



DIGITAL DISPATCH

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VITAL STATISTICS

The West River Radio Club, an ARRL Special Service Club, was founded in 2004 through the efforts of KA1ZQX, Tim Bell, and N1JSG, Richard Pierce.

Our 52 members pride themselves on belonging to an active and productive organization with involvement in many aspects of this great hobby: public service, special events, Field Day, repeaters, emergency communications, contesting and chasing DX.

Current officers are:

KA1ZQX, Tim Bell; President

K1KU, Darrel Daley; VP

N1TOX, John Borichevsky; Secretary/Treasurer

WK1L, Bro Frank Hagerty ED/VE Liaison

K1KU, Darrel Daley; Digital Dispatch editor

W1CWB, Chas Baker; Technical Advisor

THE PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Another successful Field Day has come and gone. Thanks to Andy KK4ADQ for the loan of his property for the weekend and everyone that helped set up, tear down and everything in between to make our Field Day successful! Between the location and the weather, I don't know how it could get better! Okay you say . . . there were a lot of good things that weekend. I cannot disagree, we had excellent food, camaraderie, lots of visitors and the signals were getting out/in.

We had a slow start as Murphy's Law intervened, but when all the bugs were worked out, we started to log our contacts. Field Day is always a good practice of what may occur in a real emergency. How can you overcome issues? It's called practice. Testing your equipment, setting it up, test your signals and do it again. If you missed this weekend of fun, you missed a big opportunity to enhance your skills as an emergency communicator. What makes a good emergency communicator? It is practice, practice, and more practice! That's what we are all about. . . "When all else fails. . . "Are you ready?"

In other news, it has been awful wet around here and it sounds like we should start building an Ark as I write this. As always, be ready for what Mother Nature throws at you. Have your "go" bag ready and test your batteries etc. Don't go beyond your training in anything you do. Always assess the situation before you get yourself in harm's way. Always have an escape route. Think before you act. As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting or next activity.

Till then, 73
KA1ZQX/Tim

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THE WRRC ARES NET

WHEN: Every Monday evening at 19:30L

WHERE: The Marlboro Repeater—147.015 MHz
Positive offset and a 100 Hz PL

WHAT: The net varies between rag chewing on some Mondays and a bit of training on others. Often there is a combination of some training and rag chewing.

All are welcome and encouraged to check in.

You'll get in some rag chew time with a little training thrown in now and then.

Want to be a Net Control Station? Contact KA1ZQX, Tim, at ka1zqx@arrl.net

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose.
Dr. Seuss

OUR PAST PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Field Day Wrap-up

Well, Field Day 2013 has come and gone. It was, in my belief, an overall success. With 21 licensed amateur radio operators either visiting and/or operating, and 7 visitors, these numbers represent that we are doing something right!

While the numbers are being tabulated by our esteemed accounting firm of "The Other Putney Ham, LLC", I feel we did our normal placement within the upcoming QST edition of results, once published. We will be in the middle of the 3A class. This is normal.

Field Day is not a contest, but a demonstration of setting up and operating under emergency conditions at remote locations. Yes, getting the contacts is part of the fun but there is a lot more to it. There is team bonding by planning, helping set up tents, antennas, radio equipment, cook stations, and much more. Personally, I dusted off the antenna launcher and put up my new Cobra Jr. and finally operated on 160m. Was there any Food? Heck yes,

we had quite the variety of food for consumption for dinner. There was a choice of Salmon, Beef or Turkey burgers, salads, and deserts. Breakfast offered Eggs, bacon, sausage, and English muffins to make breakfast sandwiches along with breakfast potatoes. Lunch was whatever you wanted of the prior mentioned food. Most of the food was consumed and not much went home for left overs.

Some of the highlights of this year's Field Day were noted by having my Netbook kept crashing the network due to an incompatibility of the network card driver and the access point. We squashed that bad boy right then and there. The site this year was a wonderful location to operate, thanks to Andy Higgins KK4ADQ. The trees were spaced apart just about right so we had a minimal amount of problems setting up the antennas. We had more people operate this year than we have had in the past. Food was plentiful and greatly prepared by our "chefs of many". Plus we have a new member joining the club who came to be with us all weekend. So this was a Win-Win for everyone.

