

HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

Note from the Secretary



February is upon us, our next meeting is on valentine's day, February 14th. Bring your significant other to see what radio club is all about, wink.

First of all, welcome to our new director! Dave Nix W9FAA. Dave has been a valuable member to our club. I can always count on him to have a few pictures from our club events.

Next, I would like to take a moment to talk about the Free Radio Promotion we ran from August 2015 to August 2016. The idea being that the best way to get new HAMs on the air is to give them a radio pre-programmed with local frequencies. As a club, we were unsure when we started how giving away radios would work and if people would abuse our generosity. I did some searching around online and could not find any similar giveaway from other radio clubs. So I wrote some legalese and set an end date, so we could have an out if things went wrong.

I am relieved to say that the Free Radio Promotion was a complete success! By my records, we had three newly licensed members in 2016. Other local clubs are following suit and making their own versions of giving radios to new hams.

During last month's meeting, we voted to extend the Free Radio Promotion indefinitely and drop the legalese. Simplifying the rules into:

- Get your FCC license
- Join club with paid dues
- Receive radio at a club monthly meeting

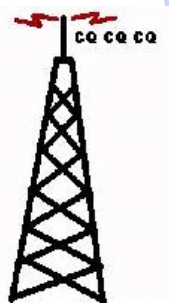
As of the upcoming meeting, we will be giving away the last of the radios from last year's donation from John Webb K0OT. We are accepting "like new" condition or better donations from anyone with spare handhelds (Uv-5R or equivalent). Failing a call for donations, our club has agreed to purchase radios on a "as needed" basis. I purchase the radios online, program them, and receive reimbursement from the club.

The Free Radio Promotion was spawned during a 2015 meeting after a round table question was asked "What do you think we should be doing as a club?". That question was asked again in January, and we got some great feedback. One of the most interesting ideas was having a "Check in Day" once a month. Often times during our weekly Net, it is hard for some to call in and break through the check in rhythm. By extending the net to having a mic manned all day, the congestion could disappear.

Reminder: Yearly club membership dues will be collected. Please have your checks or cash available and give to our new Treasurer, Scott Onson. You can also mail them in to our new PO box.

Hidden Valleys ARC, PO Box 620, Platteville, WI 53818

Dustin Westaby KC9JKV
HVARC Secretary



Website Spotlight

<http://ocarc-ny.org/>



Orange County Amateur Radio Club

Orange County, New York, USA

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The Orange County Amateur Radio Club presents **2016 Ham Classes** for Technician Class FCC License. Three Class Sessions Saturday Mornings, 9 AM - 1 PM. September 24, October 1, October 8. Exam on Saturday Oct. 22. Classes and exam at the Emergency Communications Center, Goshen, NY. **CLICK FOR DETAILS!!**

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is a non-profit educational and service organization chartered under the laws of New York State. OCARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, a national association of Amateur Radio clubs.

Our Members' interests range from message handling to contesting, experimentation to public service... and even just plain chatting on the air! We share the love of Amateur Radio and fellowship.

2016 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon
www.hudson.arrl.org

The 2016 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon Saturday, November 5, 2016, 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM CAFE INTERNATIONALE at Ramada, 1289 ROUTE 300, NEWBURGH, NY (1289 Route 300 is also known as 1289 Union Avenue) Maps and Driving Directions are available at this Website: www.hudson.arrl.org GPS Coordinates: N 41.50828, W 74.069086

