

# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR



## EDITORS' DESK



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OK, so we learned last month *NOT* to send out the electronic version of the W.O. via AOL. Enjoy this month courtesy of our ISP!

— Russ, KC8IHS  
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## HEY, IS THIS THE C.A.R.S. MEETING?



Just a reminder that for the months of July and August we will be holding our meetings at the Oak Grove Picnic area of the Brecksville Metropark. Get there early and cook out on the fire provided by the club. Bring your own food and beverage. Kids and spouses welcome!

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## VEEP VIEW

The Veep is taking time to take stock of has been going on with Amateur radio activities. So much has gone on for the first half of the year. The C.A.R.S. VE team conducted six VE sessions successfully; the Veep spent three days at the Dayton HamVention again; participated in the ninth Annual C.A.R.S. Hamfest; helped out at our Special Event activity in Copley at the Arrowhead School; and assisted in a number of small Elmering activities. Now we have to look to see how the rest of the year fares by improv-

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## FROM THE PREZ'S SHACK

*Tom Wayne, WB8N*

### THE RANDOM WIRE

#### SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS...

Easy? Yes it is fellow C.A.R.S. members. Dayton is behind us, and we have just had a successful Father's Day Hamfest, in spite of Mother Nature's lack of cooperation. It rained all night long and into the early morning as we were attempting to re-organize things at Nordon High School. Many of the flea-marketers opted to rent a table indoors, and along with the regular indoor vendors, helped to make the hamfest a reality.

We had a good turnout of patrons and all-in-all, everything went better than first expected.

This year, instead of giving away radios as prizes, we gave away gift certificates redeemable at Amateur Electronic Supply. This way we did not have to limit ourselves to a particular make and model of radio to give away. The prize winners could decide for themselves just what they wanted and needed. We also had some publications donated by the ARRL to give away as door prizes.

After all the expenses and receipts were tallied, it appears that we actually made a profit. Thanks go out to all the members who came out and volunteered their time and energy in making the hamfest a success. Special thanks to Gary NI8X, Dave KD8V, and Glenn KG8MR for standing out in the rain selling admission tickets, and becoming drenched in the process. Thanks all! Without you it would not have been a success.

As for those members who did not make it out there, you missed a good hamfest and a good time. Hope to see you all out there next year.

#### FIELD DAY 2000

C.A.R.S. did not have a club Field Day this year. The reasons were that we were not able to secure a site, and no one volunteered to be the Field Day Chairman this year. There also seemed to be a lack of general interest as far as operators went. In the past we ran a 5 Alpha Field Day entry, which means that there were five radio stations on the air simultaneously for the duration, plus any Novice, digital, or other special stations we might have had.

If C.A.R.S. wants to hold a Field Day operation next June, we have to start thinking about where we might be able to hold it, and we need someone to be in charge. We cannot wait until April or May of next year. We need to start working on this NOW. Don't wait for the other guy to do something. This is your club, and to make it successful you have to participate. 'Nuff said for now. Think about it.

Many of our members visited other Field Day sites held by other clubs. Some members also participated in the operation of these sites.

I myself decided to set up my own Field Day station, running by battery power from my deck. I got everything set up ... rig connected to the battery, proper grounding, cooler full of cold liquid refreshments ... and at 1400 hours local time made my first Field Day contact ... then it began to rain and I quickly covered everything up and made a beeline for cover myself. Fifteen minutes later the rain had stopped and I sat at the operating position until 0200 hours Sunday morning, with only breaks to eat dinner and a potty run or two. At 0200 hours I decided I was tired. I was having a tough time keeping my eyes open, so I

hit the sack until 0630 Sunday morning. I arose, splashed some cold water in my face and went back to it. It tried off and on to rain on me but I stuck it out except for the heaviest rain. I managed to get a couple more hours of operating time under my belt however and hung it up about 1100 hours when it began to rain in earnest. I packed up what I could and covered up the rest of the gear and called an end to my Field Day attempt. Of course later, when Field Day officially came to an end, the rain stopped, the sun came out and it was beautiful for the rest of the day. Another case of Mother Nature not cooperating as well as she might have. For a single operator I think I ran up a respectable score and will be anxious to see how I fared among others of my operating class.

#### JUNE MEETING

We held our first picnic meeting in the park last month and will be meeting at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in the Brecksville Metro Park again this month and also in August.

Come on out early, bring some burgers or hot dogs, or whatever else you might want to cook on the grill and have a good time eating and chatting with your fellow members prior to the meeting.

