

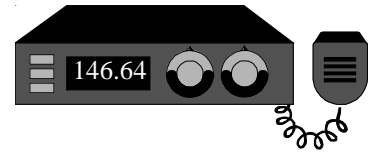
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MARCH 2006 MEETING AND PROGRAM

The next meeting of the RRRRC will be on Tuesday, March 7th, 2006 at 7:00 PM in rooms 1H AND 1I in the Dodge County Administration Building in Juneau.

Our new president, Terry Carr, KG9MD, will conduct his last meeting. Unfortunately, Terry is moving out of the county and tendered his resignation at our February club meeting. Our Vice President, Duane Haas, W9BCV will have to fill in until a new president is elected.

The March program will be presented by John King who was scheduled to speak at our February meeting but had to cancel the last minute due to death in the family. John is employed by the company that operates the landfill site between Horicon and Mayville. They specialize in the use of the gases given off by the decaying material to power generators that feed the electrical grid. This technology is in the developing stage and should be a valuable product for the future.

RRRC PRESIDENT CANDIDATE NEEDED

By Duane Haas W9BCV

As you all know by now, that Terry Carr, KG9MD, has resigned as president of the RRRRC due to his move to Janesville. This was a shock to us all but we will have to live with his wishes and hopefully find a replacement.

So far the nominating committee has had no success in finding a candidate and we are asking you for help. For the time being, I will fill in as Vice President, but I certainly don't want the job as president. I soon will be 90 years old and my faculties are failing me. So, I too have a good excuse for not taking over permanently. We ask that you do a little soul searching and volunteer to be a candidate for the position of president of the RRRRC.



THE NEW REPEATER ANTENNA IS UP!

By Duane Haas W9BCV

Yes, Dale Marks, WB9ADB called yesterday and said the antenna had arrived and they hoped to erect it today. He called me about 10 minutes to 12:00, this noon and said they were ready to install it. So I quick jumped in the car and headed over that way. Thank goodness, when I got there, they had it lying on ground next to their truck and were getting all their safety gear on, ready to wrestle it up the tower. It was cloudy and a brisk wind was blowing and darn cold. I didn't bring the tripod and I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to hold the camera still enough to photograph them. Fortunately, the new camera has vibration reduction and that took care of that problem.

One man took a hold on the top of the antenna and the other the bottom and up the tower they went. As you can see from the photos, they have to dodge around a lot of hardware to get it up in place but it didn't take long to get there. The photographs

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February 2006 RRRRC Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Rock River Radio Club was called to order by President Terry Carr, KG9MD, at 7:03 P.M.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry, NO9U reported that club dues are approximately 50 percent in. Jerry reports that Todd, KB9TWL still has an approximate \$200 balance in his checkbook and is awaiting 1 outstanding check yet before turning the rest of the materials over to Jerry. Jerry reports an approximate balance of \$1840.42 in the checkbook he has with approximately \$66.82 cash on hand. Motion by Tim, W9LUB and second by Tom, KB9FXU to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

Secretary's Report: Presented as printed in the February 2006 RRRRC Newsletter. Motion by Tim, W9LUB and second by Tom, KB9FXU to accept the secretary's report as printed. Motion Carried.

Repeater Committee: Dale, WB9ADB reported that the receiver was currently off the antenna at 150 feet and is now on an antenna at approximately 75 feet. This has cured the noise problem but we have also lost range on the repeater. Dale reported they have tried going back to the antenna at 150 feet and this is not working as the noise keeps coming back. They have tried to locate other possible problems causing the noise with no luck. Dale made a recommendation to purchase a new antenna and would like a motion and a second to do so. The approximate cost would be \$880 with freight however that does not include installation. Motion by Mark, N9KQV and second by Tom, KB9FXU to approve the spending for a new 2-meter repeater antenna. Motion carried.

Training Committee: No Report, Pat, WB9JIC absent.

