

From the President's Desk

By Jerry K9PMV

I hope that you all had a very happy and healthy 2006 holiday season. I must say that our last club meeting of 2006 was a memorable one. We gathered at the Bunker for our year end activities which included: a recap of the club's 75th anniversary, the awards presentation, election of new officers, and food. We were pleased to have Hazel Crest Mayor Donaldson and his wife in attendance. At starting time, there was standing room only at the bunker. Trish N9WDG gave us a recap of the club's 75th anniversary. In this issue of the Oscillator, Trish has written an article describing anniversary details.

The awards program was next:

The Vern Dawson W8VZE Award was given to **Trish N9WDG** for all the hard work she has put into the anniversary. If you enjoyed any or all anniversary events, you owe it to Trish for the good times.

Tri-Town's Certificate of Merit went to **Brian WD9HSY** for being Oscillator editor, Chairman of the board of directors, Repeater Trustee and W9H operator.

Receiving **Certificates of Appreciation** were:

Mark	KA9MDJ	Refreshments and Special Event Call W9H
Jon	KB9QCQ	Refreshments
Rich	KB9IPS	Vice President and Class monitor
John	N9DWE	Donations for Magnetic Signs and Bunker Tables
Jim	KB9VR	Antenna committee
Tom	W9SRV	Webmaster, Driving the Dixie mobile
Carl	KB9EVD	Computer donation and 10 meter NCS
Jim	NV9X	Contest Committee Chairman
Dave	N9LGP	Field Day Captain
Mike	WA9ZPM	Audio/ Visual Engineering
Sharon	KA9IIT	For the Gunderson Family's contributions to the 75 Anniversary.

The club election proceed smoothly. The only change for 2007 is **Brian N9BTH** replacing **Brian WD9HSY** on the board of directors. All incumbent officers ran unopposed and simply volunteered to serve another year.

I and the Tri-Town board of directors hope to make 2007 another great year for you, the club members. We are looking forward to presenting interesting meeting programs and operating events that will increase your enjoyment of amateur radio.

CQ Contest, CQ Contest, from W9VT

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As 2007 begins, Jim NV9X has been looking at the contest calendar and is lining up cool operating events for us to participate in. The contest committee's goal is to put W9VT on the air, use the bunker, sharpen our operating skills and get awards for the club. For January, the contest line up looks like this:

13th , Noon to MidnightNorth American QSO Party (CW)
20th , Noon to Midnight North American QSO Party (SSB)
20th , 1 pm to 10 pm Sun... ARRL VHF sweepstakes
28th , 6pm to 6 pm Sun CQ WW 160 meter (CW)

For February:

3rd , 6 PM to 6 PM Sun 10-10 Winter contest (SSB)
10th , 11AM to 3 PM FISTS Winter Sprint (CW)
17th , 6 PM to 6 PM Sun ARRL DX (CW)
24th , 6 PM to 6 PM SunCQ WW 160 meter (SSB)

For March:

3rd , 6 PM to 6 PM SunARRL DX (SSB)
24th , 6 PM to 6 PM SunCQ WW WPX (SSB)

If you enjoyed the fun of Field Day, come out to the bunker on any of the above dates and give contesting a try. It's fun and you will sharpen your operating skills.

Extra Class Party

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As noted in the November issue of the Oscillator, Tri-Town's Bunker facility hosted a class taught by Hamfesters members, **Neil WA9FTU** and **Brian W9HLQ**. This was a wonderful collaboration of our two clubs for those hams wishing to upgrade to the extra class license. The class was a success with most of the students upgrading to extra. The class had a celebration pizza party at Giordano's on December 13, 2006. Here are a few pictures from the event.



Brian W9HLQ receiving a gift from the students with Peggy K9QLM looking on.



Neil WA9FTU receiving a gift from the students. Dave W9HW and Bob N9RAT in the background



**Richard KB9IPS and Leonard KA9SMH
Steve W9KXT and Peggy K9QLM in the background**



Dave W9HW (ex kc9euy)



Renaë K9DO (ex kc9eux)



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