#### BUS TO DAYTON

Roger N8TCP has resigned his position as being in charge of the bus to the Dayton Hamvention, and we need someone to take his place. Roger has said that he will give whatever information and assistance necessary to who ever takes this job over. Think about it and volunteer for the job if you think you might want to help out the club in this capacity.

#### LICENSE TRUSTEE

Greg KG8O has indicated that he no longer wishes to be license trustee for K8ZFR, the club call sign. The Officers

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## MEETING MINUTES

*Glen Shore, KG8MR*

### MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the regular Club meeting held on June 21, 2000, at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation as recorded by Glenn KG8MR. Tom WB8N called the June CARS meeting to order at 20:04 EST. The members in attendance included Gordon KC8IOU, David W8IXY, Terry KB8DTC, Fred NO2O, Ron K8VJG, Tom WB8N, Dave KD8V, Bill AA8WJ, Mike KB8UGT, Russ KC8IHS, Monica KC8IYM, Glenn KG8MR, Gary NI8Z, Jim K8BLB, Duncan KC8KQO, Monica N8HTX, Rich N8FIL, Casey N8FCQ, Jim KB8SQF, and Judy KC8FHE.

New member candidates in attendance: Chuck Summer, N4OSD, and Jeff Venecek, KC8OUH.

The list of guests, and visitors included: Frank N8WGO, Bob KE8UV, Amy Schneck, Pat Dressler and Kimberly Balach.

### CHANGES TO THE MINUTES

The minutes were accepted with no changes. (Accepted by Terry KB8DTC and Dave W8IXY)

### CHANGES TO THE TREASURER REPORT

NI8Z requested a breakdown on the \$1,100 expenditure reported last month. The report was accepted with no changes. (Accepted by Terry KB8DTC and Dave W8IXY)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: VE REPORT

Gary NI8Z reported a VE session will be held on Sunday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. EST, at the Independence Town Hall. Gary also answered a question on how to become a VEC.

### MISC.

The roster on the web site ([www.cars.org](http://www.cars.org)) was reported to be updated. If you have upgraded recently or changed your call sign, please notify Judy KC8FHE, Treasurer, so she can make note of it. Ten members were removed from the roster for failure to pay their dues in time.

### MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Venecek, KC8OUH and Chuck Sommer, N4OSD have applied for membership. They will be published in the WO and be voted upon at the next meeting. Aaron Beaty, KC8MXW of Kent, was voted upon and accepted into C.A.R.S. (pending receipt of his dues payment by July 19th.)

### HAMFEST (RICH N8FIL)

Rich N8FIL reported a positive vendor turnout despite the poor weather. C.A.R.S. was projected to make a profit in the range of several hundred dollars from this year's hamfest. Those involved with the hamfest were pleased with the positive financial outcome.

Tom WB8N reported this year's hamfest prize winners. Harry Bates Jr., KA8ZDW, of Elyria won the main prize of \$450 gift certificate from AES. Robert Gilbert, KA8JOY, of Richfield won the gift certificate for \$250. Thomas Gabor, N8YYZ, of Kirtland, won the Honey Baked Ham raffle.

Door prizes, donated by the ARRL, included a 2000 Handbook, an Antenna Book, and Repeater Directory were all given away.

CUYCO-SkyWarn also had a raffle and gave out prizes of FRS hand held radios and AM/FM Weather radios.

[Despite the rain, breaking the previous half dozen years of great Father's Day weather, this year's hamfest was deemed a success. Thanks to the efforts of the hamfest committee, and hams who's spirits are not dampened by inclement weather. ]

### TECHNICAL/REPEATER

Rich N8FIL gave us a report on the general status of the repeater which include discussions on APRS and the 2 meter repeater status.

#### APRS Discussion

Rich supported the application of APRS in place of the current digipeater function currently operating on 145.070. The members present were asked about their APRS activities. When polled, only one member present at the meeting currently used APRS, W8IXY. Another member, KC8KQO, thought they might use APRS within a year.

A special interest group offering APRS equipment a few months back, was interested in using the 145.070 site. However, they may already chosen a different site.

#### 146.82 Discussion

Rich N8FIL was asked by Tom WB8N to ensure there are no impediments to N8OVW from gaining access to our equipment at either station site. Rich is to check in to the matter.

The proposal to replace the 146.82 controller, or to install a new link to the controller at the 463.825 was openly discussed. N8FIL suggested that installing a link to the 463.825 site, may prove less viable than looking at a single controller replacement. The 440 site may not have emergency back up power either. Rich suggested that the C.A.R.S. board study the cost, complexity, and reliability issues of each approach.

