

Tri County Repeater Association

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June Meeting

September 30th, 2003

Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

The August meeting was held August 5th at Ruby's in Bloomer. Members present were: N9LIU, AB9EJ, W9DGH, W9RAY, and KB9TYC. Guests present were WD9HFT and KG9RA.

Old Business

Paul, KB9TYC said all talk about the repeater controller and storm spotting is done until we get more information. Jim, KG9RA advised he would be talking to the people from the Weather Service at the hamfest. KG9RA said that training would be required to participate and something would be set up at a later time.

WD9HFT advised the members that Walt is looking to get a Link Communications RLC-4 repeater controller for the repeater. The price on this is over \$500.00 and if the club purchases one it would be a donation to Walt. It was decided this would be talked about more at a meeting where there are more members in

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Friendly Reminder

September 24th, 2003

Rodney Anders– WB9WKT

I just put on 6400 miles this summer driving out West. My little guy managed the 2M repeater directory and we threw out a call on almost every repeater we thought we could hit along the way. It was almost a worthless effort. We made four repeater contacts in all that time (one of the contacts was on the 146.61 Menomonie repeater). On a better note we did make six contacts on 146.52. I've read a lot of articles lately about all the repeaters in operation and no one using them and we pretty much proved that on this trip.

We have a very friendly group on the 145.47 repeater and I just want to remind people to keep that up. If you hear a strange call take a little time and come back to them. This is a good reflection for the group and I'm sure it brings a smile to the operator (and his family) as they pass through the area.

73,
WB9WKT❖

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2003 TCRA Officers

President: Dale McGraw – N9XMU
Vice President: Ray Johnson – W9RAY
Secretary: Paul Brooten – KB9TYC
Treasurer: Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

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attendance.

KB9TYC has delivered the bumper stickers to AB9EJ. You can get yours from Mike if interested.

Treasurer's Report

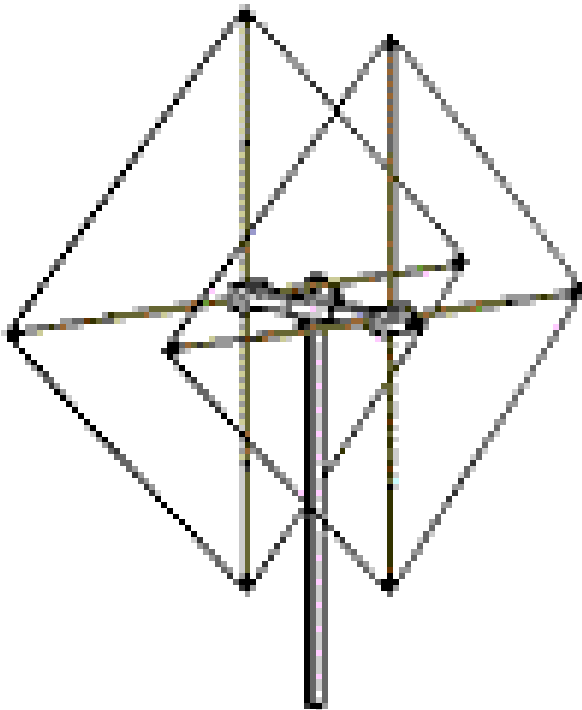
Mike, AB9EJ gave the treasurers report. AB9EJ advised at the June meeting we had \$2,052.78 in our account. Since the April meeting we have had 1 membership paid and received \$6.00 from ECARC for advertising their hamfest in our newsletter. Expenses since then have included \$367.45 to Gary KB9WYO for the Rotor, \$85.61 to Dale N9XMU for Field Day supplies, \$9.21 to Scott N9UBS for gas for the generators, and \$144.00 to Kevin Adams for the bumper stickers. The current balance is \$1613.97.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting

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



Mike's Code Corner

Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

August Code Corner Answer:

If you tune around on 6 meters when propagation conditions are good, you'll probably hear several beacon stations. Beacons send their call signs and other information in slow-speed Morse code. Other information may include their grid-square locations, output power and antenna height. Most beacons use non-directional antennas and relatively low power. If you can hear a beacon in a certain geographic area, you can probably work stations in that area. If you hear a beacon signal from several hundred or several thousand miles away, the band is open. Point your beam toward the beacon and start calling CQ. ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRI COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION AUGUST MEETING

PLACE: RUBY'S ROADHOUSE IN BLOOMER

DATE: OCTOBER 7TH, 2003.

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

HAMFEST MN

PLACE: ROY WILKINS AUDITORIUM – ST PAUL, MN

DATE: OCTOBER 25TH, 2003.

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

VE TESTING

PLACE: UW STOUT – MENOMONIE

DATE: NOVEMBER 1ST, 2003.

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

CONTACT JAMES LEY AT 235-3998 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mike's Code Corner

Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

I have been asked for a chart of the commonly used codes. The following is not a complete one, but is probably the most used ones. Have fun.

Code Corner #4

A	..-	PERIOD
B	COMMA	-----
C	?
D	...	ERROR
E	.	END OF MESSAGE	.. .
F	INVITATION TO TX	..-
G	---	END OF WORK	... ---
H	ONE
I	..	TWO
J	THREE
K	---	FOUR
L	FIVE
M	--	SIX
N	..	SEVEN
P	EIGHT
Q	NINE
R	...	ZERO	-----
S	...		
T	-		
U	...		
V		
W		
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Y		
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