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Dinner Meeting at Simon's Scott Yonally, N8SY, Special Guest

From The Prez

March Dinner Meeting

Our March meeting should be a very special one, so please do your best to be there. We will be meeting at Simon's Restaurant in Brecksville. The restaurant is located in the shopping center at the southeast corner of routes 21 and 82. Our special guest will be the ARRL Ohio Section Manager, Scott Yonally, N8SY. Scott will be speaking about the ARRL and answer any questions from the group. Anyone who has met and spoken with Scott knows what a great representative he is for our section and amateur radio in general. Dinner will be available at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30. We always emphasize dinner is optional, you can just come for the meeting. Don't miss this opportunity, you will surely regret it.

Connecticut Trip

We voted at the February meeting to allocate \$2,500 to subsidize the cost a bus for a trip to the ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. We need twenty-five members to sign up for the trip to make it happen. The cost to each member going would be about \$100 each for the bus. Food and lodging would be extra. So far, we only have about half of the required people. I have mentioned on the nets and at the last meeting that anyone who is interested in going and did not sign up at the last meeting to please contact me at wt8o@att.net or 440-525-6109. We need twenty-five people to make it work. Members are welcome to bring family members at the same cost as members. Ask anyone who went up to the ARRL with the club in 2014, and I guarantee you to a man, not one regretted going.

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The CARS Repeater

We had some bad news recently. Channel 55, the owners of the main repeater site tower, has given us notice to remove our equipment from the premises. Briefly, even though our equipment has been there for many years without incident, we never had a formal agreement or paid rent. The current management of 55 was unaware of our presence and is unwilling to allow us to stay. We are currently seeking out a new location for our main site. We still have Brunswick and Shaker Heights, but the coverage will not be nearly as good as we have now. There are several possibilities we are working on and all CARS members will be notified of developments as they happen.

Membership Committee

I still need someone to step up and help me on the Membership Committee. This effort is crucial to the future of the club, so please contact me if you can help in any way.

73, Toby, WT80

Peep from the Veep

Mark, WJ8WM

American Radio Relay League. You hear me talk about them All the time. As the CARS liaison, I sing their praises constantly. How valuable their efforts are to protect and advance our hobby. So imagine how shocked I was to read in the current issue of QST that there are only 150,000 members out of 750,000 licensed radio operators in the United States.

Most of the things the ARRL does for us are behind the scenes and we don't know about them until they are a done deal however; QST is front and center every month. I look forward to reading it. There is such a wealth of knowledge in every issue you can't help but learn something. In my humble opinion, the magazine alone is worth the price of the dues.

So my message is: While most of us are ARRL members, we all need to spread the word and encourage our fellow hams to join (preferably through CARS so we get our bonus) and support our hobby through a strong lobby effort in Washington and learn something new every month reading QST!

March Birthdays

Mike Cegelski, KSEHP	3/2/42
Dave Rickon, NF80	3/3/47
Dave Korow, ACSTN	3/18/60
Terry Pillat, KBSDTC	3/18/46
Blaine Coleman, KASKPB	3/18/46
Tedd Mirgliotta, KBSNW	3/27/52
Chuck Mehozonek, KSCVM	3/27/56
Mark Moro, WJSWM	3/30/62
Alex Huston, NSUZF	/29/48
Bruce Bacik, NSDJX	3/31/42
Kim Balach, KDSFTU	3/31/88

Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society
February 13th 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

The CARS membership was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:30 PM on the 13th 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 January 9th 2018 Business meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the February 2018 *Wobbly Oscillator*.

Bob, W8GC, gave the report on the treasury balance.

Toby, WT8O, made a motion with a second by Bob, W8GC, to induct Hector Fontanet, KE8IQT and Andrea Smith, KE8IQU into the club this evening as NEW members. The motion PASSED.

CARS Amateur Radio training classes for Technician, General and Extra class begin on February 22nd at the Seven Hills City Hall. The classes begin at 6:30 PM and continue through April 5, 2018 with a VE session that evening.

CARS is once again sponsoring a bus to Hamvention this Year, the cost is \$50. Get your money to Metro, W8MET.

Mark, WJ8WM, added that the club audit was complete. He proposed a Bylaw change to hold the audit during the 1st quarter of the year to allow financial statements and other important paperwork to arrive from the previous year. This proposal will be listed in the *WO* and will be voted upon in March after it appears in the *WO*.

Mark also commented that Seven Hills would again like our help with the Memorial Day parade. There was no NEW information on the status of the Seven Hills Home Days for 2018.

Arp, K8ARP, provided the club with a list of Public Service events for 2018. These events will be listed in the March *WO*.

Metro, W8MET, stated that there were two NEW Technicians, two General class upgrades and one Extra class upgrade from the last VE session on January 14th, 2018. The next VE session is March 11th, 2018 at the OLD Elmwood Recreation center next to Elmwood Pond in Elmwood Park. Sessions begin at 9 AM.