[These proposals are an effort to provide a long term solution to the loss of scheduler accuracy and extraneous digi-

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## MEETING MINUTES CONT

tal voice announcements being experienced on the 146.82 repeater system. In the meantime, Greg KG8O is working to improve the current system using a donated 486 PC. No report was given on his progress at this meeting.

Further discussions are invited by additional member feedback, which will be included in the next C.A.R.S. Board member meeting. Board meetings are also open to all members of C.A.R.S. and to be announced.]

### Inventory

Judy KC8FHE raised the topic of the C.A.R.S. inventory. Glenn KG8MR reported that an inventory consisting of description, quantity, physical location and fair market value was established at the end of March with the help of Rich N8FIL.

This inventory was used for the yearly financial statement to the state. [As a reminder to all committee members, the serial number, model number, and fair market value on each new or donated C.A.R.S. equipment must be reported to the secretary.]

## OLD BUSINESS

The interference on the 6M band was not expected to diminish in the near future – particularly in the Broadview area. It was reported that WKYC's testing of digital TV broadcasting transmissions, may be contributing to the increased interference.

In response to a question, Tom reiterated that the SkyWarn operations have changed their name to CUYCO for Cuyahoga County.

### Wade Park VA Amateur Radio Station K8ZFR

Gary NI8Z stated he has been receiving a lot of pressure at the Chippewa Radio Club VA hospital club board meetings. Brecksville VA people are questioning why more C.A.R.S. members are

not using the K8ZFR Wade Park VA station. Only one person was known to have used that station in the last year. Senior members of our group are having trouble finding the time to get there as well. To use the VA station, you must become a volunteer for the VA hospital, receiving a badge for admittance, and request entrance through VA security.

An offer has been made to take over the station, implying abandoning the K8ZFR station license granted to the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. Raising concern over its lack of use, Brecksville entities want to upgrade the current Wade Park VA radio equipment with their own funds. However, they still want to know, if we are willing to give up the K8ZFR station license.

Rich N8FIL argued in favor of keeping the K8ZFR station license, leveraging that C.A.R.S. licensing demographic changes from technician to general, will increase interest to operate HF at the VA. Tom WB8N also vocalized opposition to the change. Gary NI8Z would like all interested club members to respond to this issue. [email NI8Z@cars.org with your comments]

## NEW BUSINESS

Bob KE8UV reported that the Parma Radio Club sends us greetings and wanted us to know they will be operating field day with the call sign W8PRC.

Bob KE8UV also reported the Brecksville public service department is taking down a 80-90' tower, consisting of 10 and 15 sections. Base legs are about 6 foot apart. The city is doing the work to take it down. It is presumed the disassembled tower is up for grabs at that point. Interested parties should contact N8JR.

## License Trustee

It was announced at this meeting, that the current license trustee Greg KG8O has indicated that he no longer wants to be license trustee. Discussions are being conducted to determine a new license trustee appointment and should be a topic for the next scheduled board meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 21:21 EST (Terry KB8DTC and Gordon KC8IOU.)

## PROGRAM PRESENTATION

No program was presented. [Except for the raccoons, who put on their usual animal act - see picture on page 1.] ∞

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and Board of Directors will be holding a board meeting soon to appoint a member to this position. If you feel you want the job, make it known to one of the Officers or Board members.

## STATE OF THE REPEATER

As you probably know, if you have spent any time at all on the 146.82 repeater of late, it is still not up to par. There is no problem using it to transmit, however the scheduler is all messed up and says inappropriate things, such as "why are you up?" at 3:00 in the afternoon, or announcing the next meeting as being in February. The problem continues until we can gain access to the Brecksville site and get the replacement computer installed and re-programming done, along with some other technical work. More on this as things develop. Let's hope for the best and think positively.

That's it for this month fellow members. Enjoy the summer ... it is half over already. Get on the air and enjoy your privileges that you worked so hard for!