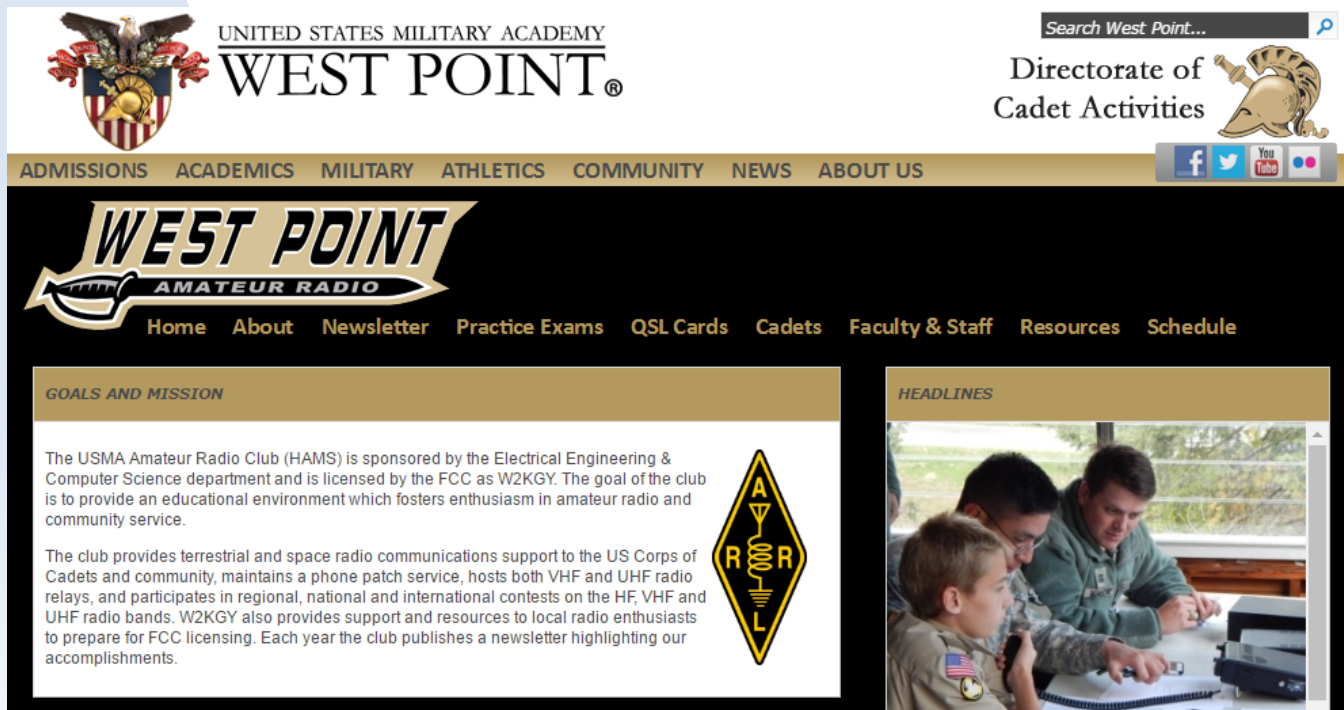
NEXT MEETING
Regular meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at Munger Cottage in Cornwall, NY (behind the Cornwall Library) at 7:30 PM. Other meeting dates and times are as posted on our Meetings page. VE Sessions are as posted on our Exams page.

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<http://www.usma.edu/w2kgy/SitePages/Home.aspx>



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GOALS AND MISSION

The USMA Amateur Radio Club (HAMS) is sponsored by the Electrical Engineering & Computer Science department and is licensed by the FCC as W2KGY. The goal of the club is to provide an educational environment which fosters enthusiasm in amateur radio and community service.

The club provides terrestrial and space radio communications support to the US Corps of Cadets and community, maintains a phone patch service, hosts both VHF and UHF radio relays, and participates in regional, national and international contests on the HF, VHF and UHF radio bands. W2KGY also provides support and resources to local radio enthusiasts to prepare for FCC licensing. Each year the club publishes a newsletter highlighting our accomplishments.

HEADLINES



Meeting Minutes from January 2017

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Dustin KC9JKV

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Scott KD9GBJ

\$1160.36 + Dues

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parliamentarian

Roy N9NUZ

Newsletter

Dustin KC9JKV

ARES/RACES

None

Repeaters

Dick K9DLI

See below

Mark N0WLU

Hap KC9BGA

Alvin KC9MCC

Education

None

Field Day

Paul K9OT

Web Site + Facebook

Larry KC9CSQ

Dustin KC9JKV

kc9kq.net

facebook.com/HVARC

Scott KD9GBJ

Nets

Matt KC9MLE

Kent K9ZMU

Call to Order BUSINESS

7:01pm

Announcements:

- Fox hunt in Freeport IL
- New HVARC brochure
- Madison DX Club – Scholarship (AREFoSW).

