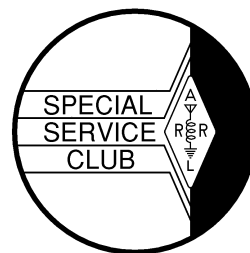




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## The Prez Sez

By Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR)

Wow! What a month in Ham radio was March. It all started with the Wisconsin QSO party and progressed through the PEP, BSA Radio Merit Badge Day, weather spotter training, Jefferson Swapfest and the Red Cross Shelter seminar and ended with the AES Superfest.

Well I did it, I got involved and I had fun. For the first time I participated in a contest and then actually submitted the "points sheet" and log. I only operated a few hours and earned around 4000 points but it was fun. Hardly compares with the 160,000 + points earned at Fred's (W9FH) multi op operation or the 100,000 + points earned by Gary (W9XT) but as I said, it was fun and I learned something.

The Post Everything Party was a great success and my congratulations to the committee consisting of Tom & Julie Nawrot, Paul Schumacher, Mike Yuhas and Nels Harvey for creating a fun evening with a few new twists. And my congratulations to the award winners – Stan Kaplan (Public Service Award), Mike Yuhas (Turkey), Bob Truscott (Contester of the Year), Mark and Naomi Potash (Project of Year) and Gary Sutcliffe (Technical Achievement Award). These were awards well deserved in every case. Also, I want to thank the membership for naming me the "Ham of the Year". It is truly an honor to be included in the ranks of my predecessors – thank you.

The field day committee had an excellent meeting March 14th and many topics were addressed as related to safety, ease of site erection and tear down, power distribution, operating per-

formance and just plain having fun. Looks like a really active committee so volunteer with Leon now to get in on the planning and fun.



**The Field Day committee got off to a great start at it's March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at Leon's**

Talk about a well-run operation. The BSA Radio Merit Badge day program was a really well organized and executed project.



**Boy Scouts at the merit badge seminar had a great time getting on the air with this portable HF station at the Jackson Town Hall.**

About 67 boys learned the basics of “radio”, got on the air and earned their Radio Merit Badge. Congratulations to Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV) and Tim Boppre (KA9EAK) for orchestrating such an excellent program and thanks to all those who participated providing instruction etc. at the Jackson Town Hall and providing the other end of the “on the air” contact for each of the boys

The AES Superfest was again a great success in terms of visiting with vendors, seeing new equipment and participating in demonstrations, listening to some of the forums, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Talk about lucky. Leon (K9GCF) won second place in the “fox” hunt and we had two members win major prizes – Joe Holly won a mobile transceiver and Mark Potash won an Icom VHF HT – congratulations. Additionally, we were able to promote the May 6<sup>th</sup> swapfest and we picked up the names of ten locals that are interested in Ozaukee Radio Club membership.



Old friends gathered at the “Jefferson” swapfest. Ernie Swanson (K9LO) has moved back from Carolina and was visiting with Don Michalski (W9IXG), our ARRL Section Manager, Nels Harvey (WA9JOB) and Ed Rate (AA9W)

So, it has been a great month with respect to the ORC but what about the future. There is the Madison Hamfest at Stoughton on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and that will be our last opportunity to promote the ORC swapfest of May 6<sup>th</sup>. I always look forward to a swapfest and plan on being at Stoughton. If you want to ride along, give me a call.

We have yet another opportunity to ‘show off the ORC’. On May 5<sup>th</sup> I will be giving a presentation about “ham radio” to kids at the Parkview elementary school in Cedarburg. If you would like to get involved, give me a call. Like at the BSA event, I will be putting the kids on the air.

I just noted that we are currently at 117 members with 72 residing in Ozaukee County while 14, 13 & 10 are from Milwaukee, Washington and other WI counties respectively and 8 are from out of state. An analysis of our membership is really quite interesting. More on that later.

That’s about it for now. Get involved and have some fun. Now I best start working on my taxes.

