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MINUTES of the MEETING, APRIL 16, 2003

The meeting, which was held at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room, was called to order by President, Bob Check W8GC, at 7:30 PM.

Bill, WA8GEO made a motion to accept the minutes of the March, 2003 meeting, seconded by Terry, KB8DTC, A vote was taken and passed.

The treasurer Mike, KB8UGT, made his report.

Bob informed us on the progress of the installation of the antenna on the SS Mather and a opened a discussion on Lighthouse activity.

A new Sunshine Chairperson is needed as related to us by Bob.. Dave, KD8V, volunteered for this position and was appointed by the President.

A report on the Wednesday night net and the Dayton Bus Trip was given by Gordon, W8GTK.

Dave, K8DAV, opened a discussion on the Extra Class classes to be scheduled. Dave also said he has had several requests to put a "flea market" area on our web site, look for it soon.

A report on the Newsletter was given by Tom, WB8N.

Carol, KC8TIE, our club ARRL Liaison & media representative informed regarding currant events with the ARRL

A VE session will be held on May 4 in Independence, OH. as reminded to us by Tom, WB8N.

A discussion on repeater technology was opened by Bob, W8GC.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tom, WB8N. His share was \$20.00 Tom donated this to the club.

It was moved and seconded to vote on 3 prospective new members, Larry Shimerka, KC8UZZ, Richard Engum, KC8EEW, and Brian Harris, KC8WFI, the vote was unanimous for the 3 new members, congratulations to all.

General Classes will start on April 30, 2003 as reminded to us by Bob, W8GC.

Russ, N8DMK, requests help on programming his Realistic Pro 2020 scanner. Call him at 216-475-5929.

A request was made by Bob, W8GC, to send any changes in your status (email address, regular address, phone number, vanity call sign, class of license etc) to changes@cars.org. We have no other way to know about these changes.

Tom, WB8N, opened a discussion on the 444.750mhz repeater and "Bozo" operators.

Amateur radio operators are needed for the American Diabetes "Tour de Cure" cycling event to be held on June 22 as reported by Tom, WB8N. Contact Tom, WB8N, or Bob, W8GC.

A discussion on Field Day 2003, which will be held at the Al Koran site in Broadview Heights, OH, was opened by Tom, WB8N.

Mike, K8EHP made a motion to adjourn the
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meeting, seconded by Fred, NO2O. A vote was taken and passed.

President Check called the meeting closed at 8:34PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ron Borkey, K8VJG.

FROM THE PREZ

We were still missing 7 regular members at the April meeting as they were teaching or attending the CW class. Dave K8DAV filled in for Kayla and collected \$40.00 for the 50/50 drawing this month. Tom, WB8N, was the winner and he kindly donated his share to the club. Thanks Tom!

I am happy to welcome Larry Shimerka, KC8UZZ, Richard Engum, KC8EEW, and Brian Harris KC8WFI as the newest members of CARS. Also thanks to Dave KD8V who is our new Sunshine chairman. Please notify Dave or myself of any illness or special occasion that CARS should recognize.

This month my article is a little different. I am happy to pass along this report courtesy of Bernie W3UR's Daily DX bulletin and ON6TT, Peter who has given us an update on the UN World Food Program's hams' activities, with Iraq being the current focus of attention. Peter notes that YI1DZ, Diya, is the WFP's Baghdad Telecom Officer and is safe and well.

The "fast intervention team" from WFP that Peter is a part of, known as "FITTEST," has previously been involved and on the ham radio from 5X Uganda, 9Q Zaire, 9X Rwanda, YU8 Yugoslavia, YA Afghanistan, P5 North Korea and AP Pakistan. It is responsible for building technical infrastructure to ensure WFP can move relief food rapidly and safely. S53R, S57CQ and ON6TT were active from YI just before the conflict. S53R was the very last UN international staff person evacuated before the conflict.

The team has also been given the mandate to install or build basic technical networks such as VHF repeaters, satellite communications, HF fixed location and mobile stations, radio rooms, rework administrative procedures, callsign assignment, etc. for all UN humanitarian aid workers and NGOs (non-governmental organizations - other international aid organizations).

The "FITTEST" team members are pre-positioned in Turkey, Cyprus, UAE, Kuwait,

Iran, Syria and Jordan, ready to go into Iraq as part of the very first UN assessments, when they are given the go-ahead. Many of the team have already been on the ham radio airwaves from their "standby" locations. Several have already gone into Iraq since the conflict started, including F5ORF, Patrick Pointu and VK4KMT, Mark Tell. Mark is one of six UN international staff members already permanently inside Iraq.

