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The President's Corner

Ft Wayne was great seeing many friends and hams I have in my log. Forums, Meetings and Spending couldn't ask for more. Also this year 2 Hams from Starke County were nominated for Amateur of the year, Gary KB9OLZ and myself. Unfortunately we didn't win, but being nominated was an honor. I have talked with Gary and for 2010 we are going to try something different for ARES, by reorganizing and having another EC. I want to thank Gary for all his years of service being the Emergency Coordinator for Starke County and hope he will continue volunteering in the county.

I also want to thank everyone for reelecting our club officers, with your ideas and assistants I think we can make next year more exciting than ever. Up next will be an Extra Class, please let me know who is interested so I can decide where to have it. **Our next regular club meeting is January 21st. Then on January 25th 7:00 pm at the library, we will hold an ARES/RACES/Skywarn meeting.** With Christmas around the corner, I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous New Year.

Happy Holidays

73

Tony W9AL

Christmas Dinner at Wooden Nickel, 4:00 pm December 13th

Remember Dues are now \$12.00 per year.



From the Desk of the Vice President

I would like to thank the Club members for keeping the present board intact. The 310 repeater discussion group is looking for more participation from the members. We keep having the same hams every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. It only lasts about a half an hour. Tony does a good job throwing trivia and questions at us and Mike keeps up with the technical question that we have to research and try to answer for the next week. It would be nice to hear from the ones that are probably listening and are too shy or tired to use the microphone. It is out there to use and have fun. We have been talking about another kit to build and would like to have some input from the members as to what to build. John recommended we make a digital clock and I thought a keyer would be another. So if anybody has any ideas let us know. Hope to see everyone at the Wooden Nickel for the Christmas party. We had a real nice time there last year. It is also time for club dues and it is now \$12.00. Field day is also around the corner so it is time for suggestions as to where to have it, somewhere else would be nice so we all need to put our thinking caps on and brainstorm a place. For all that missed Fort Wayne ham fest you missed a good one lots of good stuff.

Till next month

Randy

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SIDEBAR ARTICLES

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13 AT 4:00. COST IS \$13.00

LET TONY OR JANET KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING SOON!

OUR OWN FOR SALE PAGE IS AT WWW.W9JOZ.ORG

Winter Weather Preparedness

Most people are affected by winter weather at home, at work or in their vehicle, and these are the places that need to be prepared. At home, prepare supplies so that you and your family can get through a few days without needing to leave the house.

Some things to include are:

A flashlight with extra batteries, a battery powered NOAA Weather Radio, extra food and water, extra medicine and baby supplies, a first aid kit, and extra heat source, such as a wood stove or fireplace. Have a plan to remove snow around your home. If you are not fit to shovel snow, hire someone who is! Have plenty of extra blankets, and a consider getting a generator. A generator can be very useful if a power outage occurs.

Winterize all of your vehicles that you will use during the winter months, and pack a Winter Storm Survival Kit in each vehicle. This kit should include the following: Mobile phone, blankets, first aid kit, knife, non-perishable food, extra clothing, small can and matches to melt snow for drinking water, sack of sand for traction, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, tool kit, tow rope, battery booster cables, water container, road maps and compass. Keep your gas tank full before a storm strikes to prevent ice in the tank and fuel lines. If you must travel during a winter storm, avoid traveling alone and let someone know your time of departure and arrival along with your planned route of travel.

Your workplace should have a winter weather preparedness plan. Everyone knows what happens when severe winter weather occurs. That might mean having someone call everyone to let them know that the office is closed due to the weather or organizing an early dismissal from work to ensure everyone gets home safely prior to a storm. It is also a good idea to have few essentials at the workplace in case people become stranded. This would include cots, a few extra blankets, water and non-perishable food.

If you get caught at home or work during a severe winter storm, stay inside, and stay warm! If you lose electricity or heat close off unneeded rooms, keep heat in by stuffing towels in cracks under doors, and cover windows at night. Be sure to eat and drink to prevent dehydration. Wear layers of loose-fitting light weight clothing to keep warm. If you get caught in a vehicle, stay with your vehicle! Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat, but crack the window to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and ensure the exhaust pipe is not blocked. Be visible to any rescuers by tying a colored cloth to your door or antenna.

The goal of Winter Weather Preparedness is to make people aware of the winter weather threats and to get ready for winter weather events when they occur. Taking a few moments to get ready in your home, workplace and your vehicle can make a big difference between a snowstorm being an inconvenience or a life threatening event.

Submitted by Tony, W9AL

FCC Rules

As the ARRL Section Manager, I receive all kinds of e-mails concerning Amateur Radio. Most of the time, it is the usual we are having a testing session, net, or special event. The sad part is the Silent Key reports informing me that a ham has passed away.