73’s, Tom (W9IPR)

## WI QSO Party Rehash

De Bob Truscott (W9LO)

Another WIQP has come and gone. We did quite well, but fell short of last year’s score by about 13,000 points. I’ll take responsibility for that because that’s about how much my own score dropped off. I’d like to blame it on the noisy bands, storms in the area, etc, etc., but that would be a cop-out. In the real world it’s more like bad judgment on when to change bands, and my continuing failure to plug the microphone in. I’ve been told that there is a mike input on the FT-1000 rig, but I seem to have a lot of trouble locating it during contests.

The top score from the group came from the multi-op station at N9FH’s place, using W9YV as their call sign. We had 10 logs submitted, up from 8 last year, and that’s encouraging. Maybe we’ll have 20 logs next year.

	CW	SSB	Mults	Score
W9YV	363	350	101	163,014
N9FH				
N9LLT				
K9RZZ				
N9SD				
N9VA				
W9XT	262	141	102	101,745
W9LO	339		81	82,377
K9CAN	125	46	65	28,860

K9GCF	34	127	54	15,795
KC9DKQ	133		57	11,371.5
WI9M	66	19	38	8,607
K9QLP	83		38	4,731
W9IPR		75	39	4,368.5
AA9W	38		26	1,596
KD9FM	14		11	819

Preliminary total score---423,303

Overall, it was a great contest, as it always is. Wait till next year. Have fun contesting. Bob, W9LO

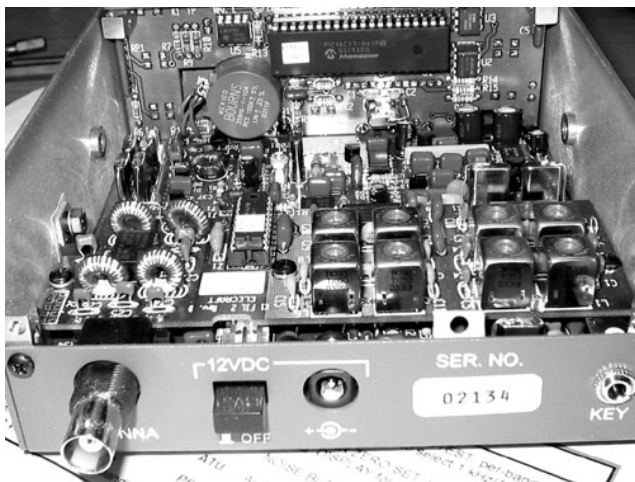
## Elecraft K1 is “on the air”

De: Don Zank (AA9WP)

The Elecraft K1 with serial number 02134 is on the air. And I am very impressed.



Looking at the completed K1 front panel



Looking from the rear inside the finished K1

Final adjustment and tuning of the two premix and RF filters consisted of slowly adjusting the

inductors to peak the signal reception. Operating Frequency calibration required zero beating with W1AW and then a few taps of the WPM +/- buttons to display the correct frequency. The final output section required a handful of voltage checks, a little fine tuning of the premix and RF filters and adjustment of the transmit offset. Using the menu driven program, the final setup was very simple and straightforward.

I am still getting settled in with the push buttons and controls on the K1. Most of the buttons have two functions; one function requires a tap on the button and the other function is called by holding the button. Elecraft, again in a nice example of customer support, provides a nice one-page quick reference sheet that explains the 16 menu functions and how to access the function.

The only “disappointment” is working QRP can uncover the weaknesses in a station setup and its operator. I had not noticed earlier, when running with 100 watts, how directional my antenna is. My first contact using only 5 watts was WA8MEA in Handover, MI. His QTH is in the middle of the Michigan. The second QSO was with VE3CGC, Hiro, in Brights Grove, Ontario, just outside of Detroit. The two stations are in a line straight east from Grafton. So looking over the logbook it appears the most of the previous contacts have been either east or southeast of this location. The antenna is an 80-meter dipole running east and west. However, while the eastern section is level, the western section slopes down at approximately 45 degrees. Interesting phenomena. The other weakness appears to be operator related and his inability to use a paddle and keyer. Fortunately, the K1 has a Keyer Test Mode where the power section is turned off and I can practice my keying, or make messages. Two message memories, 90 bytes each, are provided with the K1. An auto-repeat function is provided that can be used with the two memories.

