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## Graceland Spec offers Class for New Hams

The annual "Spectacular" this month at Graceland University included a class for prospective hams. Terry Redding W6LMJ arranged for the class to be on the Spec program. Lamoni hams were recruited to help out. Response was disappointing, as of this writing the only student to enroll in the class is Steven Holm of Lees Summit MO who is expected to pass his Technicians test by the end of the week.

Each year the Community of Christ sponsors a one week summer camp at Graceland University called Spectacular which involves approximately 1,600 junior and senior high school students from all over the nation and from many countries around the world. The mission of SPECTACULAR is to create a safe, Christ-centered community that encourages young women and men to discover God, their inherent worth, and cultivate and express their giftedness.

Our thanks to Terry Redding for taking charge of this class and to the Lamoni hams for their support. Congratulations to Steven for his success!

**Do You know any hams who are members or friends of any of the Restoration Churches that would like to be on our roster and receive this newsletter? Send your request to [w6rwh@arrl.net](mailto:w6rwh@arrl.net) or [d.shaw1@juno.com](mailto:d.shaw1@juno.com)**

## The Dayton Experience

Mark your calendar and make Reservations now for the 2003 Ham-vention in Dayton, Ohio May 16-18 /03. The old expression "You ain't seen nothing yet", certainly applies. I've attended ARRL National Conventions but the Dayton Hamvention is second to none.

## 20 Meter Net

Frequency 14.287 MHz

1530 Central Time Sunday

The following names and call signs checked into the 20M net between 4/20/02 and 7/14/02. At times others were net control and we may have missed some.

Ernie WB2UJL Net Control

WDØARL, Ed Gordon  
NØBGG, Larry Oiler  
KØBKZ, Gene Chadwick  
NØELM, Fred Troeh  
WAØIBS, Andy Ferrara  
NØIYD, John Chapman Jr.  
WØLU, James Jensen  
WAØPTG, Melvin Francis  
NØSFG, Bryan Welsh  
WØSHQ, Robin Cross  
NØWZH, Steve Hampton  
KGØXU, Michael Hahn  
N1IZP, Joseph Brignolo  
VY2AS, Andy  
W2TFT, Tom Thatcher  
WB2UJL, Ernie Miles  
HP3XUD, Denny Weldon  
N4WTW, Mike Glowaski

M5BOP, Mark Riley  
W5HKY, Barbara Redding  
N5LCL, David Gates  
KC5WQL, Jesus Rios  
AH6ES, Berty Mau  
W6LMJ, Terry Redding  
W6RWH, Hale Collins  
KA7DCQ, Vernon Smith  
W7FDL, Floyd Lehman  
WD8PAJ, Laurance Dube  
W8QK, Muirl Robins on  
W9FCY, John Purcell  
N9HNQ, John Czajka  
KB9LBH, Larry Corbett  
W9PSU, Bill Reese  
N9TTX, Dave Aho  
K9YV, Steve Fagan

I departed Independence MO for the long day's drive at 0500 hours. I wish I'd left the night before because I didn't arrive till late on Friday. I did hit the indoor exhibits before the 1800 closing time. The Hara Arena puts me in mind of the buildings on a state fair grounds. They utilize the arena area as well as several attached exhibit halls to display the latest in Ham Radio. You can get anything from a Snow Cone to a New Ten-Tec rig. If the rice burners are your favorite they were there too. I saw demonstrations of something called a Hex-Beam which is more like the supports for a beach umbrella than an antenna. You name it and it was there in volume.

You can't park at the arena because all of its several Acre parking lot is a swap meet. Believe me the ankles gave out before I'd covered half of it. Again if it is loosely related to radio it was there.

The one thing I missed was the companionship of some of my Ham friends. I thought many times how great it

would have been to commiserate with some of my ASCRA buddies while enjoying the spectacle that is Dayton.

I'd be remiss if I didn't tip my hat to the Dayton Amateur Radio Association on the fine job they do year after year putting this together. Check out [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org) for more information and how to obtain tickets. See you at Dayton!

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TO ALL ASCRA MEMBERS

THE 146.73 (Independence) REPEATER IS BACK ON HIGH POWER AND WORKING WELL.

IT WILL PUT OUT 80 WATTS AT FULL POWER BUT WE BACKED IT DOWN TO 30 WATTS SO AS NOT TO GET INTO THE LAMONI REPEATER.

OUR REPAIR BILL WAS \$ 250.00 FOR PARTS AND LABOUR AND DELIVERY EXPENSE.