Others ready to go: S53R, Robert, waiting in Cyprus to go to Baghdad next week.

ON6TT, Peter, shuttling between Cyprus and UAE, ready to go to Baghdad next week.

S57CQ, Dane, waiting in Cyprus, ready to go to Irbil when he gets clearance for the flight.

ON4WW, Mark, in Belgium, leaving for Syria to be on standby there.

F5ORF, Patrick, in Kuwait on standby to go to southern Iraq

EK6KB, Karen, standing by in Jordan to go to Baghdad.

4L4FN, Ed, (P5 fame) standing by in Turkey to go to northern Iraq

SM4TFE, Kent, standing by in UAE, Iraq destination not determined

PE1RMN, Joost, arriving in UAE soon, Iraq destination not determined

SM4SWW, Rolf, standing by in Cyprus

SM5BOF, Stig, standing by in Cyprus

SM4FXR, Krister, standing by in UAE

EK6DO, Aramais, standing by in Syria

SM5WTI, Thomas, standing by in Jordan

ON5NT, Ghis, new to the team, helping coordinate from UAE

SM7PKK, Mats, also in UAE

SM7WZA, Leo, working with the group in Cyprus.

I, for one, am amazed and impressed at all the hams involved in this!

That's it for this month, hope to see you at our next meeting on May 21, 2003. Mark your calendars June 18 will be our first outdoor meeting in 2003.

de, Bob W8GC

MONTHLY TRIVIA

Of QRC, QRK, QRW, and QRY
which is NOT a Q-Signal?

Answer found elsewhere in this issue.

Don't forget to check into the CARS 2 Meter Net, every Wednesday Evening at 7:00 P.M. (except for meeting nights) on CARS 146.82 repeater. See you on the air!

THE REST OF THE REST OF THE STORY

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

In the March issue of the W.O. there was a short article about called 'The Rest of The Story, about how the term "Elmer" got started. I am going to re-print that article, along with an e-mail I received from the subject of the article, which really is *The Rest of The Story!*

W9BRD and his co-worker, W9DY (Elmer "Bud" Frohardt) worked for the Illinois State Police as technicians and communications officers at a small facility. They handled requests for license plate or driver's license information from patrol cars and used CW to communicate with the state capital where the info was kept. They sometimes helped aspiring hams with theory while sending the data at 50 WPM and typing it on old manual typewriters. W9DY was very well known in the Chicago area for mentoring new novice aspirants with theory, antenna, finding rigs, and repairs. It was almost a full-time job that he approached "with never-ending good nature." Rod wrote a famous article in QST as a tribute to Bud (remember, his given name is Elmer), but in deference to Bud's modest personality he did not name him directly. The term "elmering" is a reflection of Bud's personality and generosity - the term was apparently named for him.

W9DY now lives in a no-antenna community and has started over with DXCC, all mobile CW, and has over 250 countries confirmed. He's now in his 70s, still active in Field Day, tutoring and helping fellow hams, old timers as well as beginners.

And now YOU know the rest of the story! (A-Ha...we thought we did...now read on...)

Hi Tom, I just ran across your article, The Rest of the Story, page 4, March issue of The Wobbly Oscillator. First, I want to congratulate you and your cohorts for producing such a professional newsletter. Have never seen such a well written and published club newsletter.

I occasionally check my call in Google.com and

was surprised to find W9DY in the Wobbly Oscillator. Can you tell me your source for that information? It is very accurate and far more-so than one would expect from any news medium. The source was generous in our ages since Rod and I are close to 81 now. We are just 5 days apart in birth dates and we used to celebrate over a pizza between our August birthdays before Rod took off for the north. He still is W9BRD and owns a home in Chicago but spends most of his time in Ottawa, Ontario as VA3ZBB. He is married to Betty, VE3ZBB, who gave him permission to request a very similar call. There is minor competition over who gets to use the key these days. Thank you for your excellent job, Tom and my best wishes to all of the CARS members. Hope to see you in FD this year. We'll be using W9DY again.

73

Bud Frohardt, W9DY/m

I e-mailed Bud back telling him that our President, Bob Check had come across the article about him in some Ham Radio reflector he subscribes to, and thanked him for his kind comments about our newsletter.

This just shows to go ya, that you never know who is out there reading this thing we call the Wobbly Oscillator.

If you have never tried it, log on to Google.com on the net, put your callsign, name or even phone number in the search subject box and hit search. You might be surprised what it comes up with!

