

## HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

### Note from the Secretary

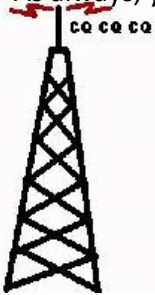
Howdy HVARC members, Dustin Westaby KC9JKV here. Page one of the newsletter is normally reserved for message from our President. As we transition to our new officers, I will take over the role for a bit.

The new year is upon us. Welcome to 2017! Many would say good riddance to 2016, but I would not be so fast to throw it out yet. 2016 had it's moments for the club. We have had many new HAMs this year, new members. The upgrades to our club tower are ongoing and improving all the time. The echolink internet connection is a big plus. We have had presentations given to club members by a wide variety of local experts, celebrities, and even one by remote telepresence. To name a few of the topics; we toured the Hospital's antenna setup, learned about Contesting, got exposed to HVARC's glorious history, and were even treated to advanced weather spotting techniques. Our yearly events of field day, summer picnic, and holiday dinner were as popular as ever.

We are now in 2017, meaning that yearly club membership dues will be collected. Please have your checks or cash available and give to our new Treasurer, Scott Onson. You can also mail them in to our new PO box.

**Hidden Valleys ARC, PO Box 620, Platteville, WI 53818**

As always, you can find us on the air on one of our club repeaters. See you at our next meeting January 10th.



**KC9KQ 444.325+(131.8)** Platteville, WI

**N0WLU/KC9MCC 146.895-(114.8)** Beetown, WI

**N9QIP 146.655-(123.0)** Hollandale, WI, maintained by Len Kreyer

### Meet your 2017 Club Officers



Alvin Bontreger KC9MCC

**President**

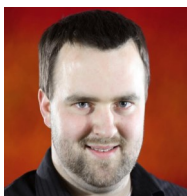
- Licensed since 2007
- Club member since 2009
- Enjoys exploring radios and antenna's



Scott Onson KD9GBJ

**Treasurer**

- Licensed since 2016
- Club member since 2012
- Researching the best way to build a station.



Joe Feyen KD9HAE

**Vice President**

- Licensed since 2016
- Club Member since 2016
- Loves communicating with new people



Dustin Westaby, KC9JKV

**Secretary**

- Licensed since 2006
- Club member since 2011
- Has a passion for DIY circuits



# A quick and unscientific spectral analysis of two Baofeng radios.

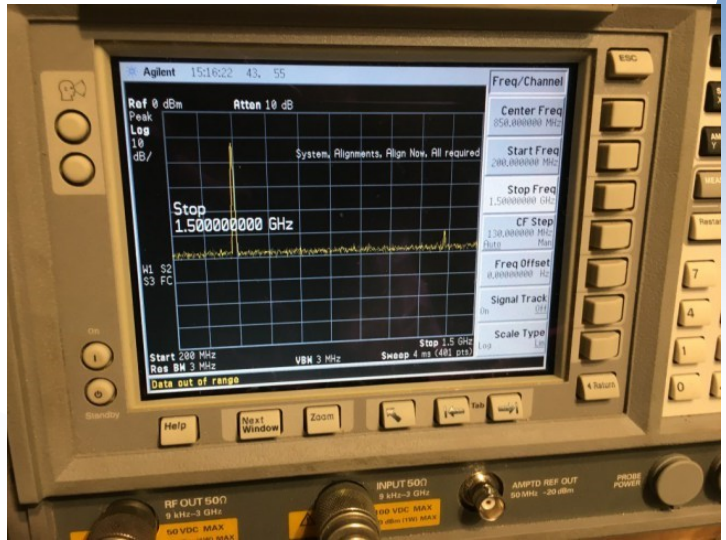
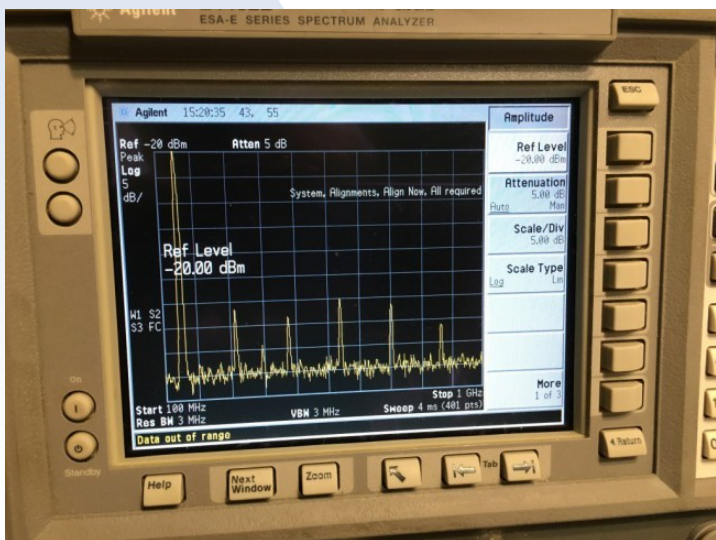
Take it for what it's worth. Very enlightening report and one to which we should all be aware not only for this brand / model for for all brands / models.

Just because a radio is popular or has a "brand name" does not necessarily mean it is worthy of being used on the ham bands. Today, there is basically no organization that "certifies" ham radio products. In other words, it is up to the company to "sign off" on the fact that it meets specs. The term is "self certification". It may or may not meet specs and thus they just ship the products regardless.

