Missouri, he also worked for Northrop in Chicago (which was Hallicrafters before the local company's name was changed to Defense Systems Division) before joining ITT.

His first newsletter was written using a home computer with 48K of RAM (yes, kilobytes). The newsletter was for a local computer users group and was written using a word processing program written in BASIC that he'd typed in himself. The newsletter was eight pages long because that's all that would fit in RAM at one time. By the time he finished his tenure as newsletter editor for the users group, he was using one of the early desktop publishing software packages on a Pentium based PC. Computers and photography have been his main hobbies. He currently uses an i7 with 12 Gigs of RAM, 3 TB of internal hard disk space and dual Radeon video cards that he assembled himself. And an iMac. And a MacBook. And, well, it's a long list.

He only has one amateur radio at this point. A Yaesu VX-6R. He's eager to learn about amateur radio and wants to do something for FWRC in exchange for all the help he hopes to get.

FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

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FREE HAM BUMPER/WINDOW STICKER

In order to show their support for ham radio, and of course to call attention to their website, Ham Test On-Line is giving away their popular 11-1/2 in. x 3 in. "Ham Radio Saves Lives" bumper stickers (while supplies last).

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Write "free sticker" on the back of either envelope. The mailing weight is slightly less than one ounce, so a single USA First Class stamp (44 cents) is sufficient for addresses within the U.S. Add 17 cents if you request two stickers.

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Sorry, they do not ship these outside of the U.S. and Canada.

Foxhunt Chronicles

The following is the planned Foxhunting schedule for 2011:

March	03/06/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
April	04/03/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
May	05/02/11	6:30 pm	Monday
June	06/06/11	6:30 pm	Monday
July	07/11/11	6:30 pm	Monday
August	08/01/11	6:30 pm	Monday
September	09/12/11	6:30 pm	Monday
October	10/02/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
November	11/06/11	1:30 pm	Sunday

ANNUAL ARES FM SIMPLEX CONTEST

The very popular annual ARES FM Simplex contest will be held, Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 1300 until 1700. This contest is a fun way to test our abilities to communicate during emergencies without the use of repeaters. Contest rules will be posted once finalized. This year we will add digital operations to the mix. (Yes, on FM Simplex). Please direct questions or comments to Jim, KB9WWM at KB9WWM(at)arrl.net.

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and effort to this one challenging organizational program for Amateur Radio. There is only one SEC appointed in each section of the ARRL Field Organization."

Joseph recently served as Allen County ARES Emergency Coordinator, a position he resigned effective January 1, 2011 to focus on his role as Indiana District 3 ARES Emergency Coordinator.

Joseph replaces Tony Langer, W9AL, who resigned.

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VHF enthusiast and also includes Echo-Link operators from around the country, and is a lot of fun.

Following the business meeting the annual "Rig Clinic" activity was conducted. It was supported by Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE who lugged in masses of test equipment to allow the measurement of power output, sensitivity, frequency accuracy and deviation or modulation depth for anyone who brought in equipment to be analyzed.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, FWRC

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person advised. "This should include all names, addresses and salutations, as well as any comments or edits you may add to our form letter." He said that by reading the final letter out loud to yourself several times before sending to Chwat & Co, you can find most, if not all, mistakes.

"Defeating HR 607 in its present form is a fight Amateur Radio can win -- but only with thoughtful participation by us all," Henderson explained. "Thanks to all of you for your efforts and let's keep this moving forward. Protecting our spectrum is important to all of us!

The new foxhunt rules are available on
the FWRC web page.

