

HI VOLTAGE ARC NEWSLETTER
FOR THE
HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

Club call: KC9KQ

Club Web Site: www.qsl.net/kc9kq/

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AUGUST 10, 2007

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 14, 2007 AT 7:30
PM IN THE SOUTHWEST HEALTH CENTER LOCATED IN PLATTEVILLE WI.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

NOTE: Till further notice the HVARC Sunday net will be on 146.895 pl. 114.8

KQ's Korner

Summer is winding down and fall will soon be here. This is a good time to check your antennas, and make sure they are all in good shape for the upcoming winter. Take my word for it it's a lot nicer to work at the top of a tower when it is warm than when it is 20 below. Cold weather seems to bring out all of the faults in an antenna system. If an antenna is going to fail, it will be in the coldest part of the winter.

And don't forget to check the feed lines either. Open wire feed line is susceptible to broken spreaders and coax can age when it is outside. Coax should be changed every 10 years anyway.

The dielectric will break down over time and make the coax more lossy over the years. On HF this is not as important as it is in VHF or UHF systems. The club keeps coax on hand if you need some. Just give Hap a call and he will fix you right up.

Don't forget to check your rotor and rotor cables too. Just one bad wire in a rotor cable will put you out of business. It is also a good idea to take all of the coax connectors apart and check for corrosion. It does not take much to degrade a signal. And the coax connectors will also get loose. And that can cause problems.

They say that an antenna that is erected in cold weather will out perform one put up in warm weather but I will take a little less performance rather than frozen fingers.

73 & CUL
Art, N9KQ

HVARC MINUTES 07-10-07

The meeting was called to order by Hap, KC9BGA at 7:33 PM. Those attending were: Hap KC9BGA, Randy WV9T, Evie KB9KVD, Art N9KQ, John KB9RYI, Pam KB9YHB, Matt, Mark N0WLU, John N9ZLK, Tom KB9SJC, Jack KF9TN, Henry KB9QBM, Dave WD9DTU.

The minutes of the last meeting were amended to read Art N9KQ renewed the club call license, NOT the repeater papers.

So amended, the motion was made and seconded by Matt/Hank to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

TREASURES REPORT by Randy WV9T showed we have \$1290.63.

A motion made and seconded by Hank/John to approve report. Motion carried.

RED CROSS REPORT by Hank all has been quiet.

ARES/RACES REPORT by Hap the Boscobel and Lancaster hospitals are in building projects and do not seem to be in much of a hurry to get radios and antennas installed. We will see how it goes.

WEBSITE by Jack KF9TN Jack has been working with Casper KC9DGN on updating the web page.

REPEATER REPORT It is working but the input sensitivity seems to be down.

Some are having trouble getting into it that could before.

EDUCATION Nothing new in the near future.

HVARC NET CONTROL SCHEDULE-

1 st Sunday	Hap KC9BGA
2 nd Sunday	Kent K9ZMU
3 RD Sunday	Bradley AB9NM/Randy WV9T
4 th Sunday	Hank KB9QBM
5 th Sunday	Jack KF9TN

OLD BUSINESS - Field Day CW contacts outnumbered phone contacts by about 2 to 1.

A big THANK YOU to our chef Hank KB9QBM for another awesome meal again this year. Looking forward to next year already.

HVARC CLUB ROSTER is being updated and will be sent out when its finished.

NEW BUSINESS – Hank suggested having a special event station for Platteville Dairy Days this year. After some discussion Hap volunteered to contact the appropriate people to see about where we could set up.

Discussed buying some rope to keep on hand with the tower trailer to use if Charlie's ropes are not available. Nothing decided yet.

With no further business at hand president Hap KC9BGA asked for a motion to adjourn. Amid the thunderous roar of volunteers two voices were heard above the rest.

A motion was made and seconded MATT/TOM to adjourn.

The meeting was concluded around 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Pam Kuntz KB9YHB

HAMFESTS/COMPUTERFESTS

August 11

BARABOO, WI 2007 Circus City Swapfest,
Sauk County Fairgrounds, Baraboo, WI.
Sponsor: Yellow Thunder ARC. Sauk County Fairgrounds, 8th Ave
(Hyw 33) 11th Annual Circus City Swapfest, VE sessions. Talk-in:
147.315 (123 hz). Admission:
\$5. Tables: \$5. Contact: Steve Schulze, N9UDO, at: 608-356-2313
or Bill Klinkner, N9KXX, at: 608-643-6908 daytime, 608-643-6453
evening, Fax: 608-643-8850.
<http://yellowthunder.org/swapfest.html>.

August 18

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 8 am-noon.
Sponsor: Chippewa Valley ARC. Eagle's Club,
2588 Hallie Rd. Taligating, free coffee. Talk-in: 147.375 (110.9 hz).
Admission: \$5. Ron Krueger, W9JRW, 18310 79th Ave., Chippewa
Falls, WI 54729; 715-723-9777;
w9jrw@charter.net; <http://www.w9cva.org/index.htm>

September 8

GALESVILLE, WI 8 am.
Sponsor: Riverland ARC. Trempealeau County
Fairgrounds, 19780 Park Dr. VE sessions. Talk-in: 146.97 (100 hz),
146.52. Admission: \$1. Tables: \$5. Tom Peterson, KC9ECI, 20525
W Gale Ave., Galesville, WI 54630; 608-582-4578;
tom@galesvillefiredepartment.org; <http://www.rarc.qth.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: HVARC Treasure Evelyn Evans KB9KVD, 213 N. Jefferson St, Cuba City, WI 53807.

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.qsl.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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WISCONSIN HF NETS

Wisconsin Weather Net (WWN) 3985 khz 6 am to 7:15 am

Badger Emergency Net (BWN) 3985 khz noon to 12:30 pm

Wisconsin Sideband Net (WSBN) 3985 khz 5:15 pm to 5:45pm

Wisconsin ARES Net (ARES) 3977.5 khz 6 pm Sun.

Wisconsin Novice Net (WNN) 3555 khz 6 pm to 6:15 pm

Wisconsin Slow Speed Net (WSSN) 3555 khz 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm

Wisconsin Interstate Net (Early) WIN/E 3555 khz 7 pm to 7:15 pm

Wisconsin Interstate Net (Late) WIN/L 3555 khz 10 pm to 10:15 pm