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Field Day

From The Prez

Field Day

The Biggest operating event of the year, ARRL Field Day, is coming this month, June 23rd and 24th to be exact. CARS will set up at Calvin Park in Seven Hills where we have been for the last several years. We will be operating from 2:00 PM Saturday straight through until 2:00 PM Sunday. We will have stations running Single Side Band, CW, PSK 31 and RTTY. We always encourage all members to participate by operating, or at least coming out. Last year we gave out certificates to those who made a contact. We will do that again this year and also award commemorative coffee mugs for those who make a contact between midnight and six in the morning. The big takeaway for those who participate is the camaraderie of other participants. Many of the close friendships I have developed with fellow club members have been forged during the ups and downs at Field Day. If you have never been to Field Day, it's worth coming out to experience the team effort. Every year the same thing happens; those who participated say how much they enjoyed it, those who didn't regret it. Sounds like an easy choice to me.

Free Hot Dogs

Our first picnic meeting of the summer will feature **FREE** hot dogs and a great program on grounding by Mark, WJ8WM. That's right **FREE** hot dogs. We never seem to get that many people actually picnicking at our picnic meetings, so we came up something that might give the event a shot in the arm. We will be grilling hot dogs for the group. Nothing fancy, just hot dogs, buns, mustard and ketchup will be supplied. Mark's grounding presentation promises to be informative and helpful to all of us. His career as a licensed electrician and city Building Inspector support his knowledge. He knows his stuff. Several members told me they will attend the meeting because of the program. Don't forget we will be at the Harriet Keeler pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation.

“You oughtta”

We cited last month that some members start sentences with “You oughtta”, expecting someone else to carry out their idea. We stated ideas are fine, but action is needed to make it happen; and those with the idea should supply the action either themselves, or with help from others. At the meeting a few days after the article was published, a couple members commented “You oughtta” or “We oughtta”, and even said they read the article. Several members commented the concept needs to be repeatedly emphasized. This is not written to be mean or nasty; we are only suggesting an approach that would increase involvement and productivity in our fine club.

73, Toby, WT8O

Peep from the Veep Mark, WJ8WM

Hamvention 2018 is in the books. I really like this new venue. It feels less crowded and easier to see the vendors to me. And I think we all can agree the food is much better! I wasn't looking for anything in particular on this trip. I wanted to see what is new.

I took some time to check out the Go Boxes. I mean the big Go Boxes. The mobile stations! These trucks are set up to handle whatever kind of operational situation you could encounter. The first truck we visited was from the Sheriffs Department. Of course, it was equipped to the nines for tactical work. There were approximately 20 radios mounted in racks to communicate with multiple agencies, as well as two separate multifunction cellular phones, a public address system, video surveillance, and weather radar alerts. The truck had a separate work / lounge area with a fridge and microwave for the long haul.

On the other end of the spectrum, there was a privately-owned Ford van. It was explained to us four guys bought it used online for \$1,800 from a news station with the antenna mast. The truck was very well configured with racks for equipment and workstations for two operators, as well as the front seats that swivel to create another operating or logging position. These guys have put considerable time and effort into creating a VERY cool HF mobile operating station(s). They have activated Ohio parks and worked Field Days. The owner told me they were invited to Hamvention and were asked to return next year. Their home base is in Michigan. I recommend you check them out next year. Their truck is most impressive especially on a modest budget!



Andy, KD8SCV, gave a very interesting talk at the May meeting on railroads and radios.

Next ARES Meeting

The next meeting of Cuyahoga County ARES will be Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the Cuyahoga County Library Parma Snow Branch 2121 Snow Rd. The meeting topic will be a discussion about preparing for events.

[From the Cuyahoga County ARES website, Matherw Nickoson, KC8NZJ, Emergency Coordinator]

Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society
May 8th, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

The CARS membership was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O at 7:30 PM on the 8th 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 April 10th 2018 Business meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the May 2018 *Wobbly Oscillator*.

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

Picnic meetings start in June at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. The meetings will continue through July and August.

Metro stated that there were still seats available for the Hamvention Bus trip.

