

HI VOLTAGE ARC NEWSLETTER
FOR THE
HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN
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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 AT
7:30 PM IN THE SOUTHWEST HEALTH CENTER LOCATED IN PLATTEVILLE
WI.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

KQ's Korner

Where did the summer go? I just got started to enjoy summer and now it is just about gone. At least the hamfest season is started. Two big ones, Peoria and Belvidere are this month, and next month there are quite a few.

If you have any antenna work to do, better get at it. The cold weather will be here before you can sneeze. The antennas may work better when they are erected in cold weather, but it is a lot nicer to work on the when your finger are not froze.

Next month is the SET (Simulated Emergency Test). The club should try and do an exercise the first weekend in October. SET is a national exercise, with each entity doing something locally. Wisconsin is well represented in the SET and we could help with numbers. If you have any thoughts on the subject, get in touch with Hap and see what he has to say. I would think he would entertain all ideas on developing a scenario for the SET.

73 & CUL

Art, N9KQ

HVARC MINUTES 08-14-07:

The meeting was called to order at the Southwest Health Center by Hap, KC9BGA at 7:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Kent K9ZMU, John N9ZLK, Dave WD9DTU, Jack KF9TN, Henry KB9QBM, Hap KC9BGA, Evie KB9KVD, Bud KC9LVV, Art N9KQ, Bob WA9REL, and Matt Alexander.

SECRETARY: The minutes for the last meeting were approved on a motion by Hap BGA/John ZLK.

TREASURER: Evie KVD said that there was \$1320.13 in the treasury. It was moved and approved by Hank/Matt.

RED CROSS: Hank QBM reported on Bagley flood. He also said that Grant County would now be serviced through the Madison Red Cross instead of Dubuque, IA.

ARES/RACES: John KB9RYI would like everyone to send him a list of their equipment - bands operated on for base, mobile and portable.

Jack TN mentioned that ARES bulletins are available on our HVARC web page.

A SET (Simulated Emergency Test) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6

REPEATER: Dairy Land Dare was very appreciative for our assistance with their biking event. It is noted by several HVARC members that they need to ID at least every 10 minutes when they are using the 146.655 repeater.

The Sunday night net now meets on 146.895 PL 114.8 because of problems with the 146.655 PL 123 repeater. If both repeaters are down try 146.500 simplex.

It was noted that the UHF repeater has yet to be installed.

Hank QBM attended the Dubuque GRARC club's August meeting. They estimate that they will have less than \$300 in their treasury at the end of this year. It has been suggested that the two club's officers get together and discuss the possibility of the HVARC purchasing the portable tower. A discussion followed concerning insurance and uses etc. The idea of even having a portable repeater connected with it eventually was mentioned.

The general consensus was for the HVARC to continue looking into the possibilities of purchasing, sharing, and various uses of the GRARC portable tower.

NEW BUSINESS: Hap BGA announced that the club role of RG8U coax had run out.

Jack TN made a motion to get more coax to sell. It was seconded and approved.

A thank you letter from Southwest Opportunities Center dated July 10, 2007 was read. They expressed their appreciation for the club's help with the Grant County Cycling Classic. The letter was signed by, Audrey Johnston Education Director and Jennifer Crubel Development Coordinator.

Hap BGA will see if we can get our club web page linked to the city of Platteville's web page plattevillelife.com.

Kent ZMU inquired about club hats, Hap BGA will look into it. Kent also suggested that at the next meeting members bring along their QSL cards to exchange with fellow members.

Hap has arranged for the club to have a station set up at the Platteville Dairy Days. It will be located on the asphalt next to the little league diamond at Legion Park. Setting up will take place Friday, Sept. 6 in the afternoon and operation will be Friday night and Saturday, Sept. 7 until noon. Then the station will have to cease operation because of a fireman's water barrel contest in that vicinity starting at 2:00 PM. Art KQ mentioned that Arnie is searching the internet, and has noted that there are some new gel cell batteries which would be great for emergencies if we could get a grant somehow. Seven cells would give us 14 volts.

Hank QBM/Matt moved to adjourn and the motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Kent K9ZMU club secretary

HAMFESTS - COMPUTERFESTS

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>.

