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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Field Day is now over and it was a good time for all participating. Scores seem to be several hundred contacts higher than last year and there were about 60+ participates that's up from last year if I am remembering correctly.

Frank did an excellent job on keeping everyone well feed. Craig did his usual outstanding job as did everyone who was involved. A big Thank You to all for a very successful event.

Now that Field Day is over it is time to think about working on Superfest. Superfest will be here before we know it and there is lots to be done. John Coker has had several meetings to make plans and there will be more coming very soon. Watch your Email for dates.

We all need to get involved and make Superfest a big success. Superfest is the only fund raising event PAARC does over the year and the funds raised from Superfest pays for many activities over the year. Superfest takes months of planning and many hours of hard work to make it happen and we need every one to commit to a job and help pull off another successful event. Please plan to attend a planning meeting and volunteer for a job appropriate to you abilities.

73's Merle KB9VQH

PAARC EVENTS

PAARC MEETS AT RED CROSS

The Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club meets at the American Red Cross Chapter House, 311 West John Gwynn Jr. Avenue between Hightower and Kumpf Blvd. in Peoria, Illinois. The meetings are held on the second Friday of each month.

Upcoming Events

July 3 – No PAARC Board Meeting, Red Cross Chapter House 7:00pm

July 10 –Bring your mobile installation to the annual PAARC Cruise-In on July 10. From 6:00PM to 7:00PM PAARC Meeting 7:00pm Red Cross Chapter House. Program:D-Star Update, Superfest 2009 Update,, Setting up your home station (audience participation), Amateur Radio Software

July 18 – D-Star Program – Darhal Wolf, K9DRF 9:00am Red Cross Chapter House

Refreshment Schedule

July 10 – Merle Joiner, KB9VQH

Aug. 14 _DeWayne Barton, KB9ATO

Sep. 11 – “OPEN”

D-STAR FORUM

The Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club will hold a D-STAR forum on Saturday July 18, 2009 at the Red Cross Chapter in downtown Peoria. The forum will start at 9:00 AM. Please note that the last message on the reflector had the incorrect date; the forum is on Saturday July 18, 2009.

The program will discuss how to use the D-STAR system. The program will cover registration, programming concepts and specific radio demonstrations.

For more information contact: DSTAR-PAARC@comcast.net or k9drf@comcast.net or call 309-688-0254.

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QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

America lives in the heart of every man everywhere who wishes to find a region where he will be free to work out his destiny as he chooses.

--Woodrow Wilson

The Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club

The club was originally chartered as the Peoria Radio Club on May 2, 1919. Please address all correspondences to:

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Full Membership: \$25 per calendar year. Ages 18 and under, or 65 and older are \$20 per calendar year.

Family Membership: Full membership for first member and \$10 for each additional member in same household.

Associate Membership: \$15 per calendar year for out of area amateurs who are interested only in occasional participation.

Honorary Life Memberships: are free and are awarded by a vote of the general membership after recommendations from the Board of Directors.

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Articles for BANDBITS must be received by the Monday following the club meeting for inclusion in the next issue.

Club Net/Newsline

The club holds a weekly net on Sunday Evening at 8:30 PM Local Time on the 147.075 repeater. All Amateurs with 2 meter privileges are invited to check in. Amateur Radio Newsline will be heard after the Net.

Repeaters

The PAARC operates three 2 meter repeaters, which are open for all amateurs with 2 meter privileges. The 146.250 (input)/146.850 (output) repeater is located at the Peoria City EOC on Grandview Drive. The repeater uses a 103.5 Hz output tone for CTCSS squelch control.

The 147.675 (input)/147.075 (output) repeater is located on the Rock-106 tower in East Peoria. This repeater is used for the Sunday night net. This repeater uses a 103.5 Hz input tone for CTCSS squelch control.

The W9PIA D-Star 144.505 (input)/145.105 (output) repeater is located on the Rock-106 tower.

Club Net Report – By Steve Schlosser, KB9VIU

The Sunday Night Net check-in results for the month are shown in the table below:

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	Total
35	38	35	29	137

Highlights from the check-ins

June 7:

N9NEW, Bob checked in first reporting that he managed to get some work done over the weekend between the downpours of rain. **K9ADL, Anthony** reported that at net time there was thunder and lightning not too far from his location. He also reported attending the Princeton hamfest and picking up a couple of antennas and a TNC. **KA9JHL, Al** reported that he also attended the hamfest in Princeton and had a real good time there. **KC9AUU, Al** reported that it was raining at his location at net time. **N9HHU, Jim** checked in reminding everyone of the upcoming monthly club meeting on the 12th. **K9DRF, Darhal** reported that he and John, N9FAM went up to Princeton for the hamfest and sold a lot of tickets for "Superfest". **KC0TOT, Seth** reported in portable stating that he had taken his Yaesu FT-817 and an antenna tuner to work last evening and put it in the bulldozer he uses. He reported making a couple of good contacts into Texas, running just 5 watts.

N9WFT, Dan was in next reporting that he thought it was very cool what Seth had done and that 12 meters was open recently. He made a contact into Florida on 12. Dan had some other things to report but conditions were not favorable for Dan from his location in El Paso. **KB9NBG, Gene** reported that he currently had a quite a bit of lightning at his location in Brimfield. **KC9PQV, John** reported next stating that he had went with his dad **Peter, KB9YYD** over to see K9CT's hamshack and was very impressed. He also stated that they went to the Princeton hamfest as well, taking his brother Will, who passed his technician license exam. Congrats to Will and also Peter and Lisa for having a 4th ham in the family! **N9FAM, John** was next reporting they spent a lot of time inside at the hamfest due to the rain and that there would be a "Superfest" meeting on Monday (8th) at the Red Cross. **KD0EKA, Jaqui** reported that she was out of town in Missouri last week and she made an extended hour long contact with **KC0FDV**, who was running a "pre-Field Day" exercise.

June 7: Cont'd

KB9ATO, Dewayne reported that he got some yard work done over the weekend and that he enjoyed the first picking of garden leaf lettuce. **W9KCB, Al** reported that he too went to Princeton for the hamfest today; Al has been going to this hamfest since 1954 when it was at Starved Rock. John, **KB9TLF** also went with Al. He also reported that Phil, **WX9U** had won 3rd prize in the drawing. **W9FED, Fred** checked in reporting that he had received a new HT as a Birthday gift. Welcome Fred. **KC9LDH, Curt** was next reporting that early last week he heard a good VHF opening. He reported having his HT sitting on the car when he heard stations coming in from Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana. And **KB9KBC, Dave** reported that he had been enjoying hockey and golf today. Also checked in were; **WX9JC, KB9VQH, N9SJZ, W9WTF, K9GWL, N9FLS, KC9FWR, KB9YYC, W9GHO, KB9YYD, KC9OJN, W9OI, KB9RAB, K9HJZ, KB9TNZ** and **N9HUW**. The net closed at 10:08 p.m. local time following the AR Newline report.

June 14:

KC9OJN, Rodney reported that he had made his first Russian contact on 20 meters Friday evening (12th). **N9HUW, Tim** was next reporting that the 3rd annual Safety Exposition was to be held on Wednesday the 17th at Grand Prarie shopping center. **N9WFT, Dan** reported that he had made some good contacts on 17 meters and he received a QSL from K5D DXpedition. **KC9PQV, John** reported that one of his young neighbor's is studying now for his technician license. **K9DRF, Darhal** reported that there would be a "Superfest" meeting on Monday (15th). **KC9PZP, Will** reported that he had passed his technician exam at the testing in Princeton during the hamfest. Will is **KC9PQV's** brother and son of Peter, **KB9YYD** and Lisa, **KC9YYC**. Congrats to Will! **K9SE, Jim** checked in reporting that he is from the Peoria area and was in town visiting some family and friends. **KC0TOT, Seth** reported that he had an active week; he stated that 10 meters was open Monday and Tuesday and that he had taken his FT-817 and antenna tuner to work and put it in the bulldozer. m He made 10 contacts Monday and 6 on Tuesday and he also chased down 7 of 10 needed 10-10 numbers. He also reported working some 2 meter SSB making 11 contacts. **KC9LDH, Curt** reported that his very first HT had quit transmitting and that he had tracked some balloons over the weekend as well. **W9KCB, Al** reported that he had been working on an old 1959 receiver for a friend. He stated that he needed an RF choke and tried Radio shack, to no avail. **KB9NW, Ron** reported that he had recently purchased a couple of CW keys on Ebay and that he found a 3-headphone amplifier at Radio Shack. **N9GQR, Frank** reported that the power company had recently put a remote meter reading device on a utility pole near his location and now he is getting a high noise level on the 40 meter MIDCARS frequency. **WA9W, Gene** reported that the power company had installed the remote meters near his QTH about a week ago. And **KB9KBC, Dave** reported there had been some tornadoes in Colorado this past week and that there had been some good activity on the shortwave broadcast bands last evening (13th).

Also checked in were; **KA9JHL, W9WTF, K9ADL, N9FLS, AA9VT, KC9FWR, KB9YYD, N9HHU, KB9YYC, W9WGN,**

KB9ATO, KI0EB, KC9AAU, W9GHO, KB9VQH, KD0EKA, N9NEW, KC9GMS, KB9TNZ, W9TGO, KC9MOV, KB9RAB and **KC9NTA**. The net closed at 10:00 p.m. local time.

June 21:

KC9AAU, Al reported in first stating that he had spent Father's Day with family and that he had an ear operation this past week and spent 5 hours on the operating table. **N9NEW, Bob** reported that he spent some time over the weekend just messing around the shack. **KB9ATO, Dewayne** reported that he had done some lawn fertilizing and spent some time entertaining his mother-in-law over the weekend. **W9WTF, Bob** reported that he had a real good time at the repeater site cookout on Saturday (20th). **WB9NNS, Ron** checked in mobile while traveling on Yankee Lane outside of Chillicothe. **KC9PRG, Christian** in Creve Couer checked in stating that he too recently got his ticket and he is **KC9OJN**, Rodney's nephew. Rodney was chiefly responsible for getting Christian interested in becoming a ham. **N9WFT, Dan** reported that he had recently logged seven 12 meter contacts. **K9CT, Craig** reported that he had worked the VHF contest last weekend and logged 800 contacts and 300 grid squares. He also reported working 9 new countries on 6 meters since June 1st. Craig also had a bit of bad luck; his VHF tower and antenna system had come down in the high winds we had recently. **KC0TOT, Seth** checked in reporting that he had fun at the cookout on Saturday and thanked Fritz, **WD9FMB** for cooking the food. **AD9Z, Dave** reported in stating that he has to travel for his work and hasn't been able to check in regularly. **KD0EKA, Jaqui** checked in reporting that she had passed the General exam at the testing session in Morton on Saturday. Congrats to Jaqui! **KB9KBC, Dave** reported that he had been enjoying the mild temperatures lately and that he had no HF capabilities now for the time being. **WA9W, Gene** reported in with some comments about the morning storm that blew through and dumped a ton of rain at his location. **W9KCB, Al** reported that he had an enjoyable Father's Day meal with family. And **KB9TNZ, John** checked in congratulating **JaquiKD0EKA**, on the upgrade and to wish everyone good luck on "Field Day".

Also checked in were; **KB9VQH, N9SJZ, KA9JHL, N9HHU, N9FLS, W9OI, K9GWL, KB9YYD, KB9YYC, KC9PZP, K9MPR, W9GHO, K9ADL, KC9FWR, WX9U, WX9JC, KB9NNG, W9TGO** and **KC9MOV**. The net closed at 9:20 p.m. local time. AR Newline was not aired.

June 28:

N9NEW, Bob was first reporting that he spent some quality time messing around the shack. **N9FLS, Swede** reported that there was a lot of activity on 75 meters on Saturday during the "Field Day" exercise. **N9HHU, Jim** reported that the group at the Tazewell EOC logged 550 CW contacts and 453 phone for the "Field Day" exercise. He also reported that it was a bit busy with the storm that came through and also a "search and rescue" as well during the operating times for the event. **K9CT, Craig** checked in thanking all who helped with "Field Day". He stated that even with 2 hours of "down time" due to the storm, **W9PIA** scored 310 more contacts than last year. He also reported that he was very glad to see the youth enthusiasm this year. **N9SJZ, John** reported that there would not be a Board meeting on Friday the 3rd. **K9ADL, Anthony** reported that he had a great time at "Field Day", having some fun with APRS and making contacts. He also reported a high level of static due to the storm.

June 28: Cont'd

N9FAM, John reported in stating that he had a busy weekend; he had attended a high school reunion. He also reported that there would be no "Superfest" meeting on Monday. **KC9LDH, Curt** reported that he had to work the weekend so wasn't able to operate at "Field Day" and that he had heard the "pirate" APRS station again and was tracking it. **KD0EKA, Jaqui** reported that she had to work as well over the weekend and that she and Seth, KC0TOT were discussing a possible HF rig for her car. **KB9YYC, Lisa** reported that she did make it to the "Field Day" site for a little bit and thanked everyone for being so great with helping the youth attendees. **KB9YYD, Peter** was next reporting that he had camped with the boys over night at the "Field Day" site and he found the whole event to be a great experience. **KC0TOT, Seth** reported having a fun time at FD; Seth had to work until midnight but he came back out and made contacts until about 4:30 a.m. **KC9PQV, John** reported that he made 100 contacts during FD and that he is planning to study for a General class upgrade. And **KA9YSE, Dave** reported that he was unable to make it out to FD this year.

Also checked in were; KA9JHL, KC9AUU, KC9FWR, K9GWL, KB9ATO, K9DRF, W9KCB, KB9NBG, KC9PZP, WX9U, W9TGO, KC9MOV, KB9TNZ and W9FYR. The net closed at 9:44 p.m. following the AR Newsline report.

ARES MEETING SCHEDULE-
July 23 program at Germantown Hills FD 7PM "Mobile WX Spotting Vehicle " by Mike Brady WX9MPT.
August 27 To be announced at Germantown Hills FD 7PM



Photos of the PAARC Field Day in Robinson Park submitted by Pat Ryan KC6VVT, ARRL Illinois Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator



MORE QUOTATIONS
 A life of reaction is a life of slavery, intellectually and spiritually. One must fight for a life of action, not reaction.
 --Rita Mae Brown
 Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect. We take what we get and are thankful it's no worse than it is.
 --Margaret Mitchell

PAARC Board Meeting June 5, 2009

Officers in attendance:

Merle Joiner, President
 Fritz Bock, Vice President
 John Best, Treasurer
 F Olivito, Secretary
 John Hineman, Director
 Bob Bush, Trustee
 Jim Williams, Director

John Best report on PAARC financial position
 Possible replacement for John Best discussed

FD food report
 Show of hands will be used to determine attendance at FD
 next monthly meeting
 Budget for food limited to contribution \$250

Jim Williams: no traffic

Bob Bush interference at repeater site solved

Dahral Wolf applied D+ update
 There will be future updates
 18 July for DSTAR demo at Red Cross building from 9-12

Fritz Bock will do press release for FD to PJStar
 Saturday before FD campfire at repeater site: brats and
 burgers

Fritz did mowing and weed eating at tower site and building
 Fans and A/C working properly in building
 Question as to tower site address
 Additional FM transmitter station to be installed at site

John Hineman volunteered for air show 11-12 July
 Still looking for additional volunteers

John Coker SF meeting Monday 8 Jun 1800 hours local
 Discuss mailings
 ALS Walk is looking for PAARC volunteers 13 Jun
 Show time 1100
 ST Jude Run volunteers need from PAARC to help 1 Aug

FB update from Technician Class 5 licensed out of 6
 students
 1 yr free for *Bandbits* for new Hams enter into Data Base as
 Novice
 Program for June monthly meeting is "Field Day 2009"

Motion to close &
 Accepted

Submitted by
 Frank Olivito, KC9LNH
 Secretary

Minutes – PAARC Regular Meeting – June 12, 2009

Officers in attendance:

Merle Joiner, President
 Fritz Bock, Vice President
 FJ Olivito, Secretary
 John Hineman, Director
 Jim Williams, Director

Minutes for May 2009 accepted

John Coker needs Hams for ALC Walk

Fritz Bock Saturday before FD cook out at repeater site +
 wood burning 1800 local

Fritz Bock has sign up sheet for FD operators
 Darhal Wolf has SF tickets
 Members needed to sell tickets at SF gate
 18 July DSTAR seminars "Using DSTAR". E-mail Darhal
 if you wish to attend

Craig Thompson FD brief
 Set up Friday morn 0800 all non Ham radio equip
 Can't set up Ham FD until 1300 Friday
 Bob Bush is antenna chairman + SSB station Captain
 Fritz Bock Captain + bonus PTS
 Larry Riser Captain VHF station
 Ron Morgan GOTA Captain
 CW Captain Bill Axelrod
 Operate 24 hrs is a necessity
 CQ FD W9PIA. Reply 3A IL
 No extraneous talk

John Hineman power captain will set up Friday with UPS'.
 Fritz Bock briefing on bonus points for Field Day 2009
 Meeting adjourned

Submitted by
 Frank Olivito, KC9LNH
 Secretary

HAMFESTS

Here's what the ARRL website presently has for hamfests in May
 within 250 miles of Peoria. Not all fests are posted, or posted in a
 timely manner on this website, so it may be an incomplete list.

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| 11 Jul | Indianapolis Hamfest Association
Indianapolis, IN. Camp Sertoma
2316 South German Church Road
Contact: Bob Blake, N9FIM
Phone: 317-261-6658
Email: bob9fim@att.net |
| 11 Jul | South Milwaukee ARC, Oak Creek, WI
American Legion Post #434
9327 South Shepard Avenue
Contact: Verne Teske, W9RYA
Phone: 414-762-3235
Email: ryatex@aol.com |

ANNOUNCING THE "ZO FEST 2009" Saturday, August 8

Last year we had a very successful gathering with 45 attendees. It was packed! This year we would like to extend the invitation to all contesters and DXers in the area and have been offered the use of the DoubleTree Convention Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

WHAT:

A day of Contest & DX presentations and socializing

WHEN:

Saturday, August 8 9 am - 3 pm DoubleTree, pizza party afterwards

WHERE:

DoubleTree Convention Center, 10 Brickyard Dr. (South Veterans Parkway),
Bloomington, IL
Bloomington. Doubletree. com

AGENDA:

9 - 10 am Arrival, coffee available at the DoubleTree

10:00 am "Welcome and Opening Remarks"

10:30 "Exit from Siberia" - K9PPY Jim Model

Remember all those Asiatic Russians we used to work on 20 meters in the evenings? Then they were gone! Jim will show a fascinating video of the quick exit from Siberia when it was announced that fuel for heating would no longer be available.

11:00 "A Geography Lesson - Places That Were Countries" - K9ZO Ralph Bellas

Country entities have come and gone through time. Some have been small outposts of the British Empire in China and North Africa which issued postage stamps and predated ham radio. Other areas combined and formed the countries which we know today. Similarly ham radio entities have existed, then been deleted from the DXCC list. We'll have a look at some of the fascinating places around the world.

