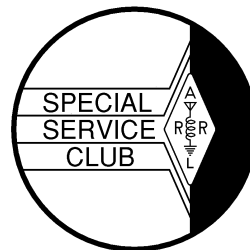




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## The Prez Sez

By Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR)

It has been another great month of kids, swapfest, reunions and softball.

Bill Howe (W9WRL), Tom Murtaugh (W9VBQ) and I introduced twenty-two kids to amateur radio at the Parkview School on Opportunity Days on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a blast. These kids were really quite enthralled with Bill using the code and his being able to talk to someone in another community.



**Bill Howe, KA9WRL, really caught their interest with his portable QRP station and CW.**

Then they each had the opportunity to talk on the 2 meter repeater using W9IPR's new portable IC706 station. Unfortunately the HF bands were dead but we tried.

Thanks to Mark Potash (KC9GST) for being there to keep the kids in QSO. Jim Albrinck

(K9QLP) put on a similar program at St. Joseph's in Grafton. I hope he had as great a time as we did. Perhaps these kids interest in amateur radio will continue into middle school etc.



**Finally I get to talk on the ORC repeater.**

Then it was the ORC Circle B Swapfest. I was a bit concerned about the fewer number of individual vendors but in general the crowd was good and everyone seemed to be having a great time selling, buying, visiting and attending seminars. With all the ICOM caps (50) and other prizes to raffle it really kept Stan busy on the mic. Again, it was a great social, educational and financial success. Thanks to everyone involved for their continued efforts and enthusiasm. This is the project that results in the major

portion of our operating budget and recognition of the ORC throughout the SE Wisconsin HAM community. Super job!

Dayton was nothing but fun. While I really didn't buy or sell a whole lot, the ORC company we had was really great and I enjoyed walking down the memory lanes of the outdoor flea market. Well, now that I think of it, I guess I did get a couple of jewels – a D104 mic and a 40-pound Sola regulating transformer. The transformer is still in the suburban – it is really heavy. Not sure yet exactly why I have it but it was really a great deal. I did notice more empty spaces at Dayton than in the past. Guess e-bay is having an impact. Also, I didn't see as many kids as I had hoped. Perhaps we need to work on that issue and promote some youth programs in scouting and in the schools.

So what's next? That would be the ORC Field Day at Lazy Days Campground the weekend of June 24 and 25. This is a real opportunity to get out and operate and learn contesting. Also, there is to be a GOTA station run by Ed Rate (AA9W) and it is open for HF use by any non licensed, Novice or Technician licensed person. Want to get a neighbor or relative interested in amateur radio? Bring them out to operate the GOTA station under Ed's supervision. Also, any licensed HAM can operate any of the 5 contest stations since they are under the supervision of an Extra class HAM so volunteer and have some fun. I know there will be operating opportunities in the 40 meter phone trailer most of Saturday evening and early Sunday morning. Leon Rediske (K9GCF) is doing a great job of getting the event organized. Now is the time to volunteer for the setup, operating and tear down crews. We have rated 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation the past several years – perhaps with a few more members taking advantage of the opportunity to operate we could be first in the 5A category. Get involved and have some fun! If nothing else, come out and play some cards and give advice.

The reunion? We went to Pat's 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion in Glasco KS. That was fun but some of her friends seem rather old. Now it's time to go practice softball with the "Old Timers" league.

Again, get involved and have some fun.

## **A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE ORC FIELD DAY OPERATION**

De Bob Truscott (W9LO)

Everybody wants to be a winner, whether it be in a sheepshead game, a foot race, a spelling bee, or any one of a thousand competitive events, maybe even Field Day. We always do pretty well on Field Day. Everyone works hard at his or her particular duties associated with it. We spend countless hours planning and building antenna systems, etc, etc. And the results have been quite good. We always score near the top of the 5 transmitter category, but we never quite make it—we keep the stations operating for the full 24 hours, thanks to Ed's big generator, and everyone gives it the old "college try". No one can argue that we don't work hard. So why is it that a few other clubs are always able to out-score us? I suggest that they work just a little bit smarter than we do.

