



# DeFOREST

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – K8GE



FEBRUARY 2005

**SERVING SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO SINCE 1974**

<http://www.qsl.net/k8ge>

*ARES® and Amateur Radio Emergency Service® are registered marks of the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated and are used by permission*

## Get Well Wishes

To Earl Paquette, WA8YIQ, in Miami Valley Hospital for a lingering illness. Earl is WB8IOW, Jerry's father and N8YWX, Kim's father-in-law.

## The Big Sale

Following the death of one of our club members, Paul Whitehead, KQ4TN, we have been asked to help sell his HAM equipment. There is a lot involved with the process. First we looked at the equipment and tried to set values based on Internet prices. We took a lot of photos the first day.

The next trip we discussed particulars with Paul's family and picked up all equipment that might sell. Then we tested as much equipment as possible and took more photos. Altogether we took almost 150 photos. Now we are getting down to the final parts of the sale. The pictures have been cropped and are about to be posted to the club web site, <http://www.qsl.net/k8ge>.

Our goal is to have the equipment available to be seen by as many as possible locally. We will try to take it to the March weather meeting for all to see.

There are three 12-volt DC power supplies, all Pyramid brand. One is a 3-amp supply, looks and works okay. The next is a 25-amp supply which is slightly adjustable, works okay. The last is a 30 amp supply, adjustable. Once the output reaches about 5 or 6 amps, the supply drops out. It has a problem that can probably be fixed, but at what cost?

There is an Alinco dual-band, 2-meters and 70-cm, everything seems to work. Then there is a Yaesu 2-meter handheld which is very clean, and everything seems to work.

There is a Ten-Tec model 238 tuner which is very clean, untested.

There is an HF radio, a Kenwood TS-440-S/AT that seems in pretty good shape.

There is an MFJ-1278 Multi-mode controller, Packet, AMTOR, ASCII, RTTY, CW, etc.

There is one working TM-241A 2-meter mobile transceiver, and one almost working and one radio not working. Includes several microphones.

There is a Kenwood TR-7400 2-meter transceiver, made about 1977. No CTCSS or PLL or DTMF microphone. Will not work on a repeater that requires PL.

There is a Simpson model 260 Volt-Ohm-Meter, untested but very clean, in a nice carrying case.

There is an AMPROBE clamp-on ammeter. Untested but in a nice case, very clean.

Need more information, get in touch with me or see the club website. Photos of everything. I'm on the Thursday night net, 147.00 repeater, PL 94.8. You can contact me at [jerrywb8iow@verizon.net](mailto:jerrywb8iow@verizon.net)

73, Jerry WB8IOW

## Secretary's Minutes

President WB8IOW Jerry called the meeting of the DeForest ARC to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence for silent key Bob Warner KW4BJ followed. Bob will be remembered for his many contributions including photographs he published in the Ledger Independent, his membership in the DeForest ARC, and for his leadership and participation in the Greater Mason County Amateur Radio Association. Introductions followed for everyone present: Imogene Seymour KB8YKM, Harold Seymour KB8YLP, Barry Storer KB8OMG, Bill Mangus N8SND, Ridney Lorenz N8XGP, Eldon O'Cull KB8AMX, Dottie Lorenz, Barb Lock N8HIA, Ed Lock KE8FK, Jerry Paquette WB8IOW, and Kim Paquette N8YWX. Barry KB8OMG made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Barb N8HIA. Motion passed.

Treasurer Ed KE8FK reviewed the treasury report for 01/09/05 through 02/08/05. Beginning balance was \$1,306.98. Inflows were \$443.00; outflows were \$30.44. Current balance is \$1,719.54. KB8OMG made a motion to accept the treasury report and it was seconded by Bill N8SND. Motion passed. KE8FK advised that he was able to book the community building for the Christmas dinner. The fee is \$35.00

rental and \$2.50 for insurance. KE8FK reviewed anticipated expenses for the remainder of 2005. They include liability and equipment insurance, membership in Ohio Repeater Association, stamps for newsletter mailing, and the phone bill for the autopatch. With no additional income, there would be approximately \$400.00 left in the treasury at the end of the year. A request was made to the Adams County EMA to assist with funds to enable the club to keep the autopatch in operation should it be needed for emergency communication. The roster currently has 36 paid members and 4 free associates. All newsletter advertisers are paid for 2005. KB8OMG will take over the ad from Dick W8ZF0. Jerry expressed appreciation for our advertisers and encouraged everyone to keep them in mind.

