

CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE
SECOND THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT THE
MISSOURI CITY FIRESTATION
FM 2234 at 7:30 pm CDT



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN -- WADE EILERS---WN5TEN

Field Day, 1979 is history. From what club members told me, BVARC had a successful showing for the first time, as a club, we operated Field Day. I would like to thank HENRY, N5HF, who, with the help of other HAMS, made the planning and operations of Field Day a reality for the club this year. Again, thank you to all who were involved.

With Field Day over, it is now time to plan activities for the rest of this summer and fall. At the next club meeting, we need to discuss the future. One idea mentioned is a NOVICE class to start in September. The class would last about 6 to 8 weeks, consisting of teaching and learning CW skills, operating procedures, and basic radio theory. Also there are two very interesting programs coming up at the club meeting. One being an OSCAR demonstration in September, and the other a discussion about SOLAR ENERGY by Dr. John Freeman from the Physics Department of Rice University, to be held in November. SPREAD THE WORD.

See all of you at the next club meeting, Thursday, July 12th, 7.30 pm at the Missouri City Fire House.

73 Wade

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The Hurricane season is upon us and tropical storm Ana has come and gone. A Hurricane tracking sheet with instructions is available from many sources. Copies will be available at the meeting. These sheets should be useful in tracking future storms. The best source of information concerning severe weather of any kind is the NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. There are many radio receivers on the market with weather bands. They vary from pocket models under \$10. to about \$60. for units which are so sophisticated that they turn themselves on and sound an alarm when the NWS transmits a special tone indicating severe weather conditions. I will have NWS broadcast brochures available at the next meeting. As the Boy Scouts of America say "BE PREPARED"

73 ED

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I do mean to give you an updated Roster
and blank labels like I've used tonight.
Labels from Dick-WDS SRU

Larry WD5DRB

NOVICE NOTES --- Larry Levy---WD5DRB

held Day, Straight Key Night, WIAW Qualifying run, Upgrade, rules, regulations, theory, '3C examination, all parts of increasing your skills as a NOVICE operator. Soon, after your've been on the air a few weeks, the 5 word per minute crowd will put you asleep. That 13 wpm level isn't impossible, just the result of a lot of listening and practicing.

Field Day only two Novices worked for the club, myself and Alan Shapiro, KA5FBU. We only logged about 20 QSOs between us, but when we didn't operate, we did log and keep log-sheets for other operators. The 20 M-CW at 18 wpm was a little fast, but soon when I could make out without too much prompting from the EXTRA class ear next to me. Now is the proper time to begin thinking about next years Field Day. WHAT? Yes, recall the purpose of Field Day is to prepare before an emergency....who says there isn't be a real need to set-up before next year.

Some where in this issue is a blurb about the Qualifying run. This is a good means of measuring your personal progress to that magic 13 wpm+ level and get a certificate on your wall as well. I lucked into listening to WIAW on a qualifying run nite, and before I knew it, I had my 10 wpm certificate. Now I am working to get my thirteen and 15 wpm endorsements. I am tired of bare walls.

Robert Dow & I have talked abit since FD. Robert says he has about 25 to 30 contacts on WAS and has Canada toward DXCC. Remember, the start of any Amateur career, begins with that first QSO. Any other Novice/Tech want to tell about their progress? I still have never been asked for any WAS application forms & maps. Is no one working on this achievement? To get these forms now, you must provide a usable contribution to this newsletter.

I am still operating soley on 15 meters cuz thats how much room I have in my attic for a full size dipole. Dx can be heard quite frequently on frequency-HI HI. In what countries I've worked are Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Poland. I also got KL7 for the second time, all four within a two hour period. During that same period I also heard (but missed) IS1--Sardinia and ON--Belgium. DOES ANYONE HAVE A 15 METER BEAM TENNA WITH OR WITHOUT rotor capability? I would be interested in learning your terms. Other DX heard (and yet to be worked) are VE1/SU-Egypt, 9H1EH-Malta. Are there any members of the club who work HF or has everyone gone to 2-meters?

WHEN IN ANY GOOD GASOLINE LINES LATELY? Before you mumble something unflattering about my ancestry consider this. As long as you know you will be sitting doing nothing, do something. Take along the last few issues of your HAM magazine which you really were meaning to read...but. Arrl handbook and/or license manual makes for good reading. Want to keep your eyes on the car ahead of you??? Listen to practice tapes and you still can get that sensation of speed while sitting in your car. Now if you are really ambitious in making maximum use of your time, consider putting up an antenna and put a rig into the car and start operating. Please remember, once it is your turn to gas up, turn the rig off. Finally, if you are tired of reading my ideas, please provide material to fill up this newsletter...it is YOURS, not just the officers' and editor's.

Anyone out there interested in leading a homebrew session? As one person, I would like to construct some equipment for use in my shack that would also give me some practical experience in electric circuitry. Working simple projects at first, perhaps eventually equipment usable for emergency operations

WIAW OPERATING SCHEDULE OF SLOW CODE PRACTICE TO 27 OCTOBER 1979

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3.00p	8.00a	3.00p	8.00a	3.00p	8.00a	3.00p
9.00p	6.00p	9.00p	6.00p	9.00p	6.00p	9.00p

Operating frequencies are approximate:

- 10m--28.08 MHz
- 15m--21.08 MHz
- 20m--14.08 MHz
- 40m--7.08 MHz
- 80m--3.58 MHz

