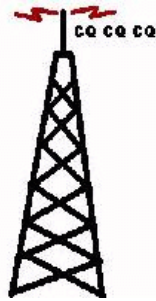


HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

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HOLIDAY PARTY 2015



President's Comments

I hope that 2015 has begun well for all of the HVARC membership. As your new club president I hope 2015 is a good year for our club. I have some concerns as we start out a new year. First of all that we have not had many of us pay our dues every year. Our treasury is not that large so please pay your dues as soon as possible. We also need to find ways to increase our membership. Without new members and a growth in our numbers I don't believe our club will be a very vibrant one.

We need to all work at coming up with meeting programs that are of interest to our membership. If you can help out in this area please let me know. All dates are open except for July and December meetings.

Another concern I have is whether or not we can successfully be helpful to our government agencies in a real emergency. Hap BGA has done a lot of work in this area. However, Grant County no longer has an Emergency Coordinator working with the state

ARES. Our repeater committee (Mark WLU, Alvin MCC, Dick DLI, and Hap BGA) has made great improvements to our club's repeater. Ron POF and Roy NUZ got the paper work done for the generous grant from the Ann and Leo Stoll Jr. Charitable Trust. We have a portable tower we could set up. But how many of us can haul it and know how to set it up. We also have a 440 MHz repeater which hardly gets used. We also have a VHF and UHF radio at Southwest Health Center which few know how to use or even where it is kept etc. It has been awhile since we had an ICS certification course offered to our membership. If certain people were out of the area could the rest of us actually do a successful job? Hopefully we would show that we could.

I want to have us all to become more knowable in the above concerns. We have covered these areas in the past, but we need to do it again. In a real emergency we will need the help of neighboring clubs and their members. The GRARC in Dubuque has expressed an interest in working with us to develop cooperation in an emergency. I am sure other area clubs would also be helpful in such an emergency.

These are my main concerns as president. I volunteered to be president again because our members have fun when we get together around a hobby we love. Intellectually and socially ham radio is good for the soul.

The Christmas party had a nice turn out which I found very encouraging. I had fun teasing in a skit Dustin JKV our outgoing president. Dustin has graciously consented to not only be secretary but also take over doing the club newsletter. John RYI has done it for many years. Thanks John for the long service doing the newsletter.

So let's make 2015 a great year by paying your dues, coming to the meetings, encouraging new members, helping out where you have interests, and of course, by listening to your club president (at least some of the time ha, ha).

73,
Kent K9ZMU



KQ's Korner

Spring has sprung, fall has fell, winter is here and it is colder than a well diggers feet in an iceberg. With that in mind, remember that tornados are not the only severe weather events that we are involved in. Blizzards, snow storms, ice storms and extremely cold temps are all severe weather. If our communicaton services are needed at any time, be ready.

A big tip of the hat to John, KB9RYI, for his service in publishing the club newsletter for the past few years. And another tip of the hat to Dustin, KC9JKV, for taking over the newsletter. Editing a newsletter is an easy job. If you have to write a newsletter it is a hard job. If you can send Dustin a few things to take up space I'll bet he would appreciate it.

73 & CUL
Art, N9KQ

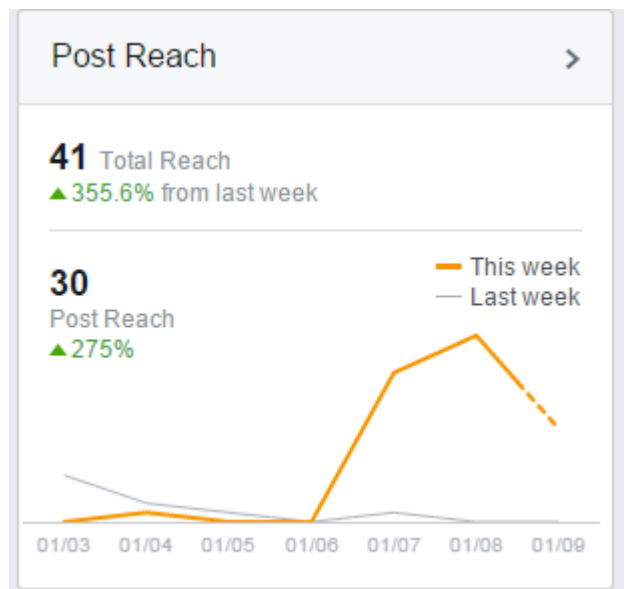
Facebook Engagement

Facebook engagement is defined as when a fan actually shares, likes, or comments on our club page. The graph to the right shows the average reach of our posts to our Facebook page.

Posting on our Facebook page has real results in increasing engagement with our local members and additional fans from other areas. As such, Matt Alexander (KC9MLE) was asked to join Dustin Westaby (KC9JKV) and Scott Onson in managing the Facebook page.

The more often we post to Facebook, the larger our outreach is. Having additional people posting to our club's Facebook page will help us continue to post regularly.

If you would like to volunteer to manage our Facebook page, please contact Dustin.



5 Most Recent Posts		Reach: Organic / Paid		Post Clicks		Likes, Comments & Shares	
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01/07/2015 1:34 pm	http://www.arrl.org/news/radio-amateurs-aid-animal-rescue-effort-following-south-australian-	🔗	🌐	21	5 3	5	3
01/07/2015 11:49 am	http://www.arrl.org/news/unexpected-geomagnetic-storm-could-disturb-hf-bands-enhance-6-meters	🔗	🌐	15	1 2	1	2
12/25/2014 9:55 am	Merry Christmas from HVARC!	🗣️	🌐	46	0 9	0	9

Meeting Minutes from November 2014

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Dustin Motion by Matt, 2nd by Mark

TREASURER'S REPORT: Randy WV9T Unchanged

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian	Roy N9NUZ	
Newsletter	Open Position	
ARES/RACES	John KB9RYI	ARES is missing EC
	Hap KC9BGA	
	Dana KC9KOQ	
	Brad W0WDX	
Repeaters	Dick K9DLI	
	Mark N0WLU	
	Hap KC9BGA	
Education	David KJ4HYJ	
Field Day	Paul K9OT	
	Larry KC9CSQ	
Web Site	Dustin KC9CSQ	http://kc9kq.ssoworld.org
	Scott	
Nets	Kent K9ZMU	Roll call for check-ins

BUSINESS Lee Mushel (K9WRU) chatted about emergency communications and an antenna project.