Secretary Kim N8YWX reviewed minutes from the officers meeting that was held on February 4th. Monthly meeting activities, community service opportunities, community education suggestions, and ways to increase membership were among the topics discussed.

#### Meetings:

March 8 - Weather Spotter Training 6:30 p.m., Refreshments: Pat

April 12 - First On-air meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 10 - Pizza party at Dominos Pizza, 6:30 p.m.

June 14 - Picnic meeting at the field day site, 6:30 p.m.

July 12 - Regular meeting with technical troubleshooting activity, 7:00 p.m., Refreshments: Barb

August 9 - Regular meeting. Refreshments needed. To volunteer, contact WB8IOW or N8YWX.

September 13 - On-Air Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

October 11 - Chili Contest with meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 8 - Regular meeting with nominations, 7:00 p.m., refreshments:

December 13 - Christmas Dinner, Community Building, 6:30 p.m.

#### Events:

##### June:

Barb and Ed will participate in ARRL Kids Day with their church. DeForest ARC members are encouraged and welcome to assist.

Field Day, June 25, 26; Field day site yet to be determined.

July: July 4th Parade,

August: Marine Race, date is not known at this time

September: Multi-Club picnic; date to be announced.

To increase awareness of amateur radio in the community, the Pat KC8LVE is checking with the West Union Public Library about an amateur radio display. Dottie Lorenz suggested a display at the vocational school to promote interest in younger people. Dottie will check with school officials about availability of

the display case. Since Dick W8ZF0 will be moving, KC8LVE has volunteered to take the position of public information officer (PIO). The DeForest ARC owes a debt of gratitude to Dick Sauer W8ZF0 for the many years he has served the club in this capacity. Thank you Dick! We appreciate your wonderful articles and your dedication to this wonderful hobby!

To encourage participation in the meetings, nets, and other club activities, the officers are offering incentives throughout the year. For attending a meeting, checking into a net, bringing a guest to a meeting, volunteering for net control duties, and assisting and/or participating in a community service or special event, 1 ticket will be awarded. For working at the repeater site (technical or any maintenance work), 2 tickets will be awarded. If a member has brought someone to the meetings and that person tests and receives his/her license, 3 tickets will be awarded. These tickets will be placed in a container and 3 prizes will be awarded from a drawing at the end of the year. 1st prize is \$50.00; 2nd prize is \$25.00; 3rd prize is a paid full membership for 2006 in the DeForest ARC.

WB8IOW advised that he received a report on February 6th from KA8EKC that the autopatch was not working properly. N8SND went to the repeater site to determine the problem. The equipment appeared to be working properly, so WB8IOW contacted the phone company. A mouse had chewed the wires at a junction box on State Route 136. The repair was made and the autopatch is back in business. Thanks to Richard KA8EKC for reporting the problem and to Bill N8SND for going to the repeater site to check out the problem!

The new column "Marching On..." in the DeForest ARC newsletter. This will highlight club members or family of club members who are serving in the military. If you have something to contribute, please contact N8YWX via phone, e-mail, USPS, or attend a meeting and bring the information with you! Barb N8HIA provided information on her granddaughter, Stephanie KB8QOZ, who is currently in Kuwait. The person Stephanie is replacing also attended boot camp with her and Stephanie is looking forward to seeing her. Stephanie enjoys receiving e-mails, but often has to wait in line for an hour or more to access her e-mail or to make a phone call home. Barbara's grandson, Ben was in Iraq and is now in Germany. Kim N8YWX reported that her son Robert Haynes arrived safely in Korea. Robert forgot how cold Korea was in February, but he sure does remember now! Barry KB8OMG provided an update on Kyle KC8OLS. Kyle is going to jump school and advanced AIT. He is expected to be at his current base in Georgia for the next 3-4 months.

**Announcements:**

2005 dues are due – same as previous years.  
March 8th meeting will be at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center; weather spotter training, 6:30  
WB8IOW reminded everyone of the new addition to the club website, a silent key memorial. Check it out at [www.qsl.net/k8ge](http://www.qsl.net/k8ge).  
Radiological Refresher Course: February 19th at the West Union Fire Department, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. {editors note... it was cancelled}

Refreshments for the February meeting were compliments of N8YWX.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on motion from Barb N8HIA and second by KE8FK.

See you next month!

73  
Kim N8YWX, Secretary

---

**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.*

Here's what we know do-date for family members and club members who are serving this great country.

