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The Presidents Corner... By Michael Kallstrom, NU4Q



Happy Ham Radio Holidays to all from NU4Q!! As my term as president draws to a close, I have many pleasant memories of the club meetings, the picnic, the new hams we brought into the club with the Spring Tech class, the communications we provided for the bicycle tour, Field Day, bridge watch, the banquet and many other activities. My thanks to everyone who participated in these events, the regular club meetings and the 2 meter ARES net. Jeff Martin will be taking over as President soon and he already has some great ideas for the club. Please give him your enthusiastic support. Let your New Year's resolution be to become more involved with the KCARC!! See you at the December "no meeting" meeting!

73 de Mike NU4Q



Minutes

By Claire Rinehart
Secretary/Treasurer

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report

3rd Qtr Balance:	\$755.33
Dues:	\$46.00
Other Income:	\$297.50
HamCall:	-\$61.17
Repeaters:	-\$16.32
Meeting Costs (Banquet):	-\$396.50
Other Costs (patches):	-\$194.50

Current Balance: \$430.34

Editorial Column

By Jeff Martin, WB4JM
HamCall Editor

The Banquet was held at the Bypass Ponderosa. There were a lot of folks there and all had a good time of fellowship and good food. We also all enjoyed the Santa Clause Story told by Leon.... you will have to ask him about that.

Fred Painter was given the "Ham of the Year" award and Claire Rinehart was given the "Outstanding Tech of the Year" award. Congratulations to all!!



END OF YEAR TWO

Jim Weaver, K8JE

Director, Great Lakes Division

It is hard for me to believe that January 1 at noon will mark the end of my second year as your Great Lakes Division Director. It also marks the beginning of my third and final year of my 3-year term. I have enjoyed working with and for each of you very much. Being a Director has been as satisfying as I had hoped.

Nearly each member whose path I crossed proved to be a pleasant and knowledgeable person. This is true even though we did not always agree with each other on certain issues. In nearly each such case, we were able to look each other in the eye, to smile with respect for each other and to agree to disagree. The times when pleasant disagreement was not possible probably numbered no more than two.

I hope to stick around for a while so I can have the opportunity to join with other of my Director and Vice Director colleagues to better Amateur Radio and to bring each member more closely into the base of truly active ARRL members. As I have said frequently, ARRL and its members need each other if Amateur Radio is to be nurtured and resume the growth it had in past years.

I appreciate very sincerely the work of Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT. Because of his intellectual sincerity, honesty and capability, Dick was given a unique opportunity to head a very technical and important ad hoc committee for the Board of Directors. I want to say once again, that he did himself, each of our Division members, me and every amateur in this country proud through the diligent effort he brought to the committee and the superior results of the committee's work.

Dick has provided me with great counsel in many instances. Thanks, Dick. I look forward to continuing our work together.

Finally, I want to thank the people in this

Division who bear the toughest jobs in Amateur Radio. These are the Section Managers. You and I are fortunate that the GLD Directors throughout past years and the Section Managers during these same years developed a tremendously valuable working relationship. Dale, WA8EFK, Joe, K8QOE, and John, WA8EFK have proven tremendously helpful in our collaboration. GLD ARRL members have benefited and will continue to benefit from this collaboration. Thanks, fellows. All Divisions should be as fortunate.

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD

I request your input on the Logbook of The World (LoTW). If you have not attempted to use LoTW, yet, you can skip to the following topic if you wish. My question is directed ONLY to members who have tried Logbook.

The question is simply, "What has been your experience with LoTW?" I need you to answer this question with one of the 6 answers I give, below. If you wish to add a written explanation of your experience please do so, but please be certain to use the written answer only to expand on your numeric answer. The numeric answers are:

5. LoTW was a snap to install and use. I like everything about it.
4. LoTW was moderately easy to install and to use. I like most things about it and will continue to use it.
3. LoTW is OK. I had some difficulty installing it and in getting it to work for me. I'll keep using it.
2. LoTW caused me a moderate level of problems to install, but is easy to use. I'll keep using it in spite of the initial difficulty I had.
1. LoTW has been a pain to install and nearly as much of a pain to use. I'm thinking of not using it.
0. LoTW has been so much difficulty to install or use that I've given up on it.

Again, please answer the question ONLY if you have attempted to or succeeded to install and use LoTW.

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2005 KCARC Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- June 25-26 (Field Day)
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16 (Picnic)
- October 21 (Elections)
- October 31 (Bridge Watch)
- November 18 (Annual Dinner)
- December 17 (Sat Morning)

Also, please use the numeric answer that best states your position experience with LoTW. Feel free to append written discussion beneath your numeric answer if you choose to expand on the numeric answer.

CONTACTING ME

If you have questions concerning ARRL policy or concerning the operation of our folks at HQ, please ask me. If your question concerns the operation of ARRL activities "in the field" these nearly always should go to your Section Manager.

I have said very often that I would like to hear from members with suggestions or complaints -- or even with praise -- for ARRL operations.

Especially if you have a complaint about policy or HQ function, please send the complaint to me . . . ONLY. Sending it to someone else or to multiple people will do nothing but confuse the situation. It is a policy of the Board that an issue in one Division will not be managed a Director in a different Division or by an officer. At most, sending complaints or requests for action does nothing more than confuse the issue and slow action on the complaint/request while we communicate with each other to see who is doing what, if anything, about it.

As always, I pledge to make every feasible effort to reply to your messages promptly, and to work to resolve complaints as soon as feasible.

DAYTON HAMVENTION/ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION 2005

As you may know, the 2005 Dayton Hamvention will host the 2005 ARRL National Convention. The site of the activities will be HARA arena. You can expect a National Convention that is unique from those of the past as well

as a Dayton Hamvention that remains unsurpassed. Incidentally, a contract has been signed with the Arena for the Hamvention to be held at it through at least 2007.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION

General Chairman Gary Johnston, KI4LA reminds everyone that nominations are being sought for several distinguished awards to be made at the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention in March. The Convention is being hosted by the Toledo Hamfest folks and will be the day prior to the Hamfest. For further details on the awards and making nominations for these, as well as for other information on the Convention, go to <http://greatlakes.arrl.org/>.

TO ALL: I WISH AND PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO HAVE A VERY HOLY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS OR HOLY AND HAPPY HANUKAH. I HOPE THAT YOU WHO OBSERVE RAMADAN HAVE BEEN GREATLY REFRESHED IN SPIRIT FOR THE COMING YEAR. HAVE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

73,
Jim

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Here is the URL for the Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Services plan <http://www.kyham.net/kyares/kares/index.html> where each section can be downloaded or the whole document which is .PDF can be downloaded at one time. Each ARES member should have a copy of this document.

Also here is the URL <http://www.kyham.net/emcomm/ares/> for anyone wanting to sign up and participate in ARES.

And last but not least the URL <http://www.kyham.net/emcomm/training/> that will answer the questions most asked by ARES members along with many training aids and information.

As an added attraction I have also added the resource library. It's URL is <http://www.kyham.net/library.html>.

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147.165+		W4WSM
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444.100+		W4WSM
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