OLD MILO de KC5AZ

# **QST to all Radio Amateurs**

**Your article could have been in this space. Please send a draft and picture describing something interesting you have done with ham radio. Perhaps some service project, field day expedition, successful antenna or equipment. If you wish we can put it into proper form to meet our "high standards."**

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# ASCRA Journey – Part 1

By Michael Hahn, KGØXU  
Executive Director

Terry Redding, W6LMJ, and I were talking after the net one Sunday a few weeks ago. He was sharing his experience about participating in a special event station activity with another group he associates with. Terry thought ASCRA could do something similar and get our name out onto the frequencies a bit more. I agreed.

Since coming into the ASCRA association our emphasis has been predominately fellowship oriented. Now don't get me wrong – fellowship is important and is identified as one of the purposes of ASCRA – in fact it is the first purpose. I had heard stories about our involvement in La Buena Fe. It seemed that we had members all over the world. (Maybe that was just Terry moving from place to place!) It seemed as if the historical ASCRA had been more active. Involved in activities that didn't necessarily focus on the Independence area. There was a level of activity and involvement that seems to have faded.

So, what to do?

As the executive director of ASCRA I am responsible to, "the Board of Directors for the proper operation of the Association" (Article IV, Section 4). I interpret this to mean that I oversee the program of ASCRA as articulated by the board of directors. I also feel this means that I can be proactive in guiding the board into areas and activities that I feel would be beneficial to ASCRA as well as beneficial to amateur radio and other communities we serve.

This is why I am excited that Terry seems to be on the same wavelength that I am on (pun intended). Where is ASCRA going and how are we going to get there? In my mind we have been on quite a journey but it has been a journey by others, in the past and now over. We are resting now, but it is time to get up and begin a new journey. So, where shall we go? We need a plan.

It would be impossible to attempt anything as large as La Buena Fe – right now. We need to work up to something like that. We need to start small. Will you help?

Here are some ideas that can help prepare us for bigger goals. I asked Terry to share what he and I talked about through an e-mail. He suggests we have a special event celebrating our years or number of nets on the air with our Sunday afternoon net. We'll have to research that one. Another suggestion was to have a ham class or booth at Spec each year to invite young people to a new hobby. (See *article page 1.. editor*) While it was too late for this year ASCRA will have an information booth at the next World Conference.

These are just a few ideas of how ASCRA can get into the public eye. Can you assist? Will you help? Do you have other ideas? Let me or another board member know your idea.

I would like to take you on a journey of possibilities over the next few issues of IN SERVICE. I will be asking questions about where we want to go, how we might get there, what we want to do, and who we should be serving. To do this I will walk you through the six purposes of ASCRA as outlined in our bylaws. I hope that when we are finished we will have a clearer idea of what ASCRA is and why we are a part.

## IN-SERVICE Volunteers

Dwight & Doris Heath have just returned from Nauvoo where they volunteered from after World Conference until the end of May. Dwight served as an interpreter at the church's Joseph Smith Historic Site and Doris worked in the gift shop and as a grounds keeper, planting, trimming and nurturing the flowers, etc.

The LDS reconstruction of the historical Nauvoo Temple has caused an immense influx of visitors who want to tour the Temple during the "open house" time before the dedication. Many of these visitors also visit the Community of Christ properties. Approximately 1000 persons per day passed through our Visitor Center, the Homestead and the Mansion House.

## Lamoni Chapter Meeting

The Lamoni Amateur Radio Association met for breakfast on June 8, 2002. Hale (W6RWH) and Barbara Lee (W6RWE) Collins, Bill Raiser (N0ESY), Bob (KGØII) and Lynda (KBØUBT) Farnham were joined by Bill (KCØJEI) and DeLane Hein of Spickard, Missouri. The meeting was held at the Quilt Country Restaurant in Lamoni. Following the meeting Hale, Bill Raiser, and Bob mowed the grass around the repeater tower. LARA has an agreement with the local cable TV provider to mow the grass, in exchange for use of the tower and space in the equipment room for the repeater electronics. The antenna for the WØSHQ repeater in Lamoni is at the top of the 400-foot tower. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, at 9:00 a.m.

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**as of 7/27/02**

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3) kg0ii	1269
4) Rod Schall	762
5) Ralph T Stetson III	362
6) joe AD6VD	312
7) n0oxk	303
8) W6LMJ	280
9) ka0vtb	247
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