See ya at the next meeting.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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## GEARVAKF BULLETIN

Tom Wayne

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## FCC TO CHANGE AMATEUR CALL LETTER ASSIGNMENTS

by N8JR

The FCC has announced the cancellation of the call letter ID system and will replace callsigns with distinctive letter and number groups as part of the upgrading of the FCC computer system. The new system, known as GALIS (Geographically Aided Locator Identification System), is expected to greatly simplify the licensing process. Amateurs possessing callsigns such as W1ABC will be receiving new call letter assignments within 90 to 120 days, and should begin using them upon receipt. Amateurs residing in states east of the Mississippi will have call identifiers beginning with numbers 1 through 9. Those living west will have identifiers beginning with 10 through 20. The second part of the call assignment will be the two-letter state identifier, a number sequence consisting of the last four letters of the licensee's social security number, followed by the telephone area code and zip code and the class of licensee. For example, an amateur now living in Cincinnati, OH with the callsign K8TRQ, will now be as-



## MEMBERSHIP

David Morley, W8IXY

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signed a callsign of K3OH7644451345210AE09. The original "W", "K", "A", or "N" designator is placed before the east/west identification number. The OH is for Ohio; the 7644 is the last four numbers of the amateur's social security number; and it is followed by the area code and licensee's zip code; AE for Amateur Extra; and 09 for the last two numbers of the license expiration date. The FCC's amateur bureau stated that the system would make it much easier for amateurs to determine where another station is located, rather than having to look it up in a callbook. When the amateur changes residence, his callsign will also change. In its rulemaking, the Commission cited a large number of complaints that amateur callsigns no longer indicated where amateurs are located, since they are allowed to transport their old calls into new areas when moving. Under the new system the callsigns would make it considerably easier to procure information about the station and the operator. Amateurs should be filing a new FCC Form 608B to get their new number. All present callsigns will expire on December 31, 2000, but amateurs should begin using their new calls as soon as they are received. Originally, the FCC intended to completely do away with the "W", "K", "A", and "N" prefixes but were reminded by DXers that the prefixes are required by international law. This should alleviate some worries in the DX community. The new callsign system will be part of the "CORES" upgrade to the recent ULS (Universal Licensing System). Those already registered under ULS will not have to re-file under CORES or GALIS, but will be automatically entered. Present licenses will then be canceled and replaced with the GALIS identifiers. ∞

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Judy Crane, KC8FHE

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## VE NEWS

Gary Dewey, N18Z

### C.A.R.S. VOLUNTEER EXAMINATIONS

The test schedule for the year 2000 Volunteer Examinations have been scheduled. The location of all Amateur Radio Examinations will be 6652 Brecksville Road, Independence at the Independence Town Hall.

The examinations will be held on the Odd month, second Sunday at 9 a.m. The dates for your planning calendar: September 10 and November 12.

The cost of taking the test will be \$6.65. Everyone taking a test for a new license or an upgrade must bring a valid picture I.D. The original and a copy of their license, any CSCEs are necessary.

Bring an ink pen to fill out the new 605 form plus 2 pencils with erasers for the written tests. Everyone fill out the new 605 form should have their social security number.

Contact N18Z, Gary Dewey at 216-642-1399 or e-mail to [gdewey@en.com](mailto:gdewey@en.com) for further information and special request.



**2000 KEY BANK MS PEDAL TO THE POINT BIKE TOUR**

This summer, on August 19 - 20 over 2000 men, women and children will take to the streets of Northern Ohio to ride their bikes 75, 100 or 150 miles to raise money to fight Multiple Sclerosis.

This is one of the largest tours in Ohio supported by Amateur Radio operators. This two day, twenty-four hour event consumes well over 400 volunteers. A significant portion of those volunteers happen to be radio operators and EMT volunteers we personally work with very closely. As radio operators in this event our primary purpose is merely to ensure the safety of every rider by providing communications to every aspect of the route. Since it's start 13 years ago hams have been involved.

In 1999 ham radio operators provided communications which saved the life of a man who suffered a heart attack shortly after leaving the start on day two. Our HAMS, the APRS network and trained EMTs brought this man back to life on the spot. Without us anything could have happened.

This year we want to increase the amount of available volunteers. **Are you up to the challenge?** We can use anyone for almost any shift of time. Camping is available in Sandusky for two-day volunteers, or you can bring a sleeping bag to sleep in the Sandusky High School. Those who spend more than 8 hours volunteering qualify for discounted Cedar Point tickets good for the remainder of 2000. Everyone receives a MS Pedal t-shirt and free food along the route at rest stops, lunch, dinner and breakfast and lunch on day two – You just have to see how they makes Pancakes at a.m. for 2500 hungry bikers and volunteers. This event is 99% fun and 1% work so make plans to come out!

**Positions:** each rest stops for each day, at the start and finish, between rest stops, in medical vehicles, in roaming vehicles, in sag vehicles, and more. **WE ALSO NEED:** Many nurses or nurses in school to help staff first aid booths at each rest stop. Non-ham EMTs, LPNs and RNs CALL ME!