Operating QRP calls for a change in operating technique, especially in this time of low sunspots and high noise levels. While rag-chewing is still my favorite activity, I need to make the time sending much shorter than before, since the other guy may not be around after transmitting. So short quick messages back and forth is the

most effective manner of rag chewing. When you operate QRP you have to appreciate the other operators ability and patience to stay with you. The three filters, 200 to 800 Hz, really help dig the signals out. I cannot tell you how much nicer that is with the K1 than with the old Heath-kit! I was hoping to have a little more contest use with the K1 by now, however schedules have not been kind enough to permit contesting. But more time to get settled in with the rig should be helpful, so that I can concentrate more on the contest and less on the buttons and menus.

If I had to do it over again I would have ordered the backlight option for the LCD display and the antenna tuner would have been nice as well. Both can be easily added to the K1.

I highly recommend the K1 as a kit and a QRP rig. It was a lot of fun building despite the components and their labeling becoming smaller and smaller. Maybe next winter I will add the other bands and the antenna tuner. One of the great advantages of the Elecraft Kits is that you do not have to do it all at once.

If you have any questions or comments, I would be glad to answer them.

Don ,AA9WP

## Swapfest – May 6th

Our May 6<sup>th</sup> swapfest is shaping up with a few new features. We have invited the presidents of 27 regional club to participate in a Presidents Roundtable at which the Wisconsin ARRL Clubs Coordinator, Dave Vanevenhoven (N9LVS) of Appleton, will preside. Additionally, we will be having 3 forums for general attendance. The first will be “VHF and UHF DX’ing” presented by Ken Boston (K9GA). This will be followed by “Meteor & Moonbounce Software” presented by Gary Sutcliffe (W9XT). A forum on “HF for beginners with covenants” will be presented by Ron Gorski (N9AU). These new forums along with the traditional great bargains should make the swapfest a great success. Don’t forget, if you have enough stuff to sell, buy a vendor table. Otherwise, bring the few things that you no longer really need and we will sell them at the club table for a 10% commission to the ORC.

## River Fest 2006 Cleanup

De Cindy (KA9PZG)

Just a quick reminder to all of you who might be interested in helping provide communications for the 11th Annual River Fest River/Park cleanup in Saukville on Saturday, June 2, 2006.

Operators are needed to provide communications between working parties and the home base. There may be some walking being done by volunteer radio operators with working groups to provide for any communication needs by volunteers in the field.

Prior to the event a continental breakfast will be provided for the operators at Grady Park, downtown Saukville.

After the cleanup, all participants will receive a local food gift certificate and lunch in the park to thank volunteers for their help.

Please contact me via radio, or by phone (262) 375-4757) if you would like to sign up for this year’s event.

As always, your help will be greatly appreciated at the Saukville River Fest!

## Radio Merit Badge

A “Radio Merit Badge Day” was hosted at the Jackson Town Hall and was a huge success.



**Ted Schweitzer (KB9RLI) here lectures the scouts on the difference between CB and amateur radio as scouts take notes.**



**Sixty-seven scouts received their Radio Merit Badge at the end of the day from leaders Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV), Tim Boppre (KA9EAK) and Bill Howe (KB9WRL).**

Other presenters involved were Ed Frac (AA9WW), Kent Christiansen (N9WH), Paul Ripple (W9SIZ), Mark Tellier (AB9CD), Dick Drews (KB9SGV), Tom Murtaugh (W9VBQ) and Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR).

## Tour de Cure

De AI (N9RXD)

The 2006 Tour de Cure is May 21st. I could use a few good hams that day. The base of operations is Grafton High School. For those of you who do not know where Grafton High School is, it is on Hwy. 60 just west of I-43. The routes will take us north. The 100K route goes as far north as Oostburg and then south along the lake through Port Washington and then back to Grafton. I know it's Dayton weekend, but if you're not going, please join us for a fun filled day. The day will start at 6am for some, a little later for others. We should be done by 2:00 or 2:30 at the latest. You can contact me at:

[n9rxd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n9rxd@sbcglobal.net)

73's ,AI N9RXD

## Club Static

The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola. (Thanks Leon)

This week researchers announced that a storm is coming--the most intense solar maximum in fifty years. The prediction comes from a team led by Mausumi Dikpati of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). "The next sunspot cycle will be 30% to 50% stronger than the previous one," she says. If correct, the years ahead could produce a burst of solar activity second only to the historic Solar Max of 1958. (per the NASA Science web site) If true, this will result in really great HF propagation and QRP success.

