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FROM THE PREZ

From the Prez

Thanks to all who attended our July meeting. Because of a bad weather we rescheduled the Steve N8IS and Dave K8DAV live demonstration of satellite communication to the August meeting.

At the July meeting it is good to report 21 members took a sample test for the new Technician class license. Many have not seen a test or studied for many years but 17 passed, congratulations to the group! If time allows I want to discuss the results at this month meeting.

It is now official CARS & LEARA will host the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention. I have appointed W8HBI, KB8NW, N8DJX, N8IS, KC8YSV, KD8V, WB8N to the committee with myself as chairman. We have already had 