

# NorthEast Wisconsin DX Association

Board of Directors information to NEWDXA membership

## NEWDXA JANUARY 17, 2009 MEETING



NEWDXA member Steve Weinert - K9ZW provides the program for the January meeting by presenting information on the FLEXRADIO system. He brought his FLEXRADIO so members could actually see it and he provided an outstanding power point presentation on the radio. Members present all agreed that Steve, K9ZW should present again when more members can be present, We may try again in September. This amateur radio is certainly the way of the future, however, it may take some ole timers some getting used to operating this type of SDR—software defined radio. Steve is at: k9zw@mac.com for members wishing some direct information from him regarding this TRANSCEIVER.



STEVE—K9ZW

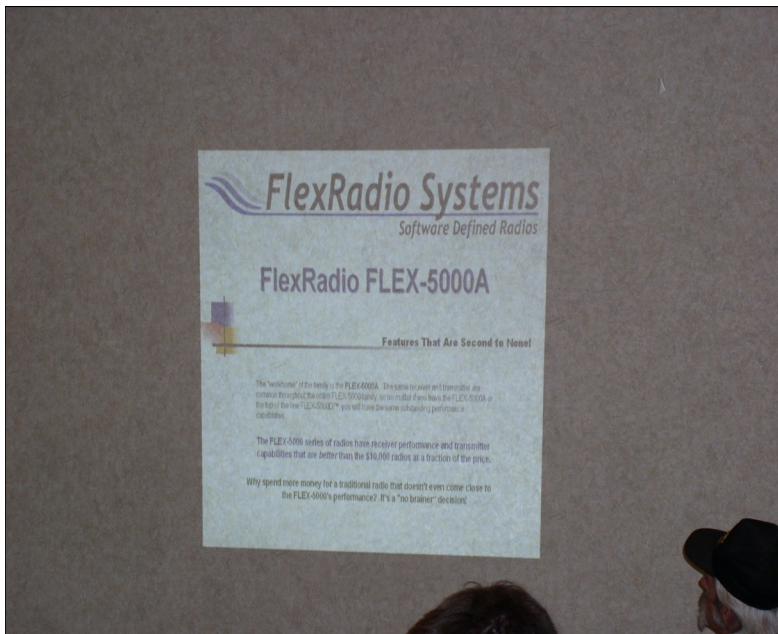
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FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION  
ON FLEXRADIO



FRONT VIEW OF FLEXRADIO

### MAST INFO

Paul K5AF sends this method for making a cheap lightweight mast, "Use the thinnest schedule PVC pipe you can find, buy a can of "Great Stuff", make a telescoping mast about 28' long with three diameters of PVC, drill a small hole every foot and shoot the Great Stuff in, let it harden and you have a very rigid mast for Inverted-Vees and other wire antennas. If you wish, you can even embed ladder line in the mast before you shoot the foam inside, from what I can tell, Great Stuff has pretty decent dielectric properties. From NZ9Z



More information can be found at:  
[www.flex-radio.com](http://www.flex-radio.com)



## NEWDXA NEXT MEETING

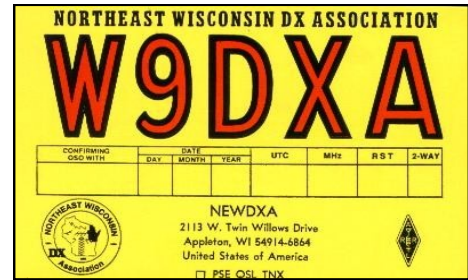
May 9, 2009

### Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant

2720 10th Street

Menominee, MICHIGAN

START TIME: 10:00AM



**NOTE:** The NEWDXA meeting was scheduled for May 16 but was **MOVED** to May 9 because members reported the May 16 date was a conflict with the **DAYTON HAMVENTION**.

### DX QSL FIELD CHECKER STATUS

John Meyer, NZ9Z has been appointed by the DXCC desk of the ARRL and is active as of now as a field checker. Contact John for an appointment to check your cards. His email is: [jmeyer@tm.net](mailto:jmeyer@tm.net)

### NorthEast Wisconsin DX

#### Association

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Member at large - Bob—KA9JAC

## JANUARY 2009 MEETING AND THE WEATHER

**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THE JANUARY 2009 MEETING HAD A SNOW CONFLICT.**

**IT IS TOO DIFFICULT AT SHORT NOTICE TO CANCEL A MEETING AT THE LAST MOMENT BECAUSE EVERY ONE DOES NOT CHECK THEIR EMAILS OFTEN.**

**SOME WOULD GET THE WORD AND SOME WOULD NOT SO IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE MEETING.**

**IN MY SHORT MEMBERSHIP I CAN NOT REMEMBER A TIME WHEN WE HAD WEATHER THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH A MEETING.**