So what are the things we can do to "smarten up" our own operation?

First, let's consider operator fatigue. A tired operator is not always an efficient operator. Too often a tent captain winds up working 5 or 6 hours without relief, probably because most of the available operators are sleeping, partying, or just assuming that someone will come looking for them if they are needed. This shows a lack of organization, and reduces the production of the individual stations. The old business of "I'll drop over about 1 AM and give you a hand" just doesn't work. The team captains need to have a solid agreement in advance with enough people to run their stations for the full 24 hours. For example, if you have 2 people on the team, the schedule will be 2 hours on & 2 hours off for the 24-hour period. If you have 3 people, it could be 2 hours on & 4 hours off, or whatever suits the individuals. The important thing is to have a firm commitment from enough people so that every-one on the team can have periodic rest intervals. This needs to be done in advance of FD, and should be flexible enough to accommodate unexpected operators. This alone should add 100 or so contacts to the club score.

Next, let's talk about the use of computers. In the old days, 30-40 years ago, it was considered exceptional if a station got 400-500 contacts. We all used paper logging & checking, plus, our rigs were not nearly as good as they are now. The CW Vs Phone contact numbers were usually about equal. Some operators used a second person for logging & spotting, others did not. Then came computers. Some operators embraced them, others did not. But in any case, the clubs which used computers to their full capability became the perennial winners, while those who did not became the "also rans". OZRAD became one of the "also rans", albeit one of the better ones.

Most serious contesters will agree that a good phone operator should be able to get about 25% more contacts in a given time period than a CW operator of equal ability. That means that if a CW station has 1,000 contacts on FD a phone station should get about 1,250. One of our CW stations exceeded the 1000 number two years ago, but, as I recall, the top phone station had about half that many. That's not the way it's supposed to work. So why doesn't it? It's quite simple—we're not using computers as efficiently as we should.

We have good phone operators and we have good CW operators, but there is a difference in how the two groups use their computers. The CW stations use a single person for all functions, while the phone stations use a "talker" and a logger. I was first introduced to computer logging in 1987 while we lived in South Carolina. We used 2 people. I was the operator, and the other guy was the logger. It was a wonderful experience because it was, to us at least, a brand new technology, and we felt like pioneers. However, it was very clumsy because we had to talk to each other to verify the call and the contact information each time we worked a station. This took a lot of time and we ended up working fewer stations than we had the previous year using paper logging. And, unfortunately, that is the way our phone stations are still being operated on FD. For reasons that I don't understand, the phone operators have been reluctant to abandon the logger, but I can predict with a good deal of confidence that their total contact numbers would go up at least 50% if they did. I

can also predict with equal confidence that the CW totals would go down by about 50% if we regressed to the operator/logger arrangement. This is a case where "more" is definitely not better. THE LOGGER HAS GOT TO GO!

Now that we've agreed on that, let's talk about what it takes to do it. First, we need a good rig, such as the Yaesu FT-1000 that two of our phone stations normally use. Then a pair of headsets with a boom mike (hand mikes are out), operated either by VOX or manually with a foot switch. Speakers are also out. Pre recorded CQ devices, such as W9XT's VK64 Voice Keyer are in. They permit you to send CQ and the FD exchange at the touch of a button, thus keeping the operator from getting a sore throat. And finally, the equipment arrangement must be such that the keyboard and monitor are directly in front of the operator, with the rig placed off to the side (I prefer the left side because the paddle has to be on the right). The monitor should be at tabletop level, rather than on top of the computer or on a shelf, so as to keep operators who wear bi-focals from getting a stiff neck. This need is often overlooked by younger people who haven't yet discovered the problems that bifocals can cause for older people.

