

## THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

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### *IF THIS IS MAY IT MUST BE DAYTON*

#### **From The Prez**

The smiles were on all faces for the picture taking ceremony after all the participants passed their respective exams. As a matter of fact, the smiles were abundant before the photo session and all the way into the parking lot afterward. It was one jolly group, and I was really happy to be part of it. Another article down the page will give the details and name all the successful hams that passed their tests, the VEs who did their usual outstanding job, and the instructors who helped the students over the weeks. It really was a great night.

Dayton. The destination is hallowed ground to hams from all corners of the globe. The accent it is said with varies from Chinese, to Spanish, to Indian, to Australian, to Italian, and to any other tongue you can think of, but all hams look forward to the Hamvention, even if the trip is beyond their means. I always say we are so lucky to have it in our own backyard, where we can get there in just a

few hours; while others must spend many dollars and many hours traveling to attend. We are even luckier since our club sponsors a bus that gets us there the easy way. There may still be a seat or two left, so if you're on the fence about going, pull the trigger and sign up. The new venue has everyone buzzing, and it's still called Dayton.

Metro, W8MET, has taken time to write about several special event stations running in May. If you've never done a special event, now is the time to go for it. This will give an inexperienced operator excellent practice at breaking through a pile up for either DX or contesting. With Field Day coming up, you can have a couple of months to get some practice at this type of operating so you are ready to go. One cool thing about many special events is they offer a certificate if you make contact with them. Many certificates are electronic, so they can be done quickly on line at no cost. The certificates make for some really nice wallpaper.

73, Toby, WT8O

## **CARS**

### **April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The CARS membership was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:30 PM on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the month at the Busch Community room. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and introductions were made by the members and guests. The March meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the April Wobbly Oscillator.

Bob, W8GC gave the report on the treasury balance. Bob reminded all ARRL members to pay their dues through CARS. If you are not currently an ARRL member then please join through CARS. The club is selling a Wouxun radio donated by a member on Ebay.

The members present voted Bob Mueller, K8MD into the club.

The CARS bus to the Dayton Hamvention in Xenia, Ohio still has seats available so get your reservations in. There are currently 24 reservations. The club needs 27 to break even. The price is \$50 dollars. You can read the flyer on the CARS web site. A few members from the Medina 2 Meter group are interested.

Toby inquired if anyone was interested in being the backup secretary. His plate was full and he was looking for a volunteer. Ed Stevens, WB8ROK volunteered.

The "Taste of Seven Hills" fundraising event is April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a nice money making activity for the club which involves selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The club has a table with currently 6 people attending. We need 8 to fill it. Gary, NI8Z grabbed seat number 7 so we still need 1 individual to complete the table. Tickets to the event are \$30 dollars each but club members get theirs for \$25.

There is a VE testing session on April 13<sup>th</sup>. It is primarily for the current class attendees but walk-ins are welcome.



*Brent Glover, K8000, kept the members attention with his program on Remote Radio Operation.*

We still need programs for May and June. Give Bill, KD8QBB a call if you would like to be a presenter.

The technical committee met last week. Vince volunteered testing equipment to check HT's as well as mobile radios at a future meeting date. This might take more than one meeting depending on member participation. The Digital only repeater install date will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Field Day location is in Calvin Park again this year. More details are forthcoming during the May and June meetings.

Toby thanked the refreshment committee, Ed, WB8ROK, Darren, K8DMT and Rich, NW8X.

Toby is the temporary WO editor. He is looking for volunteers. Tom, WB8N was the editor for many years.

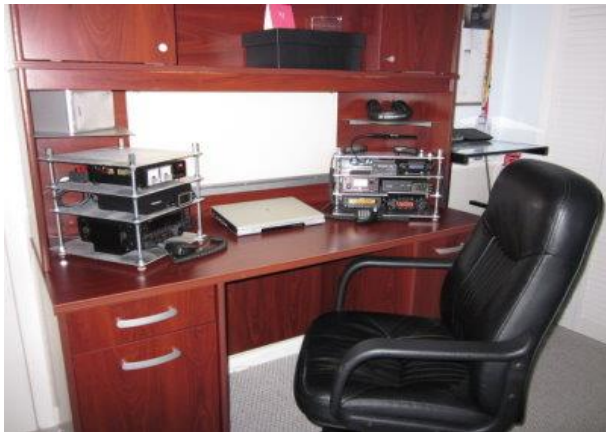
There was no OLD business pending and no NEW business from the floor.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Gary, NI8Z who collected \$35 dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Brent Grover, K8000 gave an awesome presentation on "Remote Ham Radio".