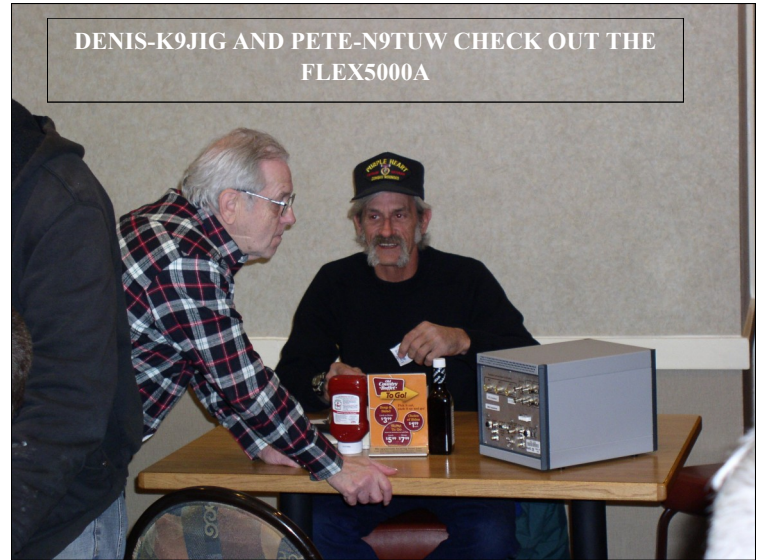
**HOPEFULLY THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN FOR AWHILE.**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME AND THOSE THAT WOULD HAVE APPEARED HAD THE WEATHER BEEN BETTER.**

**WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH TO ENDANGER OUR MEMEBERSHIP UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS - stay home.**

From the ARRL Newsletter, January 9, 2009:

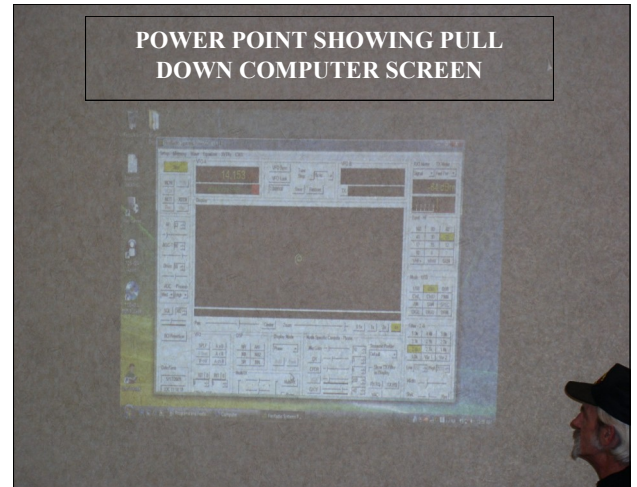
\* New QSL Tracking Service in Chile: Have you sent a QSL to Chile but had no reply? Perhaps you had a contact with XQ, CE, CA, CD, XR, 3G or CC that has not been confirmed. According to David Calderwood, CE2WZ/GW4VHO, a group of Chilean amateurs has offered to try and help obtain missing cards by carrying out searches and making enquiries in Chile. To use this free service, please contact Jose Luis Jimenez, CE1KR, via e-mail <celkr.joseluis@gmail.com>. You can write to him in Spanish or English. Full details on this service are available on the Hunting QSL Cards Web site <<http://hunting-qsl.blogspot.com/>>. FROM NZ9Z



DENIS-K9JIG AND PETE-N9TUW CHECK OUT THE FLEX5000A



NEWDXA MEMBERS VIEW THE PRESENTATION



POWER POINT SHOWING PULL DOWN COMPUTER SCREEN

DIGITAL TV SIGNALS



REAR OF FLEX SHOWING CONNECTIONS

I just found something in the ARRL Contest Update (11/26/08) that may be use to a few of us. From what a TV repairman told me, digital TV signals require a more accurate alignment of the TV antenna, direction wise, than analog signals do. This site, [www.tvfool.com](http://www.tvfool.com), takes your street address (or actual lat/long if you know it) and calculates a map showing the direction to point your antenna, as well as signal strength and other station information. As most all of these new digital frequencies are in the UHF range, if signal strengths aren't good enough at a person's QTH, a better UHF antenna may be needed. I found that I should turn my antenna a slight bit farther toward the NW. It'll be interesting to see if that helps, as I experience signal degradation at times, and unfortunately with digital (unlike analog) that doesn't mean snow – it means the sound and picture freeze temporarily, or go black entirely! Also, since it's UHF, it is more prone to signal loss going through vegetation – like my 60-foot tall conifer plantation to the north of my house! FROM NZ9Z



