

KEYCLICKS

January 2005

2005 Club Officers

President: Bob Lane, KB8ZXE Vice President: Keith Summers, KS9WI
Secretary: Elaine Summers, N9QZF Treasurer: John Wolfe, WOLFE
Newsletter Editor: Nick Marto, KB9UAE
Members at Large: Gary Keating, ND9Z & Christian Reynolds, KC0ARF

Please welcome and lend your support to the 2005 Board of directors. I'm sure they will serve you well.

FROM THE EDITOR

Where has the past year gone? It seems like just a very short time ago, I agreed to take the position of Newsletter Editor. A year has passed and with the next issue you will have a new editor...Nick, KB9UAE. I'm sure he will do a fine job for us. Please bear in mind that it is a tough job to come up with a large amount of ham related news locally. As always feel free to submit ideas for articles.
Keith, KS9WI

DUES

With the incoming year comes the time that the Club asks you to please rejoin and send in your dues. They are the same as last year...\$20 if you wish the newsletter via email...\$25 if

you would like it sent via the USPS. Additional hams in the same household are an additional \$5. You can download a membership application from the club web page, www.k9eam.com. Please use this form even if nothing has changed. It will help insure that we have all your info correct. In the past we have had a few not receive their newsletter or other info because they may have changed their email address or moved.

CLUB MEETINGS

As usual our club meetings will be held at St. Norbert College in room 223 of the JM Science Building. The date for January will be the 13th. February's meeting will be on the 10th. Both will begin at 7:00 PM.

Hope to see many new and old faces there!

Ham Classes

We will again be having classes for those interested in upgrading or becoming newly licensed. Details have not yet been solidified, but should commence in January. We are in need of instructors and students. If you would like to step up and volunteer, please contact one of the board members. Gary, ND9Z has been a big help the past few years. Unfortunately he won't be available on a weekly basis this year due to work requirements. We thank him for his time and efforts in the past.

Classes in the past have been on Wednesday evenings from 7-9. Material covered will depend on the "students" wishes.

Holiday Party

The annual holiday party was held on Thursday December 9th at 6 PM at the Ashwaubenon Community Center. It was a very nice gathering with plenty of food and fellowship. If you weren't there, you missed out on a good time!

November Minutes

The annual meeting of the Mic and Key Club was called to order by Pres. Wes Michael at 7:30 pm on Nov 11, 2004.

Roll call was taken.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read. There is a balance of \$795.00 in the treasury. The report was seconded and accepted as read.

The Halloween party was discussed and it was decided it was a success. A good time was had by all and it may be that we will have more Halloween Parties in the future in lieu of or in addition to a corn roast. This could be the start of a new tradition.

Will there be ham classes this winter? We will need some students and we will need teachers to volunteer.

The Christmas party will be held at the Ashwaubenon Village Hall as in past years. The site is preferred over the De Pere Community center as it is much roomier and if we make a little noise we are causing anyone else any annoyance. As in years past please bring a dish to pass and your plates and utensils. We will have the hall from 5pm to 10pm. Scott has some soda and we voted to allot \$15 for more. John will buy additional soda if it is needed.

The gag gift exchange went well last year and we are hoping to do it again this year. Please bring a gift, gag or otherwise, and we will run it the same as last year.

As this is the annual meeting we are holding the election of officers voting on the by-law change.

The nominees are:

Harry Goodwin, N9GQK
Elaine Summers, N9QZF
Gary Keating, ND9Z
John Wolfe, W0LFE
Nick Marto, KB9UAE
Bob Lane, KB8ZXE
Keith Summers, KS9WI
Douglas Cohen, KB0GKC
Christian Reynolds, KC0ARF

The by-law change that is proposed is:

Should the by-laws be amended to change the meeting time of the November Business Meeting from the current 7:30 to 7:00? This change if approved would take affect in 2005.

Nominations were held open until 7:46.

Paul N9QLO and Scott KB9BLE counted the votes.

There was an ARES update given.

The officers elected for 2005 were announced as:

Keith Summers, KS9WI
Elaine Summers, N9QZF

John Wolfe, W0LFE
Nick Marto, KB9UAE
Bob Lane, KB8ZXE
Christian Reynolds, KC0ARF
Gary Keating, ND9Z

And the change in the by-laws was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

DECEMBER MINUTES

The December meeting was held at the Ashwaubenon Village Hall as the Christmas Party. The new board was announced. The officers are:

Pres. - Bob Lane
Vice Pres. -Keith Summers
Treasurer - John Wolfe
Secretary - Elaine Summers
Newsletter editor - Nick Marto
And members at large,
Gary Keating and
Christian Reynolds

The meeting was adjourned and the Christmas party started.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Annual Awards Banquet

The annual banquet is coming up quickly. It will be in early March at The Woods Golf Club. A room has been reserved for us for March 20th Stay tuned for further details on price

& menu. Have an idea for an award (serious or tongue in cheek), contact one of the board members. These awards are always great! So put on your thinking caps. Hope to see lots of you there!!!!!!!!!!!!

CQ CQ WIQP

That's right. The Wisconsin QSO Party isn't very far down the road. It is scheduled to start March 13th at Noon local time and run for 7 hours. As a club, we placed 10th in the state. Hopefully we can do better this year! More info can be obtained at www.warac.org. There are several good logging programs available, but the one this author recommends by N3FJP. It is very user friendly and is written especially for the WIQP. We hope you will turn on your radios and help the club make some noise!!

ARRL VE Test Fee

Effective January 1st, 2005 The ARRL VE test fee will be \$14.00. This is up from the \$12.00 fee last year. This fee also applies to grandfather-upgrade applications where no test is required. For the newer hams, an example would be a pre 1987 technician. They came into the hobby as a novice and then upgraded to tech. At that time the tech test pool covered the same material as did the later general pool. The grandfather part means that since

they passed what has since become the general class written test, they can upgrade to general without taking a test since they have already passed that. They do still have to pay the \$14 fee. Those are the ARRL rules... like them or not!

If you or a friend wishes to upgrade or become licensed, please contact Keith Summers, KS9WI to schedule an appointment to take your test. He can be reached at 920-336-6087 after 3:30 weekdays, anytime weekends or by email at ks9wi@tds.net.

Siren Test Net

Brown County tests its emergency sirens on Each Wednesday. Al, W9CEA conducts the siren test net at noon on the 2nd Wednesday each month. He & the county would be pleased if you could check in and report on the functionality of the siren closest to you. Hopefully we can get a list out to you before the weather season.

Field Day Results

Finally the results from Field Day have come out! In December QST we finished 2nd in 2D. Just a couple entries down the list was some unknown call...W1AW. ;-). We actually ran 5D... to poke a little fun at the 20+Alpha stations. Our call was W9G.