

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF:

By Mike - N8KUF

October is a good time to stack the firewood, clean the chimney, check the generator, replace the flashlight batteries, verify your emergency food & water rations and your first aid supplies are in good order and that they haven't been depleted without your knowledge or follow up attention. I hesitate to admit that winter is not far away, but I DO have to point out that it's much more tolerable to curse a non starting generator in 50 degrees than it might be in minus 5 degrees. Also make sure you have an adequate supply of fuel for the generator. Most gas stations are useless without power (isn't that why you are trying to start your generator??? Hmmm) The point is CHECK NOW.

I unfortunately was not at the September meeting because of conflicting activities. Thanks to Paul for filling in. I'm told that the information presented by Stan WS8G on Foxhunting was VERY informative. My thanks go out to Stan for giving of his time on our behalf. The foxhunting topic seems to have generated a buzz of excitement from MCRCA members who are looking forward to some future hunts, and to future kit building, etc activities in preparation. Mike Hall K8MLH has stepped up to assume the coordination of these activities. Mike is enthusiastically inviting everyone's participation. Without mentioning any details ... we have already been challenged to some competitive hunts by at least one of our neighboring radio clubs. (kinda like the MI vs MI St rivalry only this time I expect that the good guys will win - hi). Please offer Mike your support and, by ALL means, be sure to participate.

The program for the October meeting will be by Nick's Son-in-law Rob, who has a presentation around wind turbine generators (you may want to keep one of these in mind if your generator won't start). Please welcome, and thank, Rob for his time and efforts

In case you've forgotten, allow me to remind you of the rules for meeting attendance:

- 1) all tomatoes (and other such overripe fruit/veggies) MUST be checked at the door, and
- 2) all who are willing to have a good time are welcome.

Hope you'll be there,

Mike - N8KUF President - MCRCA

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MCRCA Minutes:

MCRCA Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Paul W8PI

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: no new members, upgrades or guests.

PROGRAM: Fox Hunting by Stan Briggs K8SB

BREAK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Neil KA8PQH, Olimpio WB8SEZ, Wes KC8SKP

FOX HUNT PRIZE winners from Stan K8SB: Olimpio WB8SEZ, and Neil KA8PQH

50/50: Rita WB8FBG

MINUTES: Motion by Dale WA8EFK, supported by Rita WB8FBG, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Terry KC8RQI, supported by Mike K8MLH, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: By Olimpio WB8SEZ, It's out there, East Timor, Glorioso, Chatam Isl. And Conway Reef.

HERTZIAN HERALD: Keep those articles coming.

CLASSES: Rita WB8FBG - No classes here. Stan K8SB says Motor City club will have some in the spring.

TESTING: Next session October 17th.

ARPSC: Jerry WB7RUM reported that it's been a quite summer. The S.E.T. is coming up on October 3rd.

RRRA: Dale announced everything is up and running. The 220 machine will be down for a few days for repair.

OLD BUSINESS: Keith K8YKD has gotten the Field Day tent repaired for free, and returned it to the com center. He requested that the club send a thank you card to the lady that fixed the tent for free. The board authorized the purchase of a new 5 band dipole for the red cross station at the findley hamfest

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNED: 7:45 pm

ATTENDANCE: 19

Nick AF8CS	Mike K8MLH	Keith K8YKD	Fred KA8EBI
Clarence KA8OAR	Neil KA8PQH	Brenda KB8KQC	Terry KC8RQI
Wes KC8SKP	Tom KG8P	Paul W8PI	Dale WA8EFK
Jerry WB7RUM	Rita WB8FBG	Bill WB8JAI	Olimpio WB8SEZ
Frank N8UAS	Stan K8SB	Jeff KA8NCR	

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Classes

Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

Rita Baker WB8FBG

DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

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Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Historian

Nick Peth AF8CS

Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

Eric Worstell KC8QAH

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

ARPSC Updates:

The annual SET was held on Saturday October 3. Although the instructions from higher authority left much to be desired, we did manage to exercise all of our repeaters, packet, HF and emergency power capabilities. Valuable training in traffic handling and net procedure was also provided. We learned a great deal which will serve us well in upcoming projects including exercises and actual emergencies. Many thanks to those who gave up their Saturday morning to participate in the exercise.