In the past, the big stumbling block to using the single operator concept has been the available software. It was the general feeling that the various programs that had been tried were not user friendly enough, and therefore were rejected by the phone operator group. However, a number of our club people have tested the new (?) N3FJP program and feel that it is well suited for use by the phone stations. This should open the door for use of one-person phone stations on FD.

I therefore suggest, no, I CHALLENGE, the phone group to commit at least one station to it. It will take a little work on the part of the operators to learn the system, but it will be well worth the effort. There's nothing I'd be happier to see on Field Day than one of the phone stations setting a new club record for total contacts, because that would mean that we almost certainly would move up in the standings in the 5 transmitter category. The current record is 1,033 contacts, set by one of our CW stations two

years ago. Give it a shot, you guys. You'll like it.

I have talked about the various reasons we should use the one operator concept, and in fairness I need to mention the only negative that I recognize. The argument has been advanced, and it has some merit, that the 2-person station presents an opportunity for more people to become involved in operation on FD. True, it does that. But when I visit the phone stations along about 2-3 AM on Sunday I always find at least one of them has only one very tired operator in sight, and on some occasions I find an empty tent. So it appears to me that the opportunity is there, and it's only a matter of scheduling. The best time for "on the job training" is between midnight and 6 AM, so let's get the new operators lined up for that, and keep the more experienced people fresh for "prime time".

Having said these things, let me add that we in the CW tents are not going to make it easy for you phone guys. We'll be busting our \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to maintain our bragging rights and maybe even set a new record. See you all on Field Day.

Bob, W9LO

## New Members

One of our newest members is Jim Muller, KC9ISU. Jim resides in Newburg and has a son living nearby in the area of Lazy Days Campground. Originally Jim worked for Northern Signal and is currently semi retired from the Truck parts division of International Harvester. Jim has his Technician class license and you will find him on the "97" repeater using his Yaesu FT2800M.

Jim first got interested in Ham radio as a short wave listener and earned his Technician license in January, 2006. He is still a listener on HF using his Drake SW-8 and his Etone short wave receivers. His next goal? – get his General and operate HF.



Jim Muller, KC9ISU, of Newburg WI

## May Swapfest Results

The ORC 2006 May swapfest at Circle B was again a success socially and financially. There was a variety of equipment and accessories for sale and the new forums provided educational brakes throughout the morning.



**It was all there, from WWII Command transmitters to microphones, computers and flat screen displays – boxes and boxes of "good stuff".**

Our expenses were about \$742 while general income was \$2510 resulting in a net profit of \$1768 to the general operating fund. About the same as the 2005 event. In addition, the scholarship table sold about \$1487 worth of donated equipment to bring that fund to approximately \$18,902.



**For the collector, a bonanza.**

Thanks to all who helped on the swapfest and special thanks to Chairman Ray Brunette(W9BUJ), Table Chairman Gene Szudrowitz (KB9VJP) and Mark Potash (KC9GST) who developed a mailing list and special sponsorship.

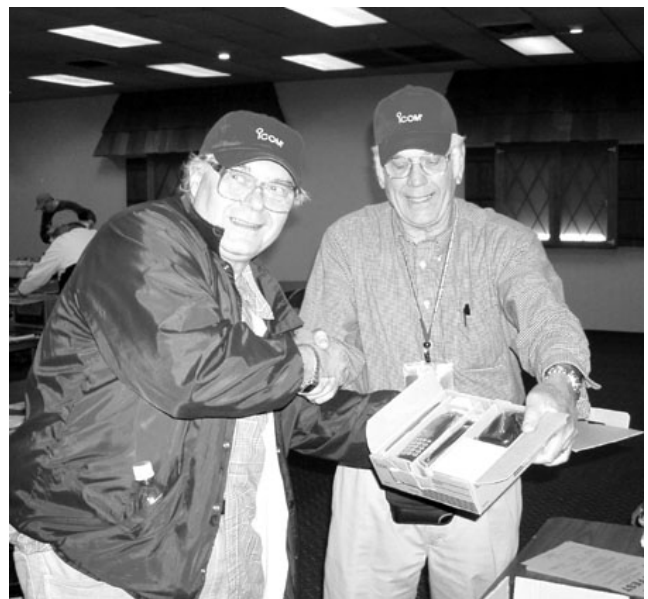


**Baby setting is no reason to miss a good swapfest – start them out young.**



**The Menomonee Falls Club table had almost everything you could think of and promoted some real treasure hunts.**

Additionally, special thanks to the forum presenters Gary Sutcliffe (W9XT), Ron Gorski (N9AU) and Ken Boston (W9GA).