## Post Everything Party

It was a really great party with plenty of room and time to just visit and rehash "old times" and predict what the future might bring. There were many "good" stories, unique gifts and renewed acquaintances. Importantly, there was plenty of good food and company with whom to share the meal. Great job by the committee.

There were a number of new awards created by the Board this year and several were presented to very deserving members. But then, as is often said, a few pictures are worth a thousand words.



**Naomi (KC9GSS) and Mark (KC9GST) Potash proudly display their "Program of the Year" award presented in recognition of their Public Relations committee efforts that frequently put the ORC in the local and regional newspapers and on area television.**



Bob Truscott (W9LO) accepts the “Tent Remembrance” relic from originator Stan Kaplan (WB9RQR). The “relic” was presented in recognition of Bob’s CW gang’s dedicated Field Day service within the thread bear tent without any “flap” or complaints. The relic embodies the spirits of Field Days past and will long be the “fabric” of future legends.



Bob Truscott (W9LO) accepts the “Contester of the Year” award presented in recognition of his promotion of contesting through his newsletter column and his long-term leadership at the annual Field Day event.



Stan Kaplan (KB9RQR) accepts the “Public Service” award presented for his untiring leadership at the local, county and state levels of RACES, ARES and CERT and as an Officer in the Ozaukee County Emergency Government and as a designated first responder.



And then there was the traditional “Ham Surplus” gift exchange designed to rotate “good stuff” between basements. Here Gary (N9UUR) and Jeananne (N9VSV) Bargholz and Terry Koller (KA9RFM) display the “gifts” they received. Looks like they left with less weight and bulk than they brought so it was judged it a good exchange.





It wasn't all awards and gifts and much time was spent telling stories and meeting spouses prior to dinner. As noted there was a "good" crowd in the bar area as Ed (AA9WW) Frac and wife Carol visited with Ed (AA9W) Rate and wife Vonita.

Then there were two traditional awards that are voted by the general membership that were also presented in March.



Past President and Awards Chairman Vic Shier (KB9UKE) presented Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR) with the "Ham of the Year" award at the Post Everything Party. This was the 23<sup>rd</sup> year the award has been presented.



Past President and Awards Chairman Vic Shier (KB9UKE) presented the "Turkey" award to Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV) at the March meeting for his good natured and motivating leadership shown throughout the year. This award has been presented every year since 1981 however the original mounted stuffed turkey seems to have mysteriously retired to a better place.

## April 12th Meeting

Steve Buck, N9EAL, who works at the Grafton Radio Shack, will present our next program: "Communication & the Red Cross Disaster Response"

Steve is very knowledgeable about Red Cross, its operations, and how things work during activation. Interesting how Ham Radio is able to help all involved. Who knows, you may wish to get involved as well!

## 2006 Great Midwest Relay

De Don Michalski, W9IXG, Section Letter

The 2006 Great Midwest Rely Race will again be looking for hams to provide communication support. Last year, over 130 amateurs were needed for this two-day team foot race between Madison to Milwaukee to Chicago. It was a big success and Jerry Martin, KC9BDA, communication coordinator, will be looking for volunteers for this race. Jerry says-- "I view this as a wonderful two state, two day disaster exercise. It

doesn't get any better than that! What makes it even more special is that we have the freedom to also try new technology under real field conditions, and evaluate if this is something we choose to add to our county "comm toolbox". Last year we developed the voice nets, and this year we would like to get some of the digital modes, such as, conventional packet and/or WinLink 2000." If you are interested in participating, please email Jerry at [jerry9876@earthlink.net](mailto:jerry9876@earthlink.net)

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> AES Superfest
- 11<sup>th</sup> Field Day committee at Leon's @ 7:15
- 12<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Madison Swapfest @ Stoughton

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Opportunity Day @ Parkview School
- 6<sup>th</sup> ORC Swapfest at Circle B
- 10<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting
- 19th-21<sup>nd</sup> Dayton Hamvention
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tour de Cure

