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# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

## APRIL FOOLS ISSUE

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### FROM THE PREZ

This month I would like to use this space to convey my sincerest gratitude to my fellow C.A.R.S. members for supporting me through one of the most difficult periods of my six decades of existence. This may not sound radio related to some, but in essence, it is more about ham radio than anything else.

Many of you know the personal issues I have faced recently. The first to be aware of my situation was my friend George, K8KR. He offered his support, and I will always thank and remember him for it. The fellowship of this great organization is much deeper than the hobby we love and share. We bond at meetings, through the net, at public service events, antenna parties, Field Day and all the other events the club provides; as well as the individual relationships and activities we do with fellow members. We create friendships. Friendships that will last a lifetime. Friendships that rise above ham radio and involve other interests and other family members. Friendships that may produce someone that can be called on to help out, anytime, anyplace, without reservation. I once had heart attack symptoms at work and they called the EMS which took me to the hospital and kept me overnight. Unfortunately, my

motorcycle was stranded at work in the rain. My good friends Metro, W8MET, and Linda, K8LRS, were happy to rescue said Harley and take it to their garage. Those are friends.

This club, or more specifically, the people in this club have helped me keep my sanity through the extremely difficult personal situation I have been in the last year or so.

I have also seen other members benefit from the club camaraderie over the years. Recently, our illustrious WO editor Tom, WB8N, did some sheet time. Many people called and visited Tom to cheer him on.

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*Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. back at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room. See you there!*

Some of the boys scurried around the facility running coax and setting up antennas in an effort to get a fellow ham on the air, or at least to be able to check into the weekly club net. They weren't successful, but they sure gave it the old University of Hard Knocks try.

This club is about ham radio. But it's way more than that. It's also about the friendships that result. Next time you're at the meeting, look to your left and look to your right. If the faces you see are good friends of yours, be thankful. If they are only acquaintances, maybe try to get to know them better. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

73, Toby, WT8O

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### **MARCH 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 8th of the month at the FUGI Grill & Buffet Restaurant. at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The February meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the March Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Toby and the Club members present welcomed Tom, WB8N back to the meeting. He had missed a few meetings due to being under the weather for awhile.

Bob Check, W8GC, CARS treasurer gave a treasurers report, Club is in good shape financially.

The club will start having quarterly raffles, prizes will be related to Ham Items, tickets & details will be available at the meeting. Check the CARS website on raffle prize and other details.

The annual CARS Family Picnic will be on Friday August 5. The Committee is working on the Christmas Party location and should be wrapped up by the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Toby talked mentioned about Field Day and said that we retain the same site as last year, with better access to restrooms and hopefully a lot better weather..

Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned how well established the club is in Seven Hills for the different events

the club has participated in and also talked about the restroom at the Field Day location.

Mark updated the club on the Copley schools stations. Mark, Gary, Metro, and Ron, went down to evaluate the stations and what repairs were needed. The school is moving the station at the high school to another part of the building and some work will have to be done come the nice weather. He also talked with the school on their intentions for the station.

Dwaine, K8ME, stated that the Dayton Bus sign-ups are slow but we are ahead of last year at this time. He expects things will pickup after Easter, so if you're planning on going to Dayton send your money in asap.

All info is located on the CARS Web Site at 2cars.org, also with a link to get your advanced ticket, with a very fast return. The woodchuck club and couple others were notified of the Dayton bus with flyers.

Mike, KD8OUE, mentioned that the club has obtained one of the three repeaters ordered, and has evaluated the work to be performed for installation. CARS has been approved by Yaesu for the purchase of the other two repeater units.

The 50/50 raffle price has been increased from dollar a ticket to two dollars. Contact Mike, KD8OUE, for more details.

Eddie, KD8FTS, mentioned that there is a Cleveland Marathon event on the Sunday after Dayton. He is also looking for volunteers to help on the Republican Convention in July. Contact Eddie for further details on all the different public service events around the town.

Jim Bis, N8FND, was voted into the club as a new member.

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The refreshment committee, Rich NW8X, Ed WB8ROK, and Darren K8DMT are still going strong

The 50/50 raffle winner was Dwaine K8ME who took home \$27.00. CARS got \$28.00.