**Bruce Weitermann, K9ISI, is here receiving the Grand Door Prize, an ICOM ICV8 HT, from President Tom Ruhlmann.**

We had real good participation from HAM vendors who donated door prizes. Remember them in your purchases. They included:  
 ICOM – Caps & Maps  
 ARRL Publications  
 CQ Magazine - Subscriptions  
 Radio Shack - \$10 Gift Certificates  
 MFJ – Clocks and Cups

C&D Technologies – “gel/cell” batteries  
Lake-View Electronics – Battery minder

Again, it was a great time and a great success. Now let's get ready for our outdoor swapfest at circle B on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ray Brunette at 262-377-5777 to volunteer.

## Hail to our Dayton warriors!

De Nels Harvey, WA9JOB

We waited all year, and finally the Thursday before the great Dayton Hamvention was here. The repeater bustled with the excitement of the trip to ham radio Mecca! Cars and bags were packed, coolers, chairs, and items for sale were loaded, and the car-poolers were gathering!

We were on the way! The first challenge was, of course, Chicago, and it was determined to take the I-294 toll road around, due to construction on the Dan Ryan Expressway. The car that failed to stop at the tollbooth shall remain nameless!

After arriving the main order of business was to EAT! Eat we did, with two visits to the Texas Roadhouse, and one visit to Ryan's, a buffet place. The hotel breakfasts filled in the rest of the dining experience.

After lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Indiana, the rest of the trip was smooth, and we all arrived at the hotel in New Paris, Ohio in good order.

My car filled the space we have long been assigned, and it was good to see our neighbors there again this year. They wanted to know where Gary, WI9M, was, and asked about the rest of us.



**Some of the gang (Mark Tellier, AB9CD; Ed Rate, AA9W; Ed Frac, AA9W and Ted Schweitzer, KB9RLI) manning the ORC sales & rest station (Nels's car) at the Dayton Ham-fest**



**Although most of our time seemed to be spent in the outside flea market the big names and seminars were inside providing a glimpse into the future of HAM Radio**

The items for sale moved fairly well, and I thought my car would be a bit lighter. Then Ray, W9BUJ, asked to put some purchases in my car for safekeeping. After that, everytime I saw Ray, he was smiling, and had some more purchases to store! I pulled my car out on Saturday evening, and it was so full my rider had to hitchhike with one of the other carpools!





**These guys were really cranking and acting as net control for a military equipment net.**

I unloaded all the stuff in a parking stall back at the hotel, and made everyone get their stuff under the threat of me keeping it instead! Ray's purchases filled the back of Tom, W9IPR's Suburban. I wonder what Tom was thinking?



**The Blue Grass Gang again drew a good crowd to listen while pretending to be interested in their wares.**

For those of us that didn't get to Dayton this year, I can assure you that the dozen, or so, of us who did attend faithfully upheld the tradition

of properly representing the Ozaukee Radio Club.

Oh, by the way, Member Dick Robbins, WB9AIS, won the Grand Prize, (I think it was) one of the new Yaesu 2000's! Congrats, Dick!



**And the winner was this red 2-door coupe with 23 antenna and interior rigs to match. Final judging of the entry was being conducted by Roger Davies (N6DVZ), Ray Burnette (W9BUJ) and Ed Rate (AA9W).**

## For Sale

**Kenwood TS-130V HF SSB Transceiver** and accessory **AT-130 Antenna Tuner**, includes Kenwood hand Mic, cables and manuals.