CONTEST CALENDAR

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
1.8-28	Int'l Phone DX Contest	X			RS and state, province, or power	Apr 4
	Mar 5, 0000Z - Mar 6, 2400Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
1.8-28	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship			X	Regional abbreviation and serial	Apr 6
	Mar 5, 2200Z - Mar 6, 1200Z				www.urdx.org	
3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint		X		RST, S/P/C, and power	2 days
	Mar 8, 0200Z - Mar 8, 0400Z				www.arsqrp.blogspot.com	
3.5-14	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test		X		Name and member number or S/P/C	2 days
	Mar 9, 1100Z - See Web site				www.cwops.org/onair.html	
7, 14	John Rollins Memorial DX Contest		X		RS, name, and S/P/C	4 weeks
	Mar 9, 2300Z - See Web site				www.antiquewireless.org	
	Worldwide EME Contest	X	X		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	Jun 25
144, 10G+	Mar 12, 0000Z - Mar 13, 2400Z				www.dubus.org	
3.5-28	RSGB Commonwealth Contest		X		RST and serial (Commonwealth only)	30 days
	Mar 12, 1000Z - Mar 13, 1000Z				www.rsgbcc.org/hf/calendar10.shtml	
3.5-28	AGCW QRP Contest		X		RST, serial, class, AGCW number or NM	Mar 31
	Mar 12, 1400Z - Mar 12, 2000Z				www.agcw.org	
3.5-28	QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint		X		RST, 4-digit grid square, QRP ARCI number	Apr 12
	Mar 12, 1500Z - Mar 12, 1800Z				www.qrparci.org	
3.5-28	EA PSK31 Contest			X	RST + serial or EA province	30 days
	Mar 12, 1600Z - Mar 13, 1600Z				www.ure.es	
1.8-28	Idaho QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T) and S/P/C	30 days
50-440	Mar 12, 1900Z - Mar 13, 1900Z				www.nx7tt.com	
3.5-14	North American RTTY Sprint			X	Both call signs, serial, name, and S/P/C	7 days
	Mar 13, 0000Z - Mar 13, 0400Z				www.ncjweb.com	
3.5-28	Wisconsin QSO Party	X	X	X	WI county or S/P/C	Apr 20
50+	Mar 13, 1800Z - Mar 14, 0100Z				www.warac.org	
3.5-28	CLARA and Family HF Contest	X	X		RS(T), name, QTH, and CLARA	Apr 15
	Mar 15, 1700Z - See Web site				www.claranet.ca	
3.5-14	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint				RST, S/P/C, and NAQCC mbr nr or power	4 days
	Mar 17, 0030Z - Mar 17, 0230Z				naqcc.info	
1.8-28	Feld-Hell Rolling Sprint			X	RST, QTH, Feld-Hell number	
	Mar 19, 12 PM - Mar 19, 2 PM				www.feldhellclub.org	
28	10-10 Mobile QSO Party	X	X	X	Call, name, county & S/P/C, 10-10 number	Apr 2
	Mar 19, 0001Z - Mar 19, 2359Z				www.ten-ten.org	
3.5-28	BARTG HF RTTY Contest			X	3-digit serial and 4-digit time	May 1
	Mar 19, 0200Z - Mar 21, 0200Z				www.bartg.org.uk	
1.8 - 7	OK1WC Memorial Contest	X	X		RS(T) and serial	14 days
	Mar 19, 0500Z - Mar 19, 0800Z				www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc/	
1.8-28	Russian DX Contest	X	X		RS(T), serial or oblast abbr	45 days
50	Mar 19, 1200Z - Mar 20, 1200Z				www.rdx.org	
3.5-28	Oklahoma QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T) and OK county or S/P/"DX"	Apr 30
50	Mar 19, 1300Z - See Web site				www.okdxa.org	
1.8-28	North Dakota QSO Party	X	X		RST and ND county or S/P/C	May 1
50,144	Mar 19, 1800Z - Mar 20, 1800Z				www.w0cq.com	
1.8-28	Virginia QSO Party	X	X	X	Serial and VA county/city or S/P/C	Apr 15
50-440	Mar 19, 1800Z - Mar 21, 0100Z				www.qsl.net/sterling	

Refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Unlisted? Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? Yes No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$20.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? by snail mail download from web site.

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership \$12.00 / year

Additional family members¹ \$6.00 / year

Student membership² \$6.00 / year

Associate membership³ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership \$20.00 / year

Family membership¹ \$30.00 / year

Student membership² \$5.00 / year

Associate membership³ \$20.00 / year

Mailed newsletter premium \$20.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. Unlicensed member

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS

PO Box 10342

Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Fort Wayne Radio Club.

PO Box 15127

Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

(For autopatch 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digirepeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice:

146.76 (-) General use

146.94 (-) General use with autopatch

146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater

Node number 519521

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-

Tri State Two Meter Net: meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150

Help and Swap Net: Mon. at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

Daily Indiana Traffic Net: 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local.

Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net: 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. &

7:00 p.m. local times.

Miscellaneous Nets

Allen Co. ARES Training Net: Tue. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.94-

Emergency Preparedness Net: Thurs. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.88-

Huntington ARES: Sat. at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685-

Whitley Co. ARES: Wed. at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sun. at 8:00 p.m. on 444.550+, 131.8 PL

"No-Name" Net: 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965 MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

Little Red Barn Net: Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

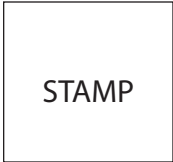
Northeast Indiana Packet Net: Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

FWRC YL Net: Wed. 7:00 p.m. on 146.76-

FWRC 6 Meter Net: Tue. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 USB

6 Meter AM Net: Thurs. 7:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM

FW Area Student Net: Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-



To:

Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
03/04/2011	--->	Deadline for March ACHN items	
03/06/2011	01:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
03/08/2011	07:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
03/08/2011	07:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Fort Wayne
03/15/2011	07:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Fort Wayne
03/18/2011	07:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
3/26/2011	1:00pm	ARES FM Simplex Contest	On the Air
04/01/2011	--->	Deadline for April ACHN items	
04/03/2011	01:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
04/05/2011	07:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
04/15/2011	07:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC