

MCWA Radiogram

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KB9I repeater 145.410 (-)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the
**McHenry County Wireless
Association**
Will meet on
Tuesday, February 1, 2005
@ 7:30PM.
(Socializing begins at 7:00PM)
Nunda Township Hall
3510 Bay Road
Crystal Lake, IL
Tonight's Topic
PSpice circuit modeling
Software presentation

February Contesting

February 14 -19

School Club Roundup
[http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/
2005/scr.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/scr.pdf)

February 19 - 20

[ARRL Web: Rules, 2005 ARRL
International DX Contest](#) (CW)

February Hamfests

There are no Hamfests in the States of Illinois
And Wisconsin, Great Lakes and Central
Divisions or Illinois and Wisconsin ARRL
Sections.

For Hamfest information on events in Indiana,
Ohio, or Michigan, see the ARRL website at
www.arrl.org/

Your MCWA officers and busy bodies

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To: "Penny k9pls Staley" plstaley@mindspring.com ; "Tom Staley"
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Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2005 2:14 PM
Subject: Bill kc9fra

Hi all,

I just got off working Bill kc9fra in South Texas. He is a member of mcwa, he is down in South Texas for the Winter. He told me to say hello to everyone. that they got the most snow on christmas since 1865. He is on the echo link if anyone wants to talk to him. He connects to the 146655 repeater on occasion and I worked him today.

I thought I pass on the info.

73

Pierre K9EYE and Leaderdog Lucky

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<http://shark.dls.net/~atoz>

MCWA Treasurer's Report 1/31/051

01/01/2005 Through 01/31/2005

02/02/2005

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Cl	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/2004							2,364.01
01/03/...	MCWA	DEP	... Deposit	1380 Gallant	Banquet		42.00
				7939 Craner	Banquet		42.00
				3231 Rademacher	Banquet		42.00
				6493 Dewey	Banquet		42.00
				15802 Staley	Banquet		63.00
				15683 Garrett	Banquet		42.00
				2651 Hoffman	Banquet		42.00
				13817 Stengel	Banquet		42.00
				1032 Durante	Banquet		42.00
				cash	Banquet		147.00
				15803 Staley	BanqRaffle		20.00
				cash	BanqRaffle		180.00
01/03/...	MCWA	DEP	Deposit 1/3/05	raffle from10/5/04	Raffle income		50.00
01/03/...	MCWA	DEP	... Deposit 1/3/05	Steve James	Dues 05		15.00
				Kent Dulaney	Dues 05		15.00
				John Dewey	Dues 05		15.00
				Jack Hudson W9MU	Dues 05		15.00
				Dennis Allen	Dues 05		15.00
				Tom & Paula Esse...	Dues 05		15.00
				Martin Parrish W9...	Dues 05		15.00
				David Cooper	Dues 05		15.00
				Carol Hansen KC9...	Dues 05		15.00
				Eric Rademacher	Dues 05		15.00
				Matt Gallant KB9R...	Dues 05		15.00
				Wendall Smith	Dues 05		15.00
				Wendall Smith	Raffle income		51.00
01/03/...	MCWA	1067	**VOID**			c	0.00
01/03/...	MCWA	1068	... Penny Staley	Envelopes	Newsletter Expense		-10.31
				for October newsle...	Stamps		-37.00
01/03/...	MCWA	1069	Thomas Staley	banquet raffle prizes	banquet raffle expense		-208.99
TOTAL 01/01/2005 - 01/...							770.70
BALANCE 01/31/2005							3,134.71
TOTAL INFLOWS							1,027.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS							-256.30
NET TOTAL							770.70

From the Editor's Thinking Cap

Got this email forwarded to me by Pierre Berube.