Jerry, WB7RUM

EC Monroe County



MCRCA Foxhunt

October 24th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



If you are interested in participating or just observing, please send a reply to K8MLH@arrl.net indicating your desire to participate or observe. That way I can know how many to expect and how many maps to prepare. I will send out more details to those who respond as the date approaches.

I am looking forward to our club conducting foxhunts and turning this into a regular event.

Mike, K8MLH

Rock & Roll meets Ham and Radio

This is a link to a very interesting video I found on the web. It's quite long but very interesting. About 7 minutes into the video it tells how Joe Walsh discovered Heil's amateur radio mikes worked better than his studio Mikes.

Bob Heil is a ham, K9EID. He's also the premier person in sounding good for many musicians. His Amateur Radio experience has taken him into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

How?

Well...watch this!

<http://wedothatradio.wordpress.com/>



The Radio Shack of the past

In 2006, **Radio Shack** announced that the company would no longer sell amateur radio gear. But back in 1930's the 'shack' was one of the prime mail order suppliers of ham radio gear and accessories. Now an animated 1939 Radio Shack catalogue is on-line for you to browse.

You can find it at www.radioshackcatalogs.com/catalogs/1939

You turn pages by the use of the cursor. Just click on the lower right corner of the page, move it to the left.

DX 2010: On A Ping and A Prayer

By Kurt, W8IQ

If a DXpedition was on the air for 2 weeks back in 2000, the low power guy could hold off for a week. By that time the pile-ups would have subsided at least on certain bands, and contacts were not too difficult. Ten years later the pile-ups are wider, broader, deeper, un-ending, even after two weeks, and for many operators a monumental challenge.

As a veteran of DX pile-ups, I have a list in my head of well over 100 "usual suspects" who slip from pile-up to pile-up and who slip QSOs into their logs with regularity and ease. I have begun to pay more attention to the lesser known DX stations who crack these pile-ups. Here's the dialogue I copied this morning on 30 CW between 3D2OCR, Conway Reef, and K8ZH:

3D2OCR: "K8? K8?"

K8ZH: "K8ZH K8ZH"

3D2OCR: "K8ZES 599"

K8ZH: Silence (This to me is remarkable: a gentleman who remained silent when he heard a call sign other than his own, even if it was almost like his).

3D2OCR: "K8? K8?"

K8ZH: "K8ZH K8ZH"

3D2OCR: "K8ZS 599"

K8ZH: "K8ZH K8Z dit dit dit dit"

3D2OCR: "K8ZH 599"

K8ZH: "R 599 TU"



I am not familiar with the call sign of K8ZH so I looked it up on QRZ.com. Lo and behold K8ZH is in beautiful Lodi, Ohio. Back in 1950 my parents and I would drive from our home in Columbus to my father's point of origin in Cleveland. Driving on old Route 42 we would pass through Lodi. Past Lodi it was a short jump to Medina and then Cleveland. (That was a decade before I-71 was built).

Then I read the bio provided by K8ZH on QRZ.com. Wow! Read it for yourself:

I was first licensed in 1964 as WN8NZH and upgraded to General. I have enjoyed working CW exclusively over the years and also like to work DX. I experienced a period of limited activity due to health problems but presently active once more. Rebuilding the antennas and station during 2008 and 2009 continues to be a project. Currently I am using a K3 and Acom amp. Antennas are a four element Steppir @ 80 feet and next year a two element 40M beam @ 130 feet. The larger tower is shunt fed for 160M and also supports an 80M inverted vee. I have built the K9AY receiving loops and plan on building two beverage antennas. Mainly having lots of fun again. I am a member of FOC.

If you were at the Hamvention back in May, you oogled that giant telescoping tower and antenna system displayed out in the parking lot right near the bus drop-off. Guess what? Apparently guys are actually buying those things and setting them up out in their yard or field. No wonder the pile-ups are getting so serious.

That's DX of the next decade: on a ping and a prayer.

One-Day Tech class:

ARROW club will be holding its next One-Day Tech Class at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The museum is located in downtown Ann Arbor at 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, MI (between Fourth Ave. and Fifth Ave.). The class begins at 9 am and will last until 3 pm. Immediately after the class, students will take the Technician Class license exam.

The fee for the class is \$10 (all proceeds help pay for our club station at the museum), and the license exam fee is \$15.

I'd really like it if people pre-registered for the class instead of just showing up. This will make sure that the room we have is big enough for the number of students, and that we have enough Volunteer Examiners on hand to administer the tests.

