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Meeting – August 13th 2013

The regular monthly meeting will be held at

The August meeting is our annual picnic, the event starts at 6:30pm and will be held in Watson Park, please contact Lance, KC2MTO lanceweight@comcast.net for further info

DVRA Nets

2-meter & 70-cm nets on the club repeaters 146.670 pl 131.8, 442.650 pl 131.8

2-Meter Nets:

The Pepper Net 10:00 PM Daily

Mercer Co. Emergency Net 7:30 PM Tuesdays KB2EGI, coordinator.

Training & Upgrade Classes

Don Wright, AA2F, periodically holds Technician and General classes.

Classes are held at various locations. Call Don at 609-737-1723 to register.

Exam Schedule

For 2014 exams will be held on Jan 18, March 15, May 10, July 19, Sept 13 and Nov 15. All Exams will be at 12:15 on the listed Saturdays at the Hopewell (Twp) Branch of the Mercer County Library, 245 Pennington-Titusville Road, next door to the Hopewell Valley Central High School. Bring \$15, cash or check, and 2 forms of identification, at least one being a photo ID. For further information, contact Don/AA2F at 609-737-1723 or aa2f@arrl.net.

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Fame and Fortune Await

Want to become rich & famous – write an article for the DVRA Beacon. Fame among local hams almost guaranteed – fortune is up to you (and your luck in Powerball). Deadline for submission is one week before the monthly meeting (that would make the deadline the first Wednesday of the month). For details contact Alex / AB2RC – ab2rc@ab2rc.net

Help Wanted

Our club treasurer, Ron KC2PQC, is looking for a club member to help with the treasurer's duties. If you are interested, please contact him at 609-695-5990 or email ronk@snip.net.

Logbook of The World

On May 23, 2014 the latest QSLs for W2ZQ logbook of the world were:

EI3IO	2006-10-28	08:22:28	40M	SSB	7.157	IRELAND
N8IE	2007-01-07	04:15:32	80M	RTTY	3.59500	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
N8IE	2007-01-07	01:29:27	40M	RTTY	7.04500	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
F6IGS	2009-03-08	21:43:27	20M	SSB	14.18080	FRANCE

Matched QSLs out of total contacts submitted to LOTW were 5372/16555 or 32.4%

HAMFEST

Saturday September 20th in West Windsor Community Park, contact Frank, KC2TKD frankpal@comcast.net for details.

Website

Our website has been updated, and looks better than ever. Take a look at it <http://www.w2zq.com>

New Member

We will be voting on a new member, Allan Schear, KA2IFY of Ewing, NJ at our August meeting.

ARRL support for clubs could use some improvement

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Often, when you hear ARRL officials speak, they extol the virtues of amateur radio clubs, saying things like, "Clubs are the lifeblood of amateur radio." For example, Dale Williams, WA8EFK, in response to my e-mail congratulating him on his appointment as the new ARRL Great Lakes Division director, said that his "plans are to push to keep things local, club-related, and bottom-up driven."

Of course, that kind of set me off. When it comes to club support, the ARRL is more talk than action.

One example of this lack of support is that there hasn't been an issue of the ARRL Club News newsletter for years. Even so, if you log into the ARRL website

and look at your e-mail subscriptions page, you'll see that it says that it's supposed to be a monthly newsletter.

I'll also note that the ARRL CEO Harold Kramer, WJ1B, left this particular newsletter off the list of available newsletters in his June QST column. I don't know who at HQ is responsible for producing this newsletter, but the fact that there hasn't been one for so long speaks volumes to me.

Another example is the club commission program. Under this program, clubs get a \$15 commission when they sign up a new member. That's not bad, but the commission falls to only \$2 for renewing members. According to a former treasurer of ARROW, my club here in Ann Arbor, MI, \$2 just wasn't enough to make it worth his while to process renewals.

To be fair, it's not all bad news. The ARRL website does have a page with information on how to set up and run an active club (<http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-resources>). The ARRL also has a club liability insurance program is a decent deal for clubs, but that program probably doesn't require much effort on the ARRL's part. The ARRL is also supposed to refer new hams to clubs, but I'm not sure exactly how they do that, and I don't think ARROW's gained any new members from this recently.

Let me ask you. Is your club getting the support it needs from the ARRL? If so, I'd like to hear about what you think they're doing right. If not, I'd like to know what you think they should be doing to help your club.

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When he's not writing this column for club newsletters, Dan, KB6NU enjoys working CW on the HF bands and teaching ham radio classes. For more information about his operating activities and his "No-Nonsense" series of amateur radio license study guides, go to KB6NU.Com or e-mail cwgeek@kb6nu.com.