

HI VOLTAGE ARC NEWSLETTER
FOR THE
HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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DECEMBER 01, 2006
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT DECEMBER
03, 2006 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WINDSOR LOCATED IN PLATTEVILLE WI. WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU THERE.

KQ's Korner

It's that time of the year again. January is the start of the fiscal year for our club, and that means it is time to pay dues again. Club dues are \$15 for an individual, and \$20 is the family rate. Students get by for \$5. Repeater dues are \$20 and the repeater money goes to Len, N9QIP, to maintain the Hollandale repeater. Sometime in the near future, we hope to have a 440 repeater up and running in the Platteville area, and that will result in some expense to keep it operating. So dig down and throw in a few bucks to keep everything running smoothly.

As this is being written, the temperature is dropping rapidly. And snow is in the forecast. Just because it is winter time does not mean that we won't have to be aware of severe weather. Ice storms, blizzards, and extreme cold are all in the mix in winter. And we should be aware of weather conditions because we may be called to assist in communication during severe winter weather. If you have a snowmobile or a four-wheel drive vehicle you may be called upon to assist during blizzards. So get your cold weather gear ready and mount your radio in your vehicle. Don't wait until the bad weather to get here. Be like the Boy Scouts; be prepared.

73 & CUL

Art, N9KQ

HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

November 14, 2006

President John Kuntz KB9RYI called the November meeting of HVARC to order at 7:30 PM in the Alliance Energy meeting room at Mineral Point. Present were: Matt Alexander; Henry Crapp KB9QBM, Hap Daus KC9BGA, Art Evans N9KQ, Evie Evans KB9KVD, Tom Lauritis KB9SJC, Bob Lewis WA9REL, John Kuntz KB9RYI, Pam Kuntz KB9YHB, Roy Shaver N9NUZ, Kent Scheuerell K9ZMU; Randy Stojan WV9T.

It was moved (Hank/Matt) to approve the October minutes as e-printed. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report by Randy: \$946.88 (plus some '07 dues). Moved (Tom/Hank) to accept. CARRIED.

Red Cross. Hank described a recent table top emergency simulation in which a tornado destroyed or damaged 48 houses in a housing subdivision. Two representatives from national watched the participants arrange shelter, trucks, and issue checks for food and needs. Though short on administrative leaders, the disaster workers worked well together and the national visitors were impressed with the overall response. A real disaster in the form of a fire on Stumptown Road during the blizzard Friday Nov. 10th, allowed Hank to issue \$300 in immediate aid to the occupants of the burned house for housing, clothing and food.

ARES. Hap has volunteered to become the ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Grant County . He participated in an EC meeting over the air, which will continue first Monday of the month and involve ECs from 13 counties. The UHF link worked very well. Local shack information will be forwarded to DEC Pete Sweeney, who is looking for a Winlink digipeater in Grant County.

Website. No report, since Jack has gone south for warmer climes.

Repeater. Len N9QIP worked on it recently and it seems to be working fine.

Education. Randy reported no immediate plan for advertising a course, though Roy is/may be tutoring Brenda toward a license. One short instructional session has been held on Nov. 8th. Hap suggested that Julie Loeffelholz, the AEM for Grant, be contacted to give a program on Incident Command philosophy and procedure at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Hank and Hap worked the Dairyland Dare bicycle 100-200-300k event emanating from Dodgeville this summer. Hap occupied a high hill near Clyde and had many interactions with bikers. He suggested HVARC erect a tent with munchies next summer and make a little money and have a good time with the bikers who needed a rest after pumping up the hill. Music was also a possibility.

Election of officers. Secretary Roy and Treasurer Randy have both served a three year term and are ineligible to serve a fourth year under the constitution. The following were elected for one year terms:

President – Hap Daus Vice-President John Kuntz Secretary- Kent Scheuerell
Treasurer – Evie Evans. Directors: John Kuntz, Charlie Campbell, Hank Crapp.

Christmas Party – Sunday, December 3rd at Windsor Hotel. Social hour 6-7 pm; eat off menu at 7 PM with short meeting afterwards. Fifteen persons indicated they would attend. Application form for a UHF repeater frequency coordination was edited.

Adjourn. Hap moved, Matt seconded we adjourn. CARRIED at 8:15 PM.

HAMFESTS/COMPUTERFESTS

<http://www.qsl.net/aa9ro/index.html> **December 2006**

January 6, 2007

WAUKESHA, WI – 34th Annual Midwinter Swapfest, sponsored by the West Allis RAC. Waukesha County Expo Center Forum, Waukesha, WI. For information contact: <http://www.warac.org>, WARAC Swapfest PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or Phil, W9NAW, 414-425-3649.

March 11

STERLING, IL – Sterling Hamfest, Challand Middle School, 1700 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL. Sponsor: Sterling/Rock Falls ARC. Talk-in: 146.85 (114.8). Contact: Jack E. Stout, KR9Q, 1784 Mound Hill Road, sterling, IL 61081; phone: 815-625-6185; e-mail: jacksradio@hotmail.com; <http://www.sterlinghamfest.com>.

March 17

EAU CLAIRE, WI – 16th Annual Equipment Auction. Sponsor: Eau Claire ARC. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Avenue, Eau Claire, WI. Talk-in: 146.91 (110.9). Contact: Jim Statz, KI9H, W5414 Progressive Road, Tony, WI 54563-9695; phone: 715-532-5903; e-mail: ki9h@arrl.net; <http://www.ecarc.org/auction07.htm>.

March 18

FORT ATKINSON, WI – Tri-County ARC presents Hamfest 2007, your spring favorite. Contact: TCARC, 213 Frederick St., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538; phone: 920-563-6381; <http://www.cmdline.com/tcarc>.

April 21, 2007

STOUGHTON, WI – Madison Area Repeater Association Swapfest, Stoughton, WI. Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, WI. Inquiries can be directed to: w9hsy@execpc.com or write to MARA, PO box 8890, Madison, WI 53708-8890, Phone: 608-245-8890. Website: <http://www.qsl.net/mara>.

July 7

SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI – Swapfest 07, American Legion Park, 9327 S Shepard Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI. Sponsor: South Milwaukee ARC. Contact: SMARC, P O Box 102, South Milwaukee, WI 53172; phone: 414-762- 3235 (ask for Verne); e-mail: ryatex@aol.com

HVARC CLUB INFORMATION

Club dues are \$15.00 per year for individual, and \$20.00 per year for a family membership. We also recommend a \$20.00 per family yearly donation for support of the repeaters. To support your club please send your dues to Randy Stojan WV9T, 2029 Vaassen Ln, Platteville, WI 53818.

The Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Alliant Energy building on the north edge of Mineral Point Wi. The meeting is at 7:30 PM and anyone with an interest in radio is welcome to attend. We meet each Sunday evening at 7:30 PM on the KC9KQ Repeater, at 146.655 mhz. with a PL tone of 123. Everyone is welcome to check in.

Please check out the club web site at: www.gsl.net/kc9kq/

A special THANK YOU to our web-master. Jack Izzard KF9TN

Should you wish to be removed, or know of someone who wants this News letter emailed to them, Please advise John at: kb9ryi@tds.net

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