- Discussion on new website, kc9kq.net and updating the links
- Mailing lists and club member phone numbers are available
- Repeater Update: 100W amp was running at half power. Bad cable was the partial cause. We are now up to 70W output.
- Our SW Health point of contact is retiring. Replacement has not been named yet.
- Talk of having an all day net "Check in Day", one day a month, check in whenever you can on that day
- Confirm / elect Joe KD9HAE as our VP. Motion for unanimous vote passes
- Third director is Dave Nix W9FAA. Motion for unanimous vote passes
- Proposal was made to extend the free radio club campaign indefinitely. Rules are that a person must get their license, join our club with paid dues, and attend one meeting to receive a free radio (purchased by our club).
Motion Approved.
- Comments about the holiday party: Our room was stolen at Bienvenidos, we were moved to a smaller room. Preference is for a quieter venue next year.
- Discussion was made on proposed rules for our fall 2016 transmitter hunt to be hosted by our club.
- Motion to adjourn, Scott/Hap

Adjournment

7:55pm

HAMFESTS / CONVENTIONS

02/18/2017

Brownsburg Hamfest - Location: Brownsburg, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society - Website: <http://www.hcars.org>

02/18/2017

Cabin Fever Reliever Hamfest - Location: Saint Joseph, MN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Saint Cloud Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://hamfest.w0sv.net/>

02/25/2017

9th Annual Winter RF Fest - Location: Perry, IA - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club - Website: www.harciowa.org

02/25/2017

La Porte County Amateur Radio Hamfest - Location: La Porte, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: La Porte County Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://lpcarc.org/>

03/05/2017

Sterling Rockfalls Amateur Radio Society - Location: Sterling, IL - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: SRARS - Website: <http://www.w9mep.org>

03/11/2017

Terre Haute Hamfest - Location: Brazil, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA - Website: <http://www.w9uuu.org>

03/18/2017

Mahaska Hams Swapmeet - Location: Oskaloosa, IA - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Mahaska Amateur Radio Club

03/19/2017

Hamfest 2017 - Location: Jefferson, WI - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Tri County Amateur Radio Club - W9MQB - Website: <http://www.w9mqb.org>

03/25/2017

Midwinter Madness - Location: Buffalo, MN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Maple Grove Radio Club - Website: <http://k0ltc.org>

04/01/2017

Columbus Indiana Hamfest - Location: Columbus, IN - Type: ARRL Hamfest - Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club - Website: <http://www.carcnet.net>

04/22/2017

Aurora '17 - Location: White Bear Lake, MN - Type: ARRL Convention - Sponsor: Northern Lights Radio Society - Website: <http://www.NLRS.org>

HVARC CLUB INFORMATION

Club dues are \$20.00 per year for individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership. We also recommend a \$20.00 per family yearly donation for support of the repeaters. To support your club please send your dues to: HVARC Treasure Scott Onson KD9GBJ, PO Box 620, Platteville WI, 53818.

The Hidden Valleys Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Southwest Health Center on the South East side of Platteville WI. The meeting is at 7:00 PM and anyone with an interest in radio is welcome to attend. We also meet each Sunday evening at 7:30 PM on the NOWLU Repeater at 146.895 MHZ. with a PL tone of 114.8 All licensed Amateur Operators are welcome to check in.

Please check out the club web site at: <http://www.kc9kq.net> Thank You to Scott Onson, KD9GBJ, for hosting our club web site.

Newsletter Editor is Dustin Westaby, KC9JKV, and can be reached at dustin.westaby@gmail.com



TRANSMITTER HUNT

Stephenson County Repeater Asc.

Saturday, April, 29 (1:00PM to 3:00 PM) Freeport,

MEET AT IL
Meadows Shopping Center, 1888 S West Ave,
Freeport, IL 61032
AT 12:30 PM



HUNT FREQUENCY: 145.645 MHZ

TALK-IN ON: 147.390 MHZ

(TONE 114.8) REPEATER
TROPHY FOR FIRST PLACE

DOOR PRIZES

After the contest, everyone is invited to a party
at PIZZA HUT:

1640 Willard Drive

Freeport IL 61032

No entry fee. 5 Dollar Fee per person for Pizza

Party. Pre-registration is not necessary, but appreciated, In case of bad weather,
preregistered contestants will be notified by phone,

Please contact:

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