From: "Dale Svetanoff" svetanoff@earthlink.net
Date: January 11, 2005 9:07:57 PM CST
To: "Ken Farver" kfarver@mc.
Subject: Fw: [BPL-LOCAL:708] FCC's BPL rules
Reply-To: svetanoff@earthlink.net

Guys,

The link below leads you to an Acrobat document that is the applicable pages of the Jan 7th edition of the Federal Register, in which are contained the revised FCC Part 15 rules for BPL systems. Hams got lip service, not much more. It is nice to see that some safety and security services are getting protection from the "non-interfering signals" of BPL. What a crock! Anyway, some Govt agencies are protected, others are not. Go figure.

73, Dale
WA9ENA

The rules regarding BPL are out..

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-246.pdf>

DX WINDOW ON 75M OPEN TO THE WORLD
Dave Cooper, KA9OZP

This is the time to work mid-winter DX on 75m. Starting near sunset, you can work Latin America and Europe through the night. You may be treated to some Pacific region and African DX as well. Of course, CW on 75m can also be very rewarding. The LSB window area is generally near 3.790-3.800mc. If suffering from insomnia, work the world all night long if the QRN level permits.

Unfortunately, this winter has had an extra portion of static. It has not been as bad as the summer season, but it has been averaging near S-7. Even static clashes are common this winter. This may be due partly to the temperature extremes across North America which can create lightning. How can we forget our local lightning storm on January 12? It was disconnect time!

You can work some DX from about 3.775mc to 3.790mc. If you call CQ, it is my experience that a station will more readily respond in this section of the band. As you discuss equipment, two to three other stations will join in across North America.

Enjoy 160m and 80m while the winter is still upon us!

Minutes for the January meeting were not available at press time. However, I received this a little late for the Christmas newsletter, but it's too cute to wait till next year. K9pls)

A Ham's Night Before Christmas
Author Unknown.

Twas the night before Christmas, And all through two-meters, Not a signal was keying up Any repeaters. The antennas reached up From the tower, quite high, To catch the weak signals That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses, Took their HT's to bed, And dreamed of the day They'd be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones, I plugged in the key, And we tuned 40 meters For that rare ZK3. When the meter was pegged by a signal with power. It smoked a small diode, and, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones, And with all she could muster Logged a spot of the signal On the DX Packet Cluster.

While I ran to the window And peered up at the sky, To see what could generate RF that high. It was way in the distance, But the moon made it gleam - A flying sleigh, with an Eight element beam, And a little old driver who looked slightly mean. So I thought for a moment, That it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa, The Santa of Hams. On a mission, this Christmas To clean up the bands. He circled the tower, Then stopped in his track, And slid down the coax Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid Behind stacks of CQ, This Santa of hamming Knew just what to do. He cleared off the shack desk Of paper and parts, And filled out all my late QSL's For a start. He ran copper braid, Took a steel rod and pounded It into the earth, till The station was grounded. He tightened loose fittings, Resoldered connections, Cranked down modulation, Installed lighting protection.

He neutralized tubes In my linear amp....(Never worked right before --Now it works like a champ). A new, low-pass filter Cleaned up the TV. He corrected the settings In my TNC. He repaired the computer That would not compute, And he backed up the hard drive And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep In the bag that he brought, And he pulled out a big box. "A new rig?" I thought! "

A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yeasu, for me?!" (If he thought I'd been bad it might be QRP!) Yes! The Ultimate Station! How could I deserve this? Could it be all those hours that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up And in record time, quickly Worked 100 countries, All down on 160. I should have been happy, it was my call he sent. But the cards and the postage Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments, And left a card by the key:"To Gary, from Santa Claus. Seventy-Three." Then he grabbed his HT, Looked me straight in the eye, Punched a code on the pad, And was gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station, And the pile-up was big, But a card from St. Nick Would be worth my new rig. Oh, too late, for his final came over the air. It was copied all over. It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed What a ham might expect, "Merry Christmas to all, And to all, good DX."

or, my preferred ending,

The Ham Santa exclaimed In a voice the loudest "Merry Christmas to all, And to all CQ Contest