



Border City Radio Club

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Seasons Greetings

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NEXT MEETING

Monday January 19th 2009 !
WFCU Tecumseh & Chrysler
Centre 7:30 PM . Powerpole Clinic
for PAID MEMBERS ONLY
in January. Bring your
equipment/power cords down
and the club will crimp on
powerpole connectors for the
members. The club has
ordered 50 black and 50 red
connectors, so members will
need to let us know in advance
of the clinic how many they
will need to be put onto their
equipment. (Will need to order
more if the need arises).

BCRC NETS

The BCRC 6M and 2M nets
on Sundays. The 2m net is on
The VE3BBB repeater
147.390 @ 8PM. The 6M net is
at 7:30 PM 53.030 Net
controllers always welcome.
(Note that the day of the 2M
net is under review)

VE3ZIN'S PET PROJECT

Windsor will have it's own DX
Cluster on the way.
dxc.ve3zin.com (port 7300) will
be up and running by January 1st.
-VE3ZIN

TIN FOIL HDTV ANTENNA

For people that wish to receive
off air HDTV from the Detroit
and area TV stations.... Ken
ETR brings us this interesting
project. It's to make a fixed
UHF panel antenna.

<<http://uhfhdtvantenna.blogspot.com/>>

Of course, the artical arrived in
my inbox just after I ordered a
Winnegard saucer type
antenna from eBay.-VE3VOG

WKRP

CINCINNATI (AP) -- WKRP
is back on the air in Cincinnati
– but this time it's for real.

A low-power TV station has
changed its call letters to
WKRP, the same as the
fictional radio station in the
1970s hit series "WKRP in Cincinnati"

The station changed its call
letters to promote its new digital
TV signal. It formerly went by
WBQC-TV. General Manager
Elliott Block says the new call
letters give the station
recognition because so many
people remember the television
sit-com.

HAM CLASS

Jerry EXT reports that his
ham class is going resonably
well. The students are on
chapter six. Way to go!

CBE WINDSOR QRT ON 1550

There will be a CRTC hearing
in Orillia on 26 January 2009.
The agenda includes
applications for a new FM
station to replace CBE-AM at
Windsor (1550 khz) as well as a
new FM mono transmitter at
Leamington in order to
duplicate existing AM
coverage. The new station in
Windsor would operate on
freq. 97.5MHz with an average
effective radiated power of
3,200 watts while our

transmitter in Leamington would operate on 91.5MHz with an average radiated power of 6,100 watts. The Windsor transmitter will be located on the MacGregor tower Along with CBET (9), TVO (32), CBC Radio 2 (89.9 FM). -VE3VOG

TIME SIGNAL STATION CHU

CHU, the gov't time station in Ottawa is changing frequencies in the 7 MCs band. For seventy or so years, CHU has broadcast the GMT time signal on 7.335 MCs. That changes on January 1, 2009 with a move to 7.850 MCs necessitated by changes which resulted in broadcast stations moving out of the 7.2 to 7.3 MCs band. Many of those broadcasters decided that they needed 7.335 more than did CHU. -VE3ES

SOUTH WESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE NET

Operates every Tuesday night on Simplex 146.500. Although that is an A R E S designated simplex frequency. We are trying to run a public service net for ALL Amateurs in the Essex County area. What I am asking of the Clubs in this region, To send any announcements of upcoming events, activities, or whatever, Your Club, is doing, or planning , so that I can announce it to the Amateurs within the listening range. If an individual is planning a project and needs volunteers to help with the project, let Me know and I will announce it on the net.

Dave.ve3hko@sympatico.ca
Or TUESDAY NIGHT AT
8:00Pm. On 146.500Mhz.

Thank You very much
Dave VA3SWO

STATION ACCESSORIES

Now it is too late for xmas gift / sock stuffing but may come in handy for the boxing day sale.

Did you get that fancy new computer for x-mas? Bet it did not come with a serial port (rs-232) for rig control or digital modes for your radio. Fear not, you can use a convertor between the onboard USB to the RS-232 found on the radio. These come in 1 to 16 serial port outputs. I have found the EdgePort device works well when you need more than just one serial port. These can be found at

<http://www.digi.com/products/usb/edgeport.jsp>

Another good single USB-Serial is from Tripp-Lite model U209 found here:

<http://www.cdw.ca/shop/products/default.aspx?EDC=622541>

Before you go and place the nice new computer on the network (Internet...) you should remember to install an antivirus application. These come in many varieties - freeware to payware. Knowing that you spent all your money on the new rig, here is a freeware application that works: Anti-vir, found at <http://free-av.com>

It has a low resource (memory and system CPU) footprint, good blocking of viruses (better than some commercial

versions). It is easy to setup and will automatically grab new virus definition files.

A firewall is also another must have. The basic built-in firewall in WinXP or Vista block incoming not outgoing malware. This can be improved by adding this freeware firewall: Online Armour <http://www.tallemu.com/free-firewall-protection-software.html> This is an easy to install, low memory resource firewall. ON installation it will preconfig known applications on your computer so you do not have to. This works on any machine running Win 2000, WinXP or Vista. Now for that type of application most people do not use... Backup. You do backup your machine don't you? Since most computers come with DVD burners now a days the type of application I like is what is calling Disk Imaging. These make an exact copy of your whole drive to DVD or external USB Hard drives. They even make an Emergency Boot disk, this is what you use when (not if) your hard drive fails. Both of the applications listed below work from within Windows (or botting via CD).

Acronis has an older version available free of charge (you know they want to upgrade you to the latest version right?).

