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FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
(SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB)

CLUB STATION "W9ZL"

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318 EAST BREWSTER STREET
APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911
ARRL CLUB NO. 2132

NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 16th 1990

*****1990-1991*****

PRESIDENT:	MIKE JACKSON	WB9BBI	739-9680
VICE PRESIDENT:	DON BAKER	NB9J	766-3886
SECRETARY:	HELEN BORREE	WD9CYW	725-1331
TREASURER:	LES PARDEE	KA9MPP	766-1750
MEMBERSHIP CORD:	JIM SHEETS	K90QO	739-7695

The march 19th meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Myron Jackson WB9BBI. The meeting was held at Roosevelt Jr. High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (BALANCE) 1,410.08 as of March 19, 1990
plus \$777.15 in special hamfest Account.

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INFORMAL ITEMS

VOLUNTEER EXAM: Testing will be done at Roosevelt Jr. High School on June 9th at 9:00 in the morning. Anybody need anything get in touch with George Croy W9MDP.

EMERGENCY COMM? Wayne WD9FLJ reported that ARES and RACES will be testing the sirens in Outagamie Co. for five weekends. All ARES members please make a committment for this. A State wide Tornado Drill will be held on April 5th to test the sirens. Don't for get the Ares regular net on Wed. 9:00 P.M.

NCN EMERGENCY: We will be helping with the Memorial day parade. Give some thought to this. We will be having a Hamfest on Nov. 10th to be held at the Americon Hall. If interested in helping get in touch with Don NB9J.

NOVICE CLASS : The classes are done and Mike sure did a great job. I was there and helped him give tests. Every one passed but two. They sure knew their stuff. Good job Mike.

HOME BREW: WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH SO PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING PLEASE BRING IT.

FIELD DAY: Ron Pohlman KE9MV will be chairman for this. Please give him all the help he needs. Lets really make this a big and fun time. It will be held On June 23, and 24th.

E.A.A.: Wayne WD9FLJ will run it. He plans for alot of Special Events this year. He really needs alot of people to help with this so please help. Take it from me you sure have a great time when you get there.

Come to a Picnic on June 2nd given By the MIKE AND KEY CLUB AND THE FCARC. It will be held at the park across from BAY BEACH. Bring your own meat and a dish to pass. Starts at 10 or 11 o'clock. The two clubs will split the cost of soda.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER WILL BE HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING. PLEASE THINK OF SOMEBODY YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY WITH A SOCIAL AT THAT MEETING.

THE FCARC CLUB IS PLANNING A FALL SOCIAL WITH THE MIKE AND KEY CLUB FOR AUG. 18th. CORN WILL BE FURNISHED, BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YCUR OWN MEAT. SODA WILL BE SPLIT BY BOTH CLUBS. IT WILL BE HELD AT PLAMANN PARK AT 11:00.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MARCH 19th MEETING WERE:

HELEN BORREE	WD9CYW	DON BAKER	NB9J
MYRON JACKSON	WB9BBI	BOB GILLETTE	W9EYT
WAYNE PENNINGS	WD9FLJ	BOB CLEVELAND	WD9HID
JIM WIERZBA	WB9OJE	BILL GEREND	KA9TGR
GUB GEREND	W9OUT	DAVE ARNOLD	KA9NMK
EARL ANDRE	KB9DSV	TERI LARKEE	KA9WCF
JEFF SCHMEICHEL	KB9BYP	RICK KOSIOREK	N9ALF
BOB GEIDEMER	KA9JAC	HARRY GOODWIN	N9GQK
ALFRED WEINGARTNER	KA9RKV	ERIC RIRCHNER	KB9DYG
GARY KEATING	ND9Z	RALPH BALLINGER	N9ECS
KAREN THORNE	WB9ZNA	DAVE KIMBALL	KA9NNI
ROY HOMER	WB9QKW	VIRGINIA HEWITT	N9CSG
DAN EGGERT	AC9E	KEITH WICKERT	W9DKY
ADE VAN DER BURGT	K9DHR	TOM BUTLER	KA9TVT
EARL SHEARIER	W9RNH	TERRY GUNDERSON	KB9CAQ
TERRY GUNDERSON 11		JIM SHEETS	K9OQO

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
HELEN BORREE, WD9CYW
SECRETARY.

Mikes Mic

April showers brings may flowers and lightening and thunder. Does your system have both of its feet firmly Planted in the Ground. Does your automatic antenna disconnect work when the weatherman makes those statements about severe weather. Well Bunkey, unless you want sparks between the "R" and "U" keys on your computer and between the "LSB" and the "RTT" buttons on the HF rig, you better give those feet some consideration. If we're lucky this year we might get some rain, but if its like the Past springs, Grounding your station to the Plastic downspout might be good enough.

Just a few thoughts for the month.

1. We are in need of a few members to serve on a technical assistance committee. This committee would meet only when there is a need. When technical radio questions are submitted to ARRL by hams from our area, they are referred back to me to be given to this committee. At Present, I have one letter but would like to put this in the hands of some of our more experienced hams to outline advice to someone. I will be glad to write up your comments and send them out. If you might be interested Please let me know.

2. Another area of interest for a number of club members is contesting. We have not put together any coordinated effort with respect to contesting. There has been some interest shown in this fine ham activity, but it seems to me that as a club, we're leaving some of our members out there swinging by themselves. Is there anyone out there who would like to take some leadership in making members aware of contests, and organizing them to at least a limited extent.

When we submit our log sheets for club totals, the ARRL wants them submitted in mass and with the signature of the club secretary or President. This step is easy enough, but not being a contester myself, I don't pay enough attention to contests to even know when they're happening. All it might take is an announcement now and then, and a word of encouragement to those in our club who enjoy this facet of ham radio. This, of course, does not require the sanction of the club, but if you are interested, I'd be glad to help get this off the ground.

3. Are you thinking about Field Day and EAA? These important club functions will soon be upon us. If you are looking for a couple of fun activities pay attention to the announcements. Each year many hams enjoy these activities, and get to know fellow club members a little better.

Have fun hamming, watch out for ole sparky, become an elmer, do some contesting, and think about special events.



PACKET BITS

FROM:KBSBYG
AL VAN DYNHOVEN

MSG # TR SIZE TO FROM @BBS DATE TITLE
93 B# 1820 ARRL WJ9H RTWIS 900327 Prop forecast 13, 3/26/90
Forwarding path: KC9BK W09ESU W9WI

ZCZC AP17
QST DE WIAW
PROPAGATION FORECAST BULLETIN 13 ARLP013
FROM ED TILTON, WIHDQ
SPRING HILL FL MARCH 26, 1990
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

EARLY IN 1989 THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE PEAK OF SOLAR CYCLE 22 MIGHT BE NEAR. THE SOLAR FLUX PEAKED AT 299 IN JUNE. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THE LOW FOR JANUARY WAS 192 AND THE FLUX AVERAGED 236. THESE FIGURES WERE MOSTLY ABOVE PREVIOUS FIGURES FOR CYCLE 22. THEN CAME SEVERAL MONTHS OF MODERATELY HIGH NUMBERS, BUT NO NEW RECORDS UNTIL AN UPWARD SURGE IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE, WITH THE SOLAR FLUX RISING TO 327. THIS IS STILL THE FLUX HIGH, BUT IT WENT OVER 300 SEVERAL OTHER TIMES, AND WAS NEVER BELOW 192 ALL MONTH. THE FLUX AVERAGE FOR LAST JUNE WAS 240, ONE OF THE HIGHEST ON RECORD. JULY WAS QUIET BY COMPARISON, THE FLUX NEVER GOING ABOVE 199. AUGUST WAS MORE LIVELY, BUT IT SET NO RECORDS. SEPTEMBER WAS OVER 300 FOR FIVE DAYS PEAKING AT 305. OCTOBER HAD NO HIGH PEAKS BUT CAME THROUGH WITH AN IMPRESSIVE 284 AVERAGE. NOVEMBER SET A RECORD
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LOW OF 211, THE HIGHEST MONTHLY LOW IN THE WRITERS 14 YEARS OF RECORDING KEEPING.

A NEW PATTERN DEVELOPED IN DECEMBER THAT IS STILL WITH US. EARLY EACH MONTH THE FLUX HAS DROPPED SHARPLY HITTING BOTTOM NEAR MID MONTH, FOLLOWED BY A FAST RISE. THE FLUX HIT A LONG TIME LOW OF 138 IN EARLY FEBRUARY, THE LOWEST SINCE SEPTEMBER 10, 1988. IT HAS BEEN RISING GRADUALLY EVER SINCE, BUT IT IS EXPECTED TO FALL BACK THIS WEEK. THE EARTHS MAGNETIC FIELD WILL BE LESS ACTIVE, AND CONDITIONS SHOULD BE GENERALLY BETTER ON ALL BANDS THROUGH THE END OF MARCH. AMERICAN SUNSPOT NUMBERS FOR MARCH 15 THROUGH 21 WERE BETWEEN 107 AND 205 WITH A MEAN OF 152.1.
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Enter command: A,B,C,D,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,P,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,?,* >

A VERY LIKELY STORY

THIS IS THE STORY ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE NAMED EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY.

THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT JOB TO BE DONE AND EVERYBODY WAS ASKED TO DO IT. ANYBODY COULD HAVE DONE IT, BUT NOBODY DID IT. SOMEBODY GOT ANGRY ABOUT THAT.

BECAUSE IT WAS EVERYBODY'S JOB. EVERYBODY THOUGHT ANYBODY COULD DO IT BUT NOBODY REALIZED THAT EVERYBODY WOULDN'T DO IT.

IT ENDED UP THAT EVERYBODY BLAMED SOMEBODY WHEN NOBODY DID WHAT ANYBODY COULD HAVE DONE.

TO ALL
LOOK OUT...ANOTHER GRAB
HERE COMES ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GRAB 6 METERS!!

SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF LAWRENCE J. TIGHE, JR.,
PRESIDENT OF "WRNJ AM" RADIO STATION, TO CONVINCED THE FCC TO TAKE AWAY THE 6M
BAND FOR LOW-BAND COMMERCIAL RADIO FM BROADCASTING.

HE IS AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR, A W2, WHO BELIEVES WE ARE NOT USING THE
BAND TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL AND, THEREFORE WE DONT NEED IT. APPARENTLY
LAWRENCE TIGHE HAS ONLY RECEIVED ABOUT EIGHT CARDS AGAINST HIS PROPOSAL AND
FEELS THAT THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY COULD CARE LESS IF WE LOSE THE SPACE
OR NOT. MOST OF YOU HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN AWARE THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING. IF YOU
CARE, YOU HAD BETTER WRITE HIM AT

P.O. BOX 1000
HACKETTSTOWN, NJ
07840

NOW, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE FCC WOULD EVER TAKE ANY ACTION ON HIS PETITION
BECAUSE THIS BAND IS INTERNATIONALLY ESTABLISHED BY (WARC) CONVENTIONS.
HOWEVER, WHO IS TO SAY THAT THE FCC WOULD SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THIS
BAND IN THIS COUNTRY AT FUTURE (WARC) CONVENTIONS IF THERE WERE A BIG INTEREST
IN CONVERTING IT TO OTHER USES.

MR TIGHE HAS USED OUR MEGER RESPONSES AS JUSTIFICATION IN HIS PETITION FOR RECON-
SIDERATION AT THE FCC. IT IS A GOOD IDEA IF YOU ALSO SEND A COPY OF YOUR OBJECTI-
ONS TO THE FCC SO THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE AWAKE AND CONCERNED.

[FROM "SIX SHOTS" APRIL ISSUE OF WORLD RADIO.]

ENTER COMMAND: B,J,K #,KM,L,LM,R #,RM,S, or Help
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TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PRESENTS:

SWAPFEST 1990

TO BE HELD ON:

SATURDAY, MAY 12

NOTE THE NEW DATE!

AT

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

HWY 18 WEST, JEFFERSON, WI

FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

THIS WILL BE AN INDOOR-OUTDOOR EVENT. INDOOR SPACE REQUIRES A RESERVATION. BRING YOUR OWN OUTDOOR TABLES. SET UP WILL BE IN A RESERVED OUTDOOR VENDING AREA. COMMERCIAL SALES AREA INDOORS. ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE INDOORS ONLY. A NOTE TO VENDORS: SPECIAL NEEDS CAN BE HANDLED IF WE ARE CONTACTED IN ADVANCE. PLATE LUNCHES AND BEVERAGE PROVIDED BY JEFFERSON 4H.

AMATEUR EXAMS: FROM 9:00 TILL NOON. GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. BRING YOUR ORIGINAL FCC LICENSE AND A COPY.

TALK IN ON THE NEW 145.49 REPEATER!

ADMISSION: \$2.50 ADVANCE - \$3.00 AT THE DOOR

4 FOOT TABLE SPACE (INDOOR ONLY) - \$3.00 RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY!
SEND YOUR S.A.S.E. TO: TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, PO BOX 112, JEFFERSON, WI 53549.

DEALERS ON SITE:

- * HAM RADIO TOY STORE - WHEATON, ILL
- * BURK ELECTRONICS - LaGRANGE, ILL

