



KEY CLICKS

Green Bay Mike and Key Club

P.O. Box 13351

Green Bay, WI 54307

June / July 2009

Field Day this Weekend!

Saturday June 27, 2009 marks the beginning of Field Day weekend. The Green Bay Mike and Key Club will hold their Field Day station at Ashwaubomay Park on South Broadway in Ashwaubenon. Set up at the park will begin at around 10 am. Prior to setup, there will be several hams meeting at the Oak St. Café in DePere for Breakfast. Meeting time for breakfast is 8:30am. Listen to the 147.120 repeater for information regarding the breakfast.

Operating will start at 1:00pm on Saturday using emergency power and portable antennas. The new ARES trailer will be on site and used as one of the operating stations. Operating will conclude on Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm.

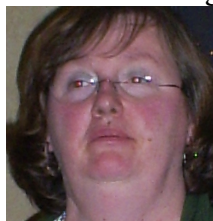
Help will be needed for setup and tear down of the equipment and antennas. Operators will also be needed to run both phone and CW stations thought the 24 hour period, especially the night shift.

The public is invited to Field Day. Consider bringing or inviting a friend so they can learn more about our hobby.

For more information about Field Day, contact Keith KS9WI at ks9wi@new.rr.com.

Ham of the Year

At the annual banquet of the Green Bay Mike and Key Club, Elaine Summers N9QZF was awarded ham of the year for the second straight year. Club President



Dutch Vander Zeyden WB9YWQ cited her work behind the scenes as the reason why she was voted ham of the year by her club peers.

Club Interest Survey

Steve KB9MWR is conducting a survey of Green Bay area hams to get a gauge of interest among ham operators. The website for the survey is <http://tinyurl.com/gbhams>

The survey closes at the end of June at which time the data will be shared with GBMK officers.

New Club Meeting Format – New Time

The Green Bay Mike and Key Club will now feature a guest speaker prior to each meeting. The guest speaker will speak from 6:30 PM until the club meeting at 7:00 PM.

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147.36 Repeater Update

The new Kenwood TKR-750 repeater and Arcom RC210 controller will be installed at Bellin Hospital on Wednesday June 24th. There will be outages during the day until the new repeater is functional.

NA9J has a PC donated by KC9OIS with Linux on it for the IRLP Board. They will be working on configuring it over the next few weeks.

Ham Classes

The Green Bay Mike and Key Club will host Amateur Radio classes on September 19th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The class will be held in room 223 of the JM Science Building at St. Norbert College. The class will cover the technician level license. There is no cost for the class, however the test fee is \$15.00. Pre-study is recommended. Pre-registration for the class is **required**. For more information or to sign up for the class, please email Joe at n9upu@arrl.net

Test Session

Testing will be held after the Ham Class on September 19th at 3:30 PM in room 223 of the JM Science Building (St. Norbert College). Bring photo ID and \$15.00. Questions? Email Keith Summers at ks9wi@new.rr.com

Club Meetings

The Green Bay Mike and Key Club meets monthly at St. Norbert College in DePere. The meetings take place in the J. M. Science Building in Room 223. The meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, prior to the meeting at 6:30 there is an educational meeting.

Treasurer's Report

John Wolfe, WOLFE

Checking account:	\$ 685.57
CD # 1:	\$ 727.59
Savings:	\$1304.78
CD # 2 :	\$2022.30
Green Bay Grant:	\$-2.17

Total net worth: \$ 4738.07 effective
May 31, 2009

Brat Barn

On June 20, the club held a Brat Barn fundraiser at Festival Foods on the West side of Green Bay. The club raised \$575.96.

The next Brat Barn is scheduled for September 6 from 9am to 5pm. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact Keith KS9WI ks9wi@new.rr.com for more information.

Highway Cleanup From k9eam.com

The highway cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30PM. We would like to have as many people as possible show up so we can finish quickly. Give KS9WI a shout for directions.

Siren Test Net

Al Janelle W9CEA

If you are available, please check into the Brown County Siren Test Net -- The test happens every second Wednesday of the month starting at 11:50 am on the 147.120 repeater. Be able to give the location of the siren that you are monitoring. If you can do this, it will be a great help in aiding our friends and families.

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Brown County ARES

Dave Catalano N8KQS

The ARES/RACES group continues to meet at the Brown County Ag. Extension Building, 1150 Bellevue Road, Green Bay, on the Third Wednesday at 7 PM. Usually, we are in the room just inside the South entrance, room 161.

Sunday night at 8 PM is the time for our net. The 147.120 repeater is our primary contact for this net. We also do some training during the net. There is a simplex test, which provides practice for those who rarely change to frequencies that are not in the radio memory.

During the past couple of months, our group has been fairly busy. Of course we are constantly on the alert for storms coming into the area. Hopefully, all ham operators, not only those who are Skywarn enthusiasts, will turn on their 2 meter radios when they hear of an approaching storm. We are always in need of more eyes to the skies. When there are storms approaching, remember that the 444.775 repeater is used as a node for the National Weather Service liaisons. In Brown County we start our Weather Net on the 147.120 repeater. We will give out the weather information that we have received from the NWS, then ask for check-ins. Your location and whether you are mobile or in a fixed location will also be needed. The criteria for what should be reported,; hail, wall clouds etc.. will be announced.. Pea size hail, regular rain, lightning are **not** needed to be reported.. Damage such as tree or limbs down, flooded roads are useful information.
Good, short reports are best.... Location, Event, Time and senders call sign....

In the Wisconsin area, because of the heat required to intensify the storm, we expect 4-6 major storms in the month of June. This also is because of the moisture that is generally comes this month.

If we do get some nasty weather, I hope to hear your call sign on the check ins...

There is a County Exercise on Aug. 5th. It is during the week and during the day. If you are retired or off work that day and can assist, we need about 10 operators.

That's enough for now... stay radio active.

ARES / RACES Website

Dennis Carr KC9OIS

I am working on a new look for the ARES/RACES website. You can check it out at <http://bcares.supportnow.org> You can check out the current site at <http://bcares.k9eam.com>. Lots of new information has been added, including the current Siren location spreadsheet and map for the county, Spotter information, Net Preambles for both severe weather and ARES, and a calendar of current events, meetings and nets. Plus lots of downloads!

Newsline

From k9eam.com

For the new hams in the club and anyone else interested the Calumet County ARES/RACES Net on Wednesday nights at 7:30PM on 147.300 PL 107.2 is broadcasting AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE(tm) REPORT after check-ins. Check it out. It's current Amateur radio news before it hits the print media.

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Editor's Column

Joe Tenor N9UPU

Our group is no different than other groups I have been involved in. 10% seem to do 90% of the work associated with the group. It's always the same faces. With about 70 hams on the club roster, about 20 regularly attend club meetings. Even fewer take a more active roll in club events. Ask those who do the highway cleanup, foxhunts, brat barns or field day setup.

Last year I suggested the club form a youth committee to help bring youth into and or make them aware of our hobby. While it was well received by the club members, nobody stepped forward to join the committee. The idea then fell by the wayside.

In corresponding with a very active club member this week he told me he is getting burnt out. He is concerned that others in the club are not stepping forward to help out.

Yes, this is a hobby and it does take the back burner to many things. Yes, we all have varying amounts of free time, some more than others. We all have different skills and different levels of interest, however, burnout is a serious problem, especially when a very active club member decides to no longer be active. Will someone step up and take over what they had been doing? Will their projects simply no longer get done? Either way, when the club loses an active member, it is a loss for everyone involved.

How can we, as a club, prevent this from happening?

I have a few ideas, maybe you have more. First, strength in numbers. The larger the organization, the more people will be involved. We need to continue to bring new hams into the hobby and re-enlist those that were previously members. Are we doing enough to bring new members in? How about retention of club members? What can we do better or differently to achieve this?

Second, what are the interests of those in the club? Steve KB9MWR has often asked about the interest survey at the bottom of the membership application. Does anyone look at them? As far as I know, no. Steve has created his own survey that he will be sharing with the club officers at the end of the month. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. <http://tinyurl.com/gbhams>

Would the creation of committees help? A committee would spread the work out amongst the members of that committee, thus removing the burden of a project or event from one person.

Lastly, you have the opportunity to help. If you are not very active in the club, lend a hand to those that are. If you are unable to do more, for whatever reason, a simple thank you to those that are active would be greatly appreciated.

My intentions here were not to point any fingers at those that are members of the club and are not active. I am simply bringing out a problem that has been brought to my attention. Hopefully it will lead to a healthy discussion and a decent solution to the problem. We can't afford to have those that chose to actively participate in our club lose interest.

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Meeting Minutes *Ron Koch KB9KIX*

April 2009 Meeting

John Wolfe W0LFE
Matt Walker KB9QAK
Ron Koch KB9KIX
Mike Stiles KB9QAL
Dutch Vander Zeyden WB9YWQ
Reed Hinton KC9MGJ
Dale Johnson WB9NRK
Roy Graham N9ARM
Gary Keating ND9Z
Dave Catalano N8KQS
Dennis Carr KC9OIS
Paul Schultz N9QLO
Keith Summers KS9WI
John Kotlarik NA9J
Justin Korpala K0RPL
Jeff Kline KC9PGH
Mike Crowzey N9WCA

Meeting called to order 7pm

Ron (KB9KIX) read the minutes of the March meeting they were approved and seconded and carried .

John (W0LFE) said we had \$2517.63 in the club treasury. He received \$60.00 in club dues. He paid outdoor equipment insurance of \$424.00. Alpha interprize \$11.61 Ham of the year plaque. Legends in DePere \$590.45. John said he received \$776.00 from the banquet and auction. John also paid Seaberry & Smith \$141.00 indoor club insurance. John also paid Dal Santo Communications \$984.50 for our Kenwood repeater. We have \$1202.07 in our treasury and as a matter of note we made \$376.00 on the auction .We have \$1202.07 in the regular treasury in one CD we have \$727.59 in the other CD we have \$2022.30 in our savings account we have \$1304.78 in the Greater

Green Bay Grant account we have a minus \$2.17. Grand total is \$5254.57 .

Ron (KB9KIX) asked if the radios that are in the Ares/Races trailer are covered by the clubs insurance ? John (W0LFE) explained that as of now they were not covered so they were removed from the trailer. They are on loan from the Emergency Manager.

The treasurer's report was approved seconded and carried.

Dave (N8KQS) reported on the Ares/Races exercise that was done in the Good Will parking lot using the trailer and equipment. The exercise was flooding caused by the north wind blowing the bay up into the river. We used repeaters and simplex as part of the exercise. The trailer also attracted some observers. Dave said that we did not get the grant. August 5th we have a joint airport and state health department exercise and we are looking for more help to cover it all.

Old Business

Dutch (WB9YWQ) said that Elaine Summers was voted ham of the year.

John (NA9J)said he had information on a second IRLP board we save \$5.00 if we buy three boards \$10.00 if we buy five or more now we have four boards . If we have one more board either way we share the cost of shipping and the CD among four people so the club cost will be less.Talked to Christian and he has not yet reprogrammed IRLP to 24 hour service. On the echo link side we still have to apply for a echo link node identification before we can convert from IRLP to echo IRLP. John thought it

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would be better if our people would do the programming because of Christian's time constraints.

Dave (N8KQS) made a motion to take the subject of the new repeater use to the technical Committee and come back with a recombination. The motion seconded and carried.

New Business

Dennis (KC9OIS) Said that Shawano CO. repeater 147.225 is going to relocate and going to 700 feet they had no time line.

John (NA9J) asked for a volunteer for the next 6:30 class before the meeting Dave (N8KQS) said he would give a PSK 31 demonstration.

John (WOLFE) TKR Kenwood repeater with two Pl's 100.0 or 107.2 both will work and a nice handy feature is channel 1 is operating on the controller and the controller has been ordered. This repeater cost about \$36.00 less than the 440 repeater and the controller cost us about \$65.00 less there is no difference in the two repeaters. Channel 1 it works with the controller if the controller would go down use channel 2 it works as a stand-alone repeater with a (K9EAM) I D. Also has 16 channels capability.

Keith (KS9WI) March of Dimes walk April 25th starts at 9:00 clock from the Ashwaubenon Community Center need eight people or more. Highway clean up asking for more help for April 18th 9:00am .

John (WOLFE) was asked by a friend's business associate looking for a phone line at Scray hill they would pay for

most of the expense. A motion made seconded and carried to negotiate a deal.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

May 2009 Meeting

Ron Koch KB9KIX
John Kotlarik NA9J
Dutch Vander Zeyden WB9YWQ
Paul Schult N9QLO
Dale Johnson WB9NRK
Dennis Carr KC9OIS
Dave Schneider W9IEI (Brother)
Matt Walker KC9QAK
Keith Summers KS9WI
Wes Michael W9WES
Reed Hinton KC9MGJ
Mike Crowley N9WCA
Dave Catalano N8KQS

Call to Order 7:05 pm

Ron (KB9KIX) Read the minutes of the April meeting they were approved seconded and carried.

Dutch (WB9YWQ) Gave the treasurer report for the month of April. Checking account balance as of April 1st 2009 \$ 2,186.57 . Del Santo Communications \$1,202.07 Repeater John Wolfe \$ 516.50 P.O. Box Rental , Arcomm controller . Balance as of May 1st 2009 \$685.57 . CD \$727.59 . Savings account \$ 1,304.78. CD \$ 2,022.30. Green Bay Grant -\$ 2.17 . Total net worth of Club as of May 1st 2009 \$4,738.07 . Motion was made seconded and carried for the reading of the treasurers report.

Dave (N8KQS) Said that Ares Races meets on the third Wednesday of the month .The LEPC meeting was move to the 19th of this month . Saturday the 16th we are going to have a practice airport

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exercise for the real one coming August 5th and next month a practice Hospital exercise for August 5th also .

Old Business

John (NA9J) said that they got the fifth board so they would get the five count discount. The repeater was programmed and ready to go. The cables were made up and ready to go. They were waiting on the spectrum-analogizer to survey the Hospital.

Dennis (KC9OIS) Said that there are some small additional minor expenses that he had bought the program software for \$29.00 and he would give the slip to John (W0LFE) and we would need to purchase some connectors.

Dutch (WB9YWQ) and Dave (N8KQS) meet with Jesse to finalize the agreement with the Hospital .The Hospital would provide a vent in the door and a two inch hole in the top for wires.

Dutch (WB9YWQ) Said that we are still waiting on a hard line report. No report on cost of T shirts and jackets

Dave (N8KQS) Said that we should reschedule the highway pick up and should be on the agenda for next month.

New Business

Keith (KS9WI) The Brat fry dates were June 20th and September 6th volunteers needed in the morning at 9:00am to help set up .

Dave (N8KQS) said that we should look into insurance for the generator
Dennis (KC9OIS) asked about (K9EAM) web site there is nothing on it

and said that he would put up a basic page and would maintain it. Dutch (WB9YWQ) in order to get the web site up and running for the time being told Dennis (KC9OIS) to go a head and if anything was wrong he would take the brunt of it. Dutch (WB9YWQ) said he could not see letting the web page be down until we can vote on a web master. Asked if any body had objections to Dennis (KC9OIS) taking care of the web site no one answered. Dennis (KC9OIS) said it cost \$6.00 a month a year and he was not near the limits on his web site he was told to go for it.

Wes (W9WES) Looking for help on June 6th for diabetes Cure DE Cure bike ride starting at the Norbert Hill Center . The breakfast starts at 6:45am the 100K starts at 7:30am the 50K starts at 8:30am the 25K starts at 9:00am to 9:15 am . Check in by 6:30am to let you know where to go. Need seven people.

Keith (KS9WI) Field Day June 27th was told to book Ashwaudenon park and to use the Ares/Races trailer.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

Local Nets

Brown County ARES Net Sunday
8:00pm 147.120

Green Bay Area 2 Meter Net Tuesday
8:45pm 147.120

Fox Cities ARC Net Wednesday
7:30PM 146.76

New Ham!

Matthew Crier, the brother of Brent N9BC passed his test last weekend in Appleton. Listen for him on the air soon.

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Fox Cities ARC EAA Special Event Station

From the ARRL Wisconsin Section Report

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, W9ZL will once again operate a Special Event station from the grounds of the EAA AirVenture 2009. We will operate 5 days -- Wednesday through Sunday, during the last week of July. This operating event is open to all license classes. We will operate 2 HF stations, one on 20m and one on 40m, plus local communications on 2-meters.

The club call, W9ZL, will be used throughout the event.

We are looking for both "am" and "pm" operators covering each of the 5 days. You can sign up for one shift or more if you so desire. The event is open to all of the amateur community. If operators sign up for a 4 hour shift, they will be given a daily wristband that will allow them to go and wonder around the Fly-in. For further information and to sign up to operate the event go to: <http://fcarc.us/ea/ea.htm> or contact Jon Oldenburg AB9AH @ aB9AH@arrl.net, or (920)832-9727
Thanks!

