



The Feedline

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Calendar of Club Events

MEETINGS

Club meetings are usually at the Red Cross building, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison. Regular meetings start with business matters at 7:30 PM, followed by the program unless otherwise noted. Programs are subject to change. Updates are posted on the FLARC2 packet station at 147.555 (1200/9600 Baud) and 446.100 (1200/9600 Baud).

MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS

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| 4/6 | Rescue at Sea (video courtesy of Pete Byfield K9VAL) |
| 4/20 | TBA |
| 5/4 | County Hunting – Gari Berliot NG9V |
| 5/18 | Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network – Pat McPherson WW9E |
| 6/8 | Field Day preparations |
| 6/22 | Field Day preparations |
| 7/6 | No meeting |
| 7/20 | HDTV by Ken Dixon W9XM |
| 8/3 | No meeting |
| 8/17 | Fox Hunt with Don Michalski W9IXG, Jim Lattis KB9REO, and Tony Lattis as foxes. |

BUCK NIGHT WINNERS

The winner on March 2 was Dave Schaefer N9DMS.
The winner on March 16 was Gari Berliot NG9V.
Absent were Bill Paxson KA9OTV, Corky Holmquist KA9BDY, and Dick Lindgren WD9BFV.

FLARC NETS

Sunday morning on 28.350 MHz at 9:30 AM. Warm up on 3.985 between 9-9:30 AM.

Prez Sez

Hello, Everyone!

My thanks to all of you who participated in the Wisconsin QSO Party. Your effort is appreciated. Regardless of who the winner is, I trust all had a good time operating the contest! If tradition holds true, we'll be informed of the result around the time of the Dayton Hamvention.

On the FCC front, sounds like the long-awaited license restructuring will not be finalized till late winter or early spring. Let's not look toward the pending changes apprehensively, as a breaking with past policy and tradition. Instead, let's look ahead to helping others maintain/establish good operating practices using new bands and modes potentially afforded by expanded privileges. We will have a brief window of opportunity to *clean up* (especially the HF) bands. Let's plan on using it!

Last, keep in mind Field Day. What do you want to do?? Talk to Ted K9IMM!! (Ted, I've not forgotten about your co-chair. I'll talk with you about it soon!)

Happy spring, everyone!

73 de *Dave*

SATURDAY MORNING "ZILCH" LOCATIONS

The eastside Zilch (ham breakfast) is at 8:00 AM at the Green Lantern in McFarland and 8:30 AM at the Avenue Bar on East Washington Avenue in Madison. The westside Zilch is at 10:30 AM at Fitzgerald's on the Beltline in Middleton. Come join us!

MADISON AREA INFO NET

Thursday evenings on 147.15 at 8 PM. Backup frequency is 146.76. Traffic/check-ins are welcome.

MADISON WEB PAGE

Visit this address: <http://members.aol.com/staskc2ak> and link to the new site. Keep checking the links page for new goodies!

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't already paid your 1999 dues, Treasurer Marylynn K9SAM is still accepting them. The membership directory will be coming out shortly.

UPGRAGES AND CALLSIGN CHANGES

Jackie Jeardeau KB9LYM has upgraded to General. Tryg Hillbo is now W9TSH (ex-KB9UAV).



These club members are celebrating birthdays:

WB9BRF	Al Jeardeau	4/2
WB9VHF	Paulette Quick	4/4
W9RNF	Sharon Toal	4/4
KA9BDY	Corky Holmquist	4/7
KA9KYB	John Hicks	4/9
NS9L	Carol Hoke	4/12
KE9ET	Jim Hugo	4/15
W9UGT	Bill Aspinwall	4/25
KA9ZPX	Don Moldenhauer	4/26
W9IXG	Don Michalski	5/2
W0ROT	Peter Fribley	5/3
AA9OC	Tony Rick	5/5
KA9SSI	Jim Hill	5/5
KA9REQ	Annette Fitzpatrick	5/7

Y2K COMMUNICATIONS TESTING

by Jim Engeseth

On Friday, April 9, 1999, Dane County will activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at approximately 10 AM to determine the

reliability of its communications links for use during disasters and communications system outages. This activation will involve public, private, and volunteer agencies. Ham operators are needed for backup communications within the county. **If you would like to participate**, contact Bob Aspinwall, WB9RND, at wb9rnd@arrl.net or call his home at (608) 663-8835. The frequency list outlined below may change to meet the requirements of coordinating agencies in the city and county. The communications links to be tested are as follows:

- 45.320 MHz: Dane County Emergency Management frequency used for siren and EBS/EAS activations. On the same frequency, two-way contact will be established with the State EOC and the American Red Cross, Badger Chapter, with simple, voice test messages.
 - 453.925 MHz: (repeater output) Dane County Regional Airport Operations staff.
 - 856.xxx MHz: City of Madison radio trunking system, which links the county EOC, the 911 Center, the backup 911 center in Fitchburg, and the City EOC in the event of telecommunications line loss.
 - 158.745 MHz: "A" "Adam" VHF, countywide fire/EMS administration channel from our department command vehicle located in downtown Madison. Simple voice test of van radio with 911 center, EOC, and alternate 911 center.
 - 155.280 MHz simplex: Interhospital, emergency room backup channel. Links all Madison hospitals with the 911 center and the county EOC.
 - VHF or UHF amateur radio repeaters, depending upon desires of the group.
- The county EOC links to the American Red Cross, State DEM, mobile or home "command" posts as needed. It would be very desirable to have an amateur radio operator at the state and the county EOC and at the American Red Cross radio room in Madison (Hint: There is no UHF radio in the EOC, but we do have a UHF/VHF antenna and splitter available.) Electric and telephone utilities that service the Metro Dane County area have been invited to test their two-way and other communications channels from the EOC as well. In addition to rf tests, such things as telephone trees, internet, list servers, and fax "broadcasts" will also get a workout. The county EOC will be running on emergency power to fully test communications equipment operation under these conditions. Some communicators from the primary 911 center will be assigned to the county EOC and the alternate 911 center in Fitchburg.

TORNADO DRILL

The statewide tornado drill will be on April 22 from 1 PM to 2 PM. This will run just like a severe weather event. The sirens and weather alert radios will be activated at approximately 1:15 PM. The South Central WI Skywarn net will be activated on the 146.88 repeater for Dane, Columbia, Sauk, Green, Iowa, and LaFayette Counties. Net control will take check-ins and also advise listeners of what Sullivan National Weather Service (NWS) wants reported during a severe weather event. The 147.150 MARA repeater would be used as the liaison net to Sullivan NWS net control station (NCS). The nets will terminate at approximately 2 PM.



A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, during times of national and state emergencies, amateur radio operators continue to provide communication resources; and

Whereas, these communications resources are provided at no cost to the Wisconsin taxpayers; and

Whereas, there continues to be a need for amateur radio operators to provide emergency communication capabilities as a backup resource during state and national emergencies; and

Whereas, amateur radio organizations such as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) are organized and trained to provide emergency communication support; and

Whereas, amateur radio clubs throughout the State of Wisconsin provide radio courses of instruction, encourage, and assist with grade school and high school programs about amateur radio, and provide the opportunity to become a licensed amateur radio operator; and

Whereas, amateur radio operators informed the world about Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial, Wisconsin's circus heritage including the Circus World Museum, the Great Circus Train, and the Great Circus Parade; and

Whereas, amateur radio operators, participating in SKYWARN, provide trained and radio equipped severe weather spotters to assist the National Weather Service and the State of Wisconsin;

Now, therefore, I, Tommy G. Thompson, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 22, 1999

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RECOGNITION DAY in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

Signed March 19, 1999

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- "FLARC, thanks for providing the newsletter via e-mail. This way I get the newsletter instantaneously and don't have to wait for the mail. Plus, Karl and I each get our own copy." **Sue Wigdal, N9YON**
- "You can enlarge the print on your computer to read the finest text or photo (Older eyes, take note!). You can keep past issues on diskette or other forms of storage." **Chuck Forster, WA9ACI**



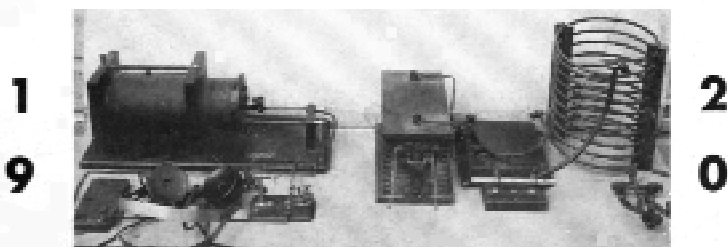
As Time Goes By

by Carol Hoke NS9L

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY, U. S. A.