September 15

PEORIA, IL – Set-up Friday; public Saturday 7 am-dusk. Sunday 7am-2 pm (Commercial buildings open Saturday and Sunday at 8 am). Sponsor: Peoria Area ARC. Exposition Gardens, 1601 W Northmoor Rd. Peoria Superfest, Amateur Radio Hamfest and Computer Show, giant outdoor flea market, commercial dealers, technical forums, VE sessions, DXCC card checking, acres of free parking. Talk-in: 147.075 (1`03.5 hz). Admission: \$6 adv, \$8 door. Tables: \$10-\$30. John Coker4, N9FAM, 133 Vonachen Ct., East Peoria, IL 61611-1578; 309-369-7428; n9fam@insightbb.com; <http://www.peoriasuperfest.com>.

CEDARBURG, WI – 8 am-noon. Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club. Fireman's Park, W65 N796 Washington Avenue. 2nd Annual Outdoor Hobby and Ham Swapfest, VE sessions. Talk-in: 146.97 (127.3 hz). Admission: \$5. Tables: None (sell from the back of your vehicle or whatever). Tom Ruhimann, W9IPR, 465 Beechwood Dr, Cedarburg, WI 53012; 262-377-6945 (phone and fax); teruhimann@sbgvglobal.net; <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>.

September 29-30

BELVIDERE, IL – Saturday 6 am-4 pm; Sunday 8 am-4 pm. Sponsor: Chicago FM Club. Boone County Fairgrounds, rte 76 and BR 20. Radio Expo, large outdoor flea market, two large indoor vendor buildings, VE sessions, camping available, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.76 (107.2 hz). Admission: \$8 adv, \$10 door. Tables: \$25. Michael Brost, WA9FTS, 5127 N Monterey Ave, Norridge, IL 60706; 708-457-0966 (phone and fax); mbrost@cin.net; <http://www.chicagofmclub.org>.

October 7

WEST LIBERTY, IA – 7 am. Sponsors: Muscatine and Washington Area ARCs. Muscatine County Fairgrounds, 101 N Clay St. Large flea market area, VE sessions, camping. Talk-in: 146.91, 146.85 (192.8 hz), 146.52. Admission: \$5. Tables: \$8. Vance Davisson, WA0MNA, Box 283, Riverside, IA 52327; 319-330-7625; vanced1@mchsi.com; <http://www.kc0ags.org/hamfest.html>.

COMMENTS BY THE OLE HVARCER (but only the ones he can remember):
I'm an old friend of K9ZMU and I'm the oldest, but wisest ham alive. You might say just the opposite of ZMU. The old HVARCER likes to kid around so don't take any of his comments seriously. He means to tease his friends and not turn them into enemies.

Well first of all, thank goodness for Pam YHB who has filled in for Kent twice this year. ZMU learned how to get subs from Roy NUZ. ZMU's subs are better looking than Roy's.

Speaking of Roy NUZ. He sure loves his motorcycle. However, he took a bad stumble on some pea gravel and got banged up some. Thank goodness he was only going 20 mph. He is sore and especially did not help one of his shoulders. He is home recovering and we all wish him well. The meetings are not the same without Roy and his famous stories. I am trying to get him to write them all down. They would make great portable toilet magazine reading. With all the portable toilets out there he'd be rich.

So next time you hear Roy say that he is N9NUZ portable, it might have a new significance to what that means.

Other fantastic news is that Jack TN is doing better with his chemo treatments. That makes everyone very happy. We all love you Jack, best wishes.

Otherwise Kent ZMU and his son Scott N9HDC qualified for DXCC (DX Century Club) recently as did Peg KB9LIE. Are there any other DXCC members in our club? To get DXCC a ham must have QSL cards from 100 or more countries. K9OT Paul claims to have enough QSLs, but I keep teasing him to show us the certificate to prove it like Peg LIE. The Ole HVARCER had DXCC before it was invented. If anyone is interested in getting DXCC KE9ET near Sun Prairie, WI can verify your cards and assist you with the whole process.

Otherwise you have to send them to the ARRL headquarters. Kent, Scott, and Peg all were impressed with his friendliness and willingness to set up a time at his house to get the award. He has every country except one that is presently available on the DXCC list. He has arranged to take his vacation from work to get the next new country. That is dedication.

Well bye for now. I have to hurry up and get ready for my next moon bounce QSO.

73 and 88,
The Ole HVARCER

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 Southwest Health Center on the South East side of Platteville WI. The meeting is at 7:30 PM and anyone with an interest in radio is welcome to attend.

We also meet each Sunday evening at 7:30 PM on the N0WLU Repeater at 146.895 MHZ. with a PL tone of 114.8.

All licensed Amateur Operators are 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