Once again CARS will be assisting with the Seven Hills Memorial Day parade. Any interested volunteers should meet in the St. Columbkille Church parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Lighthouse weekend is in August. Mark, WJ8WM, is looking for a volunteer to chair this event.

The Cleveland Marathon on May 20th is still looking for volunteers.

Public service information for 2018 is available in the *Wobbly Oscillator* as well as the CARS Facebook page. The links will direct you to the appropriate web page for the event.

Bill, KD8QBB, has been working to fill the program schedule for the remainder of the year so if you have any ideas contact Bill.

Toby unveiled the "Special Service" banner the club received from the ARRL. It will be available for viewing at the business meetings.

The 146.82 repeater will be moved to a location in Brecksville, Ohio pending on the receipt of a letter from the Mayor of Brecksville. EchoLink will be installed.

Field Day is once again at Calvin Park in Seven Hills. Toby circulated a sign-up sheet during the meeting. If you were not at the meeting and intend to operate at Field Day, contact Toby with your name, call, mode you will be working, and hours of operation. Operators working the overnight portion of Field Day from midnight to 0600 will receive a Field Day mug.

The next VE session will be May 13th at 9:00 AM in the old Elmwood Recreation Center adjacent to Elmwood Pond in Elmwood Park.

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Ed, WB8ROK, made a motion to repeal Bylaw article 14.006 and replace it with Article 14.003. A second was received and the motion passed.

Scott, AC8NW, made a motion to Elect his father, Jerry, NW9H, an Honorary Member of CARS. Jerry was a core member of the club and was very active in the operation of the club. A second was received and the motion passed.

Armed Forces on the Air is this Saturday, May 12th.
The station schedule is on the internet.

Andy, KD8SCV, won the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

There were 30 members and guests in attendance this evening.

Andy, KD8SCV, gave a presentation on "Radios & Railroad."

Submitted by Larry Shimerka, N8OWS.



November Sweeps Toby, WT8O

The November Sweepstakes is one of the most popular ARRL contests. The contest runs for 30 hours, although each entrant can only operate 24 hours. The exchange is more complicated than most requiring a serial number, section, power level and the year licensed.

Another cool thing is a group of hams can operate at their respective stations and combine their scores and enter in the club category. I have done that in the past with another club I am a member of that has a nice sized group of testers.

Metro, W8MET, proudly informed me he got his name in print on page 86 in the June issue of *QST*. I too, racked up a good amount of contacts in the contest, but didn't submit my score after hearing some of the numbers of contacts the big guns compiled.

What would really be fun would be this year if we get some more members to operate in the contest and combine our scores and enter as a club. There is no limit on the number of members who contribute and any points an individual adds will make a difference. We will talk about this at a meeting soon.

**Jerry Smith, NW9H, Honorary Member
Toby, WT8O**

At the May meeting Jerry Smith, NW9H, one of the founding members of CARS was elected as an Honorary Member. He was nominated by his son Scott, AC8NW, and elected unanimously by the members present.

Jerry's amateur radio involvement goes back to the 1960's. His professional career was largely in the radio communications field. His late wife, Martha, WA8DXY, and son became hams. Jerry has received numerous awards in his long amateur career, and is the member of several organizations including the Quarter Century Wireless Association and the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida.

I had the pleasure of meeting Jerry over the phone this winter when we were attempting to keep the repeater on the Parma Tower. Not only was the information he supplied extremely helpful, but the conversation was abundantly enjoyable. He's one heck of a guy. I finally got to meet him face to face at Dayton a couple weeks ago. We had a fine time perusing the 'fest and chewing the rag. Jerry has checked into our nets via EchoLink and on his HT when he was up here visiting relatives before the Hamvention.



Jerry Smith, NW9H, with his son Scott, AC8NW, at this year's Hamvention.

Congratulations Jerry for being elected an Honorary Member of CARS.

**The Random Wire
Tom Wayne, WB8N**

Howdy fellow CARS members. Yup, it's that time again.