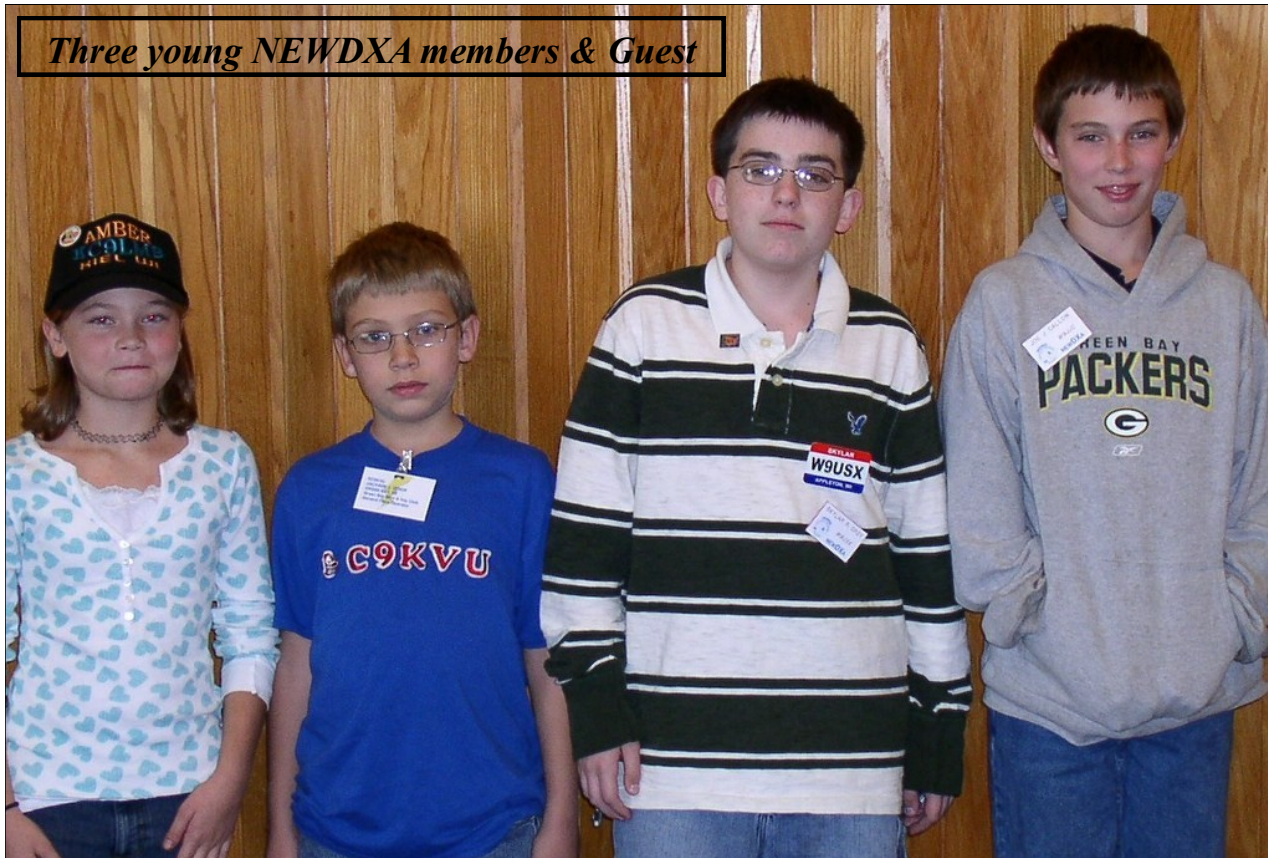
Thanks to Steve, K9ZW for providing the January Program



**INTERESTING AMATEUR RADIO EVENT**

Mark, W9OP received a QSL card via the W9 Bureau on November 8, 2008. The interesting part of the bureau cards received was one card from **NOVEMBER 9, 1958!** The card was from Karl Medrow, Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Canada for a CW contact 50 years ago! The call of the station worked was W3MCG/VE4. Mark's call in 1958 was W9PJT and the QSL was addressed to that call sign. The QSL card looked old but appeared to be in good shape. The ARRL had no comment on the 50 year delay in forwarding the card.

*Three young NEWDXA members & Guest*



Amber Kreis-KC9LMB-NEWDXA # 99 (Kiel, WI) / Jackson Tenor-KC9KVU-GUEST-(Green Bay, WI)  
 Skylar Croy-W9USX -NEWDXA #L94 (Appleton, WI) / Joey Callow-W9JJC-NEWDXA #93 (Marinette, WI)