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

The correct answer is QRC. There is no such Q-Signal. QRK means: What is my signal intelligibility?, QRW means: Shall I tell.....you're calling him?, and QRY means: What is my turn?/Your turn is number.....
Did you get the correct answer?

VICE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW

By Steve Riley, N8IS

My first subject this month is a interview with W8GTK Gordon Kolus. I'm hoping you all enjoy getting to know Gordon a little better.

Steve: How did you become interested in Amateur Radio, what got you started ?

Gordon:I was over at a friends house one day and

he was listening to a hand held scanner. I thought that was pretty cool and I went out and bought one for myself. I would lie in bed at night before I would fall asleep and I would listen to people talking on the 2 meter band. Listening to nets and people on simplex was very interesting and I thought that that was something that I would enjoy doing. So I studied the "Now Your Talking" book from Radio Shack and then took my test at the Cleveland hamfest.

Steve: How long have you been licensed and what class license do you currently have ?

Gordon: Well I am relatively new to this hobby in comparison to a lot of the members of this club, but every minute has been fun so far. I was first licensed on 10-2-1997 and my call was KC8IOU. In 2002 I applied for a vanity call that has my initials to my name in it, "GTK." My present class is General and my call is W8GTK.

Steve: What do you like about Amateur Radio ?

Gordon: I think the thing I like the best about Amateur radio is the fact that there are so many different modes of operation from packet to working satellites to PSK to working DX on the HF bands provided one has HF privileges. There are public service events, the most important one being Skywarn and Red Cross volunteering. But what ever mode you find yourself spending the majority of your time working there are friendly people always there to help out beginners.

Steve: What are your favorite bands to work ?

Gordon: I would have to say I like 10 and 20 meters the best. When I got my General ticket and got on ten meters I starting collecting 10-10 numbers and got one for myself. My 10-10 number is 72778 and that number is mine for the rest of my life it will never be reissued to anyone else. That's pretty cool!

Steve: Do you collect QSL Cards, If so, how many confirmed countries do you have ?

Gordon: Well I do have a few. I am not real big on QSL'ing but I do have 10 countries confirmed. I guess I am just happy looking at my log and knowing that I have worked the countries that I have. I have 45 countries in my log for 6-10-15-17 and 20 meters. And I have worked 41 states in our wonderful country! Most people don't send QSL cards for working Packet but I have, and I do have quite a few.

Steve: What types of Awards or Recognition have you won or been awarded with ?

Gordon: None at this time.

Steve: What other hobbies do you have besides Ham Radio ?

Gordon: I guess my first love is audio/video I enjoy listening to jazz music. I love playing golf and I also enjoy target shooting, with both guns and bow and arrow. Unfortunately, my shoulders don't like shooting bow and arrow much any more.

Steve: What would your dream station be / Consist of and where would it be ?

Gordon: I would like a Yaesu Mark V, 40' tower and a Cushcraft beam antenna good for 40-10 meters. I would want this station in a log cabin high on a hill top in North Carolina. As you can see my needs are simple!

Steve: What type of work do you do ? Or if retired what did you do ?

Gordon: I work for a company where we make parts for the Aero Space industry. I have been with the company for going on 21 years this April, and I am the Statistical Process Control Coordinator. What a mouth full Ha? It all boils down to tracking data on how jobs run on the shop floor in the manufacturing process and looking at the data to see where improvements can be made to control the processes.

Steve: Perhaps some of you golfers should get together for a gold outing ??

Hope you enjoyed this interview. There are a couple more of them coming in the next pages. de Steve, N8IS

VICE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW # 2

By Steve Riley, N8IS

Take a break from all that yard work and get to know Ron Borkey K8VJG a little better today. Not only is he our Secretary, but we have some odd photos of him posted from our Christmas Party last year on the web site. If you haven't seen them, check out www.cars.org

Steve: How did you become interested in Amateur Radio, what got you started?

Ron: I became interested in high school. My first receiver was a crystal set with which, because I lived near the Cleveland Airport, I could pick up airplane traffic and am broadcast stations. I really got started when classes were offered by a ham, whom I worked with, at Ford Motor Company.

Steve: How long have you been licensed and what class license do you currently have?

Ron: I've been licensed for 43 years and currently have a Extra Class license.

Steve: What do you like about Amateur Radio?

Ron: HF, SSB, VHF-UHF repeaters, Packet Radio and Mobile Multi band radio

Steve: What are your favorite bands to work?