There was no presentation at the Dinner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by CARS Secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

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### **WHAT TO BRING TO A LICENSE EXAM SESSION**

*By Metro Sinko, W8MET*

1. A legal photo ID (driver's license, passport)
  2. If no photo ID is available, two forms of identification:
    - a. non-photo ID/driver's license (some states still have them)
    - b. birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
    - c. social security card
    - d. library card
    - e. utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; or a postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605.
  3. Students/minors may bring any of the above items and/or a school ID, minor's work permit, report card, or a legal guardian may present a photo ID.
  4. Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN); VEC's are required by the FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number with your license application form. If you prefer not to give your SSN at the exam session, then you may register your SSN with the FCC before exam day. Once you have a FCC issued FRN, you may no longer use your SSN on the application. For instructions on how to register your SSN with the FCC and receive a FRN, visit the FCC'S page and the FCC's registration instructions page. Please note that some
- exam teams will only accept a valid FRN on your application. Check with your local exam team before exam day.
  5. If applicable, bring either a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license or a reference copy printed out from the FCC website, the license information printed from ARRL website or QRZ website or the original(s) and photocopy(s) of any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may hold from previous exam sessions. If your license has already been issued by FCC, the CSCE showing license credit is not needed. The photocopy(s) will not be returned. Instructions on how to obtain an official FCC license copy are on our Obtain License Copy web page.
  6. Two number two pencils with erasers and a pen.
  7. A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed. You may not bring any written notes or calculations into the exam session. Slide rules and logarithmic tables are acceptable, as long as they're free of notes and formulas. Cell phone must be silenced or turned off during the exam session and the phones' calculator function may not be used. In addition, iPhones, iPads, Androids, smartphones, Blackberry devices and all similar electronic devices with a calculator capability, may NOT be used.
  8. Bring a check, a money order or cash to cover the exam session fee(s). Check the ARRL VEC's current exam fees. There will be a special exam session for the CARS license class students on Thursday, April 8th at the Seven Hills facility. Good luck to you all. Ed.

## **BREAKING NEWS**

By Horace B. Blunt

### **DAYTON HAMVENTION TO BE SHORTENED FOR SOME VENDORS**

It has been decided that this years Hamvention will be shortened by one day due to some of the larger vendors having to cut back the time spent at the show. This is because of the cost/expense of personnel at the show and the cost of table space. Fred Brizola of XD Engineering said that cost of transportation of display materials plus the cost of transportation and that of paying for over night accommodation of personnel has gone up considerably over last year which makes it too costly to pay for three days at Dayton. Fred said that maybe they can spring for three days next year.

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

K8REF Gary Barques April 19, \\\

KD8YQM Timothy Campana April 10, 1947

N8OVW Vince Bak April 22, 1949

NC8J Joseph M. Bernhardt April 27, 1951

W8GC Bob Check April 29, 1941

W8MET Metro Sinko April 27, 1952

Congratulations and many HAPPY returns to you all!

### **DISASTER STRIKES STATION AT NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR**

*From Ham Radio News Service*

#### **DISASTER STRIKES NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR**

While setting up a station at the Grizzly Bear National Park in Utah, the team of operators was set upon by a pack of Grizzly Bears, which caused the operators to seek safe refuge on a small island in the Grizzly River. Little did they realize that bears could swim, and the team of ops had to swim for safety on the other shore, which caused the bears to give up the chase and go back to their side of the river. This

allowed the team of hams to escape unscathed but they had to abandon their equipment until the bears went away. The hams decided they would try the next day to "rescue" their equipment which they successfully did, although they had give up their operating from that particular park. Better luck next time guys. Pick a National park with a name like Little Geezer's National Park.

### **THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

*SPRING HAS SPRUNG, THE GRASS HAS RI, I WONDER WHERE THE FLOWERS IS....As me old Mother used to say.*

Today, as I write this, it is Easter Sunday. I stayed home with my faithful doggie, Jake and made myself a big pot of Easter Chili, did some Easter laundry, and other Easter type stuff. The daughter who would have invited me over for Easter dinner is on a cruise ship somewhere in the Caribbean. It must be nice. Anyhow, the day was warm, up over 70 degrees, so maybe we'll see some of those flowers soon.

