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Membership Information:

Membership in the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club (MAARC) is open to all Amateurs. Applications should be submitted to the club secretary. The purpose of MAARC is to bring together, for their mutual benefit, persons interested in the various areas of the Amateur Radio Service. Any interested person is cordially invited to attend one or more of our regularly scheduled meetings. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at the Marin-Hunt school library in Muncie at 2 PM. This month's meeting will be February 20, 2005.

Please send general club correspondence to:

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Storm Spotting Classes Have Begun!

The *Star Press* has reported that Storm Spotting classes have begun at Ball State University. The beginner class was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at 7:15-9:15 PM at Cooper Science room 160. The intermediate class will be held on February 24, and the advanced class will be held March 3.

March is the start of severe weather season. Many club members participate in storm related activities and may need a refresher course after a long winter. These workshops are sponsored by the Ball State Geography Department, Delaware County Emergency Management, and Weather Associates Inc. Dr. David Arnold of Ball State University will conduct the workshops.

-de WA1MKE

Storm Spotting Classes/Workshop

- Where:** Ball State University
Cooper Science Building
room 160
- When:** 7:15 to 9:15 on
February 17 (beginner)
February 24 (intermediate)
March 3 (advanced)
- Information:** Dr. David Arnold (285-1768)
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Don't Forget Our Next Meeting:

Where:

Marin-Hunt Library

When:

Sunday, February 20

2005 dues are being collected. Please send them to the club if you haven't already done so.

THE DX MAGAZINE ISSUES MOST-WANTED DXCC ENTITIES SURVEY RESULTS

According to 2004 survey results published in the January/February issue of The DX Magazine <<http://www.dxpub.com/>>, North Korea (P5) remains atop DXers' "most-wanted" lists for DXCC.

"It was a real surprise to see North Korea at the top of the most-wanted list," commented The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com/>>

Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR. The most-recent P5 operation was by Ed Giorgadze, P5/4L4FN, in 2001 and 2002, during which he logged more than 16,000 QSOs.

Number two on the list is Andaman and Nicobar Islands (VU4), although a post-survey DXpedition in December likely diminished worldwide demand, despite being cut short by the tsunami.

In third place--but topping the list in four US time zones--was Scarborough Reef (BS7).

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ARRL EXPO 2005 TO HIGHLIGHT LEAGUE'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DAYTON

If you've never been to Dayton Hamvention, then this is the year. That's because Hamvention will host the 2005 ARRL National Convention May 20-22. A special feature of the event will be "ARRL Expo 2005," a separate area at Hara Arena that will highlight what the League means to Amateur Radio.

"ARRL Expo 2005 will be a special feature of the Convention," says ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, who's helping to coordinate the event. "ARRL Expo will showcase ARRL membership benefits and services as well as the activities of ARRL volunteers. Visitors

will be able to meet ARRL volunteers and staff knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics, and, of course, have their cards checked for operating awards."

Hamvention has donated a separate section of floor space for ARRL Expo 2005. The large area is convenient to the flea market and indoor exhibit areas--and it's just a short walk from the Ballarena entrance to Hara Arena. While the Expo area will complement the traditional ARRL concession in North Hall, it will operate independently.

ARRL Expo will offer the opportunity to meet and greet ARRL staff members and volunteers--including represen-

tatives of DXCC, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and other ARRL entities and programs that span the wide variety of interests that comprise Amateur Radio.

The National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE) will be attending Hamvention as guests of the ARRL National Convention. ARRL and NARTE have a memorandum of understanding to support mutually beneficial programs and activities. NARTE representatives will be on hand at the ARRL exhibit and will provide FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) examinations to inter-

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Editor's Notes

Spring is around the corner, at least I hope it is. All my HF antennas are down. The vertical in my back lot is down in the center of the pond that has developed during the winter. I'll need a boat to repair it! I have tree limbs down which need to be cleaned up. I have limbs in



Dave,
WA1MKE

the trees ready to fall. I'm waiting for a wind storm to knock them down. It's going to a long spring just cleaning up after the ice storm.

