

HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

President's Comments

Big news this month. Yes, Dustin Westaby is engaged to Katherine Burk. Congratulations from all your fellow hams. (PS: Be sure to get a pre-nuptial agreement on how many of those beautiful antennas you can have on your house, ha, ha.) Remind Katherine that if she gets her license, and joins our club, she will get a free programmed radio.

Please remember to pay Randy your dues as soon as possible. Our dues are very reasonable. A reminder that the club's P.O. Box # is 620, Platteville, WI 53818.

Remember to sign up now for the Dubuque club's licensing class Saturday, April 16 (see article in this newsletter), and weather spotting training at Lancaster High School Monday, April 18 at 6:30 PM.

The guest speaker at our March 8 meeting will be Dr. Katie Rabidoux of the UW-Platteville Engineering Department. She is a Radio Astronomer who just received her doctorate. She will have the latest information on GHz radio waves from our galaxy and beyond. Bring your friends and neighbors along and let's have a nice crowd for this computer presentation. I want to thank Hap BGA again for arranging this.

Once again, our club's unsung heroes have been hard at work. Mark WLU and Alvin MCC are putting in a lot of time working on the repeater. We are in a time of transition. Once they get the new repeater up and running it will be great for communication in hilly Southwest Wisconsin. Thanks fellows and keep up the good work. We all appreciate not only your time, but also, both of you for your financial donations for the new machine.

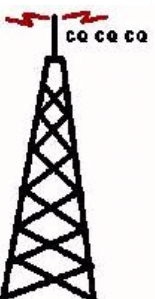
The Wisconsin QSO Party is Sunday, March 13. This has been one of our club's best activities. Many have joined in and we have done well in competing with other WI clubs. We are especially lucky to have Pete Beedlow NN9K and friends operating K9WM from Fennimore Hills Motel. They donate their points to our club. They will also be listening during the contest to 146.55 MHz simplex. Let's all give them a call, and each other, to add up the points. The web page for more information is http://www.warac.org/wqp/wigp_rules.htm

If you are interested please join us. My son Scott HDE and I enjoy being a father - son team. Others who have been very active and successful in the past are Paul OT and Peg LIE, and Art KQ. Ask any of us and it is fun. It is nice to be the center of a pile up because out of state stations want to get Grant or the elusive LaFayette counties.

Also the Dubuque club will be putting on the annual transmitter hunt this year. It is a lot of fun. Our clubs rotate every other year having it. I will pass along details as they are established.

As the national presidential elections progress remember that we will be looking for office holders in November. The present officers have served for several years. Randy W9VT and I K9ZMU have officially announced our retirements. I guarantee you that, unlike the Democrats and Republican races, it is much easier to get elected to an office in our club. It can even be fun and enjoyable. (I will even be your campaign manager.)

73 and 88,
Kent K9ZMU - HVARC President



Future Meeting Programs

April 12: Scott Scheuerell N9HDE will do a presentation on contesting, how it works, and the best way to go about participating in the various on-air contests that are held every year.

May 10: Todd Shea of the LaCrosse weather bureau will talk about advanced weather spotting techniques. He will show how to interpret information on the National Weather Service web site, and mention other topics not covered at the usual Skywarn presentations.

June 14: Hap Daus BGA will talk on our club's cooperation with local hospitals. He will give us a tour showing us where our station would be set up during an emergency situation.

July 12: Club Picnic at the Jamison & Mining Museum. After the meal we will be shown the old tube radio station and its log books, etc

August 8: Kent K9ZMU on the history of ham radio in the tri-state area

Sept 13: TBD

Oct 11: TBD

Nov 8: Club elections

Dec (Date to be determined): Christmas Party

HCARC in The News



Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club members Dustin Westaby KC9JKV and Kent Scheuerell K9ZMU are pictured giving away its first free radio in the "Ham Radio Giveaway" program to newly FCC licensed Dalton Herriman KD9FGT.

The Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club wants to put more new ham radio operators on the air. To promote this, HVARC is pleased to promote the "Ham Radio Giveaway" program where ham radios are given to any member who has recently gotten their amateur radio license. All ages are welcome. The radio is a BaoFeng UV5R, a club favorite, and will come ready to use pre-programmed with local repeater frequencies.

More Info: <http://kc9kq.ssoworld.org/promo/> and [facebook.com/HAVARC](https://www.facebook.com/HAVARC) or call Kent at 608-348-7833 e-mail kscheuerell@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes from February 2016

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Dustin KC9JKV

TREASURER'S REPORT: Randy WV9T

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian Roy N9NUZ
Newsletter Dustin KC9JKV
ARES/RACES Josh KC9WWH
Repeaters Dick K9DLI

Mark N0WLU

Hap KC9BGA

Education Alvin KC9MCC
Field Day David KJ4HYJ
Paul K9OT

Web Site + Facebook Larry KC9CSQ
Dustin KC9JKV

kc9kq.ssoworld.org

[facebook.com/HVARC](https://www.facebook.com/HVARC)

Facebook free radio campaign is ongoing

Nets Scott Onson
Red Cross Report Matt KC9MLE
Kent K9ZMU
Matt KC9MLE

Net control for 4th Sunday needed

BUSINESS

Presentation: "Racom and Communications" by Sam Fleege

New Business:

- Fox hunt will be hosted by Dubuque club on sept 24
- Dubuque offering a one day training class, \$105, all the materials, exam, and radio. If interested, contact Colin Wheatley, W9UPK, 563-451-4485, colinwheats@yousq.net
- Platteville Post office box, 620, is now owned by our club. Persons authorized to pick up mail: Randy, Dustin, Hap, Art, Kent
- Dalton accepted his free radio after joining our club and getting his license.
- Skywarn, weather spotting training has begun, check local schedule http://www.weather.gov/arx/skywarn_schedule
- December party, change day? Tabled discussion
- Talks of possible programs

Adjournment

Motion by Hap/Dustin

HAMFESTS/COMPUTERFESTS

03/05/2016

29th Annual Amateur Equipment Auction - Location: Eau Claire, WI - Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://www.ecarc.org>

03/06/2016

Sterling-Rock Falls ARS Hamfest - Location: Sterling, IL - Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society - Website: <http://w9mep.org>

03/12/2016

Midwinter Madness Hobby Electronics Show - Location: Buffalo, MN - Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Maple Grove Radio Club - Website: <http://k0ltc.org>

03/12/2016

Terre Haute Hamfest - Location: Brazil, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA - Website: <http://www.w9uuu.org>

03/20/2016

Hamfest 2016 - Location: Jefferson, WI - Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Tri-County Amateur Radio Club - W9MQB - Website: <http://w9mqb.org>

04/16/2016

Brainerd Area Hamfest - Location: Brainerd, MN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://www.brainerdham.org>

04/16/2016

DMRAA Hamfest - Location: Des Moines, IA - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Des Moines Radio Amateurs Association - Website: <http://www.dmraa.com/hamfest>

04/16/2016

North Central Indiana Hamfest - Location: Peru, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Cass County ARC, Miami County ARC, Grant County ARC, & Kokomo ARC - Website: <http://nci-hamfest.net>

04/23/2016

Aurora '16 Conference - Location: White Bear Lake, MN - Type: ARRL Convention - Sponsor: Northern Lights Radio Society - Website: <http://www.NLRS.org>

05/01/2016

The DeKalb Hamfest - Location: Sandwich, IL - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://www.karc-club.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 hosting our club web site.

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