#### *DAYTON, HERE WE COME*

I'm really looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention this year. I've paid for my bus ticket and got my Hamvention ticket as well. I've been making a list of what I want to buy and stuff I want to look at with a possibility of purchasing. I won't spend TOO much time in the flea market...though I am bringing my battery operated scooter with me. My first ex-wife gave it to me. She bought herself a four wheeler and all I had to do was get a new battery for it. Those ain cheap! I have been "personalizing the scooter...putting my call sign on it, taking off the worthless little basket hanging on the front...I'll probably wish I had the basket back later. Anyhow, I'm ready to go...I could go tomorrow.

#### *HAM NATION*

Don't forget to stop by the Ham Nation booth and say hi. I'll be there from 2 to 3 p.m. greeting hams that stop by to say "hi" or to see what Ham Nation is about. You'd be surprised at the number of hams that *Continued on next page...*

don't know about Ham Nation, including members of CARS. The booth is at the beginning (or end, depends which direction you come) of Heil Sound's booth in audio alley. Stop by and say howdy. If you haven't seen the show, there's Bob Heil, Gordon West and a broadcast engineer named George Thomas, who usually have something to teach us, plus other regulars. The show is on at the same time as the CARS net, so I watch it the next day or so. All the shows are archived so you can watch from day one if you wish. The theme music was written by Joe Walsh of the Eagles, who by the way will be appearing at Blossom Music Center with a bunch of great musicians. I already have my ticket. I am going to make an attempt to meet him before or after the show. Wish me luck on that!

#### **SPEAKING OF THE CARS NET**

Why aren't a lot of you checking in on the CARS weekly net on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m.? The net control changes weekly and we ARE getting more check-ins...last week we had 25 check-ins. Many nights new people check in, and there is always a trivia question. There is news about CARS and members as well. If we tried, we could hit 30 or more check-ins. So c'mon guys & gals, make it a point to check in. If there is something you are afraid you'll miss on TV, record the show. That's what they make video tape and DVRs. for! See you on the net this week? I also hope to see you at the next CARS meeting, and to hear you on the repeater. Throw your call out there and maybe, just maybe someone will come back to chat with you.

#### **GOTTA RUN**

It's time for me to get outta here for this month, so I'll say 73 for now and have a good one!  
De Tom, WB8N

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# Please reserve and pay for your 2016 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip ASAP.

**Saturday May 21, 2016 CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention.**

*Every amateur radio operator in the world probably dreams about going to the Dayton Hamvention at least once. Please join us in 2016, it is an incredible event and offers something for everyone.*



The Bus trip will cost \$50.00 dollars per person, we will not stop for breakfast on the way down, but there may be a fast food stop on the way home. You are responsible for both your food and Hamvention tickets. Go to <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php> to order your tickets.

*Stop 1: The 56 passenger bus will leave promptly at 5:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle and Bagley Roads, in Middleburg Heights, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, Kmart is behind the Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there is security.*

*Stop 2: The bus will also pickup riders at I-71 & Rt 303 at the SE corner of the Kmart parking lot and will depart for Dayton at approximately 5:30 am.*

***When ordering tickets please tell us which stop you will be at.***

***Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance.***

***If you have any questions please see Dwaine at a CARS meeting or call him at 440-582-3462. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: Dwaine Modock K8ME, 8113 Thornhurst Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133 attn. Dayton bus***

**73, Dwaine, K8ME**

## CARS 2016 Officers & Committees

### Audit

WJ8WM \*\* WT80, K8SAS

### Audio/Video

KD8OUE \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WJ8WM \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT80

### Christmas party & Summer Picnic

W8GC\*\* WJ8WM, KD8SCV, K8ARP

### Club Photographer

### Diabetes Walk

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

W8EBB \*\* WT80\*\*, N8BBB

### Find a Club Station location

K8KR\*\* Ni8Z

### Flag Committee

KB8RKF, KD8ACO, N8DJX

### 50/50

KD8OUE

### License classes

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W8GC \*\*

### NET

WT80 \*\*

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### Public Services

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WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK \*\* pop, K8DMT \*\* coffee, NW8X \*\* eat's

### Scholarship

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WT80

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WA8CHS

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