Ron: 20, 18, 15, 12, 10 M

Steve: Do you collect QSL Cards, If so, how many confirmed countries do you have?

Ron: Yes, 332 countries

Steve: What types of Awards or Recognition have you won or been awarded with?

Ron: DXCC Honor Roll and ARRL Life Member.

Steve: What other hobby's do you have besides Ham Radio?

Ron: I'm retired and like to work crossword puzzles and navigate my personal computer. I belong to Bally's Health Spa and use it for swimming and light exercises. I like to watch and/or attend baseball, basketball and football games. I also spend time maintaining my property.

Steve: What would your dream station be / consist of and where would it be?

Ron: Yaesu FT1000D, Yaesu VL 1000 Quadra Ssystem HF amp and PS. Fluid Motion Stepp IR for 20-6 meter, stacked. Fluid Motion Stepp IR Vertical for 40-6 meters, A 70 Ft motor driven tilt over tower and a 80 meter 1/2 wavelength vertical antenna.

Thank you Ron K8VJG for letting us all get to know you better. I'm another fan of those Fluid Motion Antennas too.

There's still another member interview in this issue!

Steve N8IS

MAY BIRTHDAY CORNER

AA8MX Steve Bellamy 5-21-47

K8VJG Ron Borkey Sr 5-20-32

KA8MZS Michael Mraz 5-12-40

KB8QHC Robert Glover 5-6-48

KC8RYH Kayla Check 5-12-90

W8JAK Jack Andrisin 5-1-42

WB8BGN Frank Benadum 5-17-48

WB8UES Sam Jenkins 5-13-32

WD8CHL Jim Barbour 5-9-58

WD8CWD J.W. Cox Jr. 5-11-41

Happy Birthday to ALL!!!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

TO

Kayla Check - KC8RYH

Tina Check - KC8VNK

Toby Kolman - KC8TID

For passing their Morse code test and becoming full fledged General Class Amateur Radio license holders!

VICE PRESIDENTS INTERVIEW #3

Now let's get to know Mike Balach KB8UGT a little better today. Not only is he the keeper for our FUNDS - but he also volunteers to help at the Mather with our ongoing project there.

Steve: How did you become interested in Amateur Radio, what got you started?

Mike: We had relatives from out of town visiting, they were hams. They showed me the HT they had and explained how repeaters can increase the range of a HT.

Steve: How long have you been licensed and what class license do you currently have?

Mike: I have had my amateur radio license since 7-20-94. I upgraded to General Class in June of 2002.

Steve: What do you like about Amateur Radio?

Mike: I like being able to talk to people from other states and countries with my simple setup.

Steve: What are your favorite bands to work?

Mike: I am mostly on 2 meters now. It took me awhile, but I finally installed my GAP Titan on March 15th.

Steve: Do you collect QSL Cards, If so, how many confirmed countries do you have?

Mike: I haven't started yet.

Steve: What other hobby's do you have besides Ham Radio?

Mike: I enjoy camping, bicycling and hiking. I also enjoy long day trips to historic sites and museums.

Steve: What would your dream station be / consist of and where would it be ?

Mike: I would like to have a Yaesu Mark V. I would like my shack to be a log cabin in the country overlooking a lake.

Steve: What type of work do you do?

Mike: I work for Anderson Door Company. I make custom overhead door track for commercial applications. I also make deliveries to our customers. I try to use ham radio on the longer deliveries.

Thank you Mike KB8UGT, for letting us all get to know you better.

Steve N8IS

“FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH DEPT.”

By Jim Glor, N8GXR

I thought it was about time that I wrote my \$1.75 piece for the W.O., since I've been a ham operator for 18 years now and a CARS member for about the same time. My call is N8GXR. I lived in the Cleveland - Akron area for about 24 years, (minus some military time), then moved back to my home of Buffalo, N.Y. in 2001. I'm retired due to disability, but keep busy doing this and that.

Like many other hams I've had dreams of having that perfect ham shack. Unfortunately, severe lack of funds (spelled Child support) and renting, put the Kybosh to that.

So my primary bands of operation have been 2m, 70cm, 6m (HT) and 10m. Oh!, by the way, I hold a general class ticket. I first got a tech license in '85 and the general came in '87. Since '87 I've procrastinated about an extra ticket. I fully expect the earths axis to shift before this will occur.

I have operated a little on the HF frequencies when the chances have arose. One time was at a twins day celebration in the great city of Twinsburg. I didn't make any contacts, but I remember someone making contact with a commercial airline pilot on some band between 40 and 80 meters. That's one that doesn't occur to often.

