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HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

President's Comments

Wow, already 2016, and our first meeting of the year. Sorry to say that the group that was coming all the way from Cedar Rapids to talk on digital PSK, JT65, JT9, etc. has had to postpone their program until February. I am very appreciative of their willingness to come that distance. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. They are very interesting and you will enjoy their program. So I will now do a planning program for the upcoming year. As in the past when I was president I will try to make updating our records and planning for the future fun. So about every ten minutes I will stop and ask each member to take turns telling a humorous joke or story. If you have ideas about what we should try to do or change this is the meeting to attend. I especially am looking for program ideas. Otherwise, I do not feel we need more things to do, but how to improve what we are doing. I feel we need to improve our membership numbers and participation if our club is to have a vibrant future.

Other good news is the GRARC of Dubuque is going to do the transmitter hunt this year. So our tradition of every other year having it will once again continue after a year off. In order to win, I plan on working secretly in my lab late at night until then. Colon Wheatley W9UPK and I often exchange ideas for programs etc. Thanks Colon for your ideas and willingness to work together on programs.

I just received the following e-mail from Colon about GRARC Technician Course. No date is set yet.

"Course costs \$105 but includes all instruction, all course materials, VEC test fee, one year free membership in club and HT radio.....All on the same day 8 to 5 with test to follow immediately thereafter. I've made arrangement with Tim Bush from Cedar Rapids to teach the course. He has been successfully teaching the course for quite some time. Let me know if there is interest in SW Wisconsin? Colin"



The repeater group has also been working hard as always, especially Alvin. They have put Beetown on the map once again like it was back in the mid-eighteen hundred mining days when the population was up to 2,500 souls. I gave our secretary Dustin last month off, but enough of that. Let's keep him working hard like he has been for the last couple of years. Finally Randy our treasurer (Mr. Money Bags) also known as the "Big Patch Bank" will be arriving by stagecoach from rural Grant County to collect our dues. If you can't make the meeting please send your dues to Randy. The pony express still goes to Big Patch (It also still goes to Beetown).

2016 dues information: Annual dues \$20; Family dues \$25; Student dues \$5 and if you are a regular user of the repeater \$20

Randy Stojan WV9T, 2029 Vaassen Lane, Platteville, WI 53818

I want to encourage us to use the WECOMM repeater in Dodgeville. I use it often successfully as I go toward Madison on Highway 151. Also the Hollandale repeater and Monroe repeaters are good to use. There is very little use of the Platteville repeaters on 442.200 and 444.325 (both 131.8 tones). We owe Len Kreyer N9QIP a big thank you for 442.200 and Hollandale. He has been very generous to our club. He also was involved in our improvement to the Beetown repeater.

The Christmas party was fun. Remember to check out our Web page and Face book. Matt, Scott, and Dustin have been doing a super job there. Scott was especially helpful with my setting up the computer for our November internet conference with Ham Radio Deluxe. These young fellows have been very active. Also our new member Keith AC9BD has been very willing to help out where he

can. Thanks fellows, the club appreciates your assistance.

Sadly we are losing some of our most active and supportive members. Ron W9POF and his wife Nancy are leaving the area. Ron is a past president and our club's successful Ann & Leo Stoll Jr. Charitable Trust grant writer.

We are also saddened to receive the following e-mail dated December 11, 2015. Hopefully someone will come forward and accept this important position.

Good Afternoon Everyone,

This was a very difficult decision, but as of yesterday I have accepted a job offer in Minneapolis as a Professional Services Engineer and will need to relocate to the area. It is going to take some time for us to get our house ready to sell and then actually sold, but I will be starting on January 4th and then traveling back and forth on the week-ends. With me having to relocate four hours away, I cannot effectively remain as EC for Grant County, because of this I am asking if anyone is interested in pursuing the role of EC?

Now I will remain as EC for the interim, with the intent on training in a new EC and I do promise to be available to help as I can. If anyone is interested in the role, please send me an email and we can setup a time to discuss the role in more detail. I have a lot of the work already done, it really isn't a tough job...but you need to be able to respond and react appropriately when called upon in the event of a disaster.

Anyway, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and I look forward to hopefully getting a response from someone.

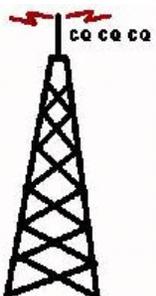
73, Josh //KC9WWH

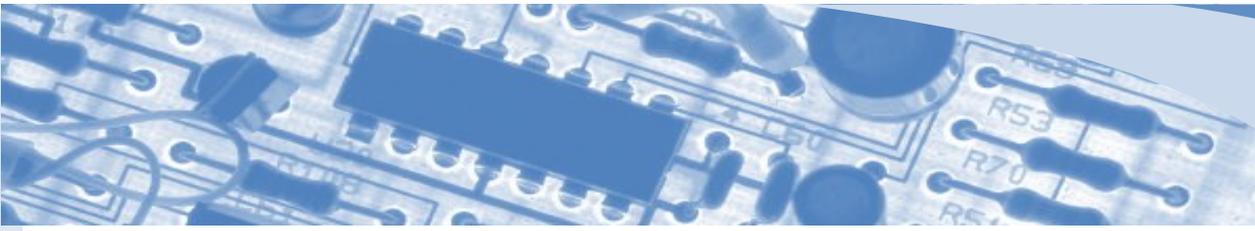
I also received the following e-mail from John Webb K0OT. Our club appreciates his generous gift.