Toby thanked Rich, Ed and Larry for their work providing refreshments at the Business meeting.

The club will subsidize a bus trip to the ARRL in Newington, CT. Andy, KD8SCV, made a motion for the club to allocate the money, \$2,500 dollars with a second from Gary, NI8Z. The motion PASSED. They will need 25 people for the trip to take place. The estimated cost will be \$100 per person with room and food extra. The total number of riders will determine the actual cost per person. The date will be announced once we determine the club will be going. Eddie, KD8FTS, volunteered to be the trip coordinator.

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Simon's Restaurant in Brecksville will be the NEW Dinner meeting location starting in March, 2018.

David, KD8ACO, commented that you can order your Hamvention tickets online.

Scott Yonally, N8SY, will be the March meeting presenter.

Scott, AC8NW, gave a presentation this evening on "EchoLink."

Mark, WJ8WM, won the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

There were 26 members and guests in attendance this evening.

Submitted by Larry Shimerka, N8OWS.



Scott, AC8NW, gave an excellent presentation on EchoLink at the February meeting.

Notes from the Technical Committee

*March
Net Shed*

MAR 7
K8KR

MAR 14
KD8ACO

MAR 21
WT8O

MAR 28
AC8NW

The Technical Committee current members are: Scott Smith, AC8NW, (Chairman); Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE; Vince Bak, N8OVW; Mark Moro, WJ8WM; Mike Toth, KB8RKF; David Noeth, KD8ACO; Terry Pillat, KB8DTC, and Bob Mueller, K8MD.

Unfortunately, CARS was not able to work out an agreement with WBNX, the owner of the tower where our repeater is located, and we must remove the repeater from the Parma site.

The repeater will be removed from the Parma location by the end of March, so it will be off the air sometime in the next few weeks.

CARS is looking at other locations to install our repeater, and should have a new site chosen in the very near future, so hopefully the repeater will not be off the air for very long.

We will do our best to keep everyone informed of the status of the relocation efforts.

73, Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

Member Profile
Tom Wayne, WB8N



How did you become interested in ham radio?

I was a Radioman in the US Navy, so I just continued my interest in radio in civilian life.

What made you decide to take the test?

I took the test to earn a ham license; I went from Novice to Extra Class in one year.

When did you get your license(s)?

I took my first license test over 28 years ago. I don't recall exactly when, let's just say that it's been awhile.

What are your base station radios and antennas?

My base HF and VHF/UHF station is in a spare second floor bedroom, The antennas are just outside near the house so I don't have too long of a coax run.

What is your mobile setup?

My mobile setup is a dual band VHF/UHF rig and a dual band mag mount antenna.

What are your favorite on air activities?

My favorite on air activities are rag chewing and chasing DX from the base station; as well as keeping in touch locally from the mobile.

Why did you join CARS?

When I first became licensed, I joined both CARS & LEARA. I decided to stay with CARS and dropped out of LEARA. I just liked the way CARS operated, and the type of leadership CARS had, plus the sort of membership CARS had/has.

What would you like to see CARS do to improve?

I really can't think of ways CARS could improve. I like the trips we take as a club, such as bus trips to the ARRL, Hamvention, etc. We have fun and do well on Field Day as well. I enjoy the dinner meetings and the Christmas party also.

Anything else you would like to say?

I feel that the CARS officers do a great job of running the club along with the participation of our fine membership!

2018 Public Service Events Arp, K8ARP

Each event is a clickable (**Ctrl+Click**) link to more information and/or to the sign up form.

[Skywarn Spotter Training](#) on April 19, 2018 6:00 PM

[Cleveland Rite Aid Marathon 5k & 8k](#) on May 19, 2018 8:00 AM

[Cleveland Rite Aid Marathon](#) on May 20, 2018 5:00 AM

[Shaker Heights Police Ribbon Run 5k](#) on May 26, 2018 8:00 AM

[Blossom Time Run](#) on May 27, 2018 8:00 AM

[Pan Ohio Hope Ride](#) on July 26, 2018 5:00 AM

[Pan Ohio Hope Ride](#) on July 27, 2018 5:00 AM

[Pan Ohio Hope Ride](#) on July 28, 2018 5:00 AM

[Pan Ohio Hope Ride](#) on July 29, 2018 5:00 AM

[MS-150 Buckeye Breakaway](#) on August 4, 2018 6:00 AM

[MS-150 Buckeye Breakaway](#) on August 5, 2018 6:00 AM

[Rock Hall Half Marathon](#) on August 19, 2018 7:00 AM

[Bellefaire Biathlon and Walk](#) on August 26, 2018 8:00 AM

[Geauga County Fair](#) on August 30, 2018 8:00 AM

[Geauga County Fair](#) on August 31, 2018 8:00 AM

[Geauga County Fair](#) on September 1, 2018 8:00 AM

[Geauga County Fair](#) on September 2, 2018 8:00 AM

[Geauga County Fair](#) on September 3, 2018 8:00 AM

[River Run](#) on September 9, 2018 8:00 AM

[Ride for Miles](#) on September 23, 2018 8:00 AM



Proposed Bylaw Change

At the February meeting Vice President Mark Moro, WJ8WM, proposed a change to the CARS Bylaws. He motioned the audit be conducted during the first quarter of the year following the year being audited. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Bob Check. The motion will be voted on at the March meeting.