These units have been the back-up rig at my station and with them I worked the world on 20 and 17 meter SSB using a ground mounted multi-band vertical. Both units are in excellent physical and operating condition.

For Hams new to HF operations, this Transceiver could be an ideal start-up rig to get on the HF bands at a reasonable cost. In addition to fixed station operation it is suitable for portable, mobile or QRP operations. TX rated power 25W. Power supply is 13.8 VDC [TX@4](#) amps and RX @ 0.7 amps.

Price - \$300.00 for the pair. Contact Roger Zaun, W9UVV at 262-242-4931 or w9uvv@att.net

## Tips, Tails & Tools

You know that plastic rope that you can buy for about \$1 for a 72 foot hank – beware. While it is OK for a temporary wire antenna support it is not UV immune and will rapidly deteriorate in the sunshine. Yes, I got a good deal but it “sun rots” and actually turns to dust in less than a year’s time. I finally broke down at Dayton and bought 600’ of “antenna rope” for 10 cents a foot – oooH. Now to get my loop antenna back in the air.

Tabitha Maybee (KB9PZJ) was 9 years old when she became a Ham. 9 years later she graduates from High School.



Tabitha (KB9PZJ) receiving her High School diploma

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> River Cleanup
- 4<sup>th</sup> Miller Lite Ride for Life
- 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> 6 Meter Club of Chi Swapfest @ DuPage Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL
- 14<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> ARRL VHF QSO Party
- 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Field Day

### July

- 8<sup>th</sup> South Milwaukee Swapfest
- 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> IARU HF World Championship
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fox River Radio League Swapfest @ Aurora IL
- 12<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> VHF Society Conference @ Bloomington MN
- 24 – 30<sup>th</sup> Airventure 2005 at Oshkosh

## Club Static

Sincerest sympathy to Dick (K9CAN) and his family on the loss of his mother-in-law.

A famous inventor named Morse had a throat that was constantly hoarse. But one day instead he had a code in his head, and the rest was a matter of course.  
(contributed by AA9W, Ed Rate)

The



Column

By Stan Kaplan (WB9RQR), Editor

It is a short column this month, owing to a flurry of activity in preparation for the largest ARES/RACES exercise of the year. Of course, that is Field Day, an exercise for ARES/RACES and all other hams, as well. It is a chance, par excellence, to set up communications under crude field conditions. Actually, logging this year will not be quite so crude. Log entries typed on computers in each of five sites will be instantly sent over a wire network and recorded in a computer in the cook tent. You can look at the screen in the cook tent, or for that matter at any of the other five sites, and see how we are doing overall! Be sure to visit the ORC site to observe, and consider signing up for an operating or logging session.

### NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

OZARES nets are held each Thursday at 8:00 p.m., except on meeting nights. Both a net script and check-in list can be obtained on the OZARES web site, [www.ozares.org](http://www.ozares.org). If you are scheduled for NCO duty and cannot make it, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Check



the complete schedule on the web site for possible hams to trade dates with.

08 Jun	WI9GC
15 Jun	KC9GDV
22 Jun	No Net (Field Day!)
29 Jun	WD9HOD

The schedule past June has not yet been published on the ORC site.

## DVD's

De Nels Harvey (KB9JOB)

Here is a brief explanation of some of the terms being used for the new DVD recording devices we are finding on our computers.

DVD stands for Digital Versatile/Video Disc, DVDR stands for DVD Recordable and DVDRW for DVD ReWriteable. If you're familiar with regular audio/music CDs or regular DVD-Video discs, then you will know what a recordable DVD looks like. A recordable DVD stores up to 2 hours of very good quality DVD-Video, including several audio tracks in formats like stereo, Dolby Digital or DTS and also advanced menu systems, subtitles and still pictures that can be played by many standalone DVD Players and most computer DVD-ROMs. If you choose to lower the video quality it is possible to store several hours video on a recordable DVD using low bit rates and low resolution with video quality more like VHS, SVHS, SVCD, CVD, or VCD. It is also possible to have up to 4.37 GB ordinary data or mix DVD-Video and data on a recordable DVD that can be played by most computer DVD-ROMs.