To register, have them phone me at 734-930-6564 or e-mail cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

GET A HEAD START!

To get a head start, prospective students should download a PDF file of the study guide available for no charge at www.kb6nu.com/2006techstudyguide.pdf. By reading through the study guide and taking the online tests, students may even find that they can pass the test without taking the class.

GET ON THE LIST!

If you know someone who would like more information about the class, or to get on the mailing list to be notified by e-mail about the next class, have them contact me, Dan Romanchik, KB6NU: phone 734-930-6564, e-mail cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

73!

Dan KB6NU

New Q5 kit: "Hook 'em on ham radio while they're young"

As a typical radio kit producer which arises out of pure enthusiasm, GenesisRadio will take you to the roots of homebrewing where electronics and ham radio is still contagiously exciting.

Genesis Q5 is a radio transmitter kit designed for novice kit builders and QRP radio enthusiasts. "Hook 'em on ham radio while they're young" is GenesisRadio's motto.

And the Q5 series will definitely meet your expectations: with forty quality components and a professionally manufactured circuit board, the Q5 will get you transmitting on crystal controlled International QRP frequencies running a solid 1 Watt in no time! Price: US\$ 19.95 + postage.

For more information visit <http://www.genesisradio.com.au/Q5/>

Watch two-minute Q5 promotional "Hook 'em on" video produced by 12 years old Josh, VK2FJDX:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kIKvQHqqJ4>

Midway Island

Good News!

The K4M team report that repairs on their aircraft have been successful. The plane is preparing for departure now and should be airborne before 10:00 PM EDT (0200z).

The good news follows a previous and less optimistic press release from Tom, N4XP, which said:

"The entire team is in Honolulu. On Thursday when the first members were to depart to Midway we were informed of a problem with the plane involving an oil leak. We were assured it was fixable.

"Friday several test flights were made that determined that the repairs were unsuccessful. We are frantically searching for alternative means. We discovered yesterday that there are no available planes on the island that are either certified to fly to Midway or large enough for us. We are negotiating with a company in California for a jet as well.

"The plane we originally chartered is about to take off on a test flight to determine if the repairs made overnight were successful. The team is not giving up and exploring ALL options to make this happen.

"Fish and Wildlife is being very supportive of our efforts but in no way will they extend the end date of our operation beyond the 19th due to the return of migratory species that have already begun to return early.

"We will update our website in 5 or 6 hours when the plane returns and is checked out. We are as frustrated as you."

On Sunday, a statement on the KH4 Web page stated,

"(0400z) We have just learned our aircraft is in the air testing repairs made in the past 24 hours. We are anxiously waiting the results."

For more details, updates, online log, frequencies and bios, go to: <http://www.midway2009.com>

QSL via online QSL Service, direct (Midway 2009, Box 333, Bethlehem, GA 30620-9989 USA) or LoTW.

See the above Web page for complete details



DX Net, Tues. 8:30pm
Olimpio Varsogea
WB8SEZ



The editors of 425 DX News Mauro and Valeria Pregliasco (I1JQJ and IK1ADH) are the first Italian inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame (May 07)