Propagation was not an issue this year. Saturday started off slow on 40 and 20 meters, but really picked up after dinner and the west coast boomed in after 2300 hrs. We operated CW, Phone, and PSK31. We even got a GOTA contact also!!

For those who participated in this year's Field Day, thank you all for being there and joining in on the fun. For everyone else, we hope that you will consider coming out to Field Day 2014 and have some fun with us.

Until next month!
73

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de N1TOX

John Borichevsky – Past President WRRC



QCWA INVITATION

(Ed: Friend, fellow ham, and ARRL Club Coordinator in VT, Allen Tinker, W1AAT, has an invitation for us. I happen to be a member of the QCWA, but membership is not necessary in order to take part in the gala event listed below. All that is required is that you want to meet some new folks and have some fun. See the poster on the final page for more information.)

The Twin State Chapter #146 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association cordially invites the members and friends of the West River Radio Club to join us for a luncheon cruise on Lake Sunapee on Saturday 27 July 2013.

Appear at Sunapee Harbor, NH before 11:15 am for an 11:30 am departure aboard MV Mt. Sunapee II commanded by Captain Al K1YOT Peterson. Reservations are necessary by 20 July (call Allen W1AAT Tinker at 802 496 -4013 or e-mail at tinker@madrivier.com) and a check for \$36 per person should reach Cheryl WA1WEY Breuning, 54 Myrtle St., Newport, NH 03773 as soon as possible.

WRRC FUNDING SUMMARY	
July 2, 2013	
BALANCE FROM 2012	
	\$ 1,906.94
DEPOSITS	
	\$ 798.53
EXPENSES	
	\$ 438.64
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	
	\$ 2,266.83
PETTY CASH	
	\$23.57
TOTAL MONEY ON HAND	
	\$ 2,290.40
FULL Members	38
AUXILIARY MEMBERS	3
ARRL Members	23
ARRL / Memb (SSC)	60.53%
Grant Funding Balances (In Checking)	
Townshend	\$ 34.14

Turn the page a roster of this year's Field Day participants—courtesy of John, N1TOX, our resident PC Guru

West River Radio Club - ARRL Field Day 2013

Call	Name	Setup	Sat. Op	Dinner	Over Nite	Sun. Op	Tear Down	Visit	Elect Off.	Appointed Off.
K1TEZ	ABILDGAARD, BJARNE "BJ"							X		
N1ESK	ANDREWS, DAVID		X	X		X	X			
KB1NXN	ANDREWS, EMILY		X	X						
KB1J	AUSTIN, RICHARD		X	X	X	X	X			
KB1MQD	BAILEY, KAREN	X	X	X						
W1CWB	BAKER, CHARLES "CHAS"	X	X	X	X	X	X			
N1UAD	BARKER, ADAM							X		
KA1ZQX	BELL, TIM	X	X	X	X	X	X			
N1TOX	BORICHEVSKY, JOHN	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
K1JON	CIOCCHI, JOHN	X	X	X	X	X	X			
K1KU	DALEY, DARREL	X	X	X	X	X	X			
KB1VGG	DEZENDORF, DAVID							X	X	X
W1ZS	ELDRIDGE, BURT		X							
WK1L	HAGERTY, BRO. FRANK			X		X	X	X		
W1ERE	KING, IRV							X		
AB1PQ	KNIGHT, PETER		X	X						
N1XSS	MATHER, ROB	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
W1OKO	OLSEN, OLIVER		X					X		
KB1YCD	PETERSON, MARY		X							
W2NH	PUGH, GORDON			X				X		
W1IRA	WILNER, IRA		X	X						
K1KU-YL	MARION							X		
N1TOX-YL	SUZANNE			X				X		
K1TEZ-YL	INA							X		
W1ERE-YL	DOROTHY							X		
	STEVENS, ERIC (EMD) GRAFTON							X		
	HOUSEKEEPER 1							X		
	HOUSEKEEPER 2							X		

RUNNIN' ON EMPTY

Dayton's Dynamic Duo

I forget when the thought first struck me, but it did. I wanted to attend Dayton at least one more time. I've been there with Marion three times in the past, but another trip seemed called for. Maybe I realized that age was creeping up on me; scratch that, it's more like a tidal wave at times. Or maybe it was while having dinner with my JA buddies at the Sakagura Restaurant in Sapporo in 2012 and I learned that several of them attend Dayton each year. Whatever reason, I wanted to rub elbows once more with the 25K plus Hams who usually attend this gargantuan event.

