

The Oscillator

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No July Meeting!!

**Tri-Town Club Picnic is being planned for July 25th
at Tom's W9SRV**

More info to Come!

Field Day Reflections

73, Todd KA9IUC

I do not know how many field days I have participated in but Field Day 2009 was no different from ones in the past. That is not a bad thing. As a matter of fact, that is a very good thing. The whole premise of field day is to be able to communicate under adverse conditions. The goals are to get radios and antennas to work and for operators to communicate with other stations. I must admit that reaching some of these goals is easier for Tri-Town due to our use of the bunker communication center. However, there was a lot of work needed to get us on the air. Three radios needed repair, antennas needed to be repaired and checked and the computer logging system brought online. With regards to the operators, I do not know how it is for others but it takes me a while to get into the field day rhythm. First there is the use of a different call sign and then there is hearing the other stations. It takes a while for my ears and brain to get in the groove to copy the call signs and exchanges at field day speed. Band conditions must also be dealt with. I also find that operating etiquette is important. Some stations use QRZ following a contact and this goes on for several contacts before they give their call sign. Some use none standard phonetics. The ITU phonetics are easy to understand and some stations just need to slow down. There are all type of jobs that need to be done for a field day operation to be successful. They are to do the prep work, get the field day message from the ARRL, operate CW, Phone, and Satellite, crank a hand generator, providing refreshments and someone to oversee the entire operation. We had members and guests doing all these things but could have used more during the evening and overnight. Like all the past field days, this year's was a lot of work getting ready and hours were spent by many operating but as in the past, in the end it was a ham radio experience and I had fun.

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Club Meetings & Nets

Club meetings are the **3rd Friday** of each month at the **Village of Hazel Crest Village Hall**, 170th and Holmes. All are welcome and refreshments will serve. Don't forget to bring a Friend.

Official Club 2 Mtr hangouts:

146.49 Simplex, & The Club's Repeater **146.805 WD9HSY/R**

Unofficial Club Hang Outs:

442.375 Homewood, **441.300 Grant Park WA9WLN/R**, "Waldofar"
443.325 Frankfort WD9HSY/R & **147.165 Kankakee Co. WD9HSY/R**

All UHF's use a 114.8 PL All VHF's use a 107.2 PL

The **W1AW Operating Schedule** may be found on the web: <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>

2 Mtr FM 49'ers Net - Wed, 8:00 PM Local, 146.490.

40 Mtr SSB Net - Saturdays, 8:30 AM Local, 7.2625.

10 Mtr SSB Net - Thursdays, 8:00 PM Local, 28.490.

Cracker Barrel Net - Monday-Friday 3:00 PM Local 146.805 -600kc 107.2 PL

2 Mtr FM Weather Net - Sundays, 8:00 PM local, on **The Club's Repeater** 146.805 -600kc 107.2 PL

Upcoming Hamfests

19 July 2009 Kars Fest Will County Fair Grounds, Peotone

09 Aug 2009 Hamfesters ARC, Will County Fair Grounds, Peotone

12-13 Sept 2009 Radio Expo 2009 Chicago FM Club <http://www.chicagofmclub.org>

18-19 Sep 2009 W9DXCC, Northern Illinois DX Association <http://www.w9dxcc.com>

19-20 Sep 2009 Peoria Superfest, Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club <http://www.Peoriasuperfest.com>

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TRI-TOWN ONCE AGAIN PROVIDES COMMUNICATIONS FOR ANNUAL "DRIVING THE DIXIE" EVENT

By Martin WD9JGG

On June 20, for the fourth consecutive year, Tri-Town provided very solid communications support for the 2009 "Driving the Dixie".

For the first time in the eight year history of the event, the format was changed from a parade format for the 125 or so antique and conventional vehicles. Under the new format the individual cars could stay for as long or short a period as they desired in each of the participating 12 communities along 42 mile segment of the Dixie Highway between Blue Island and Momence.

Therefore, Tri-Town likewise had to adjust "on-the-fly" to the new format but did so as true, dedicated amateurs, providing a valuable communications public service. Some dozen Tri-Towner's are recognized to have gotten involved and apologies are offered to anyone who has been missed.

Once again Tom W9SRV (with the help of three harmonics) served as mobile net control using the call sign W9VT. As with prior years, the Tri-Town operation totally depended on the very solid functionality and flawless performance of the WALDOFAR North and South UHF units (442.375 & 441.300), plus the Club 146.805 VHF machine. All three repeaters were linked for the event by Tom W9SRV and Brian WD9HSY. This allowed for handheld access throughout the route.

Tom W9SRV and Jim NV9X covered the registration process in Blue Island after which Jim NV9X served as a floater reporting on the arrival and departures of vehicles, traffic problems, auto breakdowns, assisted with parking, pedestrian directions, etc, in Posen, Markham and Hazel Crest.

