



The Centurion

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That's Amore

*Every moment you show you care instead of saying it,
You create an image of true sustained love.*

~ Anonymous ~

The month of February causes one to stop and reflect upon the people places and things that we have come to hold so dear to our hearts. We spend time Publicly expressing our love for our sweethearts who stand by us trough al of our trials and tribulations and who we share all of out triumphs and joyous occasions. Many of us extend this appreciation to family members and close friends. We even take time off to reflect and celebration the founding fathers of our country. Praising the many principals and actions they

have taken to help unite us in our quest to bring us closer to each other. Let us all use this time to show our appreciation towards each other and to serve each other in our quest to build new friendships and lasting relationships through our common love of a hobby known as Amateur Radio. Let us all become kinder towards each other and step in and help out when we see our friends are in need. This is the embodiment of our hobby and we need to put differences aside and see what needs to be done and get the task at hand done. The century club is a great organization to help everyone grow and develop better skills as radio operators



EYEBALL 2014

Eyeball 2014, hosted by Keith (KS9WI) and Elaine (N9QZF) Summers, will be held in De Pere, WI (in eastern WI) the weekend of July 17-19, 2014. The event location will be in the Pine Room of the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St, De Pere, WI 54115. The ticket price is \$60 per person pre-paid & children under 16-yrs are free. Mail checks made payable to "Keith Summers" to Keith Summers, 918 Bluebird St, De Pere, WI 54115-3203.

De Pere, founded in 1883, pop 25,525, is a suburb of Green Bay located in Brown County at the SW tip of Green Bay, a large body of water connecting to Lake Michigan. It is split roughly in half by the Fox River with a 1/3-mile long 4-lane bridge connecting the two halves. The IL-WI border is about 140 miles to the south. the closest dry portion of the MI-WI border is about 150 miles to

the NNW in Land O'Lakes, WI. It's about 335 miles to the dry portion of the MN-WI border in the NW corner of WI. The IA-WI border is all wet.

Our meeting room in the De Pere Community Center is 35' x 53', seats about 160, is air conditioned, and has access to a kitchen adjacent to the room for food service. Free WiFi is available. Beer and wine consumption is permitted; smoking is prohibited.

LODGING: Travel Lodge will be offering a group rate of \$59 per night. Mention "HAM RADIO GROUP" when reserving to get the group rate. Includes free breakfast, free WiFi, fitness center, handicapped rooms - bench in tub, no roll-in shower. Located at 2870 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 499-3599.

Ramada Plaza will be offering a group rate of \$79 per night. Mention "HAM RADIO GROUP" when reserving to get the group rate. Includes free WiFi, fitness center, handicapped rooms. Located at 2750 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 499-0631. Ramada Plaza will also provide Shuttle Service to and from the Community Center and Green Bay Airport - ask for details on Community Center shuttle upon arrival.

Super 8, 2868 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 494-2042

Hampton Inn, 2840 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 498-9200

Comfort Inn, 2841 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 498-2060

RV PARKS - CAMPING

Brown County Fairgrounds, a mile from the Eyeball Site at 1500 Fort Howard Ave, De Pere, WI 54115, (920) 336-7292. Spaces here are on a first-come first-served basis.

Apple Creek Campground (approx 9 miles), 3831 County Road U, De Pere, WI 54115, (920) 532-4386

FOOD

Joe's Texas BBQ, 1800 S Ashland Ave, Green Bay, (920) 430-1404

Legends Brewhouse & Eatery, 875 Heritage Rd, De Pere, (920) 336-8036

The Wellington Steakhouse, 1060 Hansen Rd, Green Bay, (920) 499-2000

Olive Garden, 2819 S Oneida St, Green Bay, (920) 496-7974

Nicolet Restaurant, 525 Reid St, (920) 336-8726

Grazies Italian Grill, 2851 S Oneida St, Green Bay, (920) 499-6365

Bilotti's Pizza & Italian Garden, 113 N Broadway, De Pere, (920) 336-1811

A's Restaurant & Music Cafe, 112 N Broadway, De Pere, (920) 336-2277

George Street Cafe, 614 George St, De Pere, (920) 632-4240

Caliente Mexican Restaurant, 623 George St, De Pere, (920) 336-8737

Joe's Texas BBQ, 1800 S Ashland Ave, Green Bay, (920) 430-1404 (Keith & Elaine recommend the brisket & ribs)

