

# KEYCLICKS

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My first official act as newsletter editor is to wish the membership a happy holiday season albeit a bit late. I also would like wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

### **DUES ARE DUE!!**

With the beginning of a new year also comes time to renew your membership. If you have not already taken care of this, please send dues and application to the club PO box or bring them to the meeting. Please submit an application so we can get your information correct on the roster.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

As always, we are looking for things of interest to the local ham community to put in **YOUR** newsletter. Please feel free to forward any ideas to me for publication. Upgrades, for sale and/or wanted equipment are just a few examples. Your input makes this job a lot easier. Your comments and criticism

are also welcome as long as it is in a constructive manner.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the November meeting were not available at the time of this writing. However the highlights will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter. The election was held and the new board assignments have been chosen and are listed at the top.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our annual Christmas meeting / party was held at Green Isle Park in the pavilion on December 11<sup>th</sup>. About 25 people attended and everybody seemed to have a good time. Check out the pictures that follow. Hope you enjoy them even though they aren't on photo paper. I'm sure they won't look as good in a hard copy version as in the email version.

### **CLUB MEETING**

Don't forget the monthly meeting. It is Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in room 223 of the JM Science Building at St. Norbert College. See ya there.



Bob, KA9BXG, opens a package while Wes, W9WES looks on.



Lori, N9QZB, got hats & a license plate frame



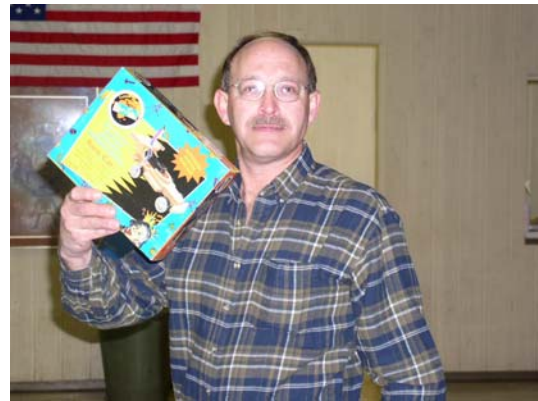
Elaine, N9QZF, opens her "new" FT-2.



Peter, N9VVD, got headphones.



John, W0LFE, checks out his Can-tenna for 2.4 Ghz.



Jake, W9BLI, got a race car.



By some strange coincidence, Kevin KB9SNE & Scott, KC9BLE each won a bottle of wine. They are both new dads. Congratulations to both of them!!!! The mothers and harmonics are doing fine.

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

We have had the pleasure of a foreign exchange student attending a few of our club meetings. Her name is Antney Li. She is from Beijing China... and also is a ham. Since the US doesn't recognize licenses from China, Antney is going to take her test to acquire a US license. Her favorite band is 15 meters and she has an excellent fist!!!!!!!!!! She has a low level license including a code proficiency. Please make her feel welcome!

We will probably be having testing in the near future for Antney. So if you have any intention of upgrading start boning up and come on down!!!!

### **CLASSES????**

We have held ham classes in each of the past several years. To my knowledge nobody put out any announcements this year. Do you know of anybody that is thinking of getting their license?? Check with them and see if you can get a commitment from them. Classes have been held on Wed evenings from 7-9 PM in years past.

### **JUST AN FYI**

Recently the city of De Pere Forestry Dept. came through and trimmed the trees on the verge at the editors house. That in and of itself was a good thing and probably overdue. Nevertheless, to the editors surprise, one of his antennas was laying in the front yard as a result. The forestry guys left a card from the City Forester. Upon checking the answering machine, a message from the forester was found. After returning his call, I was informed that there is a city ordinance against tying anything (antennas or whatever) to the trees on the verge. It seems that they are afraid that the rope would girdle the trees or break off some of the branches. While I agree that sentiment, I still need something to support the end of a couple dipoles. After making a few calls, I found what is actually an easy fix. It seems that putting the rope through a section of garden hose should satisfy their objections...as long as you give them the old emergency communication speech. Note: this should take care of antenna concerns but you are on your own if you are hanging other things from tree branches.. You may want to find another place to hang your not so close friends!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ;-)

### **FOR SALE**

KS9WI has for sale the following items:

- Icom IC 746 \$775
- Maxtor HD 20 Gig \$25
- 64Meg Ram PC 133 DIMM
- 200 Mhx Pentium I desk top computer (AT case) includes a 10 gig HD, 64 meg ram, floppy & cd rom drive, modem, 64 meg ram
- HP 683C printer

Make offer on computer, ram & printer

