Tri County Repeater Association

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June Meeting

June 6th. 2003

Paul Brooten - KB9TYC

The June meeting was held June 3rd at Ruby's in Bloomer. Members present were: N9XMU, AB9EJ, KC9CGW, W9RAY, KB9TYC, KA9GNG, N9UBS, KB9WYO, W9GDH, and KC9DUA. Guests present were KB9UPI and KG9RA.

Old Business

The storm spotting program that Greg W9GDH brought up at the February meeting has nothing that has come about. 5 members did go through Skywarn training in Eau Claire.

Paul, KB9TYC displayed a sample of Mike AB9EJ's design of the bumper sticker. Paul said the cost will be \$6.00 a sticker. A motion was made to purchase 2 dozen of the stickers. It was decided that Mike AB9EJ will be the keeper of the stickers and they may be purchased through him.

The club still has not heard anything from Walt about

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Field Day Results

July 28th, 2003

Paul Brooten - KB9TYC

Field Day went very well this year. Set-up went very smoothly due to all the preparation with the towers and rotors. There were 22 hams that attended and many guests that walked through.

We operated in the 2A class and made 634 QSO's. We made 33 CW contacts and 601 phone contacts for a total of 667 QSO points.

Band	Phone Contacts	CW Contacts
40 Meters	92	1
20 Meters	375	27
15 Meters	77	2
6 Meters	29	1
2 Meters	22	2
70 CM	6	0

We claimed 600 bonus points this year. They came from: 100% Emergency Power, Media Publicity, being set up in a public place, Information Booth, NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC, and for using Solar Power.

Our claimed score of 1,334 plus 600 bonus points gives us a score of 1,934. Last year our score was 1,886 so we did make an improvement.

I would like to thank everyone who participated during Field Day and brought equipment and helped set up.

Field Day pictures were on the web site the day after Field Day ended. There are 103 pictures from Field Day that can be seen at http://www.tcra.org.

73, KB9TYC**❖** Continued from page 1

getting a new repeater controller yet.

The Eau Claire club once again approached our club on combining efforts at Field Day. This was denied by Dale, N9XMU. Curt N9TUC has signed the necessary forms for use of the Ice Age Center parking lot for Field Day. We will operate in the 2A class again this year. There will be 2 towers installed this year. KC9CGW will be bringing the tower. KB9TYC and W9RAY will be trying to make the satellite contact this year. Rope will be brought by KA9GNG and KB9TYC. N9UBS has coax. Gary, KB9WYO has a brand new Yaesu rotor that he has never used. A motion was made to purchase the rotor if the cost is not over \$450.00. Motion passed. N9XMU will have the second rotor. Radios will be brought by N9UBS and W9RAY. Generators will be brought by N9UBS and KB9WYO.

KB9TYC brought up some inconsistencies from computer logging in 2001. It was decided that no computer logging will take place at the Field Day site and logs will be entered off site.

Treasurer's Report

Mike, AB9EJ gave the treasurers report. AB9EJ advised at the April meeting we had \$2.012.78 in our account. Since the April meeting we have had 2 memberships paid and no expenses for a current balance of \$2,053.78. Payment of \$11.75 was authorized to KB9TYC for newsletter expenses.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held August 5th at Ruby's Roadhouse in Bloomer at 7:00 p.m.❖

Mike's Code Corner

Mike Metzdorf - AB9EJ

The following is some code that has a message. Some of you will find this very easy, others will find it educational, and others won't bother at all. That's ok. Have fun anyway.

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73,

AB9EJ

See The Answer In The Next Newsletter.

June Code Corner Answer

Think Morse code is a difficult hurdle that takes weeks and weeks of hard work to master? Think again! Guy Mitchell, wd0dvx, of Buckingham, Iowa, picked up Morse code from tapes his parents were using for their Novice class. Soon, he began studying on his own, and mastered the alphabet and numbers with little difficulty. What makes this story unique is that Guy was four years old when he passed the 5 words per minute code test! Guy started kindergarten 5 months after he passed the Novice code test. *

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRI COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION AUGUST MEETING

PLACE: RUBY'S ROADHOUSE IN BLOOMER

DATE: AUGUST 5TH, 2003.

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

EAU CLAIRE HAMFEST

PLACE: EAU CLAIRE COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2003.

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

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PLACE: EAU CLAIRE HAMFEST - EAU CLAIRE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2003. TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 A.M.

All classes tested. Sponsored by the Eau Claire Amateur

Radio Club.

2003 TCRA Officers

President: Dale McGraw – N9XMU Vice President: Ray Johnson – W9RAY

Secretary: Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

Treasurer: Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

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