No1 Chinese Restaurant, 118 S Broadway, De Pere, (920) 339-9997

Taste of India, 930 Waube Ln, Green Bay, (920) 338-9200

Denny's, 2894 S Oneida St, Green Bay, (920) 494-6604

Bay Park Square Mall is located about 2 miles north of the motels at 2401 South Oneida Street, Green Bay, WI, just one mile south of historic Lambeau field, and is home to International House of Pancakes, Longhorn Steakhouse, Old Chicago, and Texas Roadhouse.

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 2800 S Oneida St, Green Bay, (920) 592-0747, Free WiFi

Subway, 2893 S Oneida St, (920) 964-0227

ATTRACTIONS

The NEW Zoo is located about 15 miles north of the motels at 4418 Reforestation Road, Green Bay, WI 54313, (920) 434-7841. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors or under age 16, under age 2 free. The miles of trails, picnic areas, trout ponds, and animal exhibits provide fun and enjoyment for the whole family. Visit the observation tower to see a good portion of the animal exhibits and lush habitat in one magnificent view.

Green Bay Botanical Garden is located about 5 miles north of the motels at 2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay, WI 54303, (920) 490-9457. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$2 for ages 5 thru 12. Opened to the public in 1996, Green Bay Botanical Garden's 47 acres of display gardens and natural areas capture the beauty of northeast Wisconsin's four distinct and wonderful seasons. Visitors will enjoy outstanding architecture that sets the stage

for an all-star performance by plants specially chosen for their ability to thrive in the Upper Midwest.

Green Bay Packers FAN Hall of Fame is located about 3 miles north of the motels in the atrium of Lambeau field at 1265 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 569-7500. Unfortunately it's closing in November 2013 for renovations and won't reopen until April 2015. You may want to inquire about attending Packers practice sessions, which are open to the public.

National Railroad Museum is located about 2 miles northeast of the motels at 2285 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 437-7623. Ride aboard vintage, full-size railroad equipment for a 25-minute tour of the Museum. Along the way, the conductor describes various rolling stock, points out highlights of the Museum, talks about railroad safety and discusses the hobo culture. The train ride is pulled by a diesel locomotive. No reservations are needed to ride the train. Admission to the Museum is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62+), \$6.50 for ages 3-12, free under 3. With train ride, \$11, \$10, \$8.50 and free. Inquire by phone before going because the museum is sometimes booked for private events, such as a wedding on Saturday July 19, 2014.

Bay City Amusement Park is located about 8 miles northeast of the motels on the shore of Green Bay at 1313 Bay Beach Rd, Green Bay, WI 54301, (920) 448-3365. Bay Beach is the 9th oldest continuously operating amusement park in the United States. It features live pony rides, boat (kiddie) rides, bumper cars, chairplane, ferris wheel, giant slide, helicopter (kiddie) ride, jeeps, lady bugs, race cars, scrambler, sky fighters, tilt a whirl, Yo-Yo, Zippin Pippin (a 2500-foot roller coaster with 5 hills up to 70 feet), and the Bay Beach Train. The Bay Beach Train (a mini train) is the favorite ride of the park. The train takes you on a short tour of the grounds along the picturesque bay and back to the train depot. All aboard! There is no admission charge to the park and parking is free. Ride tickets are \$0.25 each (yes, really), with most rides requiring one or two tickets per rider. The Zippin Pippin Roller Coaster requires 4 tickets. Tickets for the live pony rides must be purchased at the pony ride site. Pony ride tickets are \$2 each. Regular ride tickets aren't

accepted at the live pony ride. Sounds like the place to go if you have children.