According to Dick W8ZF0, Kyle KC8OLS completed his airborne training and may be headed to North Carolina for the next level of training. He completed 5 jumps (yes, from a plane) and one of them was a night jump! Dick will let us know if he gets an address for Kyle for those of you who would like to write. I know he would appreciate any news of home.

Stephanie's e-mails are welcome and they tell a story of settling in and making the best of the situation. Someday she will tell her children stories of her attempts to get sleep in a bunk that houses 7 women, all working various shifts. She will likely tell of her excitement, and that of two other women who work the night shift, when appropriated their own quiet and separate quarters. Except that there was a glitch. It seems as though the lights would not shut off without shutting the electric off completely. Oh my! It has now been resolved and Stephanie is able to get some quality sleep. If you would like to drop her a note, below is her USPS address. Be sure to ask her about sweeping, and sweeping, and sweeping!

SPC Haynes, Stephanie

GSS PLT B CO 2-3 BTB 2ND BCT 3ID  
APO AE 09380

Robert is settled in at Camp Casey in Korea. He has been assigned to be a driver for the Colonel and SGT Major. He appears before the promotion board in April and expects to be promoted to Sergeant in June. His spirits are good and he advises he spends his off time in the computer lab to e-mail Stephanie and plans to use his free time studying and working on his college courses. If you would like to send a note, Robert's USPS address is listed below.

SPC Haynes, Robert  
HHD 509th PSB  
Unit 15049 Box # 61  
APO AP 96224

If you have information on these or any other club members of family of club members who are serving, please send the information to [kimn8ywx@verizon.net](mailto:kimn8ywx@verizon.net) and it will be included in this monthly column.

73  
Kim  
N8YWX

DeForest Amateur Radio Club Membership is free for any Active Duty military member who is a licensed Ham.

---

**NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY – MARCH 8, 2005 – 6:30 PM**  
**at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center – which is our normal meeting room.**

**ANNUAL WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING**

---

**Birthdays & Special Events**

**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

**APRIL**

- 4 KB8NBI Jack King
- 5 KC8LIC Ronald Buhr
- 6 KB8RYG Lawrence Lewis
- 12 – DeForest Amateur Radio Club – FIRST ON-AIR CLUB MEETING – STAY HOME AND TUNE IN
- 14 KC8LIE Sharon Buhr
- 18 KD4PYZ TJ Whitehead
- 27 KB8VPR Joe Rogers
- 29 KQ4TN Paul Whitehead

**PRATHER'S IGA FOODLINER**

107 Walnut Street -  
West Union, Ohio  
(937) 544-2643 or 544-5488  
Chase Prather (Owner)  
Russ Grooms (Manager)  
Connie Bradford (Manager)

-----

**McDONALD'S**

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER  
WEST UNION - RIPLEY - PEEBLES

-----

**Blake Pharmacy Radio Shack**

"On the town square,  
in West Union, Ohio"

(937) 544-2451

For special pricing, tell Joey Traylor  
you're a member of the DeForest  
Amateur Radio Club  
& give him your callsign

-----

**C & D Electronics/RadioShack**

Dish Network TV, Sirius and XM Radio  
15 Years of Solutions 888.759.5027

[www.radioshackmaysvilleky.com](http://www.radioshackmaysvilleky.com)

Maysville MarketSquare - AA Highway

-----

**ALL ADS ON THIS PAGE**  
**ARE PAID ADVERTISEMENTS**

Barry Storer - KB8OMG

**Custom Electronics**

DISH NETWORK Satellite Systems  
West Union, Ohio (937) 544-7233

-----

**J.D.'s AUTO REPAIR**

NAPA AUTO CARE CENTER  
ASE CERTIFIED MECHANIC

4685 CHAPPARAL ROAD

(937) 544-8586

Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri 8AM - 6PM,

Closed noon hour

Wednesday 8 AM to noon

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Owners: KB8VLF and KB8VBH

-----

Danny R. Bubp

Attorney At Law

307 N. Market Street

West Union, OH 45693

(937) 544-2581

-----

**937 544-5028 Tom McDonough KC8NHS**

**email: [daewoo\\_342@yahoo.com](mailto:daewoo_342@yahoo.com)**

**[www.adamscountyohio.com](http://www.adamscountyohio.com)**

***"Your Window to Adams County"***

**PO Box 397 - West Union, OH 45693**

-----

**GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS  
FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM**

-----

**BRETT M. SPENCER**

**(937) 544-3900**

**COMMON PLEAS, PROBATE**

**& JUVENILE JUDGE**

**ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO**