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## JUNE CLUB HAPPENINGS



**Club Meeting  
June, 11th 2013**

*Vice-President election will be held*

**Program**

Field Day by Chuck W9WLX  
2013 WIQP results

**Join us for a pre-meeting dinner  
at Johnny V's Classic Cafe  
1650 S 84th St at 5:00pm**

WARAC 2-meter net  
Every Wednesday at 8pm  
MATC repeater 147.045 standard offset  
127.3 Hz CTCSS



**2013 Field Day:  
June 22-23  
See pg 5**

**Equipment for sale  
see pg's 6 and 7**



**NEW** club jackets and hats!  
Go to club Web site and click on  
The GOLD MEDAL IDEAS block  
[For more info or click here](#)



## *The President's Shack June 2013*

We have a busy meeting coming up! Three major items are on tap – Vice President, Field Day and Wisconsin QSO Party.

Good news! One of our members has offered to accept the vacant Vice President position, so we will have an election at the upcoming meeting. See the announcement elsewhere in this Hamtrix. Nominations will be accepted for any other members before the election. Here's your chance!

And yes, it's June and that means Field Day. Chuck, W9WLX, will take us through the planning details and make sure we have everything covered. The 2013 FD information and site layout has been posted on our website, so check this out in the meantime. Just click Field Day on the top menu. Make sure the weekend of June 22 and 23 is on your calendar!

Announcement of the 2013 WIQP results will also happen at this meeting. Preparation of the web site announcement is in progress and will be posted within 24 hours of our meeting on June 11.

More items have been received from our donor up north – the estate of John Mangerson, KC9GW, of Rhinelander. John's wife, Jean, WD9IMZ, and his brother Jud, W9IAL, were nice enough to donate his equipment to WARAC. Another Rhinelander ham, Bill, K9BTP, helped greatly with inventorying and transportation. Jean, Jud and Bill, thank you very much for donating to the David Knaus Scholarship fund. It is much appreciated!

Phil, W9NAW, and John, K9IAC, handled things on the WARAC end. Look for a list of items elsewhere

in this Hamtrix.

K9BTP? K9BTQ? Yup, it's not a coincidence - Bill and I took our tests together back in the mid-1950's. Join us and others on the Nut Net, 3985 weekdays at 8:15AM. All we ask is that you mind your P's and Q's.

If you haven't heard, Don Michalski, W9IXG, is stepping down as ARRL Wisconsin Section Manager. Coming on board is Gary Sorenson, W9ULK. We hope to have Gary visit a club meeting in the Fall.

Don't forget our before-meeting dinner at Johnny V's Classic Café, 1650 S. 84th St. at 5:00PM.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Phil, W9NAW, for doing the coffee and donuts at every meeting. I think we all take it for granted. Also, please pay the kitty - we've been coming up a bit short.

See you at the meeting! Bring a friend!

Tom, K9BTQ

### **From the Editor**

Field day month is here! Hopefully you will at least stop in say hi and try operating. Like usual this event falls on the same weekend that I have another commitment which means that I just get to visit for a short time. But even that is fun.

I had fun this weekend in one of those unexpected ways that pop up while operating. There was a MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT last weekend, June 1st and 2nd, I looked through the list of ships that were participating and saw a couple of boats I was familiar with: the USS Nautilus and the USS Cobia. The USS Nautilus was in Groton, CN while I was on its sister ship the USS Seawolf. The two ships at least when I was on the Seawolf, were identical except for the conning tower. Years later when I was back on the east coast and toured the Nautilus I knew more than the seaman tour guide.

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# **WARAC General Meeting Minutes**

## **May 14, 2013**

### **Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Tom Macon, K9BTQ. Overall meeting attendance was 22 with five visitors.

### **Program**

The evening's program, Setting Up Your Own Weather Station and Putting it on the Internet, was given by Steve Dryja, NO9B.

### **Business**

Call was made for VP nominations with no response from club membership.

Motion was made and accepted to approve the April meeting minutes as published in Hamtrix.

Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, gave a Field Day update. WARAC Field Day will take place from New Berlin, near their recycling center. Station configuration will be similar to last year.

Phil Gural, W9NAW, gave an update regarding recent donations to the club and their sales.

### **Announcements**

Matt Slavik has a call sign change; he is now AC9EP.

2 meter net every Wednesday at 8:00 pm on 147.045, + offset, PL 127.3. Join in!

CQ Tuesday, 1:00 pm 3rd Tuesday at Country Buffet

The Nut Net breakfast is at Genesis Restaurant, 8:30 am, 4th Tuesday of the month.

Johnny V's is the place for the WARAC pre-meeting dinner. The dinner starts at 5:00 and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX  
Secretary WARAC

## **WARAC Board Meeting**

### **May 28, 2013**

Howard Smith called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm.

Present: Tom Macon, K9BTQ, Howard Smith, WA9AXQ, Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, Dave Schank, KA9WXN, Leroy Haas, KC9NST, and Frank Humpal, KA9FZR.

## **Wisconsin QSO Party**

Committee will meet on June 4 to finalize communication for the results publication.

## **WAWC**

No update. Question submitted regarding use of WIQP log for QSL confirmation in WAWC. This will be referred to Lynn Tamblyn as WAWC Chairman. Tom Macon will follow-up with Lynn.

## **Vice President**

Steve Dryja, NO9B, volunteered to run for Vice President. Election information will be published in the next Hamtrix prior to the club meeting.

## **Scholarship Funds**

One CD came due. Funds were deposited in scholarship account and not reinvested due to low interest rates. The Board had a discussion about sustaining a \$1500 scholarship by securing additional funding, adding to the current funds and endowing.

## **Insurance Policy**

Moving to the ARRL liability insurance provider would save the club \$51 per year with additional liability benefit. Policies will be evaluated in detail and if favorable, migrate to the new provider at current policy expiration.

## **2013 Budget**

No further actions at this time.

## **Programs**

June: Field Day & QSO Party results

Future suggestions:

Spotting

Introduction to new ARRL Section Manager (tentative for October)

RF Exposure Compliance

## **Miscellaneous**

No updates to the WARAC Operations Manual

No updates to the 2010, 2011 Audits

Update roster form to remove anniversaries and birthdays, add email and/or home address for visitors.

The Board had a brief discussion about Awards Dinner programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Dellis, W9WLX  
Secretary WARAC

# 2013 Field Day Update

## By Chuck Dellis, W9WLX, FD Chairman



The West Allis Radio Amateur Club will be participating in Field Day, 2013. We are returning to the New Berlin site near their recycling center at 3711 S.

Casper Dr. Our focus will be on continuing to improve our communication skills and getting everyone on the air. Training will continue to be an emphasis for our event, so if you have a specific training goal in mind, be sure to contact Chuck, W9WLX, so your needs may be accommodated.

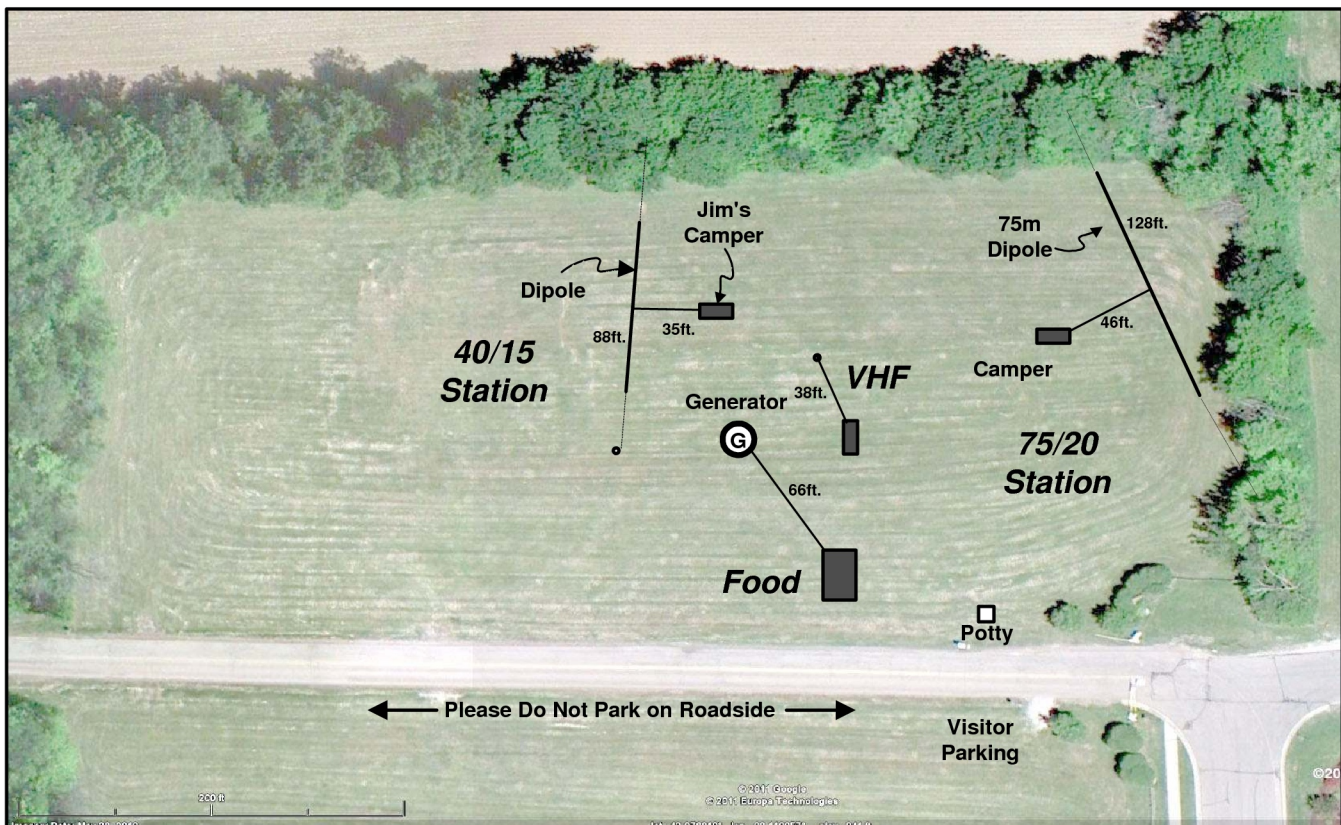
Jim, KC9RNY, will be providing his camper for the 40/15 meter stations. The station setup will be done by Chuck Dellis, W9WLX. This station will cover phone and CW QSOs as well as digital modes. The antenna planned for this station is a multi-band dipole.