Download (<http://www.allacronis.com/personal.php>) personal version of Acronis True Image 8.0 free of charge. Use the following serial number to install Acronis True Image 8.0 Personal:

Y6JNU-SN3ZC-MDXSA-32L95-ERN37

The other image application is Macrium Reflect. Found here: <http://www.macrium.com/ReflectFree.asp> With the digital photos, music and e-mails (club newsletters?) etc being stored on your computer it does make sense to back it up at least once a month. Either of these applications will give you a good safety net. - VE3BTI

DX

SRI LANKA, 4S. Nelson, 4S7NE is generally QRV on 160 meters daily between 2345 and 0015z. He is then active on 40 meters around 0130z. QSL direct.

LESOTHO, 7P. Danny, ZS6AW will be QRV as 7P8AA from Katse Dam from December 24 to 27. Activity will be mostly on 20 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

BHUTAN, A5. Francesco, I2DMI will be QRV as A52RY from the capital city of Thimphu from December 22 to 31. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using RTTY around 0100 to 0300z and then from around 1200 to 1900z. QSL to home call.

QATAR, A7. Juma, A71EM has been active on 160 meters around 0000 to 0100z. QSL via EA7FTF
MOROCCO, CN. Andre, HB9HLM and others will be QRV with special call

CN89NY from December 21 to January 3. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters with two stations. QSL via EA7FTR.

SPAIN, EA. Look for Reinhard, DH6DAO to be QRV as EA7/homecall from the Torrox Lighthouse, ARLHS SPA-219, on Torrox Costa, from December 23 to January 4. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Pascal, F8AAL is QRV as FO/F8AAL from Moorea Island, IOTA OC-046, until December 31. He is active in his spare time on 40, 30 and 20 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

CROZET ISLAND, FT/W. Florentin, F4DYW is QRV as FT5WO for one year while on work assignment. Activity will be in his spare time. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Janusz, SP9YI is QRV as HF0APAS until January 12 while on the Polish base "Henryk Arctowski" on King George Island, IOTA AN-010. QSL to home call.

ITALY, I. Special event station I2IGTO is QRV from the submarine "Toti" on display at the Museum for Science and Technology in Milano. The station will also be active in the International Naval Contest. QSL via IQ2MI.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Masa, JA6GXX will be QRV as JD1BMM from around December 23 to January 6. He plans to be active on the low bands. QSL to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Treaty of Roskilde, special event station OZ1658ROS is active until the end of 2009. QSL via OZ9
SWEDEN, SM. In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Treaty of Roskilde, special event stations SH1658DK, SH1658OZ, SC1658OZ, SK1658OZ, SK1658DK and SB1658OZ are active until the end of 2009 Halland, Skane and Blekinge. QSL via operators' instructions.

EASTERN KIRIBATI, T32. Toshi, JA8BMK is QRV as T32YY from Christmas Island, IOTA OC-024, for about one week. QSL direct to home call.

TURKEY, TA. TCSWAT team members will be QRV as TC1KLH from the Karaburun Lighthouse, ARLHS TUR-036, on December 21 and 22, as well as December 27 and 28. They will be active from other Lighthouses as well during 2009. QSL via operators' instructions.
LAOS, XW. Bruce, XW1B will soon be QRV. Activity will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters. QSL via E21EIC.

The Russian 160-Meter Contest, NCCC Sprint, AGB-Party Contest, OK DX RTTY Contest, Croatian CW Contest, Feld Hell Sprint, International Naval Contest, ARCI Holiday Spirits and the Homebrew CW Sprint are all scheduled for this weekend. The Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party runs from December 20 to January 4, 2009. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest is scheduled for December 22. And, the SKCC CW Sprint is scheduled for December 24. Please see December QST, page 68, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.
-ARRL

UPCOMING SWAPS

18 Jan 43rd Annual Hamfest
Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.hparc.org>
Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 100)
Hazel Park High School
23400 Huges
Hazel Park, MI

15 Feb Livoia + Swap-N-Shop
Livonia Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.livoniaarc.com/>
Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100)
Civic Park Seniors Center
15218 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI 48150

FOR SALE
8 foot tripod with free rust proof paint [08/08] \$150.00
6metre loop antenna [08/08] \$60.00
Contact DOUG VA3DGR at VA3GDR AT MNSI.NET or phone 966-7076

FOR SALE
Alinco DR-635 dual band Transceiver - 50 W on VHF; 35 W on UHF, with mid 20w and low 5w, with EMS57 deluxe mike. Full duplex and cross band repeat. Also has mag. mount mobile antenna. six months old, paid \$557 [08/08] \$ 250. 00
Contact Larry VE3LRF at 728-1910 or email lfournier AT cogeco.ca

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FOR SALE
SCG ADSP2 DSP External noise reduction speaker [11/08] \$75.00
Unadilla 4:1 balun, for Off centre fed dipoles ect [11/08] \$20.00
Please contact Dan VE3VOG at 735-6611 or email dmpkennedy AT hotmail.com

FOR SALE All items are best offer [11/09]
Icom IC-R71A communications receiver
Kenwood R-1000 communications receiver
Yaesu FRG-9600 VHF/UHF communications receiver
Bearcat 220 scanner
Nova-Tech Pilot II direction finder/ four-band receiver
Universal M-900
RTTY/SITOR/CW/FAX decoder

Magnavox 12-inch computer monitor
Grove Signa/Match Tun-II antenna selector
Three loudspeakers, including the Jensen 10-inch PM speaker from my former Hammarlund HQ-129X receiver
Channel Master 9512 antenna rotator
Grove scanner filter
Micronta 63-889 seven-day programmable timer
Contact Bert Huneault (formerly VE2SH, occasionally VE2SH/VO6, and finally VE3DLY) at 945-8395 OR bhuneault AT aympatico.ca

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