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The President's Shack

By KE8FK – Edward Lock

I was glad to see a good turnout at the Christmas Party this year. There were several dues paid for 2005. A reminder, dues are due by last day in February, to have voting and officer privileges. This was my last year as President. Jerry Paquette, WB8IOW will be taking over for 2005. I enjoyed doing the job for the past 3 years. I will be doing the Treasure's job for 2005. Just looking back at 2004:

December 9, 2004 we had our annual Christmas Party with a good turnout. We had 12 meetings in 2004. We had weekly Thursday night nets. We had 12 News Letters, with 9 sponsors at \$ 36 ea, put out by Jerry WB8IOW. A big thanks to Jerry. In February DP&L donated 24 computer monitors, and 2 printers, for the club to sell for a fund raiser. We sold 13 for \$ 130, and donated 3 for a good cause. We still have 7 monitors and 1 printer. On March 9, 2004 we had a weather spotters class with a good turnout.

On June 18, 2004 we had a covered dish dinner at the Field Day Site, and honored Kyle West, KB8OLS our Secretary, who was leaving for the Army. The last full week in June we had Field Day. We did communications on the 4th of July for the Lions Club Parade. We did communications, in August for the Marine Race. We had a SET Drill in October, put on by Kim N8YWX, our Emergency Coordinator.

All in all we had a fairly busy year. I hope to see all at the January meeting.

73 Ed KE8FK

Secretary's Minutes

By Jerry Paquette

The evening started with a Prather's IGA catered dinner at 6:30 PM. As always, the food was excellent. Our dinner and meeting was held at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center, our normal meeting room.

Following the dinner we had a short club meeting. Jerry, WB8IOW stated "Without objection I make a motion to accept the following officers nominated for 2005. For President - Jerry Paquette WB8IOW, for Vice president – Patricia Ellis KC8LVE, for Treasurer, Edward Lock KE8FK, and for Secretary – Kim Paquette N8YWX"

There was no objection so ED KE8FK requested a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the nominated officers.

Thanks to Barbara N8HIA and Patricia KC8LVE for purchasing the door prizes for the club's dinner.

Thanks to Kim N8HIA for making and donating the ten table centerpieces and to Barbara N8HIA for donating some of the material Kim used.

Thanks to Dottie Lorenz for playing the keyboard, entertaining us with several Christmas songs.

Jerry WB8IOW said the plan is to have two on-air meetings in 2005. Rather than go to the meeting room for the monthly meeting, we will meet on the air thereby giving some who might not have a chance to attend to hear what is going on. (note: The first on-air meeting is planned for April 12th, 2005.)

HEADLINES

December 23rd brought an ice storm to our area, leaving many without electric power.

Power outages were reported in Adams, Brown, Highland and other area counties. Eleven days later a few still do not have power restored.

December 26th a 9.0 earthquake triggered tsunamis in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia.

Today, January 3rd, a headline read "The death toll from the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster may rise "well above" the estimated 150,000 victims, as rescuers have yet to reach villages on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, the United Nations said.

All Americans are being asked to help by making a donation of money. Anything from \$1 on up.

You can go to the internet website, www.usafreedomcorps.gov or you can call the American Red Cross 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669).

There are many other good organizations, other than those two listed, above.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY – January 11, 2005 – 7:00 PM
at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center – which is our normal meeting room.

The ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center is located across the street from the front steps of the Adams County Courthouse, West Union, Ohio

Birthdays &
Special Events

January

5 KE8FK Edward Lock
6 KB8VBI Fred Starcher
8 KC8ULW Marty Lambert
11 DeForest Amateur Radio Club meeting – 7:00 PM
15 KK8S Joe Gardner
17 KB8LKK Scott Hardert
20 KB8QNT Debbie Lorenz
21 Paul Howelett
22 KE4WAL Thomas Callahan
27 KB8QNO Denton Meade
28 Carolyn Moore

February

4 Charmaine Burnes
8 DeForest Amateur Radio Club meeting – 7:00 PM
17 KC4HDQ Katy Kreps
22 KB8WGV Martha King
29 KB8YLP Howard Seymour

WEAVER'S WORDS
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2005
EDITION

*SEND ALL REPLIES OR INQUIRIES FOR K8JE TO:
k8je@arrl.org.*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

If you are reading this newsletter, you definitely are interested in Amateur Radio. Why not, therefore, make a New Year's Resolution to do something to benefit this great avocation and, through it, to benefit yourself? One way you could do this is to become active in protecting and enhancing Amateur Radio through the ARRL Grassroots program? We still need amateurs in many Congressional Districts who are willing to contact their Congressmen/women or Senators to spread the story of hamming. Check with me (k8je@arrl.org) for full information on this highly satisfying activity that will require only limited amounts of time.