"I read your news letter you mentioned a radio give away program. I have two like new China (Baofeng) radios in my downstairs closet. I programmed them using Chirps software. If my memory serves me right both have a number VHF repeater frequencies plus the required tones. I used one to help David KJ4HYJ and two other hams from Dubuque at Ragbrai's last leg in Gutenberg a few years ago. One has a two batteries and the other one. I will donate them to HVARC, someone starting in the hobby or has limited funds may get some use out of them. I'll charge them up and make sure they are functional. Let me know if the club can use them."

So we have a lot of news and things to talk about. Hope to see all of you at the meeting Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 PM.

73,
Kent K9ZMU
HVARC President





RADIOS FOR SALE

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RADIOS FOR SALE

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| 1. | 1(one) Icom 706MKIIG #1507153
1(one) LDG Antenna Tuner AT-11 | \$500.00 |
| 2. | 1(one) Motorola Spectra 100W 2M
Programmed for SW WI | \$80.00 |
| 3. | 1(one) Rigblaster Pro \$150.00 | |
| 4. | 1(one) Henry 2000K Amp #571 | \$400.00 |
| 5. | 1(one) Tower Rohn 35 feet
1(one) 2M Antenna | \$120.00 |
| 6. | 1(one) Tower Glen Martin 50" w/hazer
1(one) Tail Twister 2 x Rotor | \$1,600.00 |
| 7. | 1(one) Vertical 80-160 w/vacuum variable capacitors | |

Name that Song

Didn't know what time it was and the lights were low
I leaned back on my radio
Some cat was layin' down some rock 'n' roll 'lotta soul, he said
Then the loud sound did seem to fade
Came back like a slow voice on a wave of phase
That weren't no D.J. that was hazy cosmic jive

There's a starman waiting in the sky
He'd like to come and meet us
But he thinks he'd blow our minds
There's a starman waiting in the sky
He's told us not to blow it
'Cause he knows it's all worthwhile
He told me
Let the children lose it
Let the children use it
Let all the children boogie

Meeting Minutes from November 2016

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Dustin KC9JKV

Motion to accept by Kieth/John.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Randy WV9T

1936.77

- Discussion on replacement cost insurance suggestions.
- Purchase tower from township?
- Insurance may not pay for damage on "someone else's" tower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian
Newsletter
ARES/RACES
Repeaters

Roy N9NUZ
Dustin KC9JKV
Josh KC9WWH
Dick K9DLI

Mark N0WLU

Hap KC9BGA

Education
Field Day

Alvin KC9MCC
David KJ4HYJ
Paul K9OT

Web Site + Facebook

Larry KC9CSQ
Dustin KC9JKV

kc9kq.ssoworld.org

facebook.com/HVARC

Facebook free radio campaign is ongoing

Nets
Red Cross Report

Scott Onson
Matt KC9MLE
Kent K9ZMU
Matt KC9MLE

Net control for 4th Sunday needed

BUSINESS

Presentation: "Make your sound card sing" Station management software. HRD = Ham Radio Deluxe

New Business:

- Kent K9ZMU—More discussion on insurance, and liability protection vs full coverage. Wind load and guide wires.
- No programs for next year yet. We are now setup for remote presenters.

Show and Tell: John NC9BGA - Satellite tracker by raspberry pi with sensor hat.

Elections: (unanimous ballot)

- President: Kent Scheuerell, K9ZMU
- Vice President: Alvin Bontreger, KC9MCC
- Secretary: Dustin Westaby, KC9JKV
- Treasurer: Randy Stojan, WV9T
- Directors: Larry Pink KC9CSQ, Mark Krolick N0WLU, Hap Daus KC9BGA

Adjournment

Motion by Scott / Ron

HAMFESTS/COMPUTERFESTS

January 17, 2016

ST. CHARLES, IL ♦ WCRA 49th 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. **Contact:** Robert Krueger, W9BK, 2 South 250 Valley Road Lombard, IL 60148; Phone: 630-916-0288; **Email:** rhkrueger@comcast.net; **Website:** <http://www.wheatonhamfest.org>.

February 13

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 (PL 127.3) & 145.130. **Contact:** David Schank, KA9WXN, 5943 West Edgerton Avenue Greenfield, WI 53220; Phone: 414-459-9741; **Email:** w9rhmrac@gmail.com; **Website:** <http://www.w9rh.org>.

Facebook Insights

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
12/25/2015 11:50 am	 When may an amateur station transmit without identifying? A. W			465	52 19
12/24/2015 5:42 pm	 Merry Christmas from Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club			169	5 15
12/18/2015 4:00 pm	 HVARC is giving away free radios~! Here is a summary of rules:			109	6 5
12/11/2015 10:00 am	 Just a reminder that our club holiday party is Sunday, December			31	4 1
12/09/2015 12:14 pm	 Thinking about getting your ham license? Did you know that our			123	6 4
11/30/2015 7:16 am	 Some history of a very useful place. Rest assured that the Platte			284	13 6
11/27/2015 11:50 am	 What is the normal term for an FCC-issued primary station/oper			77	5 5
11/24/2015 11:26 am	 Everyone enjoying their turkey on Thursday? How about a little			245	42 10
11/13/2015 6:00 pm	 Have you heard? HVARC is giving free radios to newly licensed			426	43 16
11/12/2015 7:00 am	 Ready to take your amateur radio license exam? There will be a			43	0 0
11/10/2015 8:01 pm	 For anyone interested, use coupon code hvarc for a 10% discount			56	13 2
11/10/2015 7:02 pm	 Meeting is starting. Our presentation tonight is Ham Radio Delu			96	3 4

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 hosting our club web site.

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