Years back I remember someone stating that 2m was quickly becoming the next 11m band; or as a ham who's name or call I can't remember stated, "Criminal Band". Well I wasn't sure about that until a few years ago while living in Akron. I noted a group of Akron area hams talking on 2m simplex late at night. The qso, (if you would call it that), went something like this: "Did you get that e-mail I sent you this morning?" "Yup." Five minutes passes. "Oh!" "You got me!" This would go on for

some time. It finally dawned on me after a while that they were playing a combatant game on the internet. Once in a great while you might hear someone ID.

Then there comes repeater operation. People would get on one of the local machines and have a qso that would go something like this. "How was your day?" "Fine." Pause..... Five minutes passes. "What ya want to do for dinner?" "Whatever." Another long pause of several minutes occurs, then another station calls out for someone else which angers the first two stations.

“The repeater’s in use.” Well pardon me!!!! I must have been away too long in the Air Force to have noted these changes in proper operation while using a repeater. Didn't receive any notification via letter, e-mail or fax. I must get with the times!

Then I moved back to Buffalo. The qso's on 2m or 70cm whether simplex or repeater seemed to get back into the normal, shall we say, mode. But something has changed. We seem to have picked up an abundance of "colorful metaphors." You know, those words that don't cut it in your place of worship. MY! MY! Seems to be a lack of control operators these days. But then again there are those who should know better and hopefully their stupidity, (there was a colorful metaphor before stupidity, but good taste prevailed), won't ruin it for the rest of us.

That's my \$1.75 speech from the for What It's Worth Department

(Editors note: Jim is a long time member of CARS, as he says, for 18 yrs. Jim lives in Buffalo N.Y now, but gets to our neck of the woods once in awhile and usually stops in at a CARS meeting if we are having one while he is in the neighborhood. Thanks for your \$1.75 worth Jim. See ya next time you're in town.)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

John Chesna, KC8WBH
Technician

4081 Arlington Dr.
Brunswick, OH 44212

John will be voted on at the May meeting.

ARRL INFO

Reprinted from the ARRL BULLETIN
FCC Now Accepting Comments in "Broadband
Over Power Line" Inquiry

The FCC released its Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on the deployment of "Broadband over Power Line" (BPL) technology on April 28 and now is accepting comments. A form of carrier-current *continued* communication better known as power line carrier (PLC), the technology has raised concerns of substantial interference to the Amateur Radio HF bands. BPL would couple high-frequency RF to parts of the power grid and use existing power lines as the transmission medium to deliver broadband and Internet access. In the NOI, the FCC acknowledges the interference risk from BPL.

ARRL Lab Manager and RFI guru Ed Hare, W1RFI, has cautioned that deployment of BPL could affect every amateur in communities where it's employed with a significant increase in noise levels. More information is on the Web at www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/.

The complete NOI is available on the FCC Web site. The FCC now is accepting electronically filed comments via its Electronic Comment Filing System ECFS Express page. To initiate a comment, click next to "Broadband over the traditional telephone network."

QSL BUREAU ADDRESS CHANGE

Effective May 1, the address for the 8th Area ARRL incoming QSL Bureau will be changed to: 8th Area QSL Bureau, PO Box 307, W Chester, OH 45071-0307. Jay Slough, K4ZLE k4zle@arrl.net, has been named to replace the retiring Ed Gassman, N8HTT, who has managed the W8 QSL Bureau for several years.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Notify us (CARS) when e-mail/home address, phone number or class of license changes, by sending an e-mail to: changes@cars.org, informing us of the new particulars.

This will help to keep the records up to date and enable us to send important club

information to you in a timely fashion.

Thank you.

RETURN TO HF OPERATION

by Philip Ricca K8MPL

Recently I decided to return to the HF bands after an absence of many years. Talk about a learning experience! I purchased some old SSB equipment and put up a shoe string dipole just to try things out. It seemed that I talked to myself for a month with no contacts.

Since I was pumping out 40 watts I decided that a better antenna location was in order. Put the antenna up to a higher location. It occurred to me that I better talk to a local amateur to determine if anything was coming out of my 18 year old rig. Bob Check was very gracious to listen for my signal. He lives a couple of miles from my home - signal ok. Next step, get with a net of any kind.

I discovered the county hunters net - just perfect for me. One can judge as to what is in and what is out as to signals in the US and beyond. Months after I was able to work some DX. 20 meters was red hot at certain times last summer. Never worked DX before so it was a thrill to talk across the sea with a crummy antenna and low power.