Tom, K9BTQ will provide the 75/20 meter station setup in a camper. The station will handle phone and CW QSOs and Tom is planning on a ladder line fed 75 meter dipole, handling 75, 20, and 10 meters. Hopefully 10 meters will show up for Field Day this year.

The VHF station will be led by Phil Gural, W9NAW and operate 6 and 2 meters. All stations will be powered off the grid. Thanks Phil, for securing the campers for the 75/20 meter and VHF stations.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in Field Day so far. If you haven't confirmed your Field Day plans, please reach out to me. Otherwise, I will be contacting you shortly.

73 Chuck, W9WLX



## Donations For Sale

The following donated items are for sale. Please contact Phil (W9NAW) for availability, condition and prices.

Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.	Description	Notes
Thomson-CSF	108RA		Pwr Supply 13.8 VDC @12A	
SBE	Sidebander II		SSB/AM CB	
Royce	1-641		SSB/AM CB	no mike
Heathkit	HW-100 838	2108	Transciever	
Heathkit	HP-23A		AC Pwr Supply	w/cable
Yaesu	FT-22R	8F080317	2M FM transciever	
Yaesu	LL-301	7I010437	Phone patch	
Yaesu	SP-901P	1N130089	Speaker (use w/phone patch??)	
Kenwood	TR-7625	910121	2M transciever	
Astatic	D104		Microphone	
Astatic	D104	16525	Golden Eagle microphone	
Shure	444		Desk microphone	
Coax-various lengths				call Phil
Mosley	TA-33 Jr		Tri Band Beam	

Proceeds go to the WARAC Scholarship Fund.

## Icom IC-718 for sale

excess to my station  
very lite use  
DSP hand mike, Manual,  
Power cord included

Best Offer

contact **George AA9SR**  
at **AA9SR@ARRL.NET** or  
Call **262 - 782 - 6325**



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The Cobia is up in Manitowoc, Wisconsin I have toured that one also. That was enough to at least get me to listen and see if I could hear anything of interest. Much to my surprise I did hear the Nautilus N1S and get into the log book. As usual that was with my 5 watts on SSB going through my tri-bander on 20 meters. Both me and the operator were surprised at the contact. When the propagation gods are at work even QRP can get through!

Hope to see you at the meeting and at field day!

73

Frank KA9FZR

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for more information on***

- WARAC Memorial Scholarships
- Wisconsin QSO Party
- Midwinter Swapfest
- Worked all Wisconsin Counties Award
- Amateur Radio Classes

WARAC holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month and board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at:

**St Peter's Episcopal Church  
7929 W. Lincoln Avenue  
West Allis, WI**

Entry is off the alley at the rear of the church.  
A wheel chair ramp and chair-lift are available.