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President's Report

Hello

Looking forward to seeing everyone at meeting and picnic on Sept 9th, We will discuss Ham fest, and have a board meeting, I have been working stations on 40 meters mostly and only talked to 3 local stations other than on the 10 meter net.

I am planning on going to Louisville Hamfest on the 6th, then to Richmond on the 13 to pass out flyers for our Ham fest

We could use some more door prizes, most of the ones I have are a bunch of meters and tapes

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Upcoming Contest

Sept 6 0000z	Sept 6 2400z	All-Asian dx contest	ph
Sept 6 1600z	Sept 6 2400z	Indiana parks on the air	ph cw dig
Sept 6 1600z	Sept 6 2350z	ohio state parks on the air	ph cw
Sept 6	Sept 14	Route 66 on the air w6a-w6u	ph cw dig
Sept 7		Tennessee qso party	ph cw dig
Sept 13 0000z	Sept 15 2400z	Worked all Europe dx	ph
Sept 13 1400z	Sept 15 0200z	Arkansas qso party	ph cw dig
Sept 13 1800z	Sept 18 0259z	Arrl Sept vhf	ph cw dig
Sept 14 0000z	Sept 14 0359z	North american sprint	ph
Sept 20 1400z	Sept 21 0300z	South Carolina qso party	ph cw dig
Sept 20 1600z	Sept 21 2400z	Washington State salmon run	ph cw dig
Sept 27 0000z	Sept 30 2359z	cq ww rtty contest	dig
Sept 27 1200z	Sept 30 1200z	Maine qso party	ph cw
Sept 27 1400z	Sept 28	Texas qso party	ph cw dig
Sept 03 W1aw/4 tn	Sept 24 W1aw/7	ID	
	Oct 1 W1aw/k17	Ak	
Sept 03 W1aw/0 Co	Oct 1 W1aw/6	Ca	
Sept 10 W1aw/5 Tx			
Sept 10 W1aw/1 N H			
Sept 17 W1aw/4 NC			
Sept 17 W1aw/1 Ct			
Sept 24 W1aw/5 NM			

**KCARC ANNUAL PICNIC
TUESDAY SEPT. 9TH
COVINGTON WOODS PARK**
(just off the intersection of Scottsville Rd & Covington St. aka Walker Golf Course)
TAILGATE @ 5 pm DINE @ 6 pm
Potluck - food service and drinks provided
Board meeting
Hamfest tickets will be available

VETTE CITY HAMFEST

30 DAYS

OCTOBER 4TH

Attention all you Balloon Enthusiasts !

Last year's Vette City HF ended with a micro balloon launch by Bill Brown WB8ELK. Some of you stayed around to observe the preparation and launching of a very small mylar balloon with a very light payload (weighed less than 2 pennys) and was solar powered with transmitter and gps receiver. We believed it was near Lexington KY when it hit some storms and went down. There was no aprs tracking on this unit.

Bill will be back this year to launch another "micro balloon" with aprs tracking on 144.39 mhz His goal is to have this balloon circumnavigate the earth, as is presently being done with ballons from England. In fact there are three such balloons that are in the process of making 2 continuous orbits around the globe. Their payload is less than 11grams. Hows that for

technology.

Every one with a computer will be able to track his Vette City HF balloon on the aprs.fi site. The balloon's ID will be WB8ELK-12 . His micro-balloon will be a mylar balloon about 3 ft by 4 ft in size.

There will be a preliminary meeting around 11 am and Bill will explain the operation, then will proceed to the prelaunch/launching area. Then up up and away! Sounds exciting

Should QSOs from remote stations be given DXCC credit?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

In July, the DX Advisory Committee Report recommended several rules changes for the DXCC program (http://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Committee%20Reports/2014/July/Doc_27.pdf). Among them, was a recommendation that rule I.9 be changed such that a QSO is acceptable for DXCC credit only when the remote station and the operator's home station location are no more than 200 km apart.

As with any rule change, this precipitated a lot of comment in the amateur radio community. A thread on the [eHam.Net](http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/topic,98348.30.html) forum (<http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/topic,98348.30.html>) got quite a few comments. N7NG had a nice blog post (<http://n7ng.wordpress.com/2014/03/05/remote-control-dxing-and-dxcc/>) on this controversy.

Perhaps the most strident post on this topic was written by WW1X (<http://ww1x.com/opinion/2014/08/14/in-defense-of-remote-dxcc.html>). He called these recommendations “uninformed, misguided, and detrimental to the future of our hobby.” Detrimental to the future of our hobby? Seriously?

Of course, WW1X has a vested interest in this debate. He's the lead developer for RemoteHamRadio.Com, a company that charges other hams to use the “super stations” that they've set up around the world.

Note that the DX Advisory Committee is not saying that amateur radio operators should not use and enjoy these remote stations. All they're saying is that the QSOs made with them, unless they are located less than 200 km from an amateur's home station, are not eligible for DXCC credit. I'm sure that if

you asked any of the members of the committee they would agree with WW1X that the remote stations serve a very useful purpose for amateurs who are not able to set up their own home stations.

WW1X prattles on about how “DXCC is not a contest. It’s not a competition. There are no winners or losers. It’s a personal achievement award, plain and simple.” This is just silly. Of course it’s a competition. As N7NG rightly points out if it’s not a competition, why publish the DXCC Honor Roll?

What I think is detrimental to the hobby are hams who use RemoteHamRadio.Com to simply add to their DXCC scores. I see no sense in doing so, and furthermore, where’s the personal achievement? Anyone who can afford to pay what they charge—and it’s not a small sum of money—can work the rarest DX with one of those stations.

A friend of mine, Mark, W8MP, is a RemoteHamRadio.Com customer, and it's a boon for him. He loves being able to work DX from his home in a development where no outside antennas are allowed. He’s not trying to pad his DXCC score. He does this for the pure love of talking to other hams in far-away places.

When the final decision is made, I hope the DX Advisory Committee goes back to first principles as set forth in FCC Part 97.1 and makes their decision on whether or not allowing DXCC credit for remote station QSOs contributes to "the advancement of the radio art" or is an "extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill."

Up Coming Events

Sept. 9th KCARC Picnic & Board Mtg. Covington Wood Park Bowling Green KY
Bring your goodies to sell and eat! Tailgate 5p Dinning 6p

Hamfest

Sept. 6th Louisville Hamfest Shepardsville KY.

Sept. 13th Richmond Hamfest Richmond KY

Oct. 4th Vette City Hamfest Sloan Convention Center Bowling Green , KY
HF Flyer attachd to newsletter email

Warren County ARES net
Each Thursday 8:30p
147.165 rpt

Traders Net -
Each Monday 1900 cst
147.330 rpt. Tone 107.2

KCARC Net -
Each Tuesday 1900 cst
147.330 rptr (Tone 107.2)

4th ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK AT 9 PM LOCAL TIME.

Frequency: 147.165

MHz. W4WSM Repeater.

Secondary

Frequency: 147.330 MHz. PL Tone 107.2

KY4BG - KCARC Repeater

10 Meter Net

Sunday Night 8:30 p cdt 28.460 mhz KY3B net control

ATV Repeater nightly net 8:30 p voice 144.340 simplex

video output 421.250mhz (analog cable channel 57)

video input 439.250mhz (analog cable channel 60) and 1280mhz FM

The repeater id's every 10 minutes or you can command it on with your tt pad 0* and off with 0#

The repeater is located on Cherry Hall at WKU.

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