While we are taking about resolutions, why not ask ourselves if we are promoting fraternity in ham radio? Are we working together, or have we let petit squabbles become destructive to Amateur Radio? Do we support local clubs and Section activities not merely with our dollars, but also with our time and effort?

Way back in the "olden days," as my grandkids call them, one of my 7th & 8th grade home-room teachers told of four Indians who lived on the banks of the Wabash River near my home town in Indiana. They decided to join together to make a cask of wine. Each Indian agreed to put 1/4 of the needed grape juice mix into the cask and let it ferment into great wine.

The first Indian diligently put in his juice mix. The second Indian, being a worldly fellow, dumped water instead of juice into the cask. After all, three parts of juice mix plus one part of plain water still would make good wine.

So it went with the third and fourth Indians as well. Each of the three assumed the others had put juice into the cask.

When the time came to enjoy the fruits of their labors, the wine was worse than rotten. It wasn't even good grape juice. The three who had put water into the cask had spoiled the venture not only for themselves, but also for their diligent compatriot. Doesn't this ring true for Amateur Radio and life?

Incidentally, do you have any idea what the unscrupulous Indians who lived on the banks of the Wabash in Indiana finally said? It was, "too @\$\$\$%** Wabashi." (OK no more bad puns for all of 2005!)

MY RESOLUTION TO YOU

Before I tossed my hat into the ring to become GLD Director I made a few resolutions to myself and to each of you. I didn't tell you this at the time, so I've decided to renew the resolutions and let you in on them.

RESOLUTION No. 1: I will continue to act at all times in the best interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL. I will not cater to any individual or group when fulfilling the duties of Director.

RESOLUTION No. 2: I will continue to seek input and direction from you GLD members before voting on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

RESOLUTION No. 3: I will continue to consider very seriously any recommendations and opinions of GLD ARRL members before determining my vote on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

RESOLUTION No. 4: I will continue to include the best available information regarding: 1) FCC, and US Communications Law and regulations, 2) International Communications Law and regulations, 3) lessons drawn from the best Amateur Radio practices as well as 4) member wishes/preferences in determining my vote on issues before the ARRL Board of Directors.

All of the above is based upon my strong belief that ARRL members are partners in Amateur Radio who can, and do, contribute substantial knowledge and enlightened guidance to ARRL actions. ARRL exists for its members.

CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE

Some time ago, I was asked why the ARRL does not offer liability as well as equipment insurance to affiliated

clubs. I checked on this and learned ARRL already offers just such liability insurance.

The liability plan is rather wide in its coverage and should be an excellent program for many clubs.

See

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regultions/insurance/club_liability.html for information. One thing not listed is the cost of coverage. To learn this, contact the insurance carrier shown at the site.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION -- 3/19/05

On the heels of the resounding success of the 2003 Great Lakes Division Convention, the 2005 Convention will be in Toledo, OH, Saturday, March 19. It will be the day before the Sunday, March 20, Toledo Hamfest. Both events are held indoors, with the hamfest drawing typically 3,000 hams. Details will be forthcoming, but MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has confirmed as guest speaker for the Saturday evening banquet. Riley will also present a seminar in the afternoon.

Keep in mind that we are seeking nominations for the Division level awards: The George S. Wilson III W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award, Great Lakes Division Amateur of The Year, Great Lakes Division Technical Achievement Award and the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Award. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT of Dearborn Heights., Michigan is chairing the GLD Awards Committee and will send out the awards criteria, procedures and deadline. Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP of Toledo, has been appointed Convention Manager and Joe Phillips, K8QOE, of Cincinnati has agreed to serve again as Seminar Chair. Jeanie Dalton, KB8QLC, of Lexington, KY, will continue to manage the Convention Office. Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K and Michigan SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK, are also on the Convention Committee. We are looking forward to another GREAT convention, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Tnx to Gary Johnston, KI4LA, who has agreed to chair the 2005 GLD Convention. (This item is based on an announcement by KI4LA.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting will be the middle of January in Newington, CT. One of the topics to come before the Board is the matter of Regulation by Transmitted Bandwidth. The Executive Committee of the Board reviewed the comments many of you -- and many others -- made on the earlier draft a few months ago. The EC proposes a number of changes in response to these comments. It is quite possible we will complete work on the proposal at the January meeting.

I thank the many of you who made suggestions, raised concerns and expressed opinions on the draft. You did

a good job. This represents membership involvement at its finest. Please keep this up.

73, HNY, GL, CUL, Jim

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2004 officers:

President: Ed Lock KE8FK

VicePres.: Lyle Lambert KC8DDY

Secretary: Kyle West KC8OLS

Treasurer: Patricia Ellis KC8LVE

Meetings are usually held the
2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM.

Exceptions are noted in the newsletter.

Meetings are usually held at the
ABCAP SENIOR NUTRITION
CENTER, across from the front
steps of the Adams County
Courthouse, in West Union, Ohio

2005

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