Emergency Coordinator: Dale, WB9ADB reported that the ARES meeting was held on January 21st and a summary with

minutes of that meeting would be in the newsletter. Dale also reported that Duane, W9BCV would photograph those present tonight for new ARES cards. Dale also reported contact continues with local hospitals about getting communications setup there should they be needed. Dale reported that John plans to run weather nets about the same as in the past and possibly a bit more relaxed and that training may also be coming soon on our weather program.

Field Day: It was reported that decisions need to be made in reference to camp sites and a location as soon as is possible as reservations need to be made.

Audit Committee: Nothing reported. Jerry, NO9U reports he is still waiting for all the materials from Todd, KB9TWL and when he receives them a full audit of 2005 will be able to be done.

Valentine's Party: Discussion was had at this time about the upcoming RRRRC Valentine's Party. It was reported the party would begin at 5:00 P.M. here in the meeting building in Juneau. Dinner will be a potluck with sloppy joes provided as well as a small program. Bingo will be played with white elephant gifts. Those attending were also urged to bring a valentine.

Old Business: None

New Business: It was reported that a total of \$385.00 in donations were received in memory of Jeff, KB9MRU with donations coming from Hometown Glass and Jeff's wife. A letter sent to the club from Jeff's wife via Duane, W9BCV was read aloud to those present. A \$50.00 donation was also received in memory of Arnie, KA9FNE.

Jerry, NO9U reported that the DXPedition to Peter I Island (3Y0X) was still upcoming with crew on their way to the island at this time if anyone was planning to work them. Jerry also reported that he has been invited to do a tour of the National Weather Service office in Sullivan. Volunteers are also needed at this office to assist with radio communications during severe weather.

Duane, W9BCV reports that our assistance has been requested to assist in the Reeseville Centennial with communications. This request, however, does fall on the weekend of Field Day in June.

President Terry Carr, KG9MD read a letter to the club at this time explaining that he and his wife have sold their practice in Mayville and will be moving to Janesville. They will be in the area until the 2nd week of March. As a result of this move, Terry will be resigning as President of the RRRRC and there will be a need for a new president. A copy of the letter read to the group was turned over to the secretary for our records.

A committee was established to locate a new president to replace Terry upon his departure and resignation. On that committee are Duane W9BCV, Dennis KC9ICA and Warren N9QMS.

After discussion on Field Day, a motion was made by Tim, W9LUB and second by Tom, KB9FXU that the club go ahead and reserve 12 campsites for Field Day 2006 at Derge Park. Motion Carried.

Jerry, NO9U reported that Mark Schultz, KE9C, a charter member of the Watertown Amateur Radio Club is now a silent key.

Motion by Ralph, N9WBL and second by Tom, KB9FXU to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan M. Klavekoske – KB9OWD
RRRC Secretary

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

By **Connie DePover K9CID**

About 15 members of the RRRRC and Watertown club gathered for the Valentines – Bingo Party.

The food was plentiful, as well as tasty. Bettie and Pauline (swl) had made table decorations of Valentines hearts. Our president Terry Carr became our caller and crowd controller.

The bingos where hot and heavy. People were stealing from each other. The Mayville table, (Eastways & Carrs) were the “hot” table.

We shared a lot of friendship and laughter.

Many thanks to Bettie and Pauline for all the plans and hard work that went into making the party a success!

VALENTINE'S (ADDITIONAL)

By **Duane Haas W9BCV**

Connie DePover, K9CID has an article about the party but we just wanted to add a few comments that the ladies deserve.

The party was well attended and the bingo party proved to be hilarious. The food was well prepared and very delicious. The ladies that did all the work and preparation were Connie DePover, Bettie Norbury and Beryl Pedersen. Bettie had some of her friends help. They were Pauline Uttech and Louie Hady. Then too, we don't dare to forget the bingo caller, our president, Terry Carr along with his wife, Deborah, who kept him “in line” as they say.

All in all, I would say the party was great success and we look forward to having it again next year. We will have to keep the party on a weekend so most people can attend. Having it on a week day night just doesn't work as many people don't get out of work in time to make the party. So, again thanks ladies, we appreciate your good deed.

