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Washington Amateur Communications

Presidents Message July 2009

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FIELD DAY 2009

Field Day 2009 is now over and what a great time we all experienced. I will be giving a more detailed follow up in the next News Letter. As a club we had excellent participation and we all learned a great deal about Emergency Communications.



We are in the process of the end results and with over 1000 total contacts we did very well. This was a Field Day that we did well and set new high contact numbers in CW, other digital transmissions.

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It was a team effort and from talking to all club members on site we all learned a great deal and had fun in the process.

That is what FIELD DAY is all about.

Bud Plants

PLEASE NOTE:

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR JULY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009, IN ROOM 103 OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDING AT 7:30 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Does Your Club Have an Elmers List?

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Whilst looking up information for a recent hamfest, I found the club's website and began surfing around. In doing so, I came across their Elmer page (<http://www.mcrca.org/elmers.htm>). On it, they list a variety of topics with the name, call, and phone number of someone who can answer questions on that topic.

My club something similar once, but it was less than successful. I think that one of the problems was that we asked people to fill out a form on our website if they needed any help. That information was e-mailed to one guy, who then forwarded it to the appropriate Elmer. There was just too much time lag between the time someone asked for help and when they got it. Or, it may have been that filling out the form was just too impersonal.

We are going to try it again, though, using the format that the Monroe club uses. I'm also going to give it more billing on our website, and push it more at meetings and other gatherings.

The topics the Monroe club lists on their website are:

- * Antennas
- * Buying Your First Radio
- * Code Practice
- * Computers
- * Packet
- * County Hunting
- * DXCC Awards
- * Rag Chewers Club
- * Worked All States
- * DX
- * FM
- * Homebrew
- * Testing
- * Public Service
- * Technical Q&A
- * Traffic
- * Tube Radios

We already have Elmers for several of these topics. I, for example, would be more than happy to volunteer to be the Morse Code/CW Practice Elmer. We have one member who is an avid County Hunter, another who restores vintage gear, and yet another who's been spearheading a statewide effort to set up a packet network throughout Michigan.

In addition, we are going to add or modify several of the categories. For example, Computers might become "Computers/Software" depending on who volunteers to be the Elmer. We have a couple of guys who are heavily into VHF/UHF operation and contesting, so we'll be adding those topics as well.

I really do hope that this will be an important resource for our club. In the past year, we've helped quite a few folks get their licenses, and now we need to help them take advantage of that license and get the most out of the hobby. Elmering is the way to do that.

Does your club have an Elmer list? If so, does it have topics that I haven't thought of yet? How do you get newcomers to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of your Elmers? And, finally, what topics have you volunteered to be Elmer for? Let me know by e-mailing me at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

General Membership Meeting June 4, 2009

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Called to order

Harry Bloomburg W3YJ here for a demonstration of NBEMS.

Minutes distributed Mot to accept: AB3FQ Sec: WA3WMB

Treasurers Report: Read at the Board of Director's meeting.

Nets: OK

Run for Alex is Saturday June 6, 2009 Gather at 0800 for assignments

Field Day Meeting on June 11, 2009 730pm at Sportsmen's Association.

Food list for FD going around

Picnic Date: August 6, 2009 at South Strabane VFD Pavilion 6pm.

Emergency Preparedness drill for Scouts on October 2-3-4

Scouts coming to Field Day

Bentleyville Repeater: In danger of being evicted from the site.

Tower rental increased to \$ 400/year. Monessen club has asked

For area clubs to donate to assist in paying site rental.

Motion for one time \$ 50- donation to Monessen Club

Motion: WA3WMB Sec: N3IDH

Motion to adjourn: KC3HW Sec: N3IDH

Attendance: KD8KAC, K8DKS, N3ZNI, N3ZEL, AB3FQ, WA3WMB, KB3JHO, N3TIR, N3YJJ, KA3VOM, N3IDH, KC3HW, KB3JHM, N3XE, K3PLM, WB3CED, W3YJ, KB3LIX,



COUNTY
MEETING





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AREA HAMFESTS

* JULY *

12: North Hills Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Northland Public Library-300 Cumberland Road
Contact: Cathy Heiles, KB3OYS-Phone: 412-486-2785 Email: nharchamfest@hotmail.com
Talkin: 147.09 MHz Repeater Web Page: <http://nharc.org> (McCandless)

• 19: Somerset County ARC Hamfest Somerset County Technology Center-Somerset, PA
Contact: Stew Saylor AK3J-Phone: 814 444 0637 email: ssaylor@earthlink.net
web page: <http://www.k3smt.org/hamfest/index.shtml> Talk-In: 147.195+ (PL 123)

* AUGUST *

23: Skyview Radio Society Hamfest/W.PA. Section Convention 2335 Turkey Ridge Road-New Kensington, PA
More Info: (Email-skyviewhamfest2009@verizon.net)-web: <http://www.skyviewradio.net>
Talk-In: 146.64- (PL 131.8)

* NOVEMBER *

1 : Washington Amateur Communications (WACOM) Hamfest Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, PA
Web page: www.wacomarc.org

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