As sit here at the computer it's 81 degrees out, but cloudy. We've been enjoying some great weather, at least in my opinion. I know that some of you don't like the hot weather, but I love it. I've been sitting out on my deck in my "gravity chair" getting some rays the past few days, with my dog Jake. He loves the sun as well.

In a couple of days it'll be Memorial Day. I'm gonna ride my scooter to beautiful downtown Bedford and watch the big parade. I love a parade, as the song goes. Then I've got nice slab of ribs I'm gonna cook up on the grill, heat up some baked beans, and enjoy the holiday. Hope it doesn't rain.

We have the ARRL Field Day coming up June 23rd & 24th. That's always a lot of fun. CARS will be holding its Field Day as usual, at the same place as last year, Calvin Park. Check the CARS website for times of operation and directions. C'mon out and operate the station if you so desire; or just come out and enjoy being an observer. You can also help with logging if you don't want to operate. Hope to see you there!

I've been rather lax about getting on the air myself. I'm gonna have to remedy that. Gotta get some DX under my belt

That's about it for this month folks. Hope to see y'all at the next meeting, catch you on the air and at Field Day.

Dayton Hamvention 2018
Amateur Radio... Serving the Community
David, KD8ACO

More people... More buildings... More forums... More new products... More offsite parking... More food vendors... More flea market... More FUN!

Hats off to all of the volunteers that make Hamvention such a successful event each and every year! The official attendance figures have not been published yet, but in my opinion and many of those I have spoken with, Hamvention 2018 was very well attended and likely surpassed last year's total. Attendance on Sunday in particular was the largest I have seen for several years. In addition, younger attendees seemed to be in greater number. Not only attending, but more importantly participating. Several students did an excellent job making very well attended forum presentations.

This year, the former Fairgrounds Furniture building was vacated and made available to Hamvention for additional indoor vendor space. In addition, the indoor vendor tents were also upgraded from those used last year. At times, movement was next to impossible with heavy attendee traffic in the aisles, bringing back memories of Hara Arena. Sometimes frustrating, but refreshing never the less to see Hamvention so well attended.

Speaking of forums, the traditional four room forum schedule was expanded to five rooms. The forums in the fifth room were held in an additional outdoor tent. The total number of forums increased from 53 last year to 57 this year. The breadth and depth of the forum offerings amazes me each year. These forums and the individuals who present them are truly one of Hamvention's greatest assets.

There were numerous new amateur radio product introductions, displays and demos this year. These products were not limited to only transceivers and amplifiers. There were many other new products, including audio processors, digital mode interfaces, and even CW keys. I'm sure many of these new offerings will be gracing the pages of QST very soon.

Not only did the number of offsite parking options increase from four last year to five this year, but a greater number of attendees chose to utilize this convenient option. In my opinion, it's the only way to go. New this year was a designated loading area for those attendees who purchased a large or heavy item. Once you returned to your vehicle, you could stop by and pick up your new found treasure, which you previously checked, at this new will call area. In my opinion, the number of vehicles opting for the onsite parking was reduced, helping with the reduction in local traffic, as well as, the fairground parking mud issues.

Last year, fourteen food vendors were included on the map of the fairgrounds. Twenty-five vendors were included on this year's map. I have been told by many attendees that these welcome offerings were plentiful and tasty. The menu items ranged from traditional carnival fair to many ethnic cuisines and a wide variety of beverage options.

Another welcome addition this year was the laying of recycled asphalt road shavings in the pathways in the flea market area contained within the horse track's infield. My observation is that this was an effective improvement, making the flea market paths viable all three days of Hamvention both during and after the rain. After all, what would Hamvention be without rain? It also seems to me that the flea market was fuller this year with more occupied vendor sites.

Hope to see you at Hamvention 2019. Mark your calendars now for May 17, 18 & 19, 2019

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 Scott, AC8NW; Toby, WT8O; and Metro, W8MET.



May 13, 2018 VE Session Metro, W8MET

Another successful testing session was held by the CARS VE team. All three candidates passed. Roger Hopp is now KE8JWA as a Technician. Scott Sala, KE8FNT, came in as a Technician and left as a General. Lee Shrader, KB8ZUR, passed element four and walked out as a new Extra. Congratulations to all. A big thank you for our VE team, Joel, K8SHB; Gary, NI8Z; Larry, N8OWS; Darren, K8DMT; George, K8KR; and David, NF8O.