REPEATER ANTENNA

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show all of conglomeration they had to bypass to get it in position but they are experts and they were soon in position to fasten it to the frame. That is where it got difficult to hold it erect and secure it to the tower. That is a bout 150 feet in the air and I couldn't see what they were doing but the camera pretty well shows their predicament. Anyway, it seemed like it took quite a while to get it fastened and get the feed line in place. By that time I was shivering from the cold wind and I decided to head for home.

I quick ate my dinner and came down to the radio shack and turned on the rig. There was Mark Mullen and Dave DePover in QSO with the S meter up against the pin. What a difference the new antenna makes. Mark can now reach the repeater with 1 watt. I'm anxious to see what the coverage is, I bet our signal will now cover the bottom half of the state with no more crackling. "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"

We will tell you who is paying for the new installation later It will all be from donations and we surely want to give the proper credit where credit is due. The old antenna was probably 15 years old and served us well as it was a used antenna when it was installed. More about it in the next newsletter.

LADIES NET

By **Connie DePover K9CID**

There are many members of our club of the “gentler sex” who have their radio licenses. However most of them do not use the radio. When speaking with Bettie Norbury and Dorothy Eastway we wondered if any women besides us would like to have a “Women Net” one night a month. We could share information on cooking – camping – crafts meetings etc. This would not be an emergency net. Our repeater isn't used much except on Monday nights. We could do it any other day of the week and any week of the month.

Should we the ladies of the club give this a try? Let us know what you think, email Bettie at betim@charter.net. Bettie, Beryl and I would approach the subject at the next meeting if anyone is interested.

WB9JIC UPDATE

By **Pat Volkmann WB9JIC**

Having been absent from the last couple of club meetings I thought it was time for me to say “Hello” to my friends in the RRRRC. The reason for my absence is that I now have a new job which requires a lot of travel. I have been on the road almost 100% of the time. I expect this travel schedule to continue for a few more months. The good news is that business is good. The bad news is that good business takes me out of town to where the work is.

One of my destinations is Hartford, Connecticut. This city is about twenty miles from the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. I would love to make a side trip to ARRL Headquarters and see first hand some of the history of ham radio. As many of you know, business travel rarely allows for side trips. It is mainly traveling from airport to hotel to factory to restaurant and back again. This routine gets very tiresome after a very short time.

I will be working on a visit to ARRL HQ. If I am successful in setting up such a trip I will have some photographs to show and a story to tell. Perhaps we will get to talk if I have a chance to operate W1AW, the League HQ station.

Elsewhere I this issue, I have a brief article on some work that I did on one of my old radios. It describes an experience with a couple of old radios over the Christmas holidays.

73, Pat WB9JIC

2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It happens every year but we have to remind you that the year 2006 membership dues must be paid before April 1st or we will have to drop you from the 2006 membership roster. It has been a long time since we published an up to date membership roster and we need your help in bringing the roster up to date. Review your listing and let us know if there are any corrections or additions to be made. You may use the printed form used on the last page to make any corrections and that form must be used when making renewals and payments. Your e-mail address has become a very valuable tool to get information out to you or the entire membership. If you don't want your e-mail address published, please let us know and we will send info via the post office address. The telephone number is helpful for emergencies as well as things in general. However, if you do not want it published, we will show your telephone number as being unlisted.

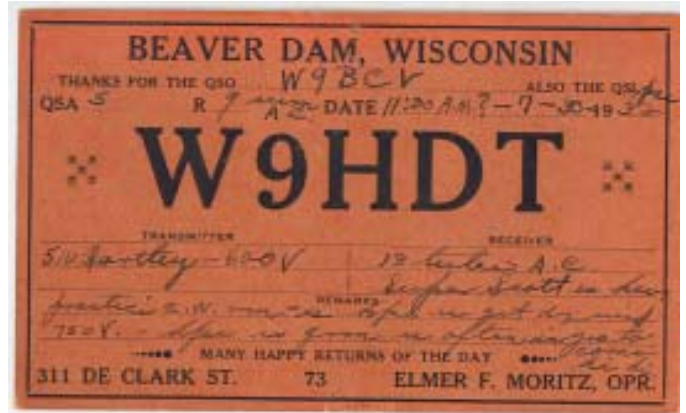
SILENT KEY W9HDT ELMER MORITZ

We are indeed sorry to report the passing of RRRC, Honorary member, Elmer Moritz, W9HDT. Attached you will find a copy of his obituary.