W 9 B Q Q



John Hicks KA9KYB received a short letter from Phyllis Seibert, who had been going through a box of old photos and found a couple of ancient QSL cards, one belonging to her dad, Millard Loe of Blanchardville, who was W9DZH in the 1920s. His card had a printed one-cent stamp on the back.

The other card (see above) had a picture of a vintage station belonging to Clifford Penniston, W9BQQ. Mrs. Seibert mentioned that BQQ's equipment was more modern at that time than her dad's. She said she could remember her dad calling CQ. Note the straight key and the tapped coil on the right and the headphones in the left foreground.

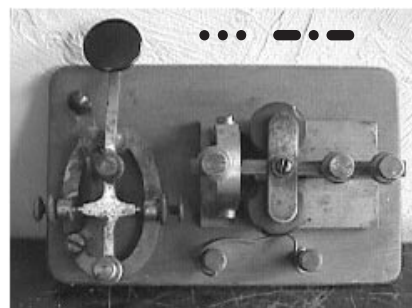
1948 At the February 17 FLARC meeting, Harry Sellery W9DCQ talked about his experiences on Guam in connection with his work with the U.S. Bureau of Standards. At the May 4 meeting, a motion was passed that the club give \$20 toward the purchase of a canoe for the YMCA camp. On May 18 visitor Gar Lincoln was introduced. At the July 26 meeting, members made plans for a picnic in mid-August at Blue Mounds State Park. Drivers of each car were to leave their name and license number at the park gate so that FLARC could pay their entrance fees. Drawings for prizes would be held at 10:30 AM: a McMurdo-Silver wave meter with coils for 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters would be given to a lucky ham. Prizes for the "lucky" ladies were a 1-pound box of candy and a Toni permanent with curlers. Refreshments would be 5 cases of beer and 5 cases of pop. At the August 3 meeting, W9DCQ talked about his experiences with ionospheric measurements and the gear he planned to use at Anchorage, Alaska, in the coming winter.

1949 At the April 19 meeting, business matters were finished by 8:30 PM, and the transmitter hunt began. At 9:30, all those who had not found the transmitter went to the council ring in the UW Arboretum, where a nice warm fire was burning, and refreshments were served. At 10 PM the hidden transmitter crew took off with the remaining refreshments and were later discovered at the WHA transmitter site on Fish Hatchery

Road. By midnight all the food had disappeared, so everyone went home.

CIRCUS TRAIN

Mark your calendar now for the 1999 run of the Great Circus Train from Baraboo to Milwaukee. This year's run has been expanded from two days to four days. July 2-5: Great Circus Train, callsign W9R, will be active on 7.240, 14.240, 21.340 (+ or -), one band at a time. Intermittent 146.55 FM simplex. A full-color certificate that is great for framing is available. Please send a 9 x 12 SASE with three units of postage to K9ZZ.



SILENT KEY

Duane Brummel K9SFI, March 15, 1999

SKYWARN WEB PAGE

Tom Weeden, WJ9H, Skywarn TEC for South Central WI Skywarn has started a SKYWARN web page: <http://www.execpc.com/~tcweeden/>. There is also some APRS information on it.



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Exams are held in Madison on the second Saturday of the month. Location is the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Operations building at 1610 Moorland Rd. (the white building with the big tower). Exit the South Beltline Highway at South Towne Dr. Go south 3/4 mile and enter the gate to the right. Bring two forms of identification, one with a photo.

Exams start at 8:00 AM. sharp!
Walk-ins welcome until 9:00 AM.

FLARC Nametags – \$7.50

New ham? New member? New call? Contact Marylynn K9SAM to order your personal FLARC nametag!
(608) 241-3391 Daytime

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CWRA SWAPNET

146.88 Baraboo Repeater

10:00 A.M. Sunday mornings
(unless there is a hamfest in the area)
Queries and announcements are also welcome.

Ham- and computer-related items only, please!

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Madison Swapfest

April 11, 1999

Middleton Conference Center
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Return this form and your check to **Marylynn Franzen K9SAM, FLARC Treasurer, 2652 East Washington Avenue, Madison WI 53704.**

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