Similar services were then provided on down the route as follows:

Homewood - Martin WD9JGG and Rich KB9IPS

Flossmoor - Jim W9MAQ (First year to work event)

Chicago Heights - Tony W9VN

Steger - Bill AB9RM (Bill's 1st year); Jim NV9X; and Dan WB9ACN was working as a floater in this area

Crete - Tom AB9LA

Beecher - Mark KA9MDJ

Grant Park - Gary W9GUN (First year to work event)

Momence - Martin WD9JGG and Tom W9SRV

This event, commemorating the history of Dixie Highway, is planned under the guidance of the Homewood Heritage Committee (not Historical Society), the A's R Us Model A Ford Club of America out of Crete, and representatives from each participating community. Martin WD9JGG is a member of the Homewood Heritage Committee and also serves as the liaison representative for Tri-Town. This year car registration started in Blue Island at 8:00AM and the event concluded at 6:30PM with a raffle on Island Park in Momence

Elaine Egdorf, Chairman of the Homewood Heritage Committee is also the main organizer of the event. In a thank you note on behalf of all organizers to Tri-Town, Elaine said: "Please extend our appreciation to all who helped keep the Drive safe and efficient. Your communication was critical."

Martin WD9JGG would also like to personally thank all Tri-Towner's who volunteered and then performed yeoman's duty on June 20. He will keep the club informed as plans evolve relative to 2010. Information on the event is also always available at www.drivingthedixie.org -a web site established and managed by Tom W9SRV.

Items from Ken KB9OGO's estate

Just a reminder that this is the Estate of Ken's. This is not Club property, but I'm making it available to the Club 1st. I think Ken would like it this way. I will be making it available to others on the ILHam reflector (statewide in Illinois) and then on the internet and Ebay in a few weeks, so please let me know your intentions. The prices I believe are at fair market, but I will listen to offers.

Remember it's for Ken's Family, Respectfully, Brian, WD9HSY Home. 815.469.1383 Cell 815.370.4389

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| Icom IC-706MKII HF Mobile | \$ 450 no mic |
| Icom SM-20 Base Mic for Icom Radios | \$ 120 was being used on the IC-706 |
| Icom IC-V21AT Dual Band 2 Mtr / 220 HT Radio | \$ 150 |

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| Kenwood SP-23 Speaker | \$ 65 |
| Kenwood MC-60 Mic for 8-pin Kenwoods | \$ 100 |
| Kenwood TH-79A Dual Band HT w/ base charger | \$ 200 |

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| Yaesu G-450 Rotor with mast adapter | \$ 200 |
| Alinco DR-435 440 Mobile Radio | \$ 220 |

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| Cobra 200 220 mhz Radio 12 Ch Mobile (Crystal) | \$ 75 |
| Uniden Bearcat BC890XLT Scanner 200 channel | \$ 100 |
| MFJ-864 SWR / Power meter for HF/144/440 | \$ 50 |
| MFJ-4245MF Power Supply w/meters | \$ 125 |

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| Diamond MX-72 Diplexer, HF & 2 Mtr / 440 | \$ 25 |
| Diamond DL-30A 15 watt Dummy Load to 500mhz | \$ 10 |
| Microcraft Code Breaker Morse Code Reader | \$ 30 |

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| Bencher BY-1 Paddle Black CW Key | \$ 75 |
| Gemini AR1 Light Duty 3 wire Rotor | \$ 30 |
| Hy-Gain VB-64DX 5 element 6 Mtr Beam | \$ 75 |
| Cushcraft D3 HF (20/15/10) Rotatable Dipole | \$ 150 |

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| Cushcraft MA5B 5 Band 3 element Beam (20/15/17/12/10) | \$ 300 |
| J-Pole (unknown Brand) 2 Mtr / 440 Omni | \$ 20 |
| 40 Mtr Dipole (Unknown Brand) 40 Mtr wire dipole | \$ 20 |
| Butternut HF6V-X (I think!) Multiband Vertical | \$ 50 may not be complete |
| 3ft Tripod used | \$ 20 |
| 5ft Tripod used | \$ 30 |

From another Friend's Estate WD9GXJ, Frank:

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| Icom IC-745 160-10 HF Radio (Icom checked out) | \$ 375 |
| Kenwood AT-200 Antenna Tuner | \$ 175 |
| RM KL 203 (I think) 5 in 100 out HF QRP Amp | \$ 75 |
| Butternut Butterfly beam (needs work) | \$ 50 may not be complete |
| Butternut HF6V-X (I think!) Multiband Vertical | \$ 50 may not be complete |

There may be additions and removals as things are added and sold from the list. Check the Club Website WWW.W9VT.ORG for an up to date list or just call, its all for Ken's Family

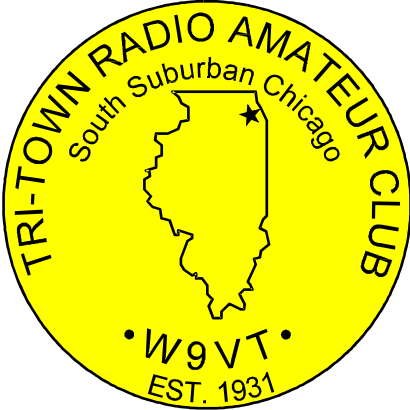
73, Brian

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First Class Mail



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Dues are now Past Due for 2009! Don't Wait!

Tri-Town Radio Amateur Club Membership Application

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____ License Class _____ ARRL Member Y / N

City, State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

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| _____ Regular Membership | \$ | 20.00 |
| _____ SWL Membership | \$ | 20.00 |
| _____ Extra Family Membership | \$ | 6.00 |
| _____ Bunker Buddie | \$ | 5.00 |

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| _____ Auto Patch w/1 Speed Slot | \$ | 25.00 |
| _____ Extra Speed Slots | \$ | 5.00 |

\$ _____ Total Paid by Club Member

For Example: Regular Member, with A/P and Bunker Buddy (20+25+5) = \$ 50.00