The existing Bylaw reads:

14-021: AUDITS

- (a) An annual Audit will take place each year. **It will begin after the November election meeting and must be completed by December 31.**
- (b) An Audit will take place at any time that the Treasurer leaves office, and the newly-elected Treasurer must take part in the Audit.
- (c) The Audit will be conducted by three members of the Executive Board with the Treasurer present. The Vice-President will serve as Chairman and 2 members will be appointed by the president

Section "14-021", clause "a" will be changed to read:

- a) An annual Audit will take place each year. It will begin after the end of the calendar year and must be completed by March 31 of the following year.**

Dues Reminder

Dues for 2018 needed to have been paid by the end of January. If any member has not paid his dues by now, the member is considered not to be in good standing and cannot vote at CARS business, Board or special meetings. The club is always compassionate about past members, and any member who may be having difficulty is encouraged to contact the Treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC, and make special arrangements. Bob can be reached via email at bob@2cls.com by phone at 216-524-1750.

VE Session March 11, 2018

There will be an opportunity to upgrade your license or obtain a new license at the March CARS VE session. The VE session will be on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 9:00 AM. The exams will be held at the Old Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Pete Wisnieski Pkwy., Independence, OH. Call Metro, W8MET, for information at 216-520-1320. Walk-ins are welcome. Please refer to www.2cars.org for a map of the testing site location.

Hamvention

CARS will be sponsoring a bus to the Hamvention in Xenia on May 19, 2018. The cost of the bus will be \$50 and the price of tickets for admission to the Hamvention will be \$22 in advance and \$27 at the gate. The details for signing up for the bus are on the CARS website, www.2cars.org, and a flyer at the end of this newsletter. Ticket ordering for the Hamvention and additional information can be found at www.hamvention.org

Metro's Picks

ON-THE-AIR

March 3, 0000-March 4, 2359 1.8-28.0 ARRL International DX Contest Ph www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
March 3, 0000-March 10, 2359 3.5 7.0 21.0 28.0 144 Novice Rig Roundup CW novicerigroundup.com
March 7, 1800-2200 28.0NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest CW Ph Dig www.nrau.net
March 10, 1000-March 11, 1000 50-1296 SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest Dig www.sarl.org.za
March 10, 1200-March 11, 1200 28.0 South America 10 Meter Contest CW Ph sa10m.com.ar
March 10, 1500Z-March 11, 1500Z 1.8Mhz. Stew Perry Topband Challenge CW www.kkn.net/stew
March 10, 1800-March 11, 1800 1.8-50 QCWA QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.qcwa.org
March 11, 0000-0400 3.5-14.0 North American Sprint RTTY Dig ncjweb.com
March 17, 1400-1700 144 432 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest CW agcw.org/index.php/en
March 24, 0000-March 25, 2359 1.8-28.0 CQ WW WPX Contest SSB Ph www.cqwp.com
March 25, 0600-1000 50 UBA Spring Contest, 6 Meters CW Ph uba.be/hf/contest-rules

Special Events Stations

March 10, 1700-2300, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. **Launching of USS Midway.** 14.320 7.250 SSB; 14.070 PSK31; D-STAR on REF001C. QSL available at USS Midway (CV-41) COMEDTRA, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 9210

State QSO Parties

March 10, 1500-March 11, 2000 3.5-50 Oklahoma QSO Party CW Ph Dig k5cm.com/okqp.htm
March 10, 1900-March 11, 1900 1.8-28.0 Idaho QSO Party CW PH Dig idahoarrl.info
March 11, 1800-March 12, 0100 All Bands Wisconsin QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.arac.org
March 17, 1400-March 18, 0200 1.8-144 Louisiana QSO Party CW Ph Dig laqp.louisianancontestclub.org
March 17, 1400-March 18, 2359 All Bands Virginia QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.qsl.net/sterling

This is a sure way towards your W.A.S award.

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

Info from QST March 2018 Pg. 85 and 96 - All times in GMT ZULU time

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Please reserve and pay for your
“2018 Hamvention” ride to Xenia, OH
Bus Trip ASAP.

Saturday May 19, 2018 CARS is
again sponsoring a Bus trip to the
“2018 Hamvention” 2nd time now 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 2018, it is an incredible event, 2nd year in this 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 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, plus we need your email info, name, call and phone number.

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