However, sometimes they are complaints about various conditions dealing with Amateur Radio such as: repeater interference (intentional or not), and lack of following the rules. These come from other hams and even ARRL Headquarters where some ham from Indiana filed their complaint directly to Newington, CT.

My position is easy when it comes to these complaints; I just forward them to the Official Observer Coordinator whose job it is to assign it to an Official Observer to follow up on. The FCC has wholeheartedly stated that they do support the OO program as Amateur Radio is to be self-policed.

Now to my point, it has come to my attention that several hams have not been identifying their station when they are on simplex, and the repeaters. The rule listed below is very specific. You must ID at the end of your conversation and every 10 minutes. Complaints have come in for the South Bend, Starke, Marshall and the Merrillville areas.

The OOs are instructed to listen for these infractions and to issue a notice. Getting a card from an OO is the first step, asking you to follow the rules. Their report does go to the ARRL who handles the program and then on to the FCC.

If you receive a notice, then please stop doing whatever the complaint states it is about. We really don't want the issue going to the FCC for action.

John, W3ML

Indiana Section Manager

§97.119 Station identification.

(a) Each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station.

Antenna Work Never Stops

First one:

James KC9KTV unhooking from his newly raised tower!



Second one (next page)

Don WA9KRT finishing up installing new Mosley Tribander on Mike WB9L's Tower

We both wish to thank all who helped. It was very much appreciated.

Mike, WB9L



**Don WA9KRT doing what he does best on a tower.
Thanks Don!**

FOR SALE from Porter County Ham

This is all stuff from Don, K9RRG's shack. Don recently had to go into a nursing home, and he must get rid of his eqpt. Don was a PCARC club member for many years. If you are interested in anything, an offer of 1/2 new price is what all of it is going for. There is a little flexibility on price, especially the 690 and 790. The stuff is all nice, and I have operated most of it, so no low-balling....

HF:

Kenwood TS-690s: 6-160 meters. In very nice shape, and operates as it should. I have operated this radio.

2m/440 All-mode:

Kenwood TS790a 144/430 all mode with 1.2ghz capabilities (Not included)
I've operated this radio and it is sweet....

Power Supply:

Astron RS-35m

Power Strip:

MFJ-1112

HF Tuner:

MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner - MFJ949E (SOLD)

Amplifier:

RF Concepts 2m all mode amp 10 watts in 170 out. RFC2-117

220mhz:

ADI AR-247 (SOLD)

HT:

Kenwood 144/430 TH-71a

Microphones:

(3) Kenwood MC-60 desk mics. These sound great.... (1) SOLD
(1) 8-pin to RJ45 cable

Speakers:

Kenwood SP-23
Kenwood SP-31
Optimus GA4
Mini Workman
EF Johnson 4"

SW:

Sony 1CF-6500w 5 band shortwave receiver, with digital readout
Bearcat BC895xlt trunk tracking scanner - Very nice.

Ant switches:

Alpha Delta 4
Alpha Delta 2
MFJ-1702

Bob - K9YH

Send mail to: bubbascott@verizon.net

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season



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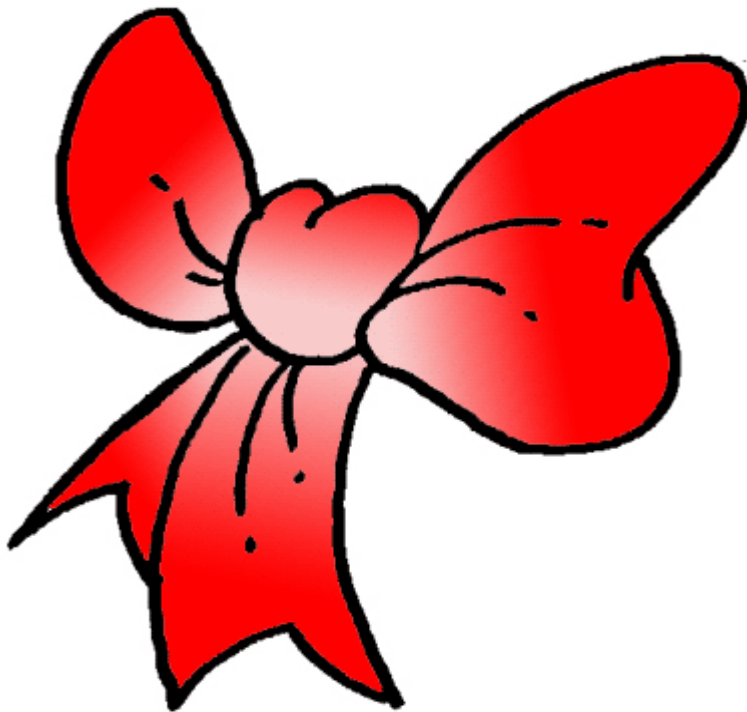
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And remember

Don't drink and drive, or you may hit the one below!



Then who gets all that gear?



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Seasons Greetings

John, W3ML and Paula