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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – K8GE



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## SILENT KEY

A good friend of all of us passed away January 9, 2005 following a long fight with cancer. Paul Whitehead, KQ4TN was a long time member of the DeForest Amateur Radio Club. Paul was an Extra Class VE and had helped with several test sessions. A couple Christmas' ago at our annual dinner, Paul entertained us with his Karaoke machine.

There are several HAMS in Paul's family, Paul's wife, Virginia is KE4VLT, brother TJ Whitehead is KD4PYZ, and sister-in-law Iris Whitehead is KE4MZI.

Club members voted to pay Paul's 2005 dues to keep his name on the roster this year.

Paul's name appears on our DeForest Amateur Radio Club memorial web site at [www.qsl.net/k8ge](http://www.qsl.net/k8ge).

We'll miss you Paul, 73.

## Time for a change

Well it's January 30, 2005, time for changes in the club. This newsletter is getting off to a slower start than desired. We usually try to get it in the mail a couple of weeks after the club meeting but that doesn't always happen.

The DeForest Amateur Radio Club members thank the 2004 officers for another fine job. Edward KE8FK served as President for three years, Patricia KC8LVE was treasurer for three years, Lyle KC8DDY was Vice President and could not run another year due to health reasons and Kyle KC8OLS was secretary until he joined the US Army.

One change we will make in 2005 is our club meeting. At this time I have proposed two club meetings be held on the repeater, on club meeting night and at regular time. I hope the first will be in April. Listen to the Thursday night nets and watch this newsletter for updates on this subject.

Dues are due. Our dues structure has changed over the years. Now an entire family, living in a single dwelling is eligible for club membership for a maximum of \$20. We have a student membership for \$5 and an active military membership for free. The military membership is open to any licensed ham in the Adams County area. This carries all privileges of a Full membership, including voting privileges.

We hope you can attend our meeting February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please try to attend.

The March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting starts at 6:30 PM rather than 7:00 PM at the normal meeting room. That meeting will be our annual spotter training class.

73, Jerry WB8IOW

## Secretary's Minutes

DARC Meeting Minutes January 11, 2005

The January meeting of the DeForest ARC began with a moment of silence for Paul Whitehead, KQ4TN who became a silent key on January 9, 2005. The pledge of allegiance followed. Those present were: Jerry WB8IOW, Kim N8YWXX, Pat KC8LVE, Barbara N8HIA, Ed KE8FK, Tom KC8NHS, Betty, Barry KB8OMG, Ridney N8XGP, Kelly KB8UAO, Scott KB8LKK, and Ricky. Pat Ellis made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Barbara Lock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ed Lock reported a balance of \$1,306.98 as of 01/08/05. A copy of the treasurer's report was passed around for everyone to review. Pat Ellis motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Barry Storer seconded it. Motion passed. Ed reported that he turned in a list to Karen Sapp at the Adams County EMA of phone charges for the autopatch. Karen advised that the EMA/LEPC board would review this at the next meeting and would vote on it. It was noted that in 2004, DARC had 71 paid members. This included associate, military, and additional family members (not all of whom are licensed hams). Jerry Paquette advised that he is in the process of contacting former newsletter sponsors. He expressed appreciation for those who have sponsored ads to help defray costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and encouraged members to keep the sponsors in mind. A certificate and letter of recognition will be mailed again to sponsors of the newsletter.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** It was unanimously agreed to send a \$30.00 gift card to Jenny Whitehead in lieu of flowers to assist her and her family with expenses. Kim Paquette will mail this with a sympathy card from the club.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Pat Ellis advised that net controls were still needed to fill available slots. The following is a list of net controls for 2005 and available slots: January – KE8FK; February – KB8OMG; March – KC8LVE; April – \_\_\_\_; May – \_\_\_\_; June – WB8IOW; July – \_\_\_\_; August – \_\_\_\_; September – N8YWXX; Oc-

tober – \_\_\_\_\_; November – N8XGP; December – N8HIA. If you can take any of the available months, please let Pat or any of the club officers know.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jerry discussed the possibility of holding an officer's meeting. He advised that so far, the club has two commitments for 2005: July 4th parade and the Marine race. Field day is also a major event. Jerry requested that, beginning next month, those who have family members serving in the military be prepared to update the group on their loved one. The club still has several monitors and two printers that are being stored by Ed and Barb. Members are encouraged to pass the word. Several have already been sold at \$10 each and have helped raise money for the treasury. Kim will e-mail N8ZW in Portsmouth to see if there is any interest. Jerry announced that Jim Draper N8MPQ notified him that the Vanceburg repeater (146.775) now has PL tone of 100.0. For those who don't have PL capability, touch tone 325 will by-pass the tone. Jerry proposed a Silent Key Memorial page for the club website. He read a list of club members who have become silent keys and asked for input on his idea. Those in attendance agreed that a memorial would be a good idea. Kelly Boone requested that Kim mail a copy of the page to Norma Jean Boone's sister. The club website address is: <http://www.qsl.net/k8ge>

**ARES:** Kim encouraged members to carry emergency kits with them in the event that Hams would be asked to assist during any winter emergency situation. Kim is in the process of updating ARES information for all members.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2005 dues are due. Dues are the same as in previous years.

