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# FIELD DAY JUNE 24-25

### From The Prez

We want every CARS member to come to Field Day. Field Day is the biggest ham radio operating event of the year, yet too many members just plain ignore it. They don't even visit the site, let alone operate or help out. Why? We wish members would invite their families and friends to visit the site to see what Field Day and amateur radio is all about. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable. The Field day committee will have a host of greeters and guides to assist visitors and make them feel at ease. To encourage people to operate and make contacts we are designing award certificates that will be given to anyone who makes a contact. The Field Day committee is also cooking up other awards for various contributions. Speaking of cooking, you need to come out and experience the world famous CARS cuisine.

Come on everybody, attend and support the BIG event.

The other big summer events are the picnic meetings held in June, July and August. The meetings are usually well attended and we have a good time, but hardly anyone picnics. We always have a big fire in the grille, but all too much charcoal goes up in smoke. For whatever reason the only thing most members eat at the meeting are the donuts. Look guys, if I can stuff my hot dogs, buns, plates and spatula into a backpack and ride the trusty Harley to the meeting, you can pack the ole picnic basket into the SUV and make the scene, cookout and enjoy life to the fullest. In addition to the meeting, Terry, KB8DTC, will be doing a program on tying knots. The old sailor has many years of experience at sea and his expertise has often helped us at Field Day and this year his teachings will be just in time for the big event.

73, Toby, WT8O

## A Peep from the Veep

Mark, WJ8WM

### International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

3rd Full Weekend in August since 1998

00.01UTC 19 August to 2400UTC 20 August 2017 (48 hours)

August 7 is National Lighthouse Day. The ILLW celebrates the third weekend in August for activating lighthouses. In the past there has been interest by club members in participating in this event. Years ago the club was very active in this event. We have been absent the past few years. If we are going to participate this year we need to get started preparing now. Some parks require permits to operate by their lighthouse.

If anyone is interested in activating a lighthouse this year please contact Toby. Better still why not volunteer to be the point person for this exciting event. Here is another great way to get outdoors, have fun, and play radio



*A happy group of hams setting sail for home after a splendid day at the Hamvention.*

### MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT

Metro, W8MET

There will be some great opportunities to contact museum ships and collect QSL cards and certificates during the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Here are some examples. All times are Zulu.

The Battleship New Jersey from Camden, New Jersey, NJ2BB, June 3, 0001-2359 SSB and CW on 21.362 14.262 14.050 7.262. Certificate and QSL available at [nj2bb.org](http://nj2bb.org).

The ship Col. James M. Schoonmaker from Toledo, Ohio, K8E, June 3, 1400-2100 and June 4, 1600-2100 on 14.260 14.039 7.260 7.039. [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org)

The submarine USS Cobia from Manitowoc, WI, NB9QV, June 4, 1400-2100 on 7.240 and 14.240. QSL available at [www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv](http://www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv)

The Tallship Maryland Dove from Lusby, MD, W3D, June 4, 0000-2359 on 28.600 and 14.070. Certificate available at [www.facebook.com/k3nhk](http://www.facebook.com/k3nhk)

The USS Midway (CV-41) from San Diego, CA, NI6IW, June 3 & 4 1600-2300 on 14.320, 7.250 SSB, PSK31 14.070 and D-STAR on REF001C.

The Nuclear Submarine USS Nautilus SSN 571, N1S, June 3, 1300 - June 4, 2100 on 21.324 14.264 7.264 3.924. QSL available at [www.ussnautilus.org](http://www.ussnautilus.org) and [www.qrz.com/db/n1s](http://www.qrz.com/db/n1s)

## 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

Minutes of the  
**CUYAHOGA AMATEUR  
RADIO ASSOCIATION**

Busch Community Room

May 9, 2017

**CALLED TO ORDER**---The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by President Toby Kolman (WT8O)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**---The membership recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**INTRODUCTIONS**---Introductions were made my members and guests.

**APRIL MINUTES**---The April minutes were approved as published in the Wobbly Oscillator.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**---Bob Check (W8GC) pointed out that applications for scholarships for this year will close at the end of this month.