Submitted by Larry Shimerka, N8OWS.



*The K8ARP station at Arp's home QTH.*

## **Member Spotlight**

### **Arp Viiberg, K8ARP**

#### **How did you become interested in ham radio?**

Motorcycle to motorcycle communications, because the CB radios didn't work well.

#### **What made you decide to take the test?**

CARS was offering a Technicians Class; so my buddy George, K8GIL, and I decided to take it together.

#### **When did you get your license(s)?**

Technician in 2009 and General in 2011.

#### **What are your base station radios and antennas?**

My first HF radio was a Yaseu FT-450 (still have it). I use a Yaseu FT-857 for portable

operations in a go-box. I bought a Yaseu FT-991 at the Dayton Hamvention last year. My base station antenna is a homemade Carolina Windom 40 about 35' up in my trees in the back yard. For portable operations I use a 65' end feed with a 9:1 unun and a Ventenna HFp vertical.

#### **What is your "go to" base station HF radio?**

That would definitely be the Yaesu FT-991.

#### **What is your mobile set up?**

I have Kenwood V71A's in my vehicles and a Yaesu FTM-10SR on the motorcycle.

#### **What are your favorite on air activities?**

On 2 meters I do quite a few nets and Public Service events. On HF I like to chase some DX making first time contacts in countries worldwide. I'm still amazed that 100 watts and a wire gets you all around the world.

#### **Why did you join CARS?**

Taking the CARS Technicians Class included a year's free membership ... and the rest is history. They are great bunch of operators.

#### **What would you like to see CARS do to improve?**

Ed needs to bring free beer to the meetings.

#### **Anything else you would like to say?**

Nope.

## CARS Scholarship

CARS members, this is your last chance to apply for your 2017 CARS scholarship award. We will be awarding two (2) \$500 scholarships again this year, these will be awarded to any CARS member, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter who is graduating or has graduated high school, received a G.E.D. or successfully passed home schooled high school certification and is going on to a higher Education. A CARS check will be issued to the 2 winning recipients upon submission of a successful enrollment in any certified continuing vocational education program, college program or other appropriate accredited school.

We must receive a completed Application on or before May 31, 2017. Just go to the CARS home page and click on Member info in the left column, select *Scholarship application*. Remember the user name is "member" and password is "W8HBI", Print the application, complete and return it to me, my address is 7395 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131 ASAP. The committee will review and select the recipients from all received applications.

Again we will be awarding two \$500.00 Scholarships to deserving students.

If you have any questions please call or email me at:

Bob Check, W8GC  
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Independence, OH 44131  
216-524-1750  
[Bob@2cls.com](mailto:Bob@2cls.com)



*The happy group of hams who all passed the exams just minutes prior. Yes, Mel (far left) is happy on the inside*

## VE TESTING April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Metro, W8MET

Our ham testing went well on April 13th, 2017. The results were all positive, everyone passed.

Thanks to instructors David, KD8ACO, for the Tech class; Toby, WT8O, for the General class and Joel, K8SHB, for the Extra class. Also, I would like to thank all the VE's for their part; Gary, NI8Z; Roger, N8TCP; George, K8KR; Tom, WB8N, and Joel, K8SHB. We now have two new Extra class operators, Andy, KD8SCV and Rick, N8RIK. Seven hams passed the General exam; David, KE8DNS; Mel, KE8DWN; Dave, KE8DWJ; MaryAnn, K8BLY; and Mark, KC8ESG. Lee McConoughey, KE8GVA and Eugene Stepanik, KE8GUZ, tested and passed the Tech exam and then decided to test for the General test and both passed the General. A total of seven new General's and two new Extra class tickets were achieved. It was a very successful day for all.





*Mark, WJ8WM; Arp, K8ARP; Bob, K8RGI and Gordon AI8Y refuel at the "Taste of Seven Hills" after taking their turn at selling raffle tickets off the board in the background.*

### **Taste of Seven Hills**

#### **Toby, WT8O**

Seven CARS members and one guest attended the "Taste of Seven Hills" partaking in the festivities and benefiting CARS financially by receiving a portion of the raffle ticket proceeds for their efforts conducting the sales. Mark, WJ8WM; Bob, K8RGI; Terry, KB8DTC; Toby, WT8O; Gordon, AI8Y; Gary, NI8Z, and Arp, K8ARP worked the crowd between platefuls of cuisine provided by the buffet style offerings of many restaurants located in Seven Hills or adjacent towns. The group's table was graced by two officers of the Seven Hills PD. Some assumed it didn't hurt to keep tabs on the wild bunch. Hi hi.