Elmer was my first mentor who lived in the area. At the time, he worked for the Monarch Range company here in Beaver Dam on an assembly line building electric ranges. He had an outstanding station and liked to work CW. In those days, the early 30's, most people didn't have money to buy commercial equipment but Elmer saved up enough money to buy a Scott radio. That was the top of the line and I would go over there just to see what we could hear on short wave. As for the transmitter, it was all home made and rack mounted. It was 4 foot wide and 4 foot high and 2 feet deep and loaded with high powered components. I remember how the room lights would dim and flicker when he pushed the key down. There wasn't any such thing as power line regulation in those days.

Elmer was a brilliant man and when the war came along, he moved to Chicago and went to work for Zenith Radio as a engineer designing new equipment. I lost track of him until he and his wife, Irene, moved back to Beaver Dam when he retired. He didn't set up a HF station but did get on 2 meters and had a 50 foot tower with a beam so he could keep in touch with the club. About three years ago he gave up the Ham operation and donated his equipment to the club. Later, he donated the tower to the club when his health failed. We then lost rack of Elmer but I understand he was in a nursing home for a year and a half prior to his death.

As far as I know, he was the only Honorary member of the RRRC and definitely, the oldest member of the Club at age, 95. To Irene and Family, the RRRC wishes to extend our deepest sympathy and thank you for sharing Elmer's talents in promoting Amateur Radio.



Elmer Moritz

Elmer Moritz, 95, of Beaver Dam died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at the Beaver Dam Care Center.

Private family services will be held.

Elmer Ferdinand Moritz was born on March 13, 1910, in Hustisford, the son of the late Ferdinand and Haide (Lehmann) Moritz. On Oct. 14, 1939, he was united in marriage to Irene Fischer at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Beaver Dam.

Elmer was a 1929 graduate of the Beaver Dam High School. He was an electronic designer for Zenith Radio in Chicago for more than 30 years. He and his wife moved back to Beaver Dam in 1965 after his retirement. He was the oldest amateur (ham) radio operator in Dodge County, W9HDT, and was an honorary member of the Rock River Radio Clubs.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Moritz of Beaver Dam; two grandchildren, Laura (Greg) Williamson of De Pere, David (Beth) Williamson of Antioch, Tenn.; two great grandchildren, Sean and Alissa; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Elmer is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Judy Williamson in 2003; infant daughter, Elizabeth Marie; two brothers, Ferdinand and Franklin; and a sister, Laura Fields.

Murray Funeral Home of Beaver Dam is serving the family.



**The deadline
for the
April 2006
issue of the
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is Friday
March 24th**

RRRC MEMBER PROFILE - BILL PAXSON - KA9OTV



By Duane Haas W9BCV

Our featured RRRC Ham of the Month is Bill Paxson, KA9OTV. He and his wife live, Maxine, live at N920 County TK T , Waterloo, 53594. Their home is up on a hill that overlooks the countryside with a high tower that is the envy of many hams. He puts out a signal on 2 meters that is just as strong as the RRRC repeater here in Beaver Dam. As a result, we like to have him as the net control on out Monday night RRRC ARES net. Not only does he have a strong signal, he does an excellent job as net control. I have never seen his station but surely have seen that tower of his as I drove by. You can't miss it as you can see it for miles.

Yes, that tower also is a good target for lightening. As a result, Bill has forwarded the following article and pictures to tell us all about it and his background. He recently retired and is enjoying Ham Radio as well as his love for antique cars. Bill, thanks for sharing your talents with us and we wish you well in your retirement. We look forward to another installment on getting that 100 foot tower erected. It was good to see you and Maxine at our last meeting.

By Bill Paxson KA9TOV

I've always been a radio nut, starting with CB's in the early 1970's. My wife, Maxine thought I was crazy mounting a CB in our Model A and then on our snowmobile but they both have been a help to us more than once. Back then I hadn't heard much about Ham Radio and didn't know anyone involved in Ham Radio.