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 2/10/15
Thomas Wayne, WB8N	Elected 1/10/17
Dwaine Modock, K8ME, SK	Elected 5/9/17
Toby Kolman, WT8O	Elected 10/10/17
Jerry Smith, NW9H	Elected 5/8/18

CARS Scholarships

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 CARS Scholarships. Julia Kwasny, granddaughter of Carl Beduhn, K8AV, and Casey Dobeck, daughter of Mike, K8CKC, will each receive a \$500 check from CARS to help with their education. The checks will be awarded at the July meeting. Special thanks to the CARS Scholarship Committee, chaired by Bob, W8GC; Mark, WJ8WM; Andy, KD8SCV; Larry, N8OWS and Tom, WB8N.

September 21st and 22nd, 2018, Pigeon Forge, TN

Hello Friends and Club Officials

I want to ask that you pass along this announcement about this years W4DXCC convention onto your club members and friends, thank you in advance.

The **2018 W4DXCC DX and Contest convention and Ham Radio Bootcamp** is set for September 21st and 22nd 2018 celebrating our 14th year..

It is time to make your Hotel reservations for this year's convention. Go here to the Website Hotel reservation page [Hotel Reservations](#)

Convention Registration is now Open including Online Ticket Purchasing. You can make your ticket purchase anytime by going here [Online Ticket Purchase](#)

Check out the Website and learn about the W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention. Go Here [W4DXCC Convention](#)

This year has a good lineup of presenters so make your plans now and be sure to bring along some of your ham friends. Program schedules will be posted as soon as they are confirmed by the presenters, coming soon.
Best 73

See you soon,
Dave Anderson, K4SV
Convention leader
Dave@w4dxcc.com

June Net Shed

JUNE	6	N18Z
JUNE	13	N8OWS
JUNE	20	K8KR
JUNE	27	KD8ACO

June Birthdays

Scott Smith, ACSNW

6/6/61

Joe Ulaszewski, KD8BAL

6/21/50

Lou Iganczak, NSPZK,

6/24

Metro's Picks

ARRL June VHF Contest

Using your hand-held, mobile or base to try and work other States or Grids on CW Ph Dig on June 9, 1800- June 11 0259 on 50 MHz and up www.arrl.org/june-vhf

Boy Scouts

June 24, 1300-June 29, 0500Z from Michigan K2BSA/8 the Boy Scouts of America Trail to Eagle XXIV www.michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/d-bar-a-scout-ranch/trail-to-eagle-at-d-bar-a

Kid's Day Contest

The kids special day is June 18, 0000-2359 on 3.5, 7.0, 14.0, 18.0, 21.0, 24.0, 28.0 and 144.0 repeaters. The exchange is their name, age, QTH, and favorite color. www.arrl.org/kids-day

Museum Ships Weekend

June 2, 0001-June 3, 2359 Camden, New Jersey, The Battleship New Jersey, NJ2BB www.nj2bb.org

June 2, 1600-June 3, 2300 San Diego, CA, The USS Midway (CV-41) NI6IW www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

June 11, 0000-June 3, 2100 Toledo, Ohio, Museum Ships Weekend, K8E www.tmrahamradio.org

Submarines On The Air

June 2, 1300-June 3, 2100, Connecticut, N1S, The First Nuclear Submarine USS Nautilus www.qrz.com/db/n1s

June 2, 1400-June 3, 2300, Wisconsin, NB9QV, The World War II Submarine USS Cobra www.qrz.com/db/nb9qv

State QSO Parties

June 2, 1400-June 3, 0200 1.8-144 Kentucky QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.kyqsoparty.org

June 11, 0000-0200 1.8-28.0 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint CW Ph States involved are Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. 4sqrp.com

June 16, 1600-June 17, 0200 3.5-28.0 Mhz. CW Ph Dig www.qsl.net/wvsarc

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50/50

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