- Needs help to erect a crank ir and volunteers with 40 meter equipment
- Those interested can contact herbert3@centurytel.net

Ron Niemann (W9POF) introduced the topic of a "rubbermade" building for the beetown repeater. Upgrading our trashcan to a shack.

- Used telcom buildings are ~\$10k - 12k
- Delivered by flatbed, crane to lift and install
- Alternate idea is a shipping container from Rock and Dirt auctions.

The DX Club meets every second Tuesday. Potential to piggyback on presentations with a webcam? Our meeting room is wired for video conferencing.

Hap Daus (KC9BGA) gave directions to our annual Christmas Party. Which will be held at Red's Supper Club outside Cuba City at 5pm.

Kent Scheuerell (K9ZMU) nominated and the club voted unanimous for the following positions.

President: Kent Scheuerell (K9ZMU)
Vice President: Alvin Bontreger (KC9MCC)
Secretary: Dustin Westaby (KC9JKV)
Treasurer: Randy Stojan (WV9T)

Reminder: Dues are delinquent. Member list will be updated for 2015 based on who has paid their dues.

Adjournment Motion by Hap, 2nd by Scott

HAMFESTS/COMPUTERFESTS

January 18

St. Charles, IL – WCRA's 48th Annual Mid-Winter Hamfest. Location: Kane County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 525 South Randall Road, St. Charles, IL. Sponsor: Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs. Talk-In: 145.310, 146.52. Public Contact: Kurt Rubin , KB9RTO, PO Box QSL Wheaton, IL 60187; Phone: 630-604-0157; Email: info@w9ccu.org; Website: <http://wheatonhamfest.org>.

February 14

Brookfield, WI – MRAC & MAARS Mid Winter Interclub Swapfest. Location: MPTV Auction Site, 12560 West Townsend Street, Brookfield, WI. Sponsor: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club & Milwaukee Area Amateur Radio Society. Talk-In: 145.390 & 145.130 (PL 127.3). Public Contact: David Schank , KA9WXN, 5943 West Edgerton Avenue Greenfield, WI 53220; Phone: 414-459-9741; Email: ka9wxn@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.w9rh.org>.

March 8

Sterling, IL – Sterling Rock Falls Hamfest. Location: Challand Middle School, 1700 6th Avenue, Sterling, IL. Sponsor: Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society. Talk-In: 146.850 (PL 114.8). Public Contact: Paula Portner , KC9FQK, 1302 West 2nd Street Dixon, IL 61021; Phone: 815-284-5650; Email: pportner@comcast.net; Website: <http://w9mep.org>.

March 15

Jefferson, WI – HAMFEST/CONVENTION. Location: Jefferson County Fairgrounds - Activity Center, 503 North Jackson Avenue, Jefferson, WI. Sponsor: Tri-County Amateur Radio Club – W9MQB. Talk-In: 145.49 (PL 123). Public Contact: Stan Lichtenberg , W9FIB; PO Box 411 Johnson Creek, WI 53038; Phone: 920-390-9068; Email: hamfest@w9mqb.org; Website: <http://w9mqb.org>.

June 7

Princeton, IL – Starved Rock Radio Club's (W9MKS) 2015 Hamfest. Location: Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 West Peru Street, Princeton, IL. Sponsor: Starved Rock Radio Club. Talk-In: 146.955 (PL 103.5). Public Contact: Matthew Weaver , KB9VZH, 319 Desoto Street Ottawa, IL 61350; Phone: 815-313-5924; Email: kb9vzh@mchsi.com; Website: <http://www.w9mks.org>.

September 19

Peoria, IL – Peoria Superfest. Location: Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL. Sponsor: Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club. Talk-In: 147.075. Public Contact: Deb Suhs , KA4DEB, 25857 Longview Road Hopedale, IL 61747; Phone: 309-453-9331; Email: debsuhs@gmail.com; Website: http://www.w9uvi.org/?page_id=2715.

September 26

Cedarburg, WI – Ozaukee Radio Club's Annual Regional Fall Swapfest. Location: Firemans Park, 796 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI. Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club. Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Public Contact: Thomas Ruhlmann , W9IPR, 465 Beechwood Drive Cedarburg, WI 53012; Phone: 262-377-6945 (H); Email: teruhlmann@wi.rr.com; Website: <http://ozaukeeradioclub.org>.

HVARC CLUB INFORMATION

Club dues are \$20.00 per year for individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership. We also recommend a \$20.00 per family yearly donation for support of the repeaters. To support your club please send your dues to: HVARC Treasure Randy Stojan WV9T, 2029 Vaassen Lane, Platteville WI, 53818. The Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Southwest Health Center on the South East side of Platteville WI. The meeting is at 7:00 PM and anyone with an interest in radio is welcome to attend. We also meet each Sunday evening at 7:30 PM on the NOWLU Repeater at 146.895 MHZ. with a PL tone of 114.8 All licensed Amateur Operators are welcome to check in.

Please check out the club web site at: <http://kc9kq.ssoworld.org> Thank You to Scott Onson for updating our club web site.