Next meeting is February 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center in West Union.

Weather Spotter Training is scheduled for March 8th on our regularly scheduled meeting night at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center. Training will begin at 6:30 p.m. On-Air meeting. The April meeting of the DARC will be the first on-air meeting for the club and will be held on the regularly scheduled meeting night of April 12th. The meeting convenes at 7:00 p.m. on the club repeater 147.000 MHz+ PL 94.8.

On motion by Barbara and seconded by Ridney Lorenz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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## **MARCHING ON....**

The DeForest ARC supports our men and women serving in the military. This column titled "Marching On..." will highlight those close to us who are serving the United States military. Any member who has a loved one in the military is encouraged to submit an article for

the newsletter that we can include in this column. To kick things off, here is the latest information we have as this newsletter goes to press.

He was the DeForest ARC club secretary while still a senior at West Union High School and until he left for United States Army basic training. PFC Kyle West completed basic training and is receiving additional training with the 329th Infantry division in Ft. Benning Georgia. Kyle, KC8OLS, attended the 2004 Christmas dinner while home on leave and shared with us some of his experiences in the Army. I am certain Kyle would enjoy getting mail; here is the latest address I have for him:

PFC West, Kyle RN 447  
E6 1/329th Infantry  
6071 Hall St.  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Stephanie Haynes KB8QOZ is the daughter of Karen Groves, KB8QMV, the granddaughter of Barb & Ed Lock, N8HIA & KE8FK, and the niece of Pat Ellis, KC8LVE. Stephanie is currently serving in Iraq and expects to be in country anywhere from 12-18 months. Stephanie was trained in the language center in Monterey, California and speaks Arabic. We do not have a USPS mail address for Stephanie at this writing, but perhaps by next newsletter, that will be available.

Robert Haynes is the son of Kim & Jerry Paquette, N8YWX & WB8IOW. He and Stephanie KB8QOZ are newlyweds. Most newlyweds spend the first few years of marriage learning to live together, but Robert and Stephanie will face the challenge of living in two different countries. Robert is currently in Satellite Beach, Florida for two weeks of hometown recruiting before shipping out on his second deployment to Korea. Robert is with the 254th Infantry and his unit has been told that they will likely be sent to Iraq in August. We do not have a USPS mail address for Robert at this writing, but perhaps by next newsletter, that will be available.

Please submit any information for this column to: [kimn8ywx@verizon.net](mailto:kimn8ywx@verizon.net) or bring it to the next DeForest ARC club meeting on February 8th.

73  
Kim  
N8YWX

Membership is free for any Active Duty military member who is a licensed Ham.

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The Vanceburg KY repeater 146.775 now requires a PL tone of 100.0 Hz or a touch tone code of 325.

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#### **HEADLINES**

World headlines, for the first time in 50 years, Iraqis have voted today, for most, the first time in their lives.

## NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY – February 8, 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

#### 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

#### March

- 8 KB8NSJ Larry Bennington
- 8 DeForest Amateur Radio Club meeting, follows the  
WEATHER SPOTTER CLASS that begins at 6:30 PM
- 16 N8XGM Tony L. Kimmerly
- 19 KC8DDY Lyle Lambert
- 22 KC8LIA Karen Lambert
- 22 KB8YKM Imogene Seymour

## INDUSTRY CANADA REPORTS "OVER- WHELMING AGREEMENT" TO DROP MORSE

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) reports that an Industry Canada (IC) analysis has found "overwhelming agreement" that Canada should move away from retaining a Morse code requirement as "the sole means of gaining access" to the HF amateur bands. IC has posted a summary of comments from the amateur community to RAC's Recommendations from Radio Amateurs of Canada to Industry Canada concerning Morse Code and Related Matters.

"Amateurs should note that while the responses heavily favored deletion of the Morse Qualification as a requirement for access to the HF bands, Industry Canada still has to make and announce a decision on Morse retention or deletion," RAC emphasized. IC reported 123 comments in favor of relaxing the code requirement in Canada and only 19 "clearly opposed." Another six comments were inconclusive.

The regulatory agency also has attempted to gauge the level of support for each of RAC's 12 license restructuring recommendations. IC said it would formulate a plan to implement changes emerging from the consultation process.

RAC notes that until IC announces a decision to delete Morse, Canadian amateurs not holding the Morse Qualification may not operate on the HF bands.

The Industry Canada comment summary is on IC's Web site  
<<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf08280e.html>>

Here in the US, the FCC has made no recommendation or decision regarding the future of the current 5 WPM (Element 1) Morse requirement for HF access. It's also reviewing several petitions, including one from the ARRL, that propose further Amateur Radio license restructuring.

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#### 2005 officers:

President: Jerry Paquette WB8IOW

VicePres.: Patricia Ellis KC8LVE

Secretary: Kim Paquette N8YWX

Treasurer: Edward Lock KE8FK

Meetings are usually held the  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**CLUB DUES ARE DUE**

Full membership \$15

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