11:30 "Desecheo" - WB9Z Jerry Rosalius

So close and yet so far! The little island of Desecheo is just off the coast of Puerto Rico, but it's been off limits for years and as a result ranked high on the most wanted list. Jerry will tell us what it took to get permission and pull off a first class operation.

12:00 Lunch Enjoy the fresh buffet, drinks, and dessert. You won't go hungry! A cash bar is available in the afternoon.

1:00 pm "VHF Contesting and DXing - W9GKA Kevin Kaufhold
Kevin can wow us with his analysis of VHF activities, encourage us to get on, and help with those tough station design decisions.

1:30 "Operating from Fernando de Noronha" - K9PPY Jim Model

Jim has had the good fortune to operate from an unusual place off the coast of Brazil. It's small, unique, and counts as a separate country entity.

ZO FEEST 2009, Cont'd

2:00 pm "Station Design" - K9AY, Gary Breed

It's all about system design and performance. Gary will lead us down from the antenna into the receiver and highlight items which impact how well a station works.

2:30 Available

3:00 Concluding remarks

Adjourn for conversation and pizza

DXCC and WAS card checking will be available throughout the day courtesy of Jess, AI9L, and Patti Colvin, AF9H.

Please visit the ARRL site and download the application.

Inside tables will be provided for items you may have to sell. There is plenty of free parking.

Attire: Jeans/shorts and a contest/DX T shirt or cap.

A limited number of discounted rooms are available at the DoubleTree. Contact: Michael.Bill [at] hilton.com

What you will need to do:

1. Contact K9ZO [at] hotmail.com to reserve a spot and help us plan. Do this early because we must commit the room reservation.
2. Send a check to K9ZO (CBA/QRZ) for \$20 for the lunch. I will be taking reservations during the month of July.
3. Forward this announcement to friends, DXers, local clubs, and invite a newbie
4. Volunteer to do a short presentation - DX, contest, technical, or bring items to display

From: K9ZO Ralph Bellas via Craig, K9CT

WHAT'S NEW AT DAYTON 2009 -- THE UNABRIDGED VERSION

The July 2009 issue of QST had a one page overview of some of the major pieces of equipment introduced at the Dayton Hamvention. There is no way a single person can track down everything on display that's new in the time available, but QST Technical Editor Joel Hallas, W1ZR, did find quite a bit more -- much more than can be squeezed into the available QST page.

"We reported on many other categories of interest, including new VHF and antenna-related equipment, as well as many categories of accessories," he said. "When you click on the link, you'll find a description of the rest of the new items I tracked down during a very busy three days at Dayton."

Check it out on the ARRL Web site

<<http://www.arrl.org/files/qst-binaries/QS0709NewatDayton.pdf>>.

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AREA FCC EXAMS

Morton:

FCC Amateur Radio Exams are held at the Morton Public Library, 315 West Pershing at 12:00 noon the third Saturday of even numbered months or as noted below Aug 15, Oct 17, and Dec 19, 2009. If no one is there at that time the examiners will leave as they are all volunteers. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring your original Radio License (if any) and a copy, and the original and a copy of any of any Certificate of Completion (CSCE) not already acted upon by the FCC. Copies are needed to send with your license application. Fee for 2009 is \$14.00. You will also need identification such as a Driver's License, and a Social Security Number. Contact Larry Leary, AB9DJ at AB9DJ@insightbb.com or (309) 263-4040 for more information.

Bloomington:

FCC Amateur Radio Exams will be given on at the American Red Cross at One Westport Court on East Route 9. Exam dates for 2009 are 7/18, 11/14 Testing begins at 1:00pm. Contact Keith Hanson AC9S at ac9s@mchsi.com (preferred) or (309) 378-4416 for more information.

Note on testing – A Social Security number is now required for all FCC exams.

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