There are three competing DVD Recording standards, DVD-R/DVD-RW and DVD+R/DVD+RW have pretty similar features and are compatible with many standalone DVD Players and most DVD-ROMs while DVD-RAM has less DVD Player and DVD-ROM compatibility but better recording features.

### DVD-R and DVD-RW

DVD-R was the first DVD recording format released that was compatible with standalone DVD Players. DVD-R is a non-rewriteable format and it is compatible with about 93% of all DVD Players and most DVD-ROMs.

DVD-RW is a rewriteable format and it is compatible with about 80% of all DVD Players and most DVD-ROMs. The DVD-R and DVD-RW format supports single side 4.37 GB computer DVD's and double sided 8.75 GB computer DVD's.

### DVD+R and DVD+RW

DVD+R is a non-rewriteable format and it is compatible with about 89% of all DVD Players and most DVD-ROMs. DVD+RW is a rewriteable format and is compatible with about 79% of all DVD Players and most DVD-ROMs. The DVD+R and DVD+RW format supports single side 4.37 GB computer DVD's and double sided 8.75 GB computer DVD's.

### DVD-RAM

DVD-RAM has the best recording features but it is not compatible with most DVD-ROM drives and DVD-Video players. Think more of it as a removable hard disk for your computer system.

There are Dual Layered recorders available that can record over 8 GB of data, that are not covered here, as well as other exotic gear beyond the scope of this brief primer.

## Minutes— May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

De Carol Szudrowitz (KC9CBC)

### Bragging Rights

Tom W9IPR showed the DX Century Club Certificate that he received. Gary WI9M announced that his retirement was going to take place in 20 days.

### Announcements

May 11 Herb WA9UVK turned 91 - Congratulations Herb!! and many more!!  
May 19 to 21 Dayton Hamfest  
June 1 Board Meeting  
June 3 River-Clean-Up in Saukville-7:30 AM Breakfast in Grady Park  
June 4 Miller Ride  
June 11 DuPage – Wheaton III – Swapfest  
June 14 Membership Meeting  
June 24 to 25 Field Days – for info call Leon K9GCF

### Program

Gary WI9M presented a short program on FC Testing. One needs a FRN number to do anything with

the FCC. One can go on the web page and click on cores to register your name and address, then press submit and the FRN number comes out and it is good for life. On new licenses the number is already printed on the license.

**Auction** – Stan WB9RQR

### **Business Meeting**

Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was accepted with Stan's motion and Jon's KB9RHZ second.

### **OZARES**

Jon KB9RHZ reported that a donated van's wiring was checked and taken apart and refurbished by himself, Stan WB9RAR, and Ray. The rest of the van was evaluated and the following needs work; generator, floorboard, and transmission. The van will be used as an emergency vehicle control center. Members need training to operate the systems and the hydraulic tower. Reminder - meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Justice Center in Port Washington.

A federal initiative for ham stations in all hospitals was discussed by Jon. St. Mary's is one of the first and the station will be moved and upgraded. The Federal Office of Homeland Security recommends that all hospitals need four (4) means of communication for emergencies. Ham radio needs to be one of them. We will be called in to train and staff it.

VOAD Volunteer organization and Citizens Corp. are also mandated by Homeland Security. A member can provide assistance but is not responsible for planning. Members attend meetings and serve as response and recovery help. Forty-six hams are needed and we have approximately 34 in OZARES. The benefit of membership in the organization is that you are covered by insurance when you **sign in** to help.

