

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❖

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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.

VE TESTING

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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