About 1983, one of my co-workers Ron Dahlke , (KA9EUP), who also was into CB's, introduced me to Ham Radio. Ron and his wife Marion, (KA9JSU), were both Hams and encouraged me to get into the hobby.

Sometime in 1984, there was a Ham Radio Class offered in Marshall with Rob Hummel, (WA9ZTY) and Dennis Ruskin, (K9BIL) as the instructors. I worked hard for sometime before I was able to pass the code test and get my license.

I made my first contact on 10 meters with a guy in Albany, WI on CW. I was so excited to hear my call that I couldn't even think straight. I had to write down my message on a piece of paper so I could send the reply. I just kept giving my call, location and phone number and said, Call Collect. Shortly the phone rang and it was my contact. At the moment, I can't remember the guy's name but I did meet him later at the MARA Swap Meet.

For the next six months, I spent every spare minute I could studying for my Technician License. Finally, the day came and I had to drive to Chicago by myself to take the test. Fortunately, I only missed two questions and passed the test. I can remember driving home from Chicago with an ear to ear grin on my face. It was like ridding home on

a cloud. The first thing I did, was to stop in to see my friend Ron and his wife to let them know of the good news.

It seemed to take forever for my Tech. License to come in the mail. I can remember that I had the two meter radio mounted in the car but left the microphone at home so I wouldn't be tempted to talk on the radio before my license came.

As the pictures show, I have had several bouts with lightning. The day these pictures were taken, I had all of my coax disconnected and just hanging over the desk or laying on the floor. My rotor was hooked up to the antennae and I think the lightning came in through that and then into my power bar. The coax hanging over the metal desk just welded itself to the desk and the two laying on the floor either burnt a hole in my carpet or blew a big chunk out of the carpet.

Back in the 1970's, I was talking on the CB, Trying to get help in the Cambridge Area for a lost boy when lightning struck my antennae. Maxine was in the living room working on cleaning out our fish tank and it felt like she hit me in the back of the head with a 2 x 4. The jolt threw me about 6 feet from the radio on my back. After a few minutes, I sat up looking at my hands yelling, I'm dead, I'm dead. I can still feel my jaw slamming shut and my throat burning when the lightning struck. I thought Maxine and the kids were going to die laughing at me. This is one reason that I do not like to be on the radio during any lightning storm.

Since I got my Tech. License, I've talked to about 150 different countries and all on 10 meters with a Big Stick CB antennae. I have never got to make any contacts on any other bands. I don't really get into contesting but do enjoy meeting new Hams all over.

When I first got my license, I joined about five repeater clubs but narrowed that down to the RRRC and MARA clubs. RRRC is the only club I belong to now and enjoy the group very much.

In addition to Ham Radio, Maxine and I are very involved in the Model A Ford Club and travel all over the country with our Model A, which is always equipped with two meters. We also have a 1927 Rolls Royce Town Car that will be on the road again this year.

Some other time I will share the disasters of trying to get my 100' tower erected.



CW OPERATION WITH A VINTAGE RIG

By Pat Volkmann WB9JIC

During the Christmas holiday I worked on some things in the shack that I have been meaning to get to for some time now. As many of you know, I have a small collection of Collins radio equipment. I am partial to the old "black box" style that was popular in the 1940's and 50's. I have been using a Collins 75A-4 receiver and 32V-1 (SN 626) transmitter for occasional AM operation on 75 meters. For the last 3 years or so I have been using a Johnson Viking II transmitter and Collins 75A-2 receiver for CW operation on 40 and 80 meters. The Viking II recently gave up the ghost when one of the transformers shorted. Burning transformers emit a truly horrible odor. Believe me, the resulting smoke and stench is on par with what you might expect from a 50 year old, 100 pound radio. My wife thought the house was on fire!

I thought that the 75A-4 and 32V-1 combination should make a fine CW setup. As it turned out, some problems surfaced that had not been apparent during phone operation. I should probably explain first how these old rigs were typically connected.

