

# HBQRP Group News Letter

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## Midwest HomeBrewers and QRP Group



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## Jan. 12th 2008 Meeting Notes



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The January meeting started on time and coffee was hot when we got there. 5 folks received new Nor-Cal S-9 kits and a complementary Altoids Tin and the work began.

By the end of the get together, 3 of the S-9 kits were done, two of which were tested and I could hear them both on my little Manhattan version Sudden receiver clear across the room. Nice!

At various stages, some of us would break for food and drink (Which is why we have these get gatherings at the pizza place..)

Darrel (K0AWB) brought two of his Small Wonder rigs, one on 30 and one on 20 and is finishing the 40 meter version. Nice little rigs.

I showed up with two of my Sudden receiver projects,



one the Sudden Storm from Rex and the other one I built Manhattan style. Doug (K16DS) had provided the group with little bags of parts to build these receivers a while back. Doug has been a good supporter for our group and we appreciate his efforts very much. We like his kits too!

Not sure if any project has been decided on for next meeting but a motion was put to the group and I believe we will be going out to the local field for the May get together and do a little antenna testing.

Our first antenna day was great fun, little warm but fun. Some picture are on page 2. Thanks All!

← In the photo -

Jim KØØRD

Brian KØØVY

Joe KØNEB

Darrel K0AWB

Dar W9HZC

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## The project for January



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The meeting started with the distribution of 5 S-9 kits to various members of the group. By meetings end, 3 were finished, 2 tested and the other's were close to being finished.

Ray (N5SEZ) supervised the SMT Soldering and all went well.

Next meeting will be Mar. 8th, 2008.

Come and join us.

## Group members test antennas at the local ball park.

For our July meeting, some folks went to the Pizza place in Ashland and got Pizza to go and the rest of us went to the local city ball park and started setting up for our first annual antenna test. There were long wires, di-poles, pack-12's and a Buddy Pole. Seemed like they all worked. For backup, Dar always carried along a couple of Ham Sticks and mag-mount and uses his little Silver Cobalt for a ground plane, seems to work. A good time was had by all.



**Park in a nice, neat row, grab a couple picnic table, set up antennas and get on air.**



**Jim (KC0SHZ) trying Darrel's little Sierra radio and making a QSO.**



**Everything set and ready to go, you can tell Dar's operating position by the Starbucks cup!**



**Here's Dar (W9HZC) and his Icom IC-703 making contacts on SSB (QRP of course!)**



**Ray (N5SEZ) trying to decide which thing to take a picture of! Darrel (K0AWB) is in the back ground scratching his head about something or swatting at mosquitoes.**

## OzarkCon in Joplin in April

Make plans to attend this year's OzarkCon QRP conference on April 25 & 26, 2008 at Joplin, Missouri. This year they are expecting more visitors from the United Kingdom at OzarkCon! Come join them and scores of American QRP'ers in April for the biggest and best QRP convention in mid-America.

Joe K0NEB will be running two ses-

sions on kit building and they will be building the little CW keyer from QRPKits (see picture). Dar W9HZC will be assisting Joe with the sessions. Several of our group will be attending. Take your latest project and see if you can win a prize.

For more information and to register, go to the following—

<http://ozarkcon.com/>



**Tiny keyer from QRPKits and KI6DS**



## Our Jan. 12th get-together—Pictures



N5SEZ and SMT lesson



Now, where did that little thing go?



Food and kits, what else is there?



W9HZC and his Sudden Receivers



KØNEB working on S-9 Kit



Finished S-9 Kit (and it worked!)



KØAWB brought lots of goodies



One Sudden Storm receiver from Rex, one Manhattan style from Dar (W9HZC).

## What is Dar working on now?



With a little over two months until OzarkCon, in Joplin, Dar's workbench is covered with projects. The priority project is the DC-40 which will go into the 'race car' tin in the picture.

The rig will fit in the tin with batteries and be trail ready. Plug in key, headsets and antenna and you are on the air.



DC-40 project for OzarkCon



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The Midwest HomeBrewers and QRP group is a bunch of Amateur Radio folks who like to build, experiment, play and operate QRP radios from anywhere. Our group has varied interests and you will find us operating CW, SSB, PSK, TTY, FM, AM or two tin cans on a string. The purpose of the group is to have a good time, build stuff, chat about radios and other related stuff and (oh yea!) EAT!

Our meetings are on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months, (unless of course there is a HUSKERS game that week, then we work around the game...!!) Everyone is welcome to drop in at the Bordeaux Pizza Place in Ashland, NE, just off highway 6.

Come and join the fun!!



Pictures are posted at:  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/Dar.W9HZC>

**NOTE:** Ray, N5SEZ wanted to be sure that the clever guy who developed the heat gun procedure could be found at <http://www.zianet.com/erg/>



Dar (W9HZC) had just received his first Rock-Mite kit and was in the build process when he and his spouse needed to make a shopping trip to the Commissary store at Offutt AFB.

Walking down the aisle, He spotted the small Ham in a can on the shelf and knew he had found his 'tin' for the 20 meter, Rock-Mite. And, eating the Ham with crackers and cheese while watching the Nebraska game on TV

## **Member's Projects—Dar's Rock-Mite 'HAM' radio**

had nothing to do with it (yea, right !).

The 'HAM' Radio is a big hit at Boy Scout and Girl Scout events.

The last picture shows a young lady who was delighted when she could 'hear Morse code' in the ear phones.