**NEW MEMBERS**---Three Amateur Radio operators, all though not present, applied to the club for membership. They were: Linda L. Burlingham W8LBB

Eugene W.  
Stepanik KE8GUZ

Lee P. McConoughey KE8GVA

Two of the applicants had completed CARS class for new HAMs.

All three of the applicants were approved for membership.

**TASTE OF SEVEN HILLS**---Many members of CARS participated in the Taste of Seven Hills

Raffle. As a result of our participation the club made \$275.00.

**CLEVELAND MARATHON**---The Cleveland Marathon will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Toby (WT8O) said that he would forward an e-mail with the information about the event to anyone that is interested.

**VE-SESSIONS**---Metro (W8MET) reported that eleven participants had passed the most recent VE exams.

**FIELD DAY**---Toby (WT8O) reported that the club will operate 3-A at Field Day this year. We will have no CW and no Digital stations.

**REFRESHMENTS**--- President Toby (WT8O) thanked the following members for bring refreshments: Darren (K8DMT) Coffee

Rich (NW8X) Donuts

Ed(WB8ROK) Drinks

**FUTURE MEETINGS**---President Toby (WT8O) reminded everyone present that our next three meetings (June, July, and August) will be in the Harriet Keeler Picnic pavilion of the Brecksville Reservation in the Metroparks. Darren (K8DMT) agreed to start a fire, in the grill, for the picnic meetings.

**HAMVENTION BUS TO XENIA**---Metro (W8MET) reported that there are still a few seats left on the Hamvention bus to Xenia.

**50/50 RAFFLE**---Ron Borkey (K8VJG) won the 50/50 raffle. The value was \$47.00.

**ADJOURNMENT**---The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Ed Stevens (WB8ROK)  
Acting Secretary

## **Dayton Hamvention 2017 Same Friends, New Home**

David, KD8ACO

What an adventure! This truly was an exciting year for Hamvention. I can't imagine the monumental task and planning that was required to move the Hamvention from the Hara Arena to the Greene County Fairgrounds after 52 years ... and that was only the beginning. Once Hamvention opened, DARA and all of the volunteers who make Hamvention happen year after year proved just how flexible they were by adapting to the dynamic challenges each day would bring.

This year, in addition to the primary repeater talk-in, an informational bulletin system was transmitted using simplex. This bulletin provided answers to many of the frequently asked questions and general information to those approaching the venue. I was able to hear the repeater and bulletin with an HT from my hotel room. Every morning and evening, I would listen-in and get updated on the new challenges, parking and other fluid situations before leaving the hotel. As things evolved, the recorded bulletin would be updated in near real-time. What an effort by the volunteer team to keep us informed and to make us feel welcome.

An increased number of forums and expanded food options were also offered this year. The forums were in the familiar format of concurrent sessions held each day in four different air conditioned rooms in permanent fairground buildings. The selections included not only the usual forums offered regularly, but also included several new offerings. I was able to attend six forums over the three day Hamvention weekend. There is always something new to learn in this great hobby of ours. Regarding the expanded food options, there seemed to be something there for everyone: dinners, burgers, brats and dogs, steaks, chicken, salads, fair type food, desserts, beverages and more.

The indoor vendors were housed in other buildings at the fairgrounds. Once all of the buildings were filled, additional tents were erected over a portion of a nearby parking lot, in order to accommodate additional vendors. The majority of indoor vendors from recent memory came and displayed their wares. You just can't beat the one-on-one access to these individuals and their products. The aisle ways seemed less congested and the vendors' tables were well stocked. Comparing it to years past, it seemed like a bit of a treasure hunt trying to locate certain vendors. Downloading and reviewing the pdf of the entire Hamvention program before leaving home proved to be invaluable.

Speaking of well stocked, the flea market located in, around and near the horse track also seemed more condensed than in years past. I didn't see some of the vendors I remember, but then it seems a few drop away every year anyway. With less empty spots, the flea market was a highly productive walk... literally. I'm also happy to report that there were numerous seating options available throughout the venue.

Hope to see you at Hamvention 2018. Mark your calendars for May 18, 19 & 20, 2018. I have already made my hotel reservation. Have you?

73 de David KD8ACO



*The new Hamvention venue, and the food was fantastic.*



## NOTES FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mike, KD8OUE

The Technical Committee current members are: Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE; Vince Bak, N8OVW; Mark Morro, WJ8WM; Scott Smith, AC8NW; Mike Toth, KB8RKF; David Noeth, KD8ACO; Terry Pillat, KB8DTC and Toby Kolman, WT8O. If you have any technical issues you'd like assistance with, or would like to contribute to the work the Technical Committee provides, please contact one of the above listed members.

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, starting June 10th.

Vince, N8OVW, has the new repeater, and is currently setting it up for installation. We will keep everyone informed of the progress of the installation, at our meetings and through this newsletter.

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. That repeater was used, as a backup, during the Cleveland Marathon, and worked out great. Please continue to spread the word.

73, Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

## TIGERS ON THE AIR

Metro, W8MET

The Newton Falls Technology and Multimedia Club, K8TGR, with students from grades 6-12 will be active June 9 and 10, 1900-2000 Z on 28.300, 14.225, 7.175 and 3.800. Certificate and QSL available at [www.nfhstmc.org/index.php?p=13](http://www.nfhstmc.org/index.php?p=13).



*The ARRL had it's usual well-staffed exhibit. The personnel were extremely friendly and helpful.*

## VE Session

Metro, W8MET

Another successful VE session was held on May 14, 2017. Three candidates passed their respective exams: Michael Marganski, KE8HBK, Technician; Bruno Sufka, W8BJS, General and Alan Krasen, KE8FAV, Extra. Thanks to all VE's that attended for this session: George, K8KR; Dave, NF8O; Tom, WB8N; Joel, K8SHB; Darren, K8DMT; Gary, NI8Z; Roger, N8TCP, and Larry, N8OWS.

SCOTT SMITH, AC8NW	6/6/61
JOE ULAZEWSKI, KD8BAL	6/21/50
LOU IGANCZAK, N8PZK	6/24

## THE RANDOM WIRE

Tom, WB8N

Hello fellow June lovers, yep summer is finally here and I'm loving it! Been working out in the yard, tending to my four tomato plants. Remember...there's only two things that money can't buy...that's true love and home grown tomatoes. Gotta find someone to cut my grass, or get a goat! Everyone's "too busy." I have a few numbers I have try first though. I don't think my dog Jake would appreciate a goat running around grazing in "his" backyard! By the way, now we have coyotes to contend with in the area!

We have Field Day coming up this month, so be prepared to come out to the CARS Field Day site to at least observe, if not operate.

A local ham was featured in an article on DXing in the May issue of *CQ* magazine. Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, is the editor of the *OPDX Bulletin*, as well as the President of NODXA (Northern Ohio DX Assoc). Way to go Tedd!

Local Ham and Cleveland broadcasting celeb, Ted Alexander, W8IXY, local QCWA Chapter One member, gave an interesting and informative talk about his work as local DJ and engineer, at the Spring QCWA meeting. Ted was instrumental in setting up most, if not all, of the AM and FM radio stations in the Greater Cleveland area back in the day, as we say.

Well, of late, I've been busy getting rid of some of the stuff around the ole place here. There's a small used record store in beautiful downtown Bedford and I took a bunch of 45 and 33 1/3<sup>rd</sup> RPM records I don't listen to anymore there to see if the owner, Dave, was interested in any of

them. Dave went through them all, picked out what he wanted, and paid me \$45.00 cash money on the barrelhead. Not bad. There were a lot of records he would have bought from me but he said they were in "too rough of condition" for him to re-sell. I've got a couple of antique clocks that don't run, that I hope to sell to a local antique dealer too. Gotta pay for my new powerlift recliner. I have my old one for sale in case you're interested...in good condition.

I'm really looking forward to operating at the CARS Field Day this year. I have a Honda generator we are going to use for the CW station. Should be a lot fun. Let's hope the weather holds out!

Well, it's Tuesday evening as I write this, so I think I'll get cozy in my new lift recliner (it vibrates & has a heater as well) and watch a couple of my favorite shows if I don't doze off first, hi hi.

