

# MAARC Exciter

November 2008

## Meetings Now Involve Food!

For years, various groups of members have requested the club consider moving the meetings away from Sunday afternoon, so in October, we met at MCL in the mall on Monday evening and everyone seemed to enjoy the option of food to go along with the meeting.

This month, we will again meet at MCL on Monday, November 17. Dinner will be at 1830 and the meeting will begin a half hour later. The officers promise to have you home in time for the football game

In December, the meeting will be the annual Christmas party for members and their families or friends or both. We will gather at Bird's Smokehouse in Daleville for our evening of fellowship and food. More details at the meeting Monday night!

## *2009 Officers Named*

After taking nominations during the September meeting and opening the floor for additional nominations at the October meeting, the following individuals have been selected at the executive committee for 2009:

Pat James, KC9KSK—President  
Skip Ullman, KC9CQZ—V. President  
Gary Lee, KB9ZUV—Secretary  
Jim McDonald, KB9LEI—Treasurer  
Sonny McCoy, WA9DOL—Trustee

All serve one-year terms, except McCoy since the trustee is a three year term. McDonald will also serve as newsletter for the near future.

## Lee Wins!!!

*Gary Places 1<sup>st</sup> in 10M QRP*

Our own Gary Lee received wallpaper earlier this week confirming he had been named first place in the 2007 10 meter contest in the mixed mode QRP division for the Indiana Section.

Lee said he scored approximately 8,800 points during the weekend contest. "It is my favorite contest and I've only missed a couple of years," he said. "Two years ago, I missed because I was getting my stent, but I try to do better each year."

The 2008 edition of the contest is 0000Z December 13 to 2400Z December 14.

## AO-16 Going QRT

According to a release from managers at AMSAT, AO-16 will probably go quiet in the next few days due to a lack of illumination on the bird and the internal sensors shutting it down.

The orbital path of the satellite is such that it is receiving less and less light for warming the payload and generating electricity and will cause the unit to go into a preservation mode.

In the same release, they stated it may 10 years before the orbit changes sufficiently for the unit to start up again.

## *CQ buys WorldRadio*

CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired "WorldRadio" magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and *WorldRadio* Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly today. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes

*CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications* magazines.

*WorldRadio*, based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. “CQ”, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of *WorldRadio*, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. “I wanted to be sure that ‘WorldRadio’ found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio,” Noble said.

*CQ* Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, *WorldRadio* has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome “*WorldRadio*’s” readers to the *CQ* family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come.”

Current plans call for *WorldRadio* to continue to be published online as part of the *CQ* family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. *WorldRadio* subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to “CQ” magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.—*from the KB6NU ham radio blog. (kb6nu.com)*

## **ARRL VEC Announces Exam Fee Increase:**

On November 6, The ARRL VEC <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/> announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VE teams may retain up to \$7 of this fee to directly reimburse their teams' out-of-pocket examination expenses; currently, VE teams keep \$6. This is

the first time in four years that the examination fee has been adjusted.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Ft. Wayne Hamfest—this weekend, Saturday and Sunday at the Coliseum.

Evansville Hamfest—11-29 0800-1300 (Central) Talk-in 145.150- Evansville / 146.925- & 443.925+ Vincennes (all use 107.2 tone) (Backup: 145.110- Evansville / tone 107.2)

MAARC Meeting—Monday evening MCL. Dinner at 1830, meeting at 1900.

MAARC Christmas party—Bird’s Smokehouse in Daleville. Details at 11-17 meeting. Bring non-perishable food items for Salvation Army food baskets.

## **Editor’s Note: (or plea)**

This newsletter is published for the members of the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club and all members are **encouraged** to submit items for publication.

The more local news I get, the less stuff I have to copy and paste from the web, where most of you have read it already.

I will publish a buy, sell and swap list if someone will generate one for me.

Gary and I just finished a class that so far has netted three new licenses and three more to test soon. If you hear some newbies on the air—be kind and help them learn. We were all there once! *Jim*

**See Everyone Monday Night!**