PERIOD	CALL	REF	
till 03/10	5W8A and 5W0DW: Samoa		till 31/12 IY7GM: special callsign
till 03/10	K7A: NA-216 or NA-222		till 31/12 IY7NGM: special callsign
till 03/10	PA08DWN: special event station		till 31/12 LZ50BNT: special event station
till 03/10	TK/DF6ZY: Corsica (EU-014)		till 31/12 VR2009EAG: special event
till 04/10	FT5GA: Glorioso Islands (AF-011)		callsign 947
till 04/10	SN2009B, SN2009EM: special event stations		till 31/12 YL90AIR: special callsign
till 04/10	SN2009K, SN2009L, SN2009W: special event stations	959	till 31/12 Z30MCWG: special callsign
till 05/10	SV9/WB2GAI/p: Crete (EU-015)		till December P29CW: Papua New Guinea (OC-034)
till 06/10	HF70NMW, SN70NMW, SO70NMW: special stations	956	till 31/01/10 IY2M: special event callsign
till 06/10	HF70x, SN70x, SO70x: special stations	956	till 30/06/10 GB50ATG: special event callsign
till 06/10	OD5F: special event station		till 12/07/10 ZS10WCS: special callsign
till 08/10	BA4DW/4: Dongxilian Island (AS-135)	960	03/10-04/10 ON4DAMIAN: special callsign
till 08/10	FK/AI5P: New Caledonia		03/10-04/10 T47C: special event station
till 10/10	3D20CR: Conway Reef (OC-112)		(Cuba) 961
till 10/10	IY1NGM: special callsign		04/10-06/10 3D2AD and 3D2DW: Fiji
till 10/10	SV0XAN/5: Dodecanese (EU-001)		04/10-10/10 HB9SPACE: special event station
till 11/10	J68WI: St. Lucia (NA-108)		04/10-10/10 LX/PA6Z: Luxembourg
till 12/10	7Q7BJ: Malawi		04/10-23/10 YC0IEM/8: Ambon Island (OC-070)
till 12/10	TX5SPA: Tubuai (OC-152), Austral Islands	941	05/10-23/10 C91VM: Mozambique
till 15/10	J79ZG: Dominica (NA-101)		05/10-12/10 CU2KG, CU2KH, CU2KI: Azores
till 15/10	OL22ASE: special event station		05/10-07/10 DL3APO/p and DL5AWI/p: Hainich National Park
till 15/10	Z29KM: Zimbabwe		05/10-30/10 E51NOU: Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks
till 20/10	7Q7CE: Malawi		05/10-09/10 IL7X: San Domino Island (EU050)
till 21/10	TO7RJ: Mayotte (AF-027)		06/10-08/10 T30M and T30W: Western Kiribati
till 29/10	3D2MJ and 3D2KJ: Viti Levu (OC-016), Fiji	955	08/10-20/10 A52FJJ: Bhutan
till 31/10	4W6FR: East Timor (OC-148)		08/10-13/10 JW7WCA, JW3XIA, JW/G4ATA: Svalbard
till 31/10	SN1200SP: special event station		08/10-12/10 TK/IK2SNG, TK/IK4RQJ, TK/IZ4BBF: Corsica (EU-014)
till 31/10	VC3COPP: special callsign		09/10-19/10 G4LAB/p: Isles of Scilly (EU-011)
till 13/11	HL9QST: Korea		09/10-19/10 K4M: Midway Island (OC-030)
till 30/11	2A, GA, MA: Scotland (special prefix)	954	09/10-12/10 YW8AJ: Monagas State
till 30/11	FT5WO: Crozet Islands (AF-008)		10/10-11/10 T47C: special event station
till 30/11	SN40DVP: special callsign		(Cuba) 961
till November	OD5/W5YFN: Lebanon		10/10-27/10 TY1MS: Benin
till 31/12	9A09P: special event station		10/10-18/10 YJ0PX: Vanuatu
till 31/12	9A48IFATCA: special event station	926	11/10-25/10 8Q7AK: Maldives (AS-013)
till 31/12	9A800VZ: special event callsign		11/10-16/10 ZY0T: Trindade (SA-010)
till 31/12	GB250RB: special event call (Scotland)	925	14/10-29/10 EA6/AA5UK: Balearic Islands (EU-004)
till 31/12	GB40WAB: special callsign		15/10-30/10 6V7Q: Senegal
till 31/12	HE8 and HB8: special prefixes (Switzerland)	921	16/10-22/10 TX5SPM: Marquesas Islands (OC-027)
till 31/12	HF35PEA: special event station (Poland)	961	17/10-18/10 K4L: Hunting Island (NA-110)
till 31/12	IA3GM: special callsign		17/10-18/10 N4AUG: Lacosta Island (NA-069)
till 31/12	II2RAI: special callsign		18/10-19/10 KL50: special event callsign (Alaska)
			19/10-25/10 4U1UN: UN Headquarters
			19/10-17/11 VK7ACG: Tasmania (OC-006)
			19/09-20/09 OH0Z: Aland Islands (EU-002)
			19/10-07/11 ZK2DL: Niue Island (OC-040)

Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3rd Saturday of every even numbered month at:

American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48161

Walk-ins are always welcome.

2009 Schedule:

February 21	April 18
June 20	August 15
October 17	December 19

TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

Applicants are expected to have all forms filled out and be ready to take tests at that time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 8:30 AM. For more information or to make reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

Join us at the next meeting

October 15th at 7:30 pm
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Local Nets

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 9:00pm.

DX Net - Every Tuesday evening on '72-Monroe starting at 8:30pm.