So I'll catch you on the net, at the next meeting or at Field Day.

73, de Tom, WB8N



*The sad task of lowering Dwain's, K8ME SK, for the last time.*

## Memorial Day Parade

Toby, WT8O

The annual Seven Hills Memorial Day Parade went off without a hitch thanks in part to the efforts of a group of CARS members. They set up the flag markers for the various groups to assemble. They directed the incoming cars of participants to their respective rallying points. They assisted any unsure participant or their friends and relatives to find the right place to be or the right place to park. The CARS group kept the flow of traffic and pedestrians in and out of the assembly area at St. Columbkille church on Broadview Rd. moving as smoothly as possible. It was very gratifying to get a very sincere thank you from the parade director Nada Fleming. She said she really appreciated the help we gave her and hoped we would be back next year. We will. CARS is a Recognized Organization in Seven Hills and is rewarded with our Field Day site and venue for our ham licensing classes in exchange for the help we give the town at events such as the parade and Home Days. The CARS members were supervised by Mark, WJ8WM, and included Larry, N8OWS; Scott, AC8NW; Toby, WT8O; and Metro, W8MET assisted by his XYL Linda, N8LRS.

### Now You Know

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words “**The**” and “**IRS**” together it spells “**Theirs...**”



*Larry, N8OWS, and Scott, AC8NW, stand point at the Seven Hills Memorial Day parade.*

### His First QSO

Metro, W8MET

Rick, N8RIK, made his first QSO in the Florida QSO Party. He used his Yaesu FT-450 with 100 watts to a 24 foot end-fed antenna on his 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment ceiling. He just received his Extra class license from our class and is now ON-THE-AIR. Congratulations Rick N8RIK.



*...and the band played on.*

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

## Metro's Picks

### ON-THE-AIR

June 3, 0000-June 4, 2359, 10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest, 28 MHz, Dig [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

June 3, 0400-June 4, 2000, DigiFest, 3.5-28 MHz, Dig [www.mixw.net](http://www.mixw.net)

June 3, 1600-June 4, 0400, Alabama QSO Party, 1.8-28 MHz, CW, Ph. [www.alabamagsoparty.org](http://www.alabamagsoparty.org)

June 1, 1800-June 12, 0259, ARRL June VHF Contest, 50 MHz and up CW, Ph, Dig [w3atb.com/cookie-crumble](http://w3atb.com/cookie-crumble)

June 17, 1500-June 18, 1500, Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 1.8 MHz, CW [www.kkn.net/stew](http://www.kkn.net/stew)

June 17, 1600-June 18, 0200, West Virginia QSO Party, 3.5-28 MHz, CW, Ph, Dig [qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp](http://qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp)

June 18, 1800-June 18, 2359, Kids Day Contest, 3.5, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28 MHz, Repeaters, Ph [www.arrl.org/kids-day](http://www.arrl.org/kids-day)

June 24, 1800-June 25, 2100 Z ARRL Field Day, All Bands, CW, Ph, Dig [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day)

All times in Zulu

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

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# 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday July 28, 2017 will be the CARS annual picnic. We will again be in the **Kiwanis Pavilion**, see the picture below, it is **behind the Independence Civic Center**. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage/brats, potato salad, Cole slaw plus all the trimmings.

Please anyone who can please bring a desert.

We will announce and present our 2017 Scholarship winner(s) with a check.

There will be a check-in on 146.82 with prizes starting at 5:00pm.

There will be several door prizes for the winners of our drawings.

***The picnic is FREE to all CARS members, family & friends! All we ask is you tell us how many will be coming on or before Friday July 21. Arrive anytime after 5:30pm to eat about 6:00pm.***

Email your numbers to Bob, W8GC at: [bob@2cls.com](mailto:bob@2cls.com) or call 216-524-1750



## 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

### Membership

W8GC \*\*

### NET

WT8O \*\*

### Newsletter

WT8O \*\* 440-525-6109

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KD8QBB \*\*

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### Public Services

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WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at Meetings & Picnic

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

### Scholarship

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

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WT8O

### License trustee

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March 15, 2017