The city awarded the club the opportunity because of our volunteer work

providing communications for the annual Memorial Day parade and our assistance during "Home Days." CARS is also on the list of "Recognized Organizations" in Seven Hills. The association with the city has been a win-win situation. Not only do we get to practice and demonstrate our communications skills during events, we have use of the all-purpose room at city hall for our amateur radio licensing classes and Calvin Park for Field Day.

Many thanks to Tony Terry of the Seven Hills administration for giving us the fund raising opportunity. Without Tony's help preparing for the event we would have been in deep water. His coordinating expertise in preparation made smooth sailing for the hams possible. Kudos also to the CARS members who paid their own way into the dinner and for their solid efforts to make the fund raiser a success.

### **Field Day 2017**

If you never have operated on the HF bands, Field Day is the opportunity to do so. The exchange is easy and given after recognizing the station calling you. Knowing the phonetic alphabet really helps. With the help of a person typing all information into the logging program, this completes a QSO for 1 point and then move on to the next station. Many times stations from Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Florida, Texas or California can be worked; and many times all 50 states can be worked in the 24 hour period. Also, Mexico, South America and Europe can be heard. What a thrill! So, give it a try and helpers are always on hand to help with Field Day. 73 to all, Metro, W8MET

## NOTES FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The committee is here to provide services to every member of CARS that may need assistance with, any ham radio related technical issues. So if you would like assistance, please speak with one of the committee members. Here is the current listing of committee members:

Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE; Vince Bak, N8OVW; Mark Morro, WJ8WM; Scott Smith, AC8NW; Mike Toth, KB8RKF; David Noeth, KD8ACO; Terry Pillat, KD8DTC and Toby Kolman, WT8O.

As everyone should be aware, the Technical Committee is currently working on the replacement of the 440 repeater at the Parma site. We will be installing one of the Yaesu repeaters, and setting it up to provide Digital Voice capabilities on our repeater system. The Technical Committee has set a start date, of June 10th, for the new repeater installation.

If everything goes as planned, the new repeater should be available starting that weekend.

(If "Murphy" throws his law in the works, availability maybe delayed)

We'll all be keeping our fingers crossed, that doesn't happen.

I want to, once again, remind everyone that we've reactivated the stand-alone 444.750 repeater in Shaker Hts., which provides alternate repeater coverage for downtown Cleveland, and areas East. It's there to use. The club has agreed to that repeater be used, as a back up, during the Cleveland Marathon, so it appears that the word is getting out.. Thank you, for that.

73, Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE



### Member Spotlight Follow-up Ed Stevens, WB8ROK

#### When did you get your license(s)?

Although I was involved with Amateur Radio, because of my Wife Rickey (K8JFL), since the 50's, I did not get a license until 1973. When my Son, Eddie (KD8FTS), upgraded to a Technician, I felt that I had to stay ahead of him. As a result in 2008 I got my Extra License

#### What are your base station radios and antennas?

I really do not have a ham shack that would show up well in a picture. Most of my radio contacts are made from my car. For that reason I thought I would send you a picture of me in my car holding a microphone.

#### Anything else you would like to say?

It might be a good idea to include in the WO the fact that that if the members want more information about me, they could always go to my website

[www.edsstevens.net](http://www.edsstevens.net) and click on "About Me".

*[Ed sent this additional information and picture after the previous WO was published. – Ed.]*

**THE RANDOM WIRE**  
**Tom Wayne, WB8N**

Well, here it is May and here's the Random Wire. I've missed a few, but here's May's issue.

We have the great Dayton Hamvention coming up. CARS is sponsoring a bus to the event, so get hold of Metro, W8MET, to make your reservation for the bus trip. The bus will leave the Cleveland area early on Saturday morning, May 20th and come back home Sat. Evening. You'll be responsible for getting your Hamvention admission ticket. I've got my Hamvention ticket and have made my reservation for the bus.

The Hamvention is in Xenia Ohio at the Green County Fairgrounds beginning this year, since they closed the dilapidated Hara Arena. Hopefully, Xenia will be a great new location.