Next is a better antenna system - low power demands the best antenna system available. The moral of this story is that you must have a bit of patience to get back on the air. With a bit of luck you can work a ton of stations with low power.

COLUMBUS HAMVENTION?

VENDORS VOICE PREFERENCES ON ALTERNATIVE SITES

Most big Hamvention inside exhibitors have indicated they'd prefer the world's largest annual ham radio gathering to be held in Columbus, Ohio, if Dayton's Hara Arena were no longer available. This is the last year of Hamvention's five-year contract with Hara Arena. Event organizers have begun preliminary talks with Hara's owners for a new pact, but say they want to keep all options open.

Hamvention takes place May 16-18, and the show's Production Manager Garry Matthews, KB8GOL, says Hamvention 2003's fortunes have begun moving in a more positive direction in recent days. "I think it's going to be a good year," predicted Matthews, who said he's seen a dramatic increase in interest over the past week. "I think the show may be slightly smaller this year in terms of inside exhibitors and outside vendors," Matthews conceded, "but if activity continues as it has since Monday of this week, we possibly could sell out the show. We're getting orders every day." Earlier this spring, Matthews reported that things had been slower to come together in terms of advance sales to visitors and vendors. He said organizers have been beefing up direct-mail and other Hamvention promotional activities over the past couple of weeks, however, and results have been encouraging.

One popular Hamvention staple--the FCC forum--will be missing this year. Because of some miscommunication and scheduling problems, neither Bill Cross of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau nor Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau will attend Dayton Hamvention this year.

Last-minute efforts to find suitable substitutes for Cross and Hollingsworth did not pan out, and the forum's two-hour Saturday morning time slot remains unfilled.

Matthews and FCC sources have indicated that tentative plans are in place to schedule an FCC symposium at Hamvention 2004 featuring Cross, Hollingsworth and FCC High-Frequency Direction Finding Facility Manager Dave Larrabee. Matthews said that while it was unlikely Hamvention would be moving to Columbus--some 60 miles from Dayton--any time soon, it remained "a very strong contingency" if Hamvention ever did have to move elsewhere. "Our option with Hamvention would be to stay at Hara for as long as we possibly could, as long as we could make it work and the show could be a good show," he said. Hamvention is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, but Hamvention has quietly dropped "Dayton" from the show's official name.

Hamvention's preference survey went to 225 of the largest inside exhibitors, and Matthews said 80

percent of those indicating a preference picked Columbus as their top choice as an alternative site, while 12 percent said "no" to Columbus. Matthews said the Columbus Fairgrounds appears to be a suitable site were Hamvention to ever consider relocating. The other two preferences were Indianapolis and Cincinnati respectively. Matthews said Hamvention officials this year plan to survey a selection of "average hams" during the show itself. Attendance at last year's 50th anniversary event was 24,832--down about 5 percent from 2001's crowd of 26,151.

Late news about the show is on the Hamvention Website <http://www.hamvention.org>

Reprinted from the ARRL Bulletin

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

Well, it's gonna be a short one this time...I've run out of room! I just want to tell you that it looks like the bus trip to the Hamvention is a success again this year, it is sold out. Contact Gordon Kulus via the CARS web site if you want to be on a waiting list! I will be there for the duration again, arriving Thursday afternoon and leaving for home Sunday around noon. Hope to see you down there. If you are driving down, be careful. It sounds like the Hamvention will be a bit smaller this year, but it should still be a good one. I can hardly wait. The next meeting won't be until the week after the Hamvention. 73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N



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Bob W8GC

Elmer

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Toby KC8TID

Ham License classes

Bob W8GC** Gary, NI8Z ** Tom WB8N,
Steve N8IS, Don KC8NIX, Ron K8VJG,
Bruce N8DJX, George K8KR, Dave K8DAV

Independence Home Day

Steve N8IS** Kayla KC8RYH, Bob W8GC,

Interference & Jamming

Bob W8GC ** Gary NI8Z, Steve N8IS,
Roger N8TCP, Tom WB8N

JOTA

Steve, N8IS

Lighthouse events

Toby KC8TID ** 440-572-1544, Bob W8GC
Dennis AB8NI, Bruce N8DJX, George K8KR

Museum Ship W. G. Mather, W8WGM

Bob W8GC ** Lin WD8SDP ** Steve N8IS,
GaryNI8Z, Bob W2THU, Mike K8EHP,
Dennis AB8NI, Mike KB8UGT
Bruce N8DJX, Toby KC8TID, Ron K8VJG

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50/50

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