Hams need to understand what they are buying and using. Read and research and learn for yourself is the best advice. Just because it sounds good "on frequency" is by no means any indication it transmits a good clean signal.

<https://kd8twg.net/2015/10/17/a-quick-and-unscientific-spectral-analysis-of-two-baofeng-radios/#.WGFrBfkrJdh>

73,  
Bob K4TAX



# Meeting Minutes from November 2016

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Dustin KC9JKV

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Randy WV9T

\$1101.36 + 60

Motion to accept treasurer audit. Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian

Roy N9NUZ

Newsletter

Dustin KC9JKV

ARES/RACES

None

Repeaters

Dick K9DLI

See below

Mark N0WLU

Hap KC9BGA

Alvin KC9MCC

Education

None

Field Day

Paul K9OT

Web Site + Facebook

Larry KC9CSQ

Dustin KC9JKV

[kc9kq.net](http://kc9kq.net)

Scott KD9GBJ

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

Matt KC9MLE

Facebook free radio campaign is ongoing

Nets

Kent K9ZMU

Call to Order

7:01pm

BUSINESS

Motion to approve minutes, Alvin / hap. Approved

Discussion on switching over users on the club bank account

Motion to send \$30 to family of Bob. Approved

Discussion on running another 1 day training class

Website changes, approx. 31 cents a month for the new website

Motion to setup kc9kq.net as the new domain

Club election:

- ◇ President – Alvin Bontreger KC9MCC (replacing Kent Scheuerell K9ZMU)
- ◇ Vice President\* – Joe Feyen KD9HAE (replacing Alvin Bontreger KC9MCC)
- ◇ Secretary – Dustin Westaby KC9KJV (continuing office)
- ◇ Treasurer – Scott Onson KD9GBJ (replacing Randall Stojan WV9T)
- ◇ Director – Kent Scheuerell K9ZMU
- ◇ Director – Hap Daus KC9BGA

\* Vice President position is pending approval at the January meeting.

Amendment: Motion to defer third Director assignment until January.

Motion to close ballot and cast unanimous ballot. Approved

Membership Dues collections for 2017 has started.

Adjournment

7:40pm

# HAMFESTS / CONVENTIONS

01/22/2017

WCRA's 50th ANNUAL MID-WINTER HAMFEST - Location: Saint Charles, IL - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs - Website: <http://www.w9ccu.org/Hamfest.html>

02/11/2017

Swap N Shop - Location: Traverse City, MI - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club

02/18/2017

Brownsburg Hamfest - Location: Brownsburg, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society - Website: <http://www.hcars.org>

02/18/2017

Cabin Fever Reliever Hamfest - Location: Saint Joseph, MN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Saint Cloud Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://hamfest.w0sv.net/>

02/25/2017

9th Annual Winter RF Fest - Location: Perry, IA - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club - Website: [www.harciowa.org](http://www.harciowa.org)

02/25/2017

La Porte County Amateur Radio Hamfest - Location: La Porte, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: La Porte County Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://lpcarc.org/>

03/05/2017

Sterling Rockfalls Amateur Radio Society - Location: Sterling, IL - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: SRARS - Website: <http://www.w9mep.org>

03/11/2017

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

03/18/2017

Mahaska Hams Swapmeet - Location: Oskaloosa, IA - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Mahaska Amateur Radio Club

03/19/2017

Hamfest 2017 - Location: Jefferson, WI - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Tri County Amateur Radio Club - W9MQB - Website: <http://www.w9mqb.org>

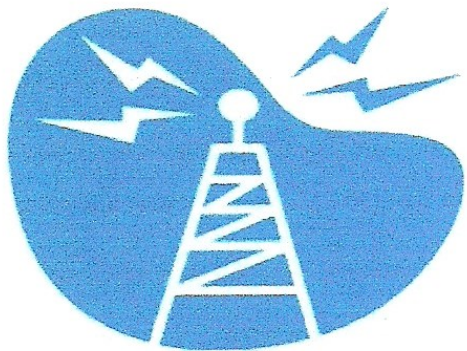
## HVARC CLUB INFORMATION

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 Scott Onson KD9GBJ, PO Box 620, 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://www.kc9kq.net> Thank You to Scott Onson, KD9GBJ, for hosting our club web site.

Newsletter Editor is Dustin Westaby, KC9JKV, and can be reached at [dustin.westaby@gmail.com](mailto:dustin.westaby@gmail.com)



# TRANSMITTER HUNT

Stephenson County Repeater Asc.

Saturday, April, 29 (1:00PM to 3:00 PM) Freeport,  
IL

MEET AT THE old K-Mart parking lot  
AT 12:30 PM



HUNT FREQUENCY: 145.645 MHZ

TALK-IN ON: 147.390 MHZ

(TONE 114.8) REPEATER  
TROPHY FOR FIRST PLACE

## DOOR PRIZES

After the contest, everyone is invited to a party  
at PIZZA HUT:

1640 Willard Drive

Freeport IL 61032

No entry fee. 5 Dollar Fee per person for Pizza

Party. Pre-registration is not necessary, but appreciated, In case of bad weather,  
preregistered contestants will be notified by phone,

Please contact:

Tony Bustos de N9ARB

[Kd9amb@gmail.com](mailto:Kd9amb@gmail.com)