A separate transmitter and receiver were in common use by most hams until well into the 1960's. A good station setup would allow the operator to go from receive to transmit by throwing only one switch. This switch would, at a minimum, transfer the antenna from receiver to transmitter. Fancier setups would also turn off the receiver audio. Collins radios were the Cadillac of equipment. They had special circuits built into both the transmitter and receiver to make T/R switching easy. The transmitter has the ability to operate an external antenna relay, reduce the receiver gain (Standby), turn off the receiver audio (Muting) and provide a sidetone signal to monitor CW transmissions. The receiver has all the required terminals on the back panel to make the interconnections. This complicated sounding process is accomplished with just a few wires running between the radios. The end result is that the operator throws one switch on the transmitter (or presses the PTT button on the mike) to smoothly go from transmit to receive.

The first problem that I found during CW operation was a very loud thumping sound in the monitor speaker when the telegraph key was either closed or opened. It was so bad that CW operation was impossible without disconnecting the speaker. My CW transmissions are much better when I can hear what I am sending, so that wasn't a good option. I figured out that the Mute line was causing the thumping noise. The short term fix was to disconnect the Mute line. Disabling the muting isn't a problem for me since the muting function is really only used for break-in CW operation. I could still monitor the transmission by turning the receiver gain down manually.

The next problem was a slight chirp in the CW signal. While a chirp is common in many old rigs it is not normal for a high-end Collins radio. I investigated the common (and easily fixed) causes of chirp, but none of them fixed the problem. I needed a different solution.

Fortunately, I had another 32V-1 transmitter that I could use. My other 32V-1 (SN 688) has been languishing on a shelf in the basement since I bought it last spring. It is rustier and more beat up than SN 626, but the glass over the tuning dial is not cracked. The lettering is pretty good on the front panel.

This rig has been worked on a bit by someone else. The low voltage filter caps were replaced with modern electrolytics. They were thoughtfully covered with black tape and are (more or less) invisible. The high voltage caps are the original oil filled units. Power supply ripple is low so I guess they will stay for the time being. Some caps were also replaced in the transmitter section.

The radio powered up without incident. A quick check of high and low voltage showed normal values. The oscillator tone was clean and stable when monitored in a receiver. There was only about 25 mA of plate current when the rig was keyed instead of the normal 200 mA. The OA-2 tubes used to regulate the screen voltage for the 4D32 final were not glowing. A measurement showed that no voltage was getting to the regulator tubes.

I traced the lack of voltage to a replacement part. The screen dropping resistor R301 had been replaced with an adjustable wire-wound resistor. The original part was a 12K 25W fixed resistor. The replacement was a Motorola brand 15K 50W adjustable. Adjustable resistors in this resistance range are made with a very, very fine wire. The wire is exposed along one side of the resistor where contact is made with a movable metal band. The band is secured by tightening a nut and bolt arrangement. Over-tightening the band can cause the fine wires to break. Even moving the band across the wires to make the adjustment can break these very fine, delicate wires. In this case, I was able to find seven distinct breaks in the wires! It doesn't look like it had ever worked.

I was able to make a temporary replacement part from three 4K power resistors from my junk box. I'll be looking around for a suitable resistor to permanently mount in the belly of the 32V-1. If anyone knows of a source for an exact replacement part I'd appreciate hearing from them.

Collins chose to place the coarse antenna loading control inside the cabinet. This is a six position switch that selects a fixed capacitor. Adjustment requires opening up the lid and reaching inside the transmitter. I made sure to verify that the HV interlock switch is working properly. Fortunately, I don't change bands very frequently. It is somewhat unnerving to reach inside an energized transmitter to make an adjustment.

The rig now works fine, at least so far. Calibration of the dial is right on and the transmit audio quality is pretty good. I'm going to pair this unit up with my 75A-2 receiver. The Viking II will be sidelined until a replacement transformer can be obtained. I will continue to use the 75A-4/32V-1 combo for AM operation. If you would like to try a vintage AM contact on 75 meters, let me know.