They are still calling it the "Dayton Hamvention", since it is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn. It never was actually in Dayton anyhow! It was in a small town outside of Dayton called Trotwood. I already like Xenia better...hi hi.

I'm looking forward to the bus trip as well as the Hamvention. There's the fun of the bus trip, plus at the Hamvention you can see all the latest ham gear and maybe make some great buys of new gear or some great stuff in the flea market.

So make your bus reservation with Metro & get your Hamvention ticket NOW!

It is with a heavy heart that I write this this month, since the passing of Dwaine Modock, K8ME. He always arranged the

bus trip, as well as being an active member (secretary) of CARS and was active and held positions in other ham radio clubs in the Cleveland area. He will be missed.

As I write this article, on a Saturday, the weather is cool & rainy. Is the sun ever going to come out again? I'm getting really tired of this "sucky" weather we've been having! My dog Jake isn't to thrilled about it either.

That's it for this month folks. Toby is holding the presses for me to get this in so I've got to go. See you at the next meeting or other CARS function...whichever comes first.

Congratulations to Larry, our new secretary. I know he'll do a great job, but he has some big shoes to fill.

73 until next time, Tom, WB8N

## **Honorary Members**

**Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society**

**Robert Check, W8GC**  
**Elected 01/01/14**

**Thomas Wayne, WB8N**  
**Elected 1/10/17**

## Armed Forces Day Metro, W8MET

There are some Special Event Stations recognizing Armed Forces Day. On May 13, 0800Z - May 16, 1800Z, WZ4K will be on 14.335 7.235, [www.grz.com/db/n4c](http://www.grz.com/db/n4c). On May 20, 1400Z - 1800Z, N3M will be on 7.200 3.900 146.535. QSO's will be logged on QRZ.com by AB3NA. On May 20, 1400Z - 2100Z, W9DUP will be on 7.240 14.290 28.400 145.430-600, [W9DUP.org](http://W9DUP.org). With all of these stations certificates are available and all are phone. Give them a call for their Special Event

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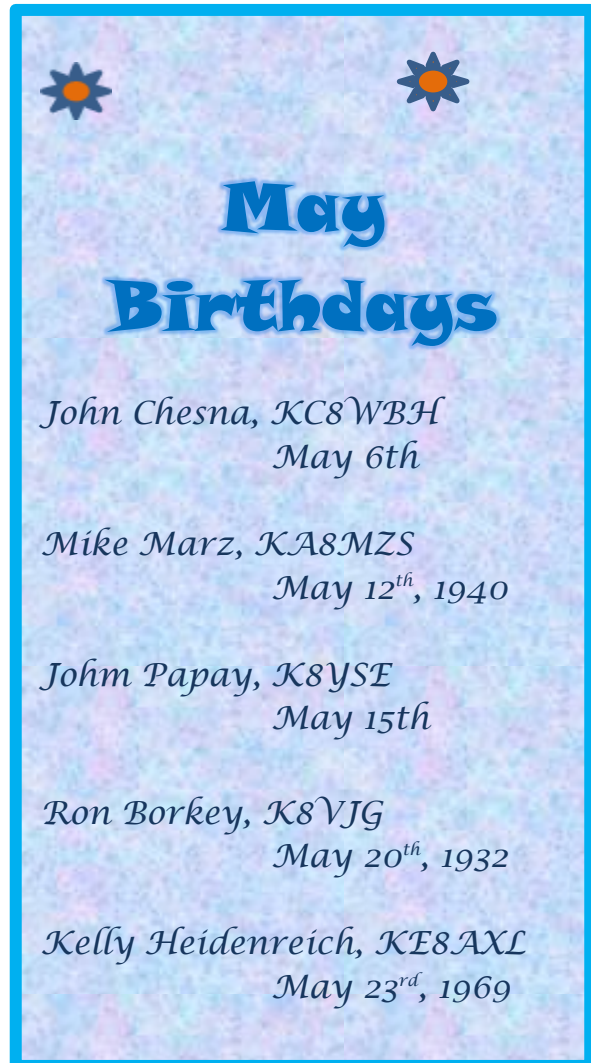
**"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."**

*-Albert Einstein*

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## DAYTON 2017 Metro, W8MET

Since Dayton 2016, I have noticed that I need some connectors or banana plugs or rope for projects around the ham-shack. So, I have been writing everything down on paper the items that I need and taking this list with me to the 2017 Dayton Hamvention. The list has grown over the months to 12 items. I am sure Dayton will have everything that I am looking for. *[Even though the Hamvention has moved to Xenia in Greene County, it is still referred to as "Dayton." - Ed.]*



## Indianapolis 500 Metro, W8MET

On May 22 – May 29, from 0400 - 0400Z, W9IMS on SSB has their special event on 18.140 14.245 7.245 3.840, [www.grz.com/db/w9ims](http://www.grz.com/db/w9ims). Also, on May 7 – May 14, 0400 - 0400Z W9IMS for the Grand Prix. Give them a call since all will be SSB phone. Certificates are available.