Spring has traditionally been antenna repair season. Making good use of the return of good weather requires planning now. Cables need to be checked. Winter antenna damage needs to be determined. If you have some

changes in mind, now is the time to plan!

If you are looking for on air activities, several state QSO parties are coming up along with the ARRL DX contest (phone March 5&6, CW February 19 & 20).

I've just gotten over a flu bug so I have not been on as much as I usually am but I hope to see you at our next meeting.

-73 - Dave, WA1MKE

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Fourth is Lakshadweep (VU7), and fifth is Yemen (7O). A DXpedition set for this month from number six Peter Island (3Y/P) could blunt demand for that rare one. Rounding out the top 10 are Navassa Island (KP1) and Desecheo Island (KP5), both under jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service which has

denied visitation permission, Bouvet (3Y/B) and Kure Island (KH7K).

McClenny, who also edits "How's DX?" for QST, notes there's still a large demand for VU4, but he expressed guarded optimism that the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition's emergency communication operation following the December 29 earth-

quake and tsunami would make Indian authorities more willing to allow future DXpeditions. "Keep you fingers crossed," he said.

From The ARRL Letter

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ested applicants. The testing fee, not included in the Hamvention admission price, is \$40. Register or get more information from the NARTE Web site or by calling NARTE toll-free at 800-89-NARTE (800-896-2783).

Inderbitzen notes

that ARRL Expo 2005 will be the place to pick up a free "ARRL Passport" to get a 2005 ARRL National Convention keepsake when making qualifying purchases from participating retailers at Hamvention.

The ARRL ad hoc National Convention Committee has been meeting since last

July to help make Dayton Hamvention 2005 a memorable ARRL National Convention. New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, chairs the committee. Members are ARRL Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows, KOQB, Midwest Di-

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vision Director Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, and ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV.

The theme of Dayton Hamvention 2005 is "Bringing hams together from around the world." Upward of 25,000 visitors from the US and elsewhere on the globe make the annual pilgrimage to Hamvention, where socializing is a big part of the fun.

In addition to the popular indoor and outdoor exhibits and vendors, Dayton Hamvention 2005 will feature a full slate of forums and other activities. As they say, "If you can't find it at Dayton, you'll never find it." It's not too soon to purchase tickets for Dayton Hamvention 2005. Early birds can save \$5 by getting their tickets online at the Hamvention Web site <<http://www.hamvention.org>>. Ham-

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vention has eliminated the on-line handling charge. Check the ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/nc/2005/>> for information updates.

From The ARRL Letter

ARRL member wins Jeopardy! "Teen Tournament"

Sixteen-year-old ARRL member Michael Braun, K3LNT, of Silver Spring, Maryland, picked up the \$75,000 grand prize as winner of the Jeopardy! "Teen Tournament" February 8. "Most of my money will be in savings for college and future expenses," Braun said when asked what he'll do with his financial windfall.

"However, I may use a small fraction for radio equipment." A high school junior, Braun holds a General ticket, enjoys HF operating and is a member of the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club (MARC). He also told Jeopardy! that he hopes to eventually work for a computer company and considers Microsoft's Bill Gates "somewhat of a role model." Sony Pictures produces Jeopardy!

From The ARRL Letter

For Sale/Wanted:

This space is available to all members!

The price is right for your ad!

I have a collection of 5 ft to 15 ft sections of Andrew FSJ1 (1/4 in) heliax. No expensive connectors needed since a PL259 + RG59 sleeve works. \$0.60/ ft. I also have a *Greenlee* 1-1/8 inch radio chassis punch, \$10. Dave, WA1MKE, 358-3280

Do You have something for sale?

Your ad could be here!

Please send your ad to me at

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By March 14, 2005