### **Repeater Report**

Nels WA9JOB reported that the ticket stub drum is missing. Tom W9IPR seems to think it is not in his garage. The repeater at the main site is doing good as well as the 4 remote sites the farm (barn) is no longer for sale. It is rented so the 220 repeater will be moved back there as it is licensed there. The phone is disconnected so auto patch is no longer available. The lack of a phone bill should save the club approximately \$200 a year. ONLY OZARES has auto patch through the county and it can be turned on and off.

### **Membership**

The Roster is under this area. Each month we get a list of new hams and they get invited to meetings. Analysis of membership shows that 60% are in Ozaukee County and 40% are in adjacent areas.

### **Public Relations**

A suggestion was made to Naomi (KC9GSS) to put announcements on the local educational Channel 14 as she found that the paper prefers news releases closer to date of events such as Field Days.

Tom (W9IPR), Bill Howe (W9WRL) and Tom (W9VBQ) went to Opportunity Days at Parkview Elementary School in Cedarburg. It was a successful presentation about ham radio to several small groups of students. It included a Walter Cronkite video, QSL Cards with a map for locations and QRP CW station and IC706 for communication. The school requested that they come back all day next year. June 19 Jim (K9QLP) will be in Grafton at St. Joseph's School Interest Day and they will stress Field Day as well as the rest of the program.

### **Swap-fest**

Ray Brunette (W9BUJ) reported that 4 out of 15 came to last organizing meeting. He wants every one to realize the importance of Swap-Fest. It is our main moneymaker so more people should be involved. It is a tremendous amount of work for one person. Somehow we need everyone's help to revitalize this. This year 66 tables were sold. (20 went to 2 commercial dealers - Tower of Green Bay and Chicago Surplus). Approximately 325 door tickets were sold which was down from last year. The concern arose about few club members buying tables and how to create more interest for next year. Mike (WJ90) ran the club table (Club received 10% of sales). Ed AA9W sold items donated to Scholarship Fund. That took in \$1400 + for the Fund. The gross take for the club was \$2080.

Costs included \$288 for tickets and postage. (AES may be making a donation here); \$300 for the Hall (Waukesha pays \$1200 for theirs); \$120 for handi talki grand prize (10% off at AES); printing & paper for posters, cards for mailing. 850 post cards were sent out from Gene's (KC9VJP) list and hams in general area. Out of 300 cards 50 requested email information regarding club activities. The club again thanks Gene KB9VJP for doing all this and more, alone for 5 years. For the future, the forums should be repeated next year. Testing and more signage should be looked at as well as advertising.

### **Field Day**

Leon K9GCF invited all interested to his home May 16, for tower checking and review of computer program updates. Program is N3FPJ, check with Leon where it can be reviewed. It has great networking

capabilities as well as broadcast capabilities. The visitor's/cook tent will have a computer dedicated to showing a running total of contact for public relations. Encourage anyone especially teachers to come out and view Field Day in action.

#### Membership

A committee is looking into the possibility of investing in caps, jackets and/or nametags with club logo on them. They are looking for input. (Dave N9UNR, Nels WA9JOB, Stan WB9RQR and Bob N9NRK)

### Old Business – None

### New Business

Gabe WI9GC relayed a new idea for club to think about for a simple fun money raiser. Idea was a 50-50 Fund. Club members can buy a ticket for 50 cents or 3 for a \$1.00. All tickets are put in a box and one is drawn out. The Winner gets ½ of the pot and the club gets the other ½ for the treasury. Those presented thought it was a good idea and vote for it.

Reminder was given for the September Hobby-fest in Circle B's parking lot. The lot rental is \$200 for club. All are encouraged to sell from their car trunks. Gate fee is \$5.00. Please "talk" it up. Gene KB9VJP reminded the club that the sooner flyers are updated and printed the sooner advertising for Swap-fest 2007 can take place.