Again this month Metro, W8MET, star DXer and contester has taken time out to suggest to fellow CARS members and *WO* readers operating activities and events he believes would be FUN to partake in.

## Metro's Picks

### ON-THE-AIR

May 6, 1300 – May 7, 0700 Z 7<sup>th</sup> Call Area QSO Party. 1.8 144. CW Ph Dig.

**[ws7n.net/7QP](http://ws7n.net/7QP)**

May 6, 1500 - May 7, 0300 Z Indiana QSO Party. 1.8 28. CW Ph.

**[www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html)**

May 6, 1700 - May 7, 2359 Z Delaware QSO Party. 1.8 VHF CW Ph.

**[www.fsarc.org/qsoparty](http://www.fsarc.org/qsoparty)**

May 6, 2000 - May 7, 2359 New England QSO Party. 3.5 28. CW Ph Dig.

**[www.neqp.org/rules.html](http://www.neqp.org/rules.html)**

May 13, 1400 - May 14, 0200Z Arkansas QSO Party. 3.5 28 144. CW Ph Dig.

**[www.arkqp.com](http://www.arkqp.com)**

May 13,2 300 - May 14, 0300Z Spring Sprint 50, any mode.

May 15, 0000 - 0200Z 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint CW Ph.

**[www.4sqrp.com](http://www.4sqrp.com)**

May 24, 0000 - 0200Z SKCC Sprint CW. **[www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com)**

May 27, 0000 – May 28, 2359Z CQWW WPX Contest, CW. **[www.cqwp.com](http://www.cqwp.com)**

May 28, 1300- 1600Z SARL Digital Contest, Dig. **[www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)**

Participating is FUN, FUN, FUN....ENJOY !!!

Info from QST May 2017, pg. 87....all times in ZULU GMT Z

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Please reserve and pay for your  
“2017 Hamvention” ride to Xenia, OH  
Bus Trip ASAP.

Saturday May 20, 2017 CARS is  
again sponsoring a Bus trip to the  
“2017 Hamvention” 1<sup>st</sup> time now  
located at the Green County  
Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH.



*Every amateur radio operator in the world probably dreams about going to the Hamvention (formerly Dayton Hamvention) at least once. Please join us in 2017, it is an incredible event in a new Venue 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 Xenia 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 Metro W8MET at a CARS meeting or call him at 216-520-1320. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: Metro Sinko W8MET, 6511 Elmarge Dr., Independence, OH 44131 attn. Xenia bus***

**73, Metro, W8MET**

## CARS 2017 Officers & Committees

### Audit

WJ8WM \*\* WT8O, KD8OUE

### Audio/Video

KD8OUE \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WJ8WM \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Christmas party & Summer Picnic

W8GC\*\* WJ8WM, KD8SCV, K8ARP

### Club Photographer

N8OWS \*\*

### Diabetes Walk

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

WT8O\*\*, WJ8WM, K8ARP, AC8NW

### Find a Club Station location

K8KR\*\* Ni8Z

### Flag Committee

KB8RKF, KD8ACO, N8DJX

### 50/50

KD8OUE

### License classes

W8GC \*\* WT8O \*\* NI8Z, WJ8WM, KD8ACO, K8SHB

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### NET

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### Operating

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KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

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KD8FTS \*\*, K8ARP \*\*

### QSL Manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at Meetings & Picnic

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

### Scholarship

W8GC \*\* WJ8WM, WT8O, N8OWS, WB8N

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AC8NW, KD8ACO, KD8RKF

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## 2017 Officers

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N8SHB, KB8DTC, KD8OUE

### odd year executive board 2 year term

KD8SCV, K8ARP, WB8ROK

### License trustee K8ZFR

WT8O

### License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM,  
W8GC



March 15, 2017