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Mike Murray, KC8PMG will take us to Bangladesh (S21) at the October Meeting.

The Harold 'Bud' Sisseem Memorial Station Dedicated at September BCARC Meeting

At the September meeting of the BCARC, our club radio station was officially dedicated as the "Harold 'Bud' Sisseem" Memorial Station. Bud, K8TZI was honored as a long time amateur radio operator and member of our club. Upon Bud's passing, his family generously donated his tower, tri-band antenna and other items to the club.

In addition to honoring Bud, other hams and friends of the club were also honored for their gracious donations of various items and their time and efforts which have helped us realize our goal of having a fully equipped HF/VHF station available for use for club activities and more importantly, available for use in a community emergency.

Senator Cameron Brown was able to join us for the dedication ceremony and was the lead speaker. We are grateful to have Senator Brown present with us on this special occasion.



Guests at Station Dedication

2006 Fall Technician Licensing Class

The BCARC's fall Technician Licensing Class is now underway. The first class was held on Sep 30 with 7 students enrolled and present. The class roster includes Dennis Van Winkle from Tekonsha, Corliss Fleming from Union City, Keith Barkman from Burr Oak, Bob Morford, Gene Stout and Spencer Reese from Coldwater and his grandfather, Bob Neer who visits Coldwater on the weekends from Bedford, IN.

The class was eager to get started and everyone is off to a good start.



Senator Brown Speaks

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Hams that stopped by or helped out at Applefest: KC8RYF, NS8T, W8SST, WB8ZSK, WD8MGF, WB8R, KD8AGZ, WA8HMG, KA8MMY, and KD8CYV. Thank you!

Applefest/Amateur Radio Awareness Day

On September 16, the BCARC joined the festivities in downtown Coldwater for the annual Applefest. Our location was in the SW corner of the 4-corner parks at the center of town. We tried out a new loop antenna that WB8ZSK had recently purchased. The antenna came with a fiberglass mast and spreaders that effectively made the antenna a single element quad.

As it turned out, our location was excellent as the foot traffic past our booth was very high. The fact that we located near several booths that offered a great selection of food didn't hurt us either!

Many folks stopped by and chatted with us and Bruce's antenna attracted a lot of attention as well.

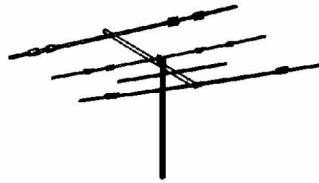


Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air

The Boy Scout's Jamboree on the Air or JOTA will happen the weekend of October 21 and 22. The local scouts will gather at Tip-Up Island in Quincy. The BCARC will be setting up an HF and VHF station so the scouts can talk with other scouts around the state and country. Jan Hayden KD8CYW has more detailed information. Jan can be reached at 639-4488.

More details will be forthcoming as plans and times firm up. Most likely we will be setting up on Saturday afternoon around 1:00 pm and expect to be there for 3 or 4 hours. Please plan to join us. Remember that the youth of today is the ham radio of the future!

DX on the Bands



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q.

SM5DIC, F5LTB and VE2EK are QRV as 9Q1D, 9Q1TB and 9Q1EK, respectively. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB when conditions permit. QSL to home calls.

BOTSWANA, A2.

Hardy is QRV as A25/DF3GY and has been active on 20, 17 and 15 meters using RTTY at various times. QSL to home call.

TAIWAN, BV.

Juergen, DJ3KR will be QRV as BX3/homecall from September 30 to October 18. QSL to home call.

CAPE VERDE, D4.

Angelo, D44BS has been active on 17 meters around 1700z. He will soon be active on 6 meters as well.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.

Station DT8A has been active on 20 meters using RTTY around 2300z.

ISLAND OF MAN, GD.

Operators GD0BPS, MD/K8DD, MD/AC8W and MD/W4DU are QRV until October 4. Activity is on 80 to 12 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes using mostly QRP power. QSL to home calls.

HUNGARY, HA.

Special event stations HA506NF and HA501DAE will be QRV from October 1 to December 31 to commemorate the Hungarian uprising of 50 years ago. QSL via HA6NF and HA1DAE, respectively.

WD8RDK, Silent Key

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Robert Cook, WD8RDK. Bob died peacefully in his sleep on September 21. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Hamfest Schedule

Oct 8 Kalamazoo, MI

Oct 8 Crown Pt, IN

Oct 21 Holland, MI

Oct 29 Sterling Hts, MI

Nov 18/19 Ft. Wayne

Dec 16 Lowell MI



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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI.

Antonio, IW2OAZ will QRV as HI8/IW2AOZ from October 2 to 28. He will be active 20 and 17 meters using SSB and RTTY. He plans to operate from Catalina Island on October 26 and 27. QSL via the bureau.

JAPAN, JA.

JJ4UEL/4 is QRV from Nino Island, IOTA AS-117. Activity is on all HF bands using SSB. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.

Oleg is QRV as LU/R1ANF from the Argentine Jubany Base and has been active on 40, 30 and 20 meters using CW. QSL via RK1PWA.

ARUBA, P4.

Larry, W00Z will be QRV as P40LL from September 30 to October 6. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2.

Peter, PA3CNX will be QRV as PJ4/PA3CNX from Bonaire, IOTA SA-006, from October 1 to November 3. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB, mostly between 2000 to 0200z. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA.

Alex, UA1ZCK is QRV as R1ANC Vostok Base, IOTA AN-016. He is usually QRV on 20 meters around 0600 to 1000z. QSL via RU1ZC.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND, R1FJ.

Station R1FJT has been QRV on 20 meters from around 1200 to 1500z. QSL via UA4RC.

SUDAN, ST.

Jovica is QRV as ST2A and has been QRV on 30 meters between 1800 and 1930z. QSL via T93Y.

CORSICA, TK.

Members of the Equipo de DX4DX are QRV as TK9Z until October 5. Activity is 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via EA4BT.

NAMIBIA, V5.

Operators V5/DJ8VC, V5/DF6QP and V5/DL8JS are QRV until October 13. Activity is on all bands, especially on 20 meters. QSL to home calls.

Exam Schedules

Oct 12

Sponsor: Goshen ARC
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Paul F Corey
 (574)262-4414
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Greencroft Retirement Center, Homan Building
 Greencroft Blvd
 Goshen, IN 46525

Oct 14

Sponsor: Eaton County ARC
Time: 12 Noon (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: John A. Dewey
 (517)543-0398
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Eaton Cnty Sheriff's Department - EOC
 1250 Independence Blvd
 Charlotte, MI 48813

Oct 21

Sponsor: Fulton County R. C.
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: Howard W Fuller
 (419)825-5443
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Archbold Police Department, 405 E Lutz RD
 Pre-Registration Preferred

Oct 21

Sponsor: Cascades ARS
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: Richard H McGuire
 (517)782-1430
VEC: W5YI VEC
Location: Jackson District Library
 244 West Michigan
 Jackson, MI 49204

Nov 11

Sponsor: Branch County ARC
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins ok)
Contact: Larry Camp
 (517)278-0406
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Branch County 911 Center
 141 E. Chicago Rd
 Coldwater, MI 49036