Marion did not want to go again and driving was out of the question for me as I'd be in the recuperating process from a full shoulder replacement. So, I started asking around and finally found one brave soul who would do the driving chores and provide the adult supervision I need at times.

I'm glad that Tim, KA1ZQX, said yes to acting as my chauffeur on the twelve hour drive to our destination. Besides being good company, an added benefit of having Tim as a travel mate is that he is a master at picking motels. They were all Marriott motels. And, believe me, they do provide first class accommodations and service. Toss in his military discount and we had a winning ticket.

Here are some facts for those of you who might want to attend someday:

Reserve rooms early, even up to a year in advance. The city can become crowded.

It was 922 miles to Dayton. I think that the return route Tim chose was a tad longer. That works out to around 12 hours of drive time. I recommend a stopover going and coming.

The whole shebang lasts three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

There are other things to see while there; I recommend the United States Air Force Museum.

The dates vary from year to year, but you can always go to <http://www.hamvention.org/> to get the details.

It has something for everybody:

A GIANT outdoor flea market...I really mean GIANT! Forums galore with something to please everyone's special interests in Ham radio

Vendors to suit every taste. The Big Boys always have large displays and toys galore for sale; Kenwood, ICOM, Yaesu, TenTec

Better yet, go to http://www.pcboard.ca/hamvention2013/indoor_vendors.php and see page after page of listings. If you like spending money and have it to spend, then Dayton is the place to visit.

There are Friday evening banquets galore for all aspects of our great hobby. Tim and I attended the South West Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) banquet along with friend Glenn Edson, K1GE, and his son-in-law Kevin Castner, KG3K. I didn't see

any empty chairs and the room holds 440 people. I was fortunate enough to be at a table with several prominent DXers from Hawaii, Japan, and the USA and listened to them make plans for a big DXpedition to Palmyra in 2016. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Alex, KH6YY. Check out his contest call of KH7X and go to <http://www.kh6yy.net/> to see and read about a superstation.

Yours truly proudly rose when the MC asked everyone present who had operated outside of North America to stand. I've operated from England and Japan.

You meet folks. I had my first eyeball with K8MPK, Paul, a member of the Green Mountain Net. On Saturday night Tim, Glenn, Kevin and I met with 12 of my friends from Japan that I had met in 2010 and 2012 for a gigantic BBQ dine out.

The Hamvention is a truly international affair. I met Hams from several countries. Besides the ARRL there country representatives from the RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain), JARL (Japanese Amateur Radio League), and DARC, the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club.

You meet folks that you've met before. After three trips to Japan I've come to know several Hams on Hokkaido pretty well. Four of them were at Dayton this year and, besides seeing each other in the Hara Arena, we also had a great dine out at a bar-b-que restaurant. Those JAs survived just fine without the use of chop sticks.

I hope that the above whetted your appetite for seeing Dayton. Give me a couple of years to recuperate and I might hitch a ride with you – Or maybe Tim will be ready for a return visit. Until then, turn the page for some pictures of our Dayton adventures.

UPCOMING EVENTS & LOOKING AHEAD

Ongoing: WRRRC ARES net...19:30L, 147.015, positive offset and 100 Hz PL tone.

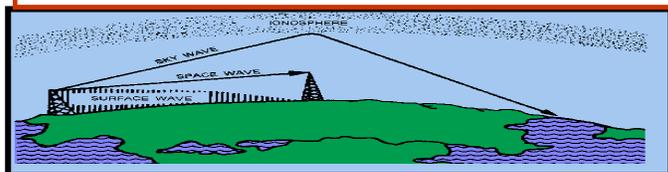
July 9: Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRRC in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital at 19:00L.

July 27: The monthly Board/luncheon Meeting will be held at the PanAsian Restaurant in Brattleboro next to Staples. Gather at 11:30.

July 26-27: IOTA contest—Islands On The Air

August 13 Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRRC in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital at 19:00L.