The



Column

By Stan Kaplan (WB9RQR), Editor

Your editor just got back from an **American Red Cross Sheltering Workshop** (23Mar), which turned out to be the best overview of the Red Cross and its mission in disasters I have ever witnessed. Nine ORC/OZARES hams were there, an outstanding turnout considering the total audience was between 50 and 75 persons. We really do participate! Our guys and gals that were present: W9IPR (Tom), KC9FZK (Nancy), K9GCF (Leon), KA9PZG (Cindy), KB9RHZ (Jon), WB9RQR (Stan), N9SFG (Jack), KB9VJP (Gene), N9WH (Kent).

Another really important activity where ORC and OZARES hams have done an outstanding job of

participating is **CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams)**. Our latest CERT class participants (18-19 March) were Ron Yokes (W9BCK) and Joe Holly (AA9HR), but a dozen more of our hams participated before that. Before I list them all, let me tell you what CERT is and does. CERT is part of the Citizens Corps, funded by the Office of Homeland Security, and it trains people to take care of themselves and their families before professional first responders can get to them after a disaster. Let's face it, folks: when a large disaster occurs, first responders (fire, police, emergency medical folks and the like) are going to be overwhelmed! It may be hours or even days before they can help you. Witness what went on in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. CERT teaches you to reduce the effects of a disaster before it happens through preparedness, it teaches you how to put out small fires, thus preventing them from becoming big, it teaches you how to deal with life-threatening injuries until the professionals get there, including triage to sort the victims so you know who to treat first. You also learn light search and rescue operations including how to do cribbing to safely move heavy objects, something about CERT organization and how it fits into the Incident Command System, disaster psychology and how to reduce the stress experienced by both victims and rescuers in a disaster, and even something about terrorism and what to do in a terrorist incident. There are also a number of practical exercises, including actually putting out fires with a fire extinguisher, and working in a team setting to extricate victims from a disaster site. Good stuff for anyone who wants to help themselves and their families. And it teaches you to work as a team to help your neighbors or co-workers if you and yours are OK.

Experts in the various areas teach the course. Thus, a firefighter teaches those portions relating to fire safety, while a practicing EMT teaches areas related to disaster medical operations. Many experts have multiple certifications. For example, at our last course, our firefighter was also an EMT and HazMat Team member, while our EMT was also a Registered Nurse with lots of Trauma Unit experience.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good



for the greatest number. It is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own, and their actions can make a difference. Highly recommended! Don't just take my word for it – ask any of our hams who have participated so far. They are:

1	W9BCK	Ron Yokes
2	KA9DD N	Skip Douglas
3	KC9FZ K	Nancy Stecker
4	AA9HR	Joe Holly
5	W9IPR	Tom Ruhlmann
6	N9NNE	Dale Matthies
7	WJ9O	Mike Matthies
8	KA9PZ G	Cindy Douglas
9	<b>KB9RH Z</b>	Jon Gilmore
1 0	<b>WB9R QR</b>	Stan Kaplan
1 1	N9SFG	Jack Morrison
1 2	<b>N9VBJ</b>	Bill Stolte
1 3	<b>KB9VJ P</b>	Gene Szudrowitz
1 4	<b>N9WH</b>	Kent Christiansen

Folks whose calls are boldface are also certified CERT instructors!

### WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

Our annual training was held once again by the National Weather Service "Weathermeister" Rusty Kapella, on 23 March. The house was packed and Rusty did his usual excellent job. Sixteen (just under 50% of all OZARES hams) attended: KA9DDN, KC9FZK, K9GCF, W9IPR, WJ9O, N9PBY, KA9PZG, KB9RHZ, WB9RQR, N9SFG, N9SQA, N9VBJ, KB9VJP, N9WH, N9WIU and N9XRU.

### NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

OZARES nets are held each Thursday at 8:00 p.m., except on meeting nights. Both a net script and check-in list can be obtained on the OZARES web site, [www.ozares.org](http://www.ozares.org). If you are

scheduled for NCO duty and cannot make it, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Check the complete schedule on the web site for possible hams to trade dates with.

06 Apr K9DXT  
 13 Apr N9UNR  
 20 Apr N9WH  
 27 Apr meeting, 6:30 PM!  
 04 May WB9RQR (sub for KC9FZK)  
 11 May K9GCF  
 18 May AA9GT  
 25 May meeting 7:00 PM

### OZARES/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GETS A COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE!

Some amazing news! You may have seen John Leekley's TV van that he converted into a mobile ham communications unit. Well, for a number of reasons, John wanted out of taking care of it, moving it to sites where it was needed, and so on. He scouted around the state for an active ARES/RACES unit that could house it, maintain it and, above all, USE it. He made the offer to OZARES, and after consultation with Ozaukee County and Emergency Management, it became ours.

Here is the deal. It will become an official Ozaukee County emergency vehicle, with lights and siren, 800 MHz radio, and so on. Ozaukee County will title it, house it (current plans are to keep it in the boat shed), maintain it and insure it, just like any other vehicle in the fleet. Indeed, the county Highway Department has already scheduled it for a full mechanical check and will fix a minor hole in the floorboard. Aside from the standard county communications suite found in other Emergency Vehicles, it will contain the Incident Command Communications Interface. That is the (very expensive) gadget that lets us patch radios from any agency to any other agency (ham radio to FBI, or US Army to DNR, just to mention a couple of examples from hundreds of possibilities). Beyond the interface and 800 MHz radios, everything else will be ham band stuff. And we hams will operate from it when in the field working for Emergency Management.

So, what does it come with? First and foremost, it sports a compressed air operated tower for an antenna that extends 42 feet above the vehicle's

roof when expanded. You have probably seen these things extended with TV dishes on them when a remote TV site needs to send reports back to the station. Of course, the air compressor is on board the vehicle, and it tests fine. Also included in this 1-ton Ford is an onboard 6.5 kW generator, spare batteries, coax and other stuff needed to make it a mobile communications vehicle. John kept his ham radios, which we will have to replace, but left such niceties as five monitors, including two flat screens that would be perfect for digital modes. There is also a VCR, and everything is hooked up with Anderson Powerpole connectors. More neat stuff may be found in the future; this description is being written on the same day it arrived, and we have not had a chance to explore it completely. Most important, everything works. John put a bundle of cash into the vehicle and accessories, including extensive bodywork and paint. It is in good shape.

What more to say? It will take a lot of study, planning and execution to modify the ham band facilities in the vehicle, so that the result is a workable, useful emergency communications unit. Ray Meyer, N9PBY, has been designated the "engineer-in-charge" for heading up the working group to develop the ham communications suite, and we will need work parties to implement their plans. On the other hand, the raw materials are certainly there, and in fine shape. John gave it to us because he believed our ARES/RACES unit could do the job and make it useful. Let's do it! And, we send a very large and heartfelt THANK YOU to John Leekley, WB9SMM.

## Minutes—March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

De Nancy Stecker, KC9FZK

An Elmering Session about the oscilloscope was held in the lunchroom starting at 6:30p.m. Mark Tellier, AB9CD, conducted the session.

President Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR) called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members and guests introduced themselves.

### **Bragging rights:**

A mention of "FISTS" was made at the meeting. It is a group of dedicated amateurs who are try-

ing to preserve CW. For more information check <http://www.fists.org/>.

Gary (WI9M) related the number of contacts he has been making during contests.

Vic (KB9UKE) reminded the group of the PEP coming up. This is the last chance to send in your reservation. He explained the significance of the Ham Award of the Year and Turkey Award of the Year. Since these awards are turned back to the committee at the end of the term, commemorative plaques were given to last year's recipients: Julia (KB9WBQ), last year's Ham of the Year Award winner and Ed (AA9W), last year's Turkey of the Year Award winner. The 2006 Turkey of the Year Award was presented to Mike (KC9GDV) Yuhas at the meeting because he will not be attending the Post Everything Party.

Leon (K9GCF) urged participation in the Wisconsin QSO Party March 12<sup>th</sup> from noon till 7:00p.m. For more information, go to the [warac.org](http://warac.org) website.

**Program: WinLink 2000 by Jim Darrow (KB9MMC)-** WinLink 2000 is a digital messaging system much like sending e-mail. A licensed amateur radio operator who has registered with WinLink can use Windows 2000 or XP to talk anywhere in the world via radio (HF, VHF or UHF) using a PMBO (Participating Mail Box) to find an available pathway. If all conventional communication systems are down, WinLink will work, making it a vital communication tool in an emergency for ARES and RACES personnel. Go to [winlink.org](http://winlink.org) for further information.

**Fellowship Break:** A five-minute break was held.

**Auction:** Before holding the auction, Stan (WB9RQR) reminded people of the CERT course on March 18 and 19. Sign up is still open. There will be another course offered in May.

**Business Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the ORC Newsletter, motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented to the membership at the meeting, motion passed.

Nels (WA9JOB) presented the Repeater Report. He suggested to a couple of new members that they might try using the 443.75 MHz repeater. They tried it but gave reports of some cable interference on the repeater output. Using their receiver decoder helped very much. The 220 MHz repeater is running pretty good. The ten-meter link is running most of the time, repeating 29.600 MHz. Also, Echo Link has been rejuvenated on Jim's (K9QLP) 442.100 repeater. That software can be downloaded at no cost. Search for Echolink on Google.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee:** Paul (KD9FM) continues to contact new members.

**Public Relations Committee:** Mark (KC9GST) is sending out postcards inviting hams in the area to come to meetings. The News Graphic ran a picture of the newly elected board. The committee is still asking for your donations of magazines.

**Youth Committee:** Mike (KC9GDV) reported that 50 scouts have signed up to earn a Boy Scout of America Radio Merit Badge at a class to be held at the Jackson Town Hall on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Swapfest Committee:** The Swapfest Committee will have a short meeting after this club meeting. Flyers advertising the swapfest are available for distribution.

**Field Day Committee:** Leon (K9GCF) will have a committee meeting at his home on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the University of Dayton has rooms available for the Dayton Hamvention.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** The Post Everything Party has fifty reservations for cocktails and dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2006. There will be a voluntary ladies gift exchange and as well as the usual men's gift exchange.

**Attendance:** Thirty-seven members and 11 guests attended. Members: Gary WI9M, Mike KC9GDV, Ed AA9WW, Ed AA9W, Kent N9WH, Nels WA9JOB, James KC9ISU, John W9NRG, Bernie AA9CI, Ron W9BCK, Joe AA9HR, Bob W9LO, Jim N9WIU, Terry KA9RFM, Herb

WA9UVK, Vic KB9UKE, Leon K9GCF, Paul KD9FM, Greg W9DHI, Ron KC9DKQ, Dave N9UNR, Roger W9UVV, Keith KY9P, Tom AA9XK, Mark KC9GST, Gary W9XT, Naomi KC9GSS, Nancy KC9FZK, Julia KB9WBQ, Ted N9LLT, Mark AB9CD, Mike WJ9O, Dale N9NNE, Paul KB9WCC, Ray W9KHH, Jim K9QLP, Stan WB9RQR. Guests: Jeff KC9IWS, George WB9LVI, Mike KB9WNS, John AB9HH, Linda KC9DLO, Tom W9VBQ, Bill KA9WRL, Loren N9ENR, Don KC9IJC, Tom WD9GGA and guest speaker Jim KB9MMC.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.**

**Nancy Stecker (KC9FZK) Secretary**

## **AGENDA**

*April 12th, 2006*

1. Call to order – Tom (W9IPR)
  2. Introductions.
  3. Announcements, Bragging Rights, Show & Tell, Upcoming events, Etc.,
  4. Program:
  5. Fellowship Break
  6. Auction.
  7. Acceptance of Minutes as printed.
  8. Treasurer's report – Tom (AA9XK).
  9. Repeater report – Nels (WA9JOB)
  10. OZARES report – Jon (KB9RHZ).
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11. Committee reports.
    - Membership –
    - Public Relations –
    - Youth Program –
    - Swapfest -
    - Field Day -
  12. OLD BUSINESS
  13. NEW BUSINESS
    - A. Repeater phone line service
    - B. ORC Equipment Insurance
  14. Adjournment to ?

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## **Next ORC Meeting**

**Grafton Senior Citizens Center**

**1665 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grafton**

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**