\* A short training session will be scheduled in August and occur in Sagamore Hills around p.m. It is highly suggested that all radio volunteers attend to learn about the details and needs of this event. Date to be announced, you will be notified.

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Day Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Available: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you attend the training session?                      Yes                      No

Circle all you own, list additional below:                      VHF Mobile / UHF Mobile / VHF HT / UHF HT / APRS

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## VEEP VIEW CONT

ing the Veep station, operating in a few contests, getting to the VA hospitals for a little volunteer work, checking on the RainForest Station every once in awhile, and finishing up the years VE activity.

Speaking of VE activity, I am observing an interesting result of the 'new rules.' Only the old timers are coming in to upgrade. Some have had to do nothing to get to a new license grade. Others only had to pass one written test. Where are the NO coders.

Why aren't they taking five word per minute CW tests so they can open up the vistas of Amateur Radio? Is it because there are no CW classes to help them? Or is it simply a lack of interest?

Personally, I believe its the latter. Learning CW is like learning Latin. It is a foreign language. Morse Code is an international language and you have to want to talk in a 'foreign language' to talk to foreign (international) individuals. It is and will be for the near future one of the mainstays of the Amateur Radio to promote good will internationally. Are No coders really participating in Amateur Radio with that in mind? This Veep doesn't think so.

This year C.A.R.S. didn't have a Field Day activity. I know, I know, this Veep was listed as the Chairman but that was due to not being removed from the position last year. Did those of you that might have wanted to participate do anything with Field Day in any way, like work some of those that were out in the field calling? Next Field Day is 11 months away. Who wants to chair the committee to have a C.A.R.S. Field Day next year?

We are in our summer picnic meeting mode. We had a decent turn out in June, hopefully our July meeting will have a bigger turn out. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. but the picnic starts around 5 - 5:30 p.m. Tom WB8N told me he has purchased two ten pound bags of charcoal. He thinks we will use it all up by the end of our summer picnic meetings. This Veep said we will have the charcoal until 2005. Who will be right?

*the Veep/N18Z*

## A THOUSAND MARBLES

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable. A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it: I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older-sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say. "Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well, but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital." He continued, "Let me tell you something, Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of "a thousand marbles." "You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years." "Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up

with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me, Tom; I'm getting to the important part." "It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy." "So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away." "I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight." "Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time." "It was nice to meet you, Tom. I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 75 year Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!" You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special. It's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

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## HAMFEST 2000



## ZOO RAIN FOREST STATION

The radio station in the rain forest at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is in need of operators. The rain forest is open daily and on Wednesdays is open in the evening as well. Those of you who have upgraded to a general class licensee can now go to the zoo and operate the station. At the present, the only day that someone goes to open and operate the station is Thursday. We need operators for at least two more days a week, and hopefully on Wednesday evenings as well. The more the station is operated, the more likely it is that zoo officials will be generous with

equipment and help to get antennas put up, coax run, not to mention even keeping the station in the rain forest. It does take up space, but if we can show that is operated on more of a regular basis and more frequently, it will justify it being there. This is a great opportunity to expose ham radio to the general public and especially school age children, who go through the rain forest in school groups daily, even in the summer months.

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So, if you have the time to spare and want to operate the rain forest station, give either Ron Borkey K8VJG, Gary Dewey NI8Z, or Tom Wayne WB8N a call and they will try to accommodate your time schedule and show you the operations of the station, so that you can become a regular operator. If you are already an experienced operator you can go down to operate on your own, after some orientation. It is a lot of fun and if you do not have an HF station of your own to operate, it is a great opportunity to work some "rare" ones. ∞

# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

## July, 2000

### CLUB FREQUENCIES

70cm repeaters	443.825 MHz	Input 448.825 MHz PL 131.8 Hz
	444.750 MHz	Input 449.750 MHz PL 131.8 Hz
2m repeater	146.820 MHz	Input 146.220 MHz PL 110.9 Hz
2m simplex	146.475 MHz	
2m digipeater	145.070 MHz	Node CARS or K8ZFR
6m repeaters	53.010 MHz	Input 52.010 MHz PL 136.5 Hz
	53.830 MHz	Input 52.830 MHz PL 107.2 Hz
Internet	<a href="http://www.cars.org">http://www.cars.org</a>	



### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2000  
 Oak Grove Picnic Area  
 Brecksville Reservation  
 Brecksville OH  
 Cleveland Metropark  
 Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.  
 Bring a picnic and the family!



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