Also check out WRRRC events on the club calendar at http://www.westriverradio.org/WRRRC/WRRRC_Pages/prgmpplan.html



HAMVENTION—2013 A POTPURRI OF PICTURES



JA1DXA & K1KU
At the DX Banquet

Our friends from JA Land
After Dinner out



JA8LWU (W2JA)
K1KU
KA1ZQX



KA1ZQX
Relaxing



Two YLs from Japan



K1KU

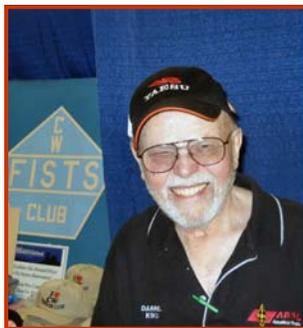


Boat Anchors
Galore

KA1ZQX



K1KU at the
FISTS booth



A small part of the
indoor exhibit area

More exhibits



FIELD DAY—2013

Both our President and past President have already spoken about the WRRC's 9th Field Day venture. I, too, believe it to be one of, if not the finest yet.

A big part of the reason for this year's success was that KK4ADQ, Andy, graciously loaned us the use of his land over the weekend. A big thanks go out to him for his hospitality.

- ⇒ Lot's of operators.
- ⇒ A superior location
- ⇒ Lots of help with the set up and tear down
- ⇒ Lots of new faces on the scene
- ⇒ Lots of contacts, mainly due to our higher "open" location and some antennas way up in the blue.
- ⇒ Lots of assorted antennas available
- ⇒ Lots of great food, food preparers and cooks thereof.
- ⇒ Relatively bug free.
- ⇒ Good weather
- ⇒ Thanks to the Geeks among us our laptops were networked.
- ⇒ Lots of camaraderie. (Well, we always have that)

What can I add? Not much, except to extend an early invitation to all of those who weren't present this year. You won't want to miss the fun in 2014 when we have a whiz bang celebration of a decade of Field Days for the WRRC.

Meanwhile get motivated and enjoy the pictures'



K1JON—Where did that ^*)\$#^& tennis ball go?



**KA1ZQX
KB1VGG
Is this good coffee or what?**



N1XSS—And how did you say you wanted your eggs?

(Give up? The answer is "cooked")



The beam rises



**Two happy Hams
K1JON &
N1XSS**



**KA1ZQX—N1TOX
Another 4 hand operation**



**K1JON & W1CWB
A four hand operation**



**KA1ZQX
K1JON
Get that Bug out-
ta there**



**K1KU & WK1L
At the CW rig**



Ever see a digital screen house?

W1OKO & son shows off his Elecraft to W1ZS

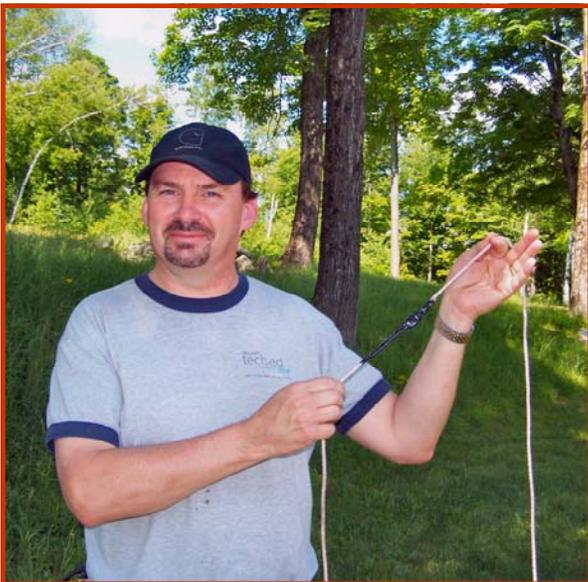


Some of the world's finest stir fry



"Grill Master " W1CWB

W1CWB & K1JON Time to reload the cannon



I did it ALL by MYSELF

W1CWB KA1ZQX Our "digitized" Ops



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Cordially invites
the members and friends
of the West River Radio Club
to join us for a luncheon cruise
on Lake Sunapee on Saturday 27 July 2013
Appear at Sunapee Harbor, NH before 11:15 am
for an 11:30 am departure aboard MV Mt. Sunapee II
commanded by Captain Al K1YOT Peterson
Reservations are necessary by 20 July 2013
Call Allen W1AAT Tinker at 802 496-4013
Or e-mail at tinker@madriver.com
and a check for \$36 per person
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As Soon As Possible