## Meeting adjourned at 9:28PM

#### Attendance

Jon KB9RHZ, Stan WB9RQR, Tom W9LNL, Bob N9NRK, Terry KA9RFM, Carol KC9CBC, Naomi KC9GSS, Mark KC9GST, Tom W9VBQ, Bill KA9WRL, Jim K9QLP, Bernie AA9CI, Gene KB9VJP, Nels WA9JOB, Leon K9GCF, Ed AA9W, Dick K9CAN, Gabe WI9GC, Herb WA9UVK, Wil KB9HHR, Paul KC9JJV, Paul W9KHH, Chuck WA9POU, Ron W9BCK, Bob W9LO, Gary WI9M, Tom AA9XK, Ted N9LLT, Richard AB0VF, Catherine KB9SIO.

## ORC Board Minutes June 6, 2006

De Nancy KC9FZK

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at the residence of Tom Ruhlmann W9IPR. In attendance were Tom Ruhlmann W9IPR, President; Tom Nawrot AA9XK, Treasurer; Ed Rate AA9W, Trustee; Leon Rediske K9GCF, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Nancy Stecker KC9FZK, Secretary; Ed Frac AA9WW, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

#### Reports:

##### 1. Financial Report For May Circle B Swapfest:

Tom AA9XK presented a Revenue and Expense report for the 2006 Swapfest. Those figures were compared with the 2005 Swapfest. Discussion followed on ways to improve next year's Swapfest, what worked well this year, and what needs to be done to prepare for the September Hobbyfest.

**2. Review of Club Financial Status:** A discussion of a possible purchase of a tent from the Non-Radio Equipment fund was led by Tom W9IPR. According to Ed AA9W, the Scholarship Fund balance is almost large enough to be self-sustaining.

**3. Field Day Status Report:** Leon K9GCF reported on the Field Day preparations. Much of the work has been organized, while some areas such as beverages and antennas still need attention.

**4. Public Relations/GOTA Tent Procurement Report:** A discussion was held about the need for a heavy-duty pop-up tent to be used for the public relations display and GOTA.

**5. Equipment Status and Inventory Report:** Tom W9IPR handed out an inventory of equipment in the shed and a list of repeater equipment, while Leon K9GCF noted what equipment is located in the barn.

**6. September Outdoor Circle B Hobbyfest Event Report:** Flyers have been created and are ready to be distributed. Committees will be organized to handle the new event. Ed AA9WW will wait until after Field Days to begin work on this.

**7. ORC Cap and Jacket Status Report:** Ed AA9WW stated the committee would soon be meeting.

**8. ORC Roster Status Report:** Dave N9UNR and Gabe WI9GC will be working on the 2006 roster.

**9. JOTA Event:** Leon K9GCF was asked to look at ways to support the Jamboree On The Air that will take place in the fall.

**10. Other:** The board talked about the possibility of finding a different meeting place that might have better facilities for presentations.

**Old Business:** Ed AA9W said the ORC income/expense was over \$4,000 ahead of last year.

**New Business:** The chair entertained a motion to purchase a pop-up tent, with sides, not to exceed \$500. Nancy KC9FZK made the motion: Ed AA9WW seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Leon K9GCF made a motion to adjourn: Ed AA9W seconded the motion the motion, meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

## **AGENDA**

*June 14th, 2006*

1. Call to order – Tom (W9IPR)
2. Introductions.
3. Announcements, Bragging Rights, Show & Tell, Upcoming events, Etc.,
4. Program:
5. Fellowship Break
6. Auction.
7. Acceptance of Minutes as printed.
8. Treasurer's report – Tom (AA9XK).
9. Repeater report – Nels (WA9JOB)
10. OZARES report – Jon (KB9RHZ).

### 11. Committee reports.

Membership – Paul Schumacher

Public Service – River Clean up and Ride for Life

Jim Albrinck

Public Relations – Naomi Potash

Youth Program – Mike Yuhas

Hobbyfest - Ray Brunette

Field Day – Leon Rediske

### 12. OLD BUSINESS

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

### 14. Adjournment to ?

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## **Next ORC Meeting**

**Grafton Senior Citizens Center**

**1665 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grafton**

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**