73, Pat WB9JIC



News about
our People

BITS AND PIECES

By Duane Haas W9BCV

Don't forget to attend the Weather Spotter Class on Thursday, March 30th. We want to break the attendance record of last year. It is well worth your time to attend this training program and to spread the word to anyone you know that might be interested in coming to the class.

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Treasurer's Report
Jerry Arndt (NO9U)
ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB

Beginning Balances -
Checkbook - \$1,840.42
Cash - \$ 66.82

01/23/06	EFT	SBC	Telephone Bill	\$26.40	\$1,814.02
01/30/06	DEP	Louis Jansa	Dues	\$10.00	\$1,824.02
02/03/06	DEP	Bob Dott	Dues	\$10.00	\$1,834.02
02/03/06	DEP	Nowack	Dues	\$45.00	\$1,879.02
02/08/06	DEP	Donation Can	Donation	\$17.00	
		Von Allmen	Memorial	\$385.00	
		Lewis Bauer	Dues	\$10.00	
		Beryl Pedersen	Field Day Plot	\$14.00	\$2,305.02
02/08/06	1012	Duane Haas	Bill Pack #1	\$124.92	\$2,180.10
02/13/06	1013	State Farm Insurance	Club Insurance	\$325.00	\$1,855.10
02/13/02	1014	Ken Ebnetter	Smoke Sig. Mullen	\$11.00	\$1,844.10
02/15/06	DEP	Patrick Berrett	Dues	\$10.00	\$1,854.10
02/21/06	1015	Betty Norbury	Valentine Party	\$20.00	\$1,834.10

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The RRRRC Memoir Edition in Honor of Silent Key, Jeff von Allmen, KB9MRU, is now complete and will be published soon. We have money contributions to purchase a new antenna for the repeater as a memorial for Jeff. The antenna is here and weather permitting, it will be installed this Friday.

The Saturday morning net has gone back to 3947 due to poor propagation on 7247. The attendance has been real good and we invite you to join us. It is a good chance to meet some of our members who live out of the area. We meet at 10:00 am.

The 160 meter net on 1.908 on Wednesday nights hasn't been very successful due to poor band conditions or members just forgetting that we are on the air.

Yes, we still have the club breakfast on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00am in the old restaurant that we have always attended in the past. The food is good and the price is right so come and join us.

We still don't have the final report from our last year's Treasurer, Todd Lindert, KB9TWL. The auditing committee will furnish his report in the newsletter when it becomes available.

ESTATE SALE

By Dave DePover K9KMP

I have been asked by Betty Thoma to sell all of silent key WD9EKY Leo's, radio equipment. I have listed what I have. I have looked at websites for average prices. I will entertain any offers

Radio shack HTX-202 2MHT

With hand mic/speaker, w/ Owners manual.

Condition: working, looks rough paint chipped and worn, age at least 10+ yrs.

Radio Shack HTX-252 2M mobile. Includes: Mag. Mount antenna. Condition: Good, Partial manual.

RCI-2950 Ranger mobile 10 meter all mode. Condition: working, looks good, with manual.

Kenwood TM-701A 2M / 440 dual band
 Condition: working, looks good.
 Problem: forgets its memory if you turned off at radio switch. At power supply, it is OK. No manual.
 Age Feb. 1991. Cmos battery changed 10/96.

Astron RS-10 power supply Condition: Good

Kenwood TS-450S Kenwood SP-23 speaker
 Condition: Good + Condition: Looks good
 Age: 6/93

Kenwood PS-53 power supply
 Condition: Good, this is not a switching supply.
 Age: 6/93

HeathKit HW-8 assembled by Leo
 Condition: working, with manual

Heathkit HD-1410 electronic key Condition: Good, with manual

Monark FSI-3 SWR, field strength meter.

Call books 1993 and 1996.
 ARRL Handbook 2004.

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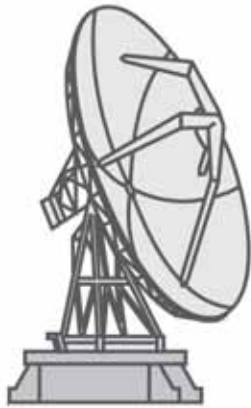
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