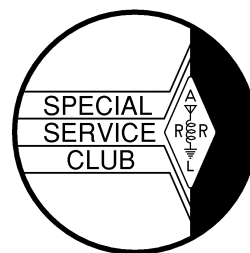


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## The Prez Sez

By Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR))

Certainly it has been an interesting month. With the elections at the January meeting followed by a board meeting to approve the new budget, organizational chart, committees and annual calendar it has certainly been busy as well as interesting.

As a new board we will certainly miss the experience of the two retiring members.

Leon Rediske (K9GCF) has served on the board for 5 years (1998 – 2002) as President and the following 4 years as a Vice President. He has been a part of many changes and successes over the years and the benefit of his experience will be missed. Thank you Leon for all your contributions to the success of the Club over these past 9 years. And thank you for continuing on as the Field Day Chairman which is one of our biggest events of the year.

Also, a special thanks to Tom Nawrot (AA9XK) who has served as our Treasurer these past 4 years (2002 – 2006). As Treasurer, Tom has been a part of almost every project, handling the cash flow, and a steady force in the administration of the Club. In addition to his duties as Treasurer, Tom also found time to be a moving force on the Post Everything Party committee and other Club events. Tom, thank you for your contributions and service to the Club these past 4 years.

At the Board meeting Ed Rate (AA9W) was appointed as Club Trustee, responsible for the legal operation of the ORC repeaters, for the seventeenth time. Ed has served on the Board as Trustee since 1990. Ed, thanks for the clear thinking, steady hand and continuity you have

provided and thanks for continuing on the Board and for facilitating the sale of donated equipment for the scholarship fund.

With the elections, we now have some new faces on the board and with new faces come new ideas. Welcome to Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV) as Internal VP, Bill Howe II (KA9WRL) as External VP, John Schrader as Repeater VP and Nels Harvey (WA9JOB) in his new position as Treasurer. It was great to see some of our younger members interested in providing guidance and support of the Club through seeking Board positions. I am looking forward to an interesting, involved and eventful year.

The Board meeting was interesting in that we shuffled a few project responsibilities and created a budget for the 2007 – 2008 years. One of the more interesting items was that we are getting closer to having a club jacket and voted to have the club pay for the logo being embroidered on the official jackets purchased by Club members. In addition we plan to purchase several ORC "safety" vests so the Club volunteers would be easily recognized at the public service events in which we participate. We also discussed providing a membership packet of Club information and a nametag to new "full" members in the future. I was pleased to see the club pride and interest in new members exhibited by the Board members.

Then it was off to the West Allis swapfest with Tom Oehler (W9LNL), Ed Rate (AA9W) and Ray Brunette (W9BUJ) after an early breakfast. Now that was fun. They really had a good crowd of both buyers and vendors. I found everything I was looking for and then some. I was really pleased with the almost new 15" LCD screen for \$75 in that it clears much space on my HAM

desk. I also got a 2-meter and 440 MHz beams. Now to get them up in the air – working 100 squares could be a real challenge and a lot of fun. I even got a complete stereo sound system for \$10 from Bill (KA9WRL) – for whatever reason he refused to negotiate. It was fun.



**Tom Oehler (W9LNL), Ray Brunette (W9BUJ) and Ed Rate (AA9W) appear to be happy shoppers. Actually they were happy they didn't buy all that stuff and are just carrying it to the car for me.**

So what's the major ORC event in March? The **Post Everything Party** of course. This is always a fun event in that it is an opportunity to socialize, meet the spouses and friends, recognize some of the Club's outstanding performers and just have a good time. I wouldn't miss the "junk box" gift exchange for anything. See you there.

So what will the New Year bring us in the Club? That's up to you. There are still a number of opportunities available. Contact Mike (KC9GCV), Bill (K9WRL) or myself if you can get involved. Unless someone helps lead, there will be few organized activities in which to learn, grow and socialize. It is exciting to see members get involved and promote different events and activities. It is this infusion of enthusiasm that provides the assurances that the Club will sur-

vive, thrive and prosper. Get involved. Have some fun.

Tom, W9IPR

## Contesting

De Bob Truscott (W9LO)

Have you tried one of the 160-meter contests lately? You know, that's the band where a dipole is almost 300' long. The band that most people don't bother with because their city lots are nowhere near 300' deep. And it's the band that's so noisy in the summer that we can't use it on Field Day. Well, you ought to give it a try in the wintertime. Your first trip down to 160 would be a real eye opener. It's a wonderful band at this time of the year, lots of DX for those who have good antennas and lots of U.S. and Canada contacts for those of us with lousy antennas. During the CQ World Wide 160 Contest last weekend the band was very quiet and the signals were very strong. Great for contesting, and when the testers go away it's great for rag chewing. I was able to work 462 stations in 45 states and 6 Canadian provinces with my lousy antenna, which was an 80-meter dipole loaded as a random wire. It could just as well have been a 40-meter dipole, or even something smaller. These are not contest winning antennas by any stretch of the imagination—The big guns with the big antennas have numbers 3-4 times greater than what I had. The message here is that you can have a ton of fun on 160 just by tossing a wire out the window, but you had better have an antenna tuner. I know there are those among us who recognize the attraction of 160 because I worked 4 club members during the contest. The numbers from some of them have not come in as yet so we'll have to wait till next month to tell you what they are. The SSB version of this contest will be held in late February. I hope to see a bunch of you there. Have fun contesting.

Bob, W9LO

Coming up in February:

- Feb. 3 Minnesota QSO Party—  
CW/Phone—Rules in Feb. QST,  
page 100
- Feb. 4 North American Sprint—SSB—  
Rules in Feb. QST, page 100

- Feb. 11 North American Sprint-CW–Rules in Feb. QST, page 100
- Feb. 10-11 CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest–Rules in Feb. QST, page 100
- Feb. 17-18 ARRL International DX Contest–Rules in Dec. QST, page 99, or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)
- Feb. 24-25 CQ WW 160 meter SSB Contest–Rules in Jan. QST, page 98 (That’s Friday night, local time.)
- Feb. 24-25 North American QSO Party-RTTY–Rules in Feb. QST, page 101

## Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS)

De Paul Schumacher (KD9FM)

I have always had an interest in lighthouses. Many times in Sea Scouts (in my younger days) and to the present while boating on Green Bay and Lake Michigan, I loved to photograph them and tour them if they were open to the public.

So it was a surprise when a couple years ago in talking to my mother that she informed me that her grandfather and my great grandfather, Gustavus Umberham, was a Lighthouse Keeper in Algoma, Wisconsin in the very early 1900’s. A friend of mother’s side of the family had forwarded her articles from the Algoma newspaper of stories that were written about him because of his work as a Lighthouse Keeper.

Unfortunately, while traveling by boat on a cold February evening in 1913, while returning from Kewanee to Algoma, a wave washed him overboard into Lake Michigan. His body was never found.

As a ham operator, I have made contact in the past with special event stations as well as the Battleship Missouri, The Queen Mary, island stations and lighthouse stations. I am sure many of you have also. I remember hearing about contests and event stations affiliated with lighthouses and the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society.

A couple weeks ago I worked AA1KS, Richard Emmert, on Moose Island, Maine and we talked about the ARLHS. It re-kindled my interest. I

went to their website [arlhs.com](http://arlhs.com) and decided to join. The society was “founded in 2000 by Jim Weidner, K2JXW and is the only society devoted exclusively to Maritime Communications and Ham Radio, Lighthouses and Lightships”. I am member #1435, so we aren’t large.

The society has numerous awards and activities. These include contests and events where members and non-members can make contacts with ARLHS members and lighthouses. These events are posted on their website.

One of the awards is the Great Lakes Award given to stations that contact seven lighthouses on the Great Lakes. You’re probably wondering how these contacts are made since most lighthouses are no longer occupied. Members are encouraged to activate or light lighthouses throughout the United States and the world. This is accomplished by traveling to a lighthouse and setting up portable operation from the site of the lighthouse or lightship and making 2 or more contacts from the lighthouse.

Because many lighthouses are on guarded property or cannot be trespassed, as long as the operation is within sight of the lighthouse, the “activation” is legitimate.

To my surprise, many US lighthouses have never been activated including some in our own area at Port Washington. Any ideas come to mind? The website has its list of all US lighthouses and past dates of activation. The most popular times for activation are during special events of the society. But individual members can activate a lighthouse at any time during the year. A notification is made in advance. The society has a place to post notices of upcoming activations on the website.

We call it our "BeaconBot," and it allows you to post an announcement, inquiry, or message to all the other subscribers on the list. The message is automatically sent to everyone, usually within minutes. We use it to announce current expeditions and lighthouses or islands on the air. It's a good way to keep in touch on a minute-by-minute basis with what's going on in the world of lights.

In memory of my great grandfather, "Gustavus Umerham", I plan to activate ARLHS US #004 at Algoma this next year in his memory. This lighthouse has been activated twice before. I don't have a set date but will let the ORC know in advance in case anyone wishes to help out and join me. We may be able to get some publicity out of it!

Go to the website <http://arlhs.com> for more information. This is just another part of our wonderful hobby. Is anyone else in the club a member? Email me at [kd9fm@arrl.com](mailto:kd9fm@arrl.com)

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> TEN -TEN Intl. QSO Party
- 4<sup>th</sup> Intl. YL QSO Party
- 4<sup>th</sup> North American Sprint – SSB Contest
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> CQ World Wide RTTY Contest
- 11<sup>th</sup> North American Sprint – CW Contest
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Membership Meeting**
- 10<sup>th</sup> FISTS CW Winter Sprint
- 11<sup>th</sup> **MRAC FM Simplex Contest**
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> ARRL International CW DX Contest
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> AM QSO Party
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> CQ 160 Mtr. SSB Contest
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> North American QSO Party – RTTY  
School Club Roundup

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Post Everything Party**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ARRL International Phone DX Contest
- 7<sup>th</sup> South Milwaukee Auction
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Wisconsin QSO Party**
- 11<sup>th</sup> North American RTTY Sprint
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Membership Meeting**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tri-County ARC Hamfest at Jefferson WI
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> **AES Superfest**

## Elections

Many thanks to the nominating committee of Stan Kaplan (WB9RQR), Kent Christiansen (N9WH) and chairman, Past President Vic Shier

(KB9UKE), for their efforts to seek qualified candidates for the 2007 Board of Directors and conduct of the elections at the January meeting.



The officers elected for the 2007 year are Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR) President, Bill Howe II (KA9WRL) External Vice President, Nancy Stecker (KC9FZK) Secretary, Mike Yuhas (KC9GDV) Internal Vice President, Nels Harvey (WA9JOB) Treasurer and John Schrader (W9NRG) Repeater Vice President (not shown).

## Food for Thought

Contributed by Jack Morrison (N9SFG)

1. Any wire cut to length will be too short.
2. Tolerances will accumulate unidirectionally toward maximum difficulty of assembly.
3. Identical units tested under identical conditions will not be identical in the field.
4. The availability of a component is inversely proportional to the need for the component.
5. If a project requires "N" components, there will be "N-1" in stock.

## WAARC Swapfest

As usual, WAARC again hosted a well-attended swapfest. It was great fun for all involved. A few "good deals" and a lot of social. A few pictures are worth a few thousand words. Enough said.



The West Allis Amateur Radio Club had an excellent crowd at their January – swapfest. This is the main of three halls. There was no sign of declining swapfest activity here.



ORC members Bill Howe II (KA9WRL) and Tom Murtaugh (W9VBQ) were among the vendors and this time Bill went home with less than he brought.



Tom Oehler (W9LNL) looked on as Bernie Golownia (AA9CI) picks up his door prize of an ARRL 2007 Handbook.

## Don't Forget Breakfast

The best way to start a weekend is with a good Saturday morning breakfast with friends. Many social, political and technical issues get resolved at these informal sessions. If you are an early riser, there is the “early group” that meets at Prime Ministers on Saturday mornings and orders at 7 AM.



The “early group” included Tom (AA9XK), Nancy (KC9FZK), Stan (WB9RQR), Ed (AA9W), Nels (WA9JOB), John (W9NRG), Gary (WI9M), Kent (N9WH), Dave (N9UNR) and Julia (KB9WBQ)

For those who like to sleep in a little there is the late group that meets at the Grafton Family Restaurant (bowling alley) and orders at 8AM. It's a

good place to get to know the other members. See you there.



This Saturday morning the “late group” included Ted (N9LLT), Gene (KB9VJP), Jim (K9QLP), Deborah Lengling, Gregg (W9DHI), Carol (KC9CBC), Ron W9BCK), John (WB9OHY), Dave (N9QA), Bernie (AA9CI), Herb (WA9UVK) and Sandy (W9BTN).

## Analog and HD Digital TV

De Nels Harvey (WA9JOB)

At the Saturday early breakfast, the discussion of the future of Television as we know it has arisen. This is scheduled to happen on February 19, 2009. Your present analog television sets will no longer work on over the air signals. The date, originally set for the year 2015, was moved up, first to 2006, and now 2009. The above date will probably not be pushed back again, because along with the changeover, the channels above Ch. 60 will go away, like the channels from 70 and up did a few years ago! Those frequencies will be auctioned to the highest bidder, of which most are cellphone providers.

One way to extend the life of an analog receiver is to use a digital receiver set top box. This is similar to the old UHF converters (but without the troublesome 6AF4 vacuum tube that plagued those units). These units are available now, but some believe the price will drop as more are available. Presently about \$200.00, the STB's will receive the signals, and format them to your analog TV. Since the new TV format ratio is 16 by 9, instead of 4 by 3, you will see letterboxes on your TV on most pictures.

You will not receive the benefit of the high definition either, but you will see the program!

Many people are purchasing HDTV TV's now. Some older models were only capable of receiving TV signals as we know them now, and didn't have a digital tuner included. Those may not be the bargain they may seem to be. If you really only want to buy a small analog TV, for the kitchen, or bedroom, some new models have a digital tuner built in as well as the usual analog tuner, that will work after analog broadcasting goes away in 2009.

I suspect the cable and satellite providers will continue to provide analog service, and when some people discover their TV no longer works, will turn to them as an alternative. One would think this would be a boon to the providers, but who knows how long it would be practical for the providers to continue the analog service?

One other thing, as a general rule, it requires a 42" or bigger set to really appreciate the high quality of HDTV. Today's smaller analog TV's have processed the received signal to a point where programs look nice and sharp. Your trusty 27" TV could look almost as sharp as a 27" HDTV! In other words, plan on a LARGE TV for your future enjoyment!

Nels, WA9JOB

## Club Static

Joe Holly, one of our past presidents, is up and about after his double knee replacement this past October.

Did you pay your dues for 2007? A form can be found in the Dec. 2006 newsletter or at the [www.ozaukeeclub.org](http://www.ozaukeeclub.org) website

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5-WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. On or after that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination.

## **FISH FRY** (for you fone folk)

De Gary Sharbuno (W19M)

How about an ORC fish fry at the Elks club on February 16, 2007. I did this on the fly back in December, and I was able to round up 12 members and their better halves for this quickie event. I would have to know the final count no later than Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, to make the reservation. I would make the reservation for 7pm. and we could have a cocktail hour at 6pm., in the Elks lounge. Please contact me at the following: Gary Sharbuno via ORC repeater, or 3.860MHz 5pm daily, or L/L 414-355-0237.

## **WISCONSIN QSO PARTY**

De Bob Truscott (W9LO)

The WIQP Committee met at Leon's house on Jan. 24. The main thrust of the meeting was on HF operation, with encouraging results. We now have 2 mobiles committed to full time operation during the party. Gary, W19M, will operate from his van on CW, while another operator will be on phone, using another call. Ed, AA9WW, is installing HF equipment in his truck, and will be operating on phone. Naomi and Mark will do a multi-op from their home, and the usual suspects will be working out of their homes. Prez Tom, W9IPR, has promised 100 contacts from his home. That's up 99 from his effort last year. WOW! What a percentage increase. I think a "Hero Badge" will be in order. On the other hand, what if a club member who has never worked this contest before comes up with 100? In that case, sorry Tom. I wonder how many first timers can beat out the Prez for the badge.

On the down side, we are falling behind on our planning for VHF operation because we had no representatives from the Technician group at the meeting. A bunch of HF people cannot plan intelligently without guidance from the people who use 6 & 2 regularly. I believe there is great potential in VHF, and we need you VHF people to step up and give us that guidance. Please come to the Feb.14 meeting prepared to show us the way. You don't have to be a contester—you just have to be interested in this club project.

I'm sure there are club members who have never participated in a contest because they don't know how to go about it, but would if offered guidance in the basics of making a contest QSO. Let's address that problem now. Let's work up a list of people who would like to have an "Elmering" session in the home of members who are contesters. An hour or two of hands-on instruction in the basics won't make you a proficient contester, but it will get you started. This is the sort of thing we need to do if we are to win the club competition in the upcoming WIQP. If you are interested in doing this, send me an email or see me at the meeting. [Tbsi@hnet.net](mailto:Tbsi@hnet.net) When the list is completed we will find volunteers among the contesters, and work out a schedule

## **Minutes—January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

De Nancy Stecker, KC9FZK

Mark (AB9CD) conducted an Elmering session on resistance before the regularly scheduled meeting.

President Tom Ruhlmann (W9IPR) called the January 2007 meeting of the Ozaukee Radio Club to order at 7:34 p.m. Members and guest introduced themselves.

**Announcements etc.** Tom (W9IPR) noted that 6 meters has opened up. Leon (K9GCF) put up a sloping dipole and said he plans to use an array of five of them at Field Days this year. Jim (K9QLP) is making contacts on 160 MHz.

**Program:** The following members of the ORC brought home brew projects to show and explain how they were made to the group: Terry (KA9RFM), Gary (W9XT), Ed (AA9WW), Leon (K9GCF), Roger (W9UVV), Bill (KA9WRL), Ed (AA9W), Kent (N9WH), Ken (W9GA) and Tom (W9IPR).

**Fellowship Break:** The break gave everyone an opportunity to look over and talk about the projects. Stan (WB9RQR) held the winning ticket in the 50/50 drawing.

**Auction:** Stan (WB9RQR) held the monthly auction.

### **Business Meeting:**

Mike (KC9GDV) made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the December ORC Newsletter, seconded by Stan (WB9RQR), the motion passed. The treasurer, Tom (AA9XK) briefly explained his report as distributed to members at the meeting showing a balance of \$9,162.00 in the ORC account

and \$19,741.91 in the Scholarship account as of December 2006. Dave (N9UNR) made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, Stan (WB9RQR) seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Repeater Report:** Nels (WA9JOB) said the 146.97MHz and 220 MHz repeaters are not used much but are working fine. The 440MHz repeater has some problems but he is checking on repairs.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Contesting Committee:** The Wisconsin QSO Contest is March 11, 2007. Bob (W9LO) reported that there would be a contesting committee meeting soon. Mark (AB9CD) handed out information and entry forms for the MRAC FM Simplex Contest coming up on Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2007. Watch the ORC website for more information and join in the fun.

**PEP Committee:** The President reminded members that the Newsletter had a reservation form for the Post Everything Party that will be held on March 3, 2007.

**Name Tag Committee:** Dave (N9UNR) brought new nametags for some ORC members who requested one.

**Elmering Committee:** Mark (AB9CD) said this month's mentoring meeting was on reactance, there would be no February session and the March session would have a hands-on topic to be announced. Suggestions are welcome.

**Old Business:** The President announced the Technician class is not ready, and asked if anyone would be interested in a General class.

**New Business:** In the absence of the chairman of the nominating committee, Stan (WB9RQR) listed the candidates for the 2007 election. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, so Leon (K9GCF) made a motion to close the ballot; Jim (K9QLP) seconded the motion, the motion passed. Dave (N9UNR) moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented. Jim (K9QLP) seconded the motion, the motion passed. Dave (N9UNR) made a motion to thank the nominating committee; Ed (AA9W) seconded the motion, the motion passed. Mike (KC9GDV) made a motion to thank the outgoing officials; Mark (AB9CD) seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**The new officers for 2007 are: President W9IPR Tom Ruhlmann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President KC9GDV Mike Yuhas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President KA9WRL Bill Howe, Repeater Vice President W9NRG John Schrader,**

**Treasurer WA9JOB Nels Harvey, Secretary KC9FZK Nancy Stecker.**

**Attendance:** Stan WB9RQR, Jack N9SFG, Tom W9IPR, Jon KB9RHZ, Dave N9UNR, Ed AA9W, Kent N9WH, Nels WA9JOB, Ed AA9WW, Joe AA9HR, Jim K9QLP, Bernie AA9CI, Don W9VSC, Herb WA9UVK, Terry KA9RFM, Bob N9NRK, Leon K9GCF, Mike KC9GDV, Tim KA9EAK, Tom W9VBQ, Bill KA9WRL, Gary W9XT, Bob W9LO, Ron KC9DKQ, Paul KA9RPR, Jerry W9GGR, Mark KC9GST, Ken W9GA, Roger W9UVV, Mark AB9CD, Naomi KC9GSS, Nancy KC9FZK, Tom AA9XK and guest Marc Denis N9ZF.

**Adjournment:** Jon (KB9RHZ) made the motion to adjourn, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Nancy Stecker (KC9FZK)

## **Board Minutes of 1-15-07**

De Nancy Stecker KC9FZK

The January 2007 board meeting was held at the residence of President Tom Ruhlmann and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Tom Ruhlmann W9IPR; Treasurer Nels Harvey WA9JOB; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Yuhas KC9GDV; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Howe KA9WRL; Secretary Nancy Stecker KC9FZK; and Trustee Ed Rate AA9W. Also in attendance were Ed Frac AA9WW and Leon Rediske K9GCF.

#### **Project Reports:**

##### **Uniform Committee Report:**

Ed Frac AA9WW, a member of the uniform committee, reported on choice of jackets, cost, colors, logo, name and call sign. Discussion followed. Ed AA9W made the motion to allow club members purchase an "official" club jacket with the ORC paying for the embroidered logo, name and call sign. Mike KC9GDV seconded the motion; there was no further discussion and the motion passed. It was generally accepted that a club member could have the club logo placed on a different jacket of their choice at their own cost. Ed indicated he would investigate purchase of lighter weight, lower cost jackets from a Port Washington source.

##### **Old Business:**

None

##### **New Business:**

##### **1. Appointment of Trustee:**

The chair entertained a motion to name Ed Rate AA9W as Trustee for 2007. Following an explanation



of the duties of trustee, Mike KC9GDV made the motion to name Ed AA9W trustee, a second by Bill KA9WRL, and the motion passed.

**2. Review & Approval of Budget:**

Tom W9IPR handed out copies of the 2007/2008 budgets for discussion. Nancy KC9FZK made a motion to approve the budget with modifications to the Public Service budget line and the Field Day Durable Equipment and Upgrades budget line plus the addition of a separate In-kind Donation budget line. Bill KA9WRL seconded the motion, the motion passed. Tom will distribute revised copies to the Board.

**3. Review of 2007 Calendar of Events:**

The board discussed the calendar of events as presented. Ed AA9W moved to accept the calendar as modified, Mike KC9GDV seconded the motion, the motion passed. Again, Tom will distribute revised copies to the Board.

**4. Approval of Organizational Chart:**

After discussion, Mike KC9GDV and Bill KA9WRL agreed to changes in responsibilities (Mike taking on Field Day and Bill taking on the Training function). Bill KA9WRL moved to accept the chart as modified, Nancy KC9FZK seconded the motion, the motion passed. The Board will receive a revised copy from the President.

**5. Awards for 2006:**

The board discussed 2006 awards. Mike KC9GDV will solicit nominations via the re-mailer prior to the Board's decisions on awards. Vic KB9UKE will be placing notices on the re-mailer relating to Turkey and Ham of the Year awards.

**Adjournment:**

Ed AA9W made the motion to adjourn at 10:35 p.m., seconded by Bill KA9WRL, the motion passed.

Nancy Stecker KC9FZK Secretary

Remember that Rusty Kapela of the NWS will hold **SEVERE WX TRAINING** on 22 March at the Justice Center. Mark your calendars!

The **147.33 MHz Repeater** has been repaired and now seems to be reliable.

Skip (KA9DDN), Jack (N9SFG) and Jon (KB9RHZ) have devised a new message form, as reported at the Jan meeting. After final touches, it will be distributed to members in pad form.

Be prepared, at the next and some of the future nets, to switch to OZARES channels by number, not by frequency! As part of future training, we will be frequency hopping from time to time on nets by the number, so be sure your HT and home rig have the latest info programmed into them. Don't know what is being referred to here? For example, OZARES main frequency is channel #1, while the nationwide calling channel is #28. Jon distributed an update in January. If you don't have it, email Jon or Jack for a copy.

**NET CONTROL SCHEDULE:** OZARES nets are held each Thursday at 8:00 p.m., except on meeting nights (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays). 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. Guests are welcome after the OZARES check-ins are complete, especially ORC members!

08 Feb KC9GDV  
15 Feb KC9GSS  
22 Feb Meeting

01 Mar KC9GST  
08 Mar K9GCF  
15 Mar WD9HOD  
22 Mar Meeting (WX)

05 Apr KC9JJU  
12 Apr W9KHH  
19 Apr WI9M  
26 Apr Meeting

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The



Column

By Stan Kaplan (WB9RQR), Column Editor

**MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS TRUCK (MCT)**

**UPDATE:** The MCT is now operable as an emergency communications resource. Yet to be done are repairs to the onboard generator and some floorboard repairs in the drivers area.

Ozaukee Radio Club  
Post Everything Party

Saturday March 3, 2007

**American Legion  
Rose-Harms Post #355**

1540 13th Ave.  
Grafton, WI 53024

**Cocktails**

**6:00 to 7:00pm**

**Dinner at 7:00pm**

**Cost: \$16.00 per person**

includes Meal, Tax and Gratuity

Buffet Menu

!!!!!! Reservations required by February 23<sup>rd</sup> !!!!!

Don't forget to bring an exchange gift  
(some of your favorite "junk" ???)

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**2007 ORC Post Everything Party Reservation Form**

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Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_ X \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form **with your check** made out to Ozaukee Radio Club to:

Nels Harvey, WA9JOB  
2104 W County Line Road  
Mequon, WI 53092

262-241-3769

## **AGENDA**

*February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

1. Call to order – Mike (KC9GDV)
2. Introductions.
3. Announcements, Bragging Rights, Show & Tell, Upcoming events, Etc.,
4. Program:
5. Fellowship Break
6. Auction. Stan (WB9RQR)
7. Acceptance of Minutes.
8. Treasurer's report – Dues paid – Nels (WA9JOB)
9. Repeater report – John (W9NRG)
10. Committee reports.
  - Uniform – Ed (AA9WW)
  - Membership –
  - Public Relations – Naomi (KC9GSS)
  - Youth Program –
  - PEP – Ted (KB9RLI)
11. OLD BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Approval of the 2007 – 2008 Budget
  - B. Other
13. Adjournment to ?

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**First Class**

## **Next ORC Meeting**

**Grafton Senior Citizens Center**

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

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**