Facebook

The Green Bay Mike and Key Club is now on Facebook. If you are a member of the Facebook community, search for the Green Bay Mike and Key Club. It is another way to keep in touch with other club members and events.

CQ2 Tuesday

Don't forget about CQ2 Tuesday on the second Tuesday of each month. A group of hams meet at 11:30 at the Bay Family Restaurant on Military Ave. The next one is July 14th.

Website of the Month

Some good natured ham radio cartoons can be found at this issue's featured website. www.thecartooner.com



THIS WAS THE BEST HAM FEST, LOOK AT THESE GREAT BUYS. COULD YOU STORE THEM FOR ME TILL MY WIFE IS OUT OF TOWN ?

Expired / Expiring Callsigns

If you know the following hams, please let them know their license is up for renewal. Renewal is free and can be done within minutes using the internet. Please contact Joe N9UPU at n9upu@arrl.net for information.

Expiring within the next 30 days.

None.

Will be forfeited within the next 30 days.

None.

Upcoming Events

June 24	Highway Cleanup
June 27 / 28	Field Day
July 9	GBM&K Meeting
July 14	CQ Tuesday
September 6	Brat Barn

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Area Swapfests

Courtesy of the Badger State Smoke Signals

Jul 11, 2009 South Milwaukee ARC, Swapfest 09. American Legion Park. Shepard Avenue Oak Creek, WI. (414) 762-3235, Ask for Verne. P.O. Box 102, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. e-mail: ryatex@aol.com

Aug 15, 2009 Racine Megacycle Freefest 2009. Fireman's Park, 9600 Charles Street, Sturtevant, WI. Racine Megacycle Club. <http://www.w9udu.org> Talk-In: 147.270 (no PL tone required). Contact: Bob Frederiksen, KB9ZAF, 4455 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53405. Phone: 262-637-6588. Email: kb9zaf@arrl.net

August 22, 2009 Circus City Swapfest - Baraboo Elks Club Lodge - Baraboo, WI. Please NOTE: Change of date and location. The Baraboo ELKS Lodge is located at 623 Broadway in Downtown Baraboo, 3 Blocks South of the Highway 33 / Broadway intersection. From I-39/90/94, take the Highway 33 West exit to Baraboo. Go to the second stoplight, turn left. From Highway 12, take Highway 33 East at the Kwik-Trip in West Baraboo, go to the second stoplight, turn right. For more information contact Steve, N9UDO, at (608) 356-2313. or n9udo@yellowthunder.org Visit us on the internet: <http://yellowthunder.org> Please NOTE: Change of date and Location

Sep 12, 2009 ORC Fall Ham & Hobby Swapfest. Firemans Park, W65 N796 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI. Ozaukee Radio Club. <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org> Talk-

In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Contact: Gabe Chido, WI9GC, W58 N985 Essex Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012. Phone: 262-377-2784 (summer) & 480-213-2467 (winter). Email: wi9gc@yahoo.com

Sep 12-13, 2009 Radio Expo 2009. Boone Co Fairgrounds. Chicago FM Club. <http://www.chicagofmclub.org> Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 107.2); 147.255+ (PL 114.8); 444.725+ (PL 118.8). Contact: Don W9DMW. e-mail: dwondolkowski@hotmail.com

Testing

Courtesy of The ARRL

21-Jul-2009

Sponsor: SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ARC
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ARTHUR A PAHR
(920) 876-2370
Email: K9XJ@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: RED CROSS BUILDING (HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)
2032 ERIE AVE
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
MAY ALSO CALL MIKE 920-565-2672
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

15-Aug-2009

Sponsor: FOX CITIES ARC
Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GEORGE R CROY
(920) 730-0967
Email: W9MDP@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: RED CROSS BUILDING
1302 E WISCONSIN AVE
APPLETON, WI 54911

19-Sept-2009

Sponsor: Green Bay Mike and Key
Time: 3:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Keith Summers KS9WI
(920) 619-3394
Email: kd9wi@new.rr.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: St. Norbert College
J.M. Science Building Room 223
DePere, WI

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The Green Bay Mike and Key Club operates three local repeaters.

147.120 + PL 107.2 – Wide Area Coverage

147.360 + Located at St. Norbert College

444.775 + PL 107.2 IRLP Available for Club Members

**For up to date club information or a membership application, please visit
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/keyclicks/> or www.k9eam.com**

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