

Tri County Repeater Association

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December Meeting

December 7th, 2004

Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

The December meeting of the Tri County Repeater Association was held December 7th, 2004 at Dale McGraw's residence in Chippewa Falls.

Members in attendance were KA9GNG, KC9CGW, W9GDH, KC9EXW, W9RAY, N9LUG, KB9TYC, WB9WKT, AB9EJ, W9NG, N9XMU, K9YLI, KB9WYO, and N9UXH.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all and the only business handled was Election of Officers for 2005.

Nominated for President were KA9GNG and W9RAY. KA9GNG declined the nomination. W9RAY was elected president.

Nominated for Vice President was KC9CGW. No other nominations were received. KC9CGW was elected Vice President.

KB9TYC and AB9EJ were nominated for Secretary and Treasurer for yet another year. No other nominations

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The Porcupine

January 26th, 2005

Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

Here is a story that was written by Jerry Anders, nine year old son of Rod Anders, WB9WKT, of Chippewa Falls. He wrote this in his school journal. He attends Holy Ghost School in Chippewa Falls.

"Thurs, Oct. 21, 2004

Yesterday Mike, or AB9EJ, came to our house. My dad is an ameteur or ham radio operator. A ham radio is like a walkie talkie, except it can have 100 different channels or repeaters! It also can be in a box form. When it's a box it comes with a little black controller. Like a mini walkie talkie without any antenna. It also has a number set so you can punch in the repeater number. Ametuer radios in box form also have a scan button. So does an HT. An HT is like a large walkie talkie, except it can reach 50 miles!

Ametuer radio in box form and a HT have a power knob and a volume knob. Mike gave my dad a special hollow metal box to see how much power it is giving off. When we were looking at Mike's radio in his car a guy from China came on! Mike came in our house. My dad and Mike went down to my dad's office to look at

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2005 TCRA Officers

President: Ray Johnson – W9RAY

Vice President: Matt Metzdorf – KC9CGW

Secretary: Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

Treasurer: Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

<http://www.tcra.org>

Door Prize Winners

December 7th, 2004

Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

This is the list of door prize winners at the 2004 Christmas Party. Prizes were donated by AES, Radio City, Burghardt's, Gordy's Hardware Hank, and AB9EJ. The club provided the grand prize which was a \$150.00 gift certificate to AES.

Prize	Winner
UTC Clock	Bill Noble KA9GNG
Yaesu Hat	Gary Zabel KB9WYO
\$10.00 Gordy's Gift Certificate	Dick Sanner W9NG
\$10.00 AES Gift Certificate	Rod Anders WB9WKT
Burghardt t-shirt	Paul Brooten KB9TYC
ARRL book	John Brenner N9UXH
Burghardt t-shirt	Mike Fenske KC9EXW
\$10.00 AES Gift Certificate	Dale Reinhart N9LUG
Burghardt Hat	Ray Johnson W9RAY
Yaesu Hat	Greg Hammerel W9GDH
\$10.00 AES Gift Certificate	Matt Metzdorf KC9CGW
Burghardt Hat	Dale McGraw N9XMU
ARRL book	Don Jaster K9YLI
\$10.00 AES Gift Certificate	Mike Metzdorf AB9EJ
Burghardt t-shirt	John Brenner N9UXH
Burghardt t-shirt	Don Jaster K9YLI
Burghardt t-shirt	Dick Sanner W9NG
Burghardt Hat	Bill Noble KA9GNG
\$10.00 Gordy's Gift Certificate	Dale McGraw N9XMU
Burghardt Hat	Mike Metzdorf AB9EF
\$150.00 AES Gift Certificate	Dale McGraw N9XMU

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRI COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY MEETING

PLACE: RUBY'S ROADHOUSE IN BLOOMER

DATE: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2005.

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

VE TESTING

PLACE: UW-STOUT - MENOMONIE

DATE: MARCH 26TH, 2004.

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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some radios. I brought down an electric lab. It had some circuits on it already. Then I showed it to Mike. Next I went into my room. I grabbed my crystal radio and my radio that I can listen to stations around the world. I also showed them to Mike. Then my dad and Mike went outside and I went upstairs to beep morse code. All of a sudden Airforce 1 came over our house! Then Mike went into his car or "the porcupine" and left."

(Many of you have seen my car. I have two four foot antennas on top, 10m and 2m, and two seven foot antennas on the trunk, 17m and 20m. So it looks like a porcupine. By the way, I copied this letter exactly as it was written.)

73

Mike

AB9EJ❖

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell Announces his Resignation

January 21st, 2005

ARRL

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 21, 2005--FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced today that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Powell's resignation comes just one day after President George W. Bush's inauguration for a second term in the White House. Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell--whose father is Secretary of State Colin Powell--joined the FCC in 1997. He became its chairman two days after President Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism. While the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative--there's also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him.

"It's no secret that we thought Chairman Powell was going entirely in the wrong direction on BPL and dragging the other commissioners and FCC staff along-

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