Heritage Hill State Historical Park is about 3 miles east of the motels, just a bit over the bridge at 2640 S Webster Ave, Green Bay, WI 54301, (920) 448-5150. Heritage Hill State Historical Park is a 50 acre living history museum in Green Bay, Wisconsin, beautifully nestled on the banks of the Fox River. See their web site for details. Adult admission is \$9, \$8 for Seniors (62+), \$7 for ages 4-17, under 4 free.

Bay Park Square Mall is located about 2 miles north of the motels at 2401 South Oneida Street, Green Bay, WI, just one mile south of historic Lambeau field, (920) 499-2277. Bay Park Square Mall is home to Kohl's, Shopko, Younkers, Younkers Furniture Gallery and more than 90 specialty retailers including Aerie, Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters, Bath & Body Works, Buckle, Coldwater Creek, Express, Gap, Gymboree, LOFT, Old Navy, Tilly's, Victoria's Secret, and Zumiez. The mall also has many great restaurants to choose from including International House of Pancakes, Longhorn Steakhouse, Old Chicago, Texas Roadhouse, and 8 tempting food court eateries. Admission is free. Exit cost is up to you!

QRP NETS

There will be local QRP Nets - open to all at the Eyeball and elsewhere - on 40/75m SSB, 40/80m CW, 80/40/20m RTTY and 80/40/20m PSK31. See Very Important QRP Net Details.

SPECIAL EVENT CALL SIGN

The 2014 Eyeball Special Event call signs W9E and W9I will be available for use by any member active on our nets - with mobile operators attending the Eyeball being given preference - beginning 0001Z July 11 and ending 2359Z July 25. Eyeball QSL cards will be available at cost (plus shipping if not picked up at the Eyeball). Please email Jim Higgins, KB3PU with your requests for use of the special event call sign. Please, one date/net to a customer to start. We would like to accommodate as many users, on as many nets, in as many states as possible.

Suggested images suitable for an Eyeball 2014 card - De Pere and/or Wisconsin related - may be emailed to the Webmaster. Please specify who took the picture and where you obtained the image. If the image is copyrighted, you must attach contact information for the copyright holder.

MAIN RAFFLE PRIZES - TBD

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS will be in the pool for ALL MAJOR RAFFLE ITEMS regardless of prior winning draws for the "smaller" raffle items. This may cause you to rethink raffle ticket purchases. You cannot win UNLESS YOU PLAY!!! Best of all, raffle ticket purchases help to support the cost of the Eyeball!!!

Raffle tickets are available to Eyeball attendees only. Tickets will be \$5 each EXCEPT tickets ordered before the Eyeball will be only \$4 each!! Email Eyeball Host, Keith Summers, KS9WI with the number of tickets you (attendees only) wish to purchase no later than Wednesday June 26, and pay for them when you register at the Eyeball. With the prizes to be offered, you can't afford to sit on the sidelines.

In addition to the above raffle & door prizes, everyone coming can make this even better by bringing something from their local community. This could be as simple as a bottle of wine or some kind of craft item. Tickets to your local theme park 1,000 miles away probably won't work too well. The idea here is to share something that someone else can use. If you're not coming to the Eyeball and wish to contribute, then you can send your item to your Eyeball 2014 Host, Keith Summers, KS9WI

AUCTION

There will be an auction of a Queen Size quilt, in an as yet to be named design, made by Judy Higgins, wife of Jim, KB3PU. Additional personal items from other members may be featured, depending on interest and participation. To participate, either bring the item with you, or a picture of it, declare a reserve price that you must receive, and let the bidding begin. If you have an item with a reserve of

\$50 and it sells for \$75, you will receive the \$50 and the Eyeball will receive the additional \$25. Should be a lot of fun and it's for a good cause.

So far the following items have been listed:

Eyeball 2014 Quilt, approx 90" x 108" (enough for a 15" drop plus pillow tuck), in a (as yet to be named) design, made by Judy Higgins, wife of Jim, KB3PU.

EYEBALL STATION SET-UP

There will be one, and hopefully two stations in operation at the Eyeball, to be shared among the nets according to the Eyeball Schedule, band conditions and the availability of the facility. Anyone able to provide a second or third station, one of which would be dedicated to and should be set up for both RTTY and PSK, amplifiers (115 volts) preferred, please contact Keith Summers, KS9WI with details.

BEST QSL CONTEST

For the folks coming to the Eyeball there will be a QSL card contest with the winner selected by those attending the Eyeball.

Just bring the best of your own unique card designs and enter it as "Best Personal QSL." This must be a card you have previously sent out at least 25 times (honor system), not just a card designed for the contest. Also bring the best card design you have received from someone else and enter it as "Best QSL Received." These cards will be placed on display and Eyeball attendees will be given a ballot to vote on the best in each category. The person in each category who receives the most votes will win a modest prize.

GREEN BAY / DE PERE WEATHER

Expect daytime temperatures in the mid-high 80s to mid-90s, down to about 75 - 80 at night, wind light to moderate, rain unlikely. Click Weather for De Pere, then click "NWS Forecast" for current weather and a 7-day forecast.

EYEBALL 2014

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY DATE	TIME		EVENT	LOCATION
	LOCAL	UTC		
Thursday 07/17/2014	8:00	13:30	Eyeball Registration	De Pere Community Center
	10:00	15:00	Transmitter Hunting Seminar	De Pere Community Center
	11:00	16:00	Transmitter Hunt on Foot	VFW Park (next to Community Center)
			Lunch on your own	
			Visiting Time & Local Attractions	
			Dinner on your own	
	18:30	23:30	40m SSB Early Net	De Pere Community Center
	21:00	02:00	75m SSB Early Net	De Pere Community Center
	23:00	04:00	40m SSB Late Net	De Pere Community Center
	00:00	05:00	75m SSB Late Net	De Pere Community Center
Friday 07/18/2014	9:00	14:00	<u>Mobile Clinic</u> (Including 160m Operation) Conducted By Shootout Master Lon Martin, K0WJ (Top Gun 2001 & 2010)	De Pere Community Center
	10:30	15:30	QRP NETS 40m / 75m SSB (<u>Additional Important Info</u>)	De Pere Community Center
			Lunch on your own	
	01:30	18:30	QRP NETS 80m / 40m CW 80m / 40m / 20m RTTY / PSK (<u>Additional Important Info</u>)	De Pere Community Center
			Visiting Time & Local Attractions	
	17:00	22:00	Dinner (catered)	De Pere Community Center
	18:30	23:30	40m SSB Early Net	De Pere Community Center
			Bingo with prizes	De Pere Community Center
	21:00	02:00	75m SSB Early Net	De Pere Community Center
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	00:00	05:00	75m SSB Late Net	De Pere Community Center
Saturday 07/19/2014	9:30	14:30	<u>Mobile Shootout</u> Conducted by Rangemaster Lon Martin, K0WJ	Brown County Fairgrounds
	12:00	17:00	Lunch (catered)	De Pere Community Center
	13:30	18:30	Annual Board Meeting (open to all)	De Pere Community Center
	Immediately Following	Immediately Following	Presidential Awards Presentation	De Pere Community Center
			Door Prize Raffle	De Pere Community Center
			Quilt Auction (possible additional items)	De Pere Community Center
	16:45	21:45	Group Photo (Photographer TBD)	De Pere Community Center
	17:00	22:00	Dinner Banquet Buffet Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Baked Beans, Dessert	De Pere Community Center
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Sunday 07/20/2014	TBD	TBD	Meet for Breakfast Together (on your own)	Local Restaurant TBD
	Immediately Following	Immediately Following	WI Eyeball Ends - 73	Have a safe trip home!
			Cleanup - for those able to help	De Pere Community Center
Local times shown are Central Daylight Time (UTC-5)				

Notes from the editor

I would like to thank all those that have contributed to this edition of the Centurion.

I would like to publicly apologize for the lack of centurions last year. I started out with the best intentions to provide the Club with the highest level of service. My life has become more complicated and I needed to spend more time taking care of my family. In so doing hobbies have had to take a back seat to other pressing matters. I do not have the time needed to gather information and assemble the centurion in a timely manner the club deserves.

All comments, questions and Articles you would like to share about the club or its operations.

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Thanks and 73's