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President's Traffic

By Harry Jones K9DXA

Hamfest is coming up soon on July 15 at the Aurora Central Catholic High School. Come on out for the fun. Don't forget to sell more tickets! This event helps us with our budget. See you there!

It was sad for me the other day when I heard of the passing of Bill Stamps W9WRS. I'll remember him as a friend, fellow FRRL member, and one with mutual ham radio interests. Bill and I spent a number of breakfasts before a club activity chatting about Softrocks, SMDs, building other kits. He was a great FRRL Board member and handled the Secretary Chair superbly. I'm sure everyone has their own stories to tell about their friendship with Bill.

The Illinois Governor has signed HB1390 to extend the FCC PRB-1 into the Illinois Statutes. It took a lot of hard work to accomplish this!

As I write this I am on break from operating up here at VY0-land (Canada's Nunavut Territory) with Dick AH6EZ. By the time you read this, we should be home again. I have learned so much from Dick on preparation and execution of even a relatively small DXpedition project. Dick mostly ran SSB and I mostly ran CW. He cleaned up the bands; I tried to keep up – sort of! The Rankin Inlet area and society is different, but all seemed very friendly. We stayed at a local hotel and operated nearby at a Community Learning Center, which is part of Nunavut Arctic College. The college President is Mike, VY0CF who helped us quite a bit. There are maybe two dozen inactive hams in Nunavut, and one active ham who does not participate in contests. Hence, we were very sought after. We had to dispense with the option of operating on nearby IOTA NA-185 due to sea ice and related weather.

I consider myself fairly decent at sending and receiving CW during a contest. Let me say that I needed a little time to get over the initial intimidation of ten people returning my QRZ after my call was spotted! To make things worse, I had issues with my laptop and a USB cable that kept me from using the CW string functions and the timely keyboarding of QSO data on the logging program. I fixed those issues and then had a great time managing the pile-ups! I worked lots of DX, USA and Canadian stations.

Mike took us on a scenic tour of the area around town and parts out of town. We saw lots of items of historical interest.

I recommend that every ham consider getting involved with some sort of DXpedition project. Do some contesting, some DX chasing, and be a "Band Captain" at Field Day. Then you will have laid the basic groundwork for more learning with an Elmer and practice – practice – practice. It was fun working some of you during my stay on this trip. I spent most of my time on CW at 17M and 30M, due to the band conditions and the equipment we had. 20M was far and away the best band this time. But once you are spotted on any band, fasten your seat belts!

Pretty soon it will be time to return to the high temperatures and put the home shack back together again. I look forward to seeing you all again at the next meeting. Will I do this sort of thing again?....In a heartbeat!

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Membership of the
Fox River Radio League (FRRL) an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation
Held at St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, IL

Bill Erikson HF Challenge Update — Mid-June 2012

By Eric Needles AB9OS

Over land and sea, braving the arctic tundra and harsh environments, two crazy DX-peditioners traveled north in search of adventure and HF contacts in Nunavut Province. Did you work FRRL members Dick AH6EZ and Harry K9DXA while they worked from VY0? Many in the club did, and I look forward to hearing all about it at the next club meeting!

In other HF Challenge news, NA9A worked Italy. What's so great about that one? Well I12POPE is a special event call sign for the visit in Milano of Pope Benedict XVI on the occasion of the VII World Meeting of Families - 2012. Nice catch Joe! He also worked asterisked countries E40VB Palestine, A5A Bhutan and SV2ASP/A Mount Athos.

Larry K9ARZ says "well the pickings are getting slim and the band conditions have not been that great but I did manage a few new ones: RI1ANF, So. Shetland Islands; A52KJ and A5A, Bhutan; FS5PL, Ste. Martin; VK9PN, Lord Howe Island, E40KB, Palestine; EL2DF, Liberia; S79RR, Seychelles; XX9E, Macao; AU50GOA, Goa (India); and 3A/DG5NFF, Monaco.

Also, a warm welcome to Dave KB9MNM, who joins us in the Digital class. Great start Dave!

Remember, it's never too late to get into the HF Challenge. Just e-mail your total states, provinces and DX countries by the 15th of each month...it's just that easy! And now for the numbers...

Limited Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Gary K9MMS-CW	50	10	175	235
Steve N5EP-CW	43	6	89	138
Jeff K9BQL-CW	3	1	124	128
Eric K9LGE-Digital	27	3	14	44
Dave KB9MNM-Digital	13	1	9	23
Jerry KA9VMD-PSK31	5	1	5	11
Eric AB9OS-CW	3	0	0	3

Operator Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Jack K9JE	36	9	145	190
Herb W9DTR	50	11	110	171
Jim N9XP	32		104	136
Tobi K9TCD	35	5	73	113
Tom WB9CHY	42	4	38	84
Warren K9IH	25	5	37	67

QRO Class	States	Provinces	DX Countries	Total
Larry K9ARZ	50	13	244	307
Dick AH6EZ	50	12	202	264
Joe NA9A	41	8	229	278
Maurice N4LZ	40	7	82	129

Ragchew Class	States/Provinces	DX	Total
Dick AH6EZ			52
Herb W9DTR			21
Steve N5EP	12/1	1	14
Warren K9IH	12/2	0	14
Eric K9LGE			7
Joe NA9A	4	1	5
Eric AB9OS	1	0	1
Jerry KA9VMD	1	0	1

Program Notes

The July program will hopefully be the first of two presentations on the very recent Nunavut DXpedition from AH6EZ. One will be about Rankin Inlet and the overall experience, and the other to discuss the technical and operational learning points.

New Members

Welcome to the following new member:

CALL	NAME
K3CZ	Dean Rogers

About the FRRL

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., is a general interest amateur radio club serving the central Fox River Valley area. Records indicate the club has been in existence since at least 1924, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes.

We sponsor training classes for new hams, license examination sessions, an annual hamfest, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

The Fox River Radio League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and includes social time,

a business portion and a program of interest.

All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome.

We hope to see you there!

License Exams

The Fox River Radio League, Inc., in conjunction with the ARRL VEC, conducts amateur examinations on the 3rd Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at St. Rita of Cascia Church in Aurora at 7:30 PM. A special session is held at the club's hamfest, usually in July each year. No advance registration is required, but please be sure to bring your license (if you have one) and a photocopy

of it, some form of photo identification and the fee of \$15.00. (The FRRL receives no portion of this fee.)

The next exam session is scheduled for July 15 at the club hamfest at Aurora Central Catholic High School. Please see the frrl.org website for details.

FRRL Dues

Annual dues are payable no later than the January Club Meeting each year. New members joining during the year will have their first year's dues prorated to the nearest yearly quarter.

Regular dues are \$20.00 a year, Senior Citizen dues are \$12.00. Family dues are \$30.00. Members can help support the FRRL Repeaters by making an annual \$10.00 donation.

Check with the Treasurer for details and additional dues rates.

Nets

Net Name	Freq.	Day	Time
FRRL	147.210	Tuesday	7:30 PM Local
10-10 CW	28.150	Monday	8:00 PM Local
10-10 SSB	28.720	Monday	8:30 PM Local

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July, 2012

FRRL Board Meeting 3
FRRL Meeting 10
VE Session 15

August, 2012

FRRL Board Meeting 7
FRRL Meeting 14

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Local Area Repeaters/Nets

W9CEQ—147.210 Mhz.
+600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
Owned by FRRL

W9CEQ—444.300 Mhz. IRLP Node # 4850
+5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
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W9CEQ_B D-Star—442.10625 Mhz (+ 5.0 Mhz offset)
W9CEQ_C D-Star—147.225 Mhz (-6.0 Mhz offset)
FRRL Digital Voice/Data Repeaters
Contact W9XA for information

KC9OEM—145.470 Mhz. -600 KHz, 103.5 access tone
KC9OEM—444.525 Mhz + 5 Mhz, 114.8 access tone
(2 meter is primary Kane Co. SKYWARN /ARES freq)
Owned by Kane County OEM

W9DWP—Kane Co. Amateur Public Svc. Rptrs.
145.270 -600 KHz, 107.2 access tone
443.025 +5 Mhz 114.8 access tone
Both repeaters are dual mode APCO-25 NAC-293

W9ZGP—NIARC
147.060 +600 KHz, 103.5 access tone

- Weekly ARES/Skywarn Net—Wed. Eve. at 6:30 pm local time on the KC9OEM 2 meter repeater
- Weekly FRRL Net—Tues. Eve. at 7:30 pm local time on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Monthly Simplex Net—4th Tues following weekly FRRL Net on the FRRL 2 Meter repeater.
- Illinois DStar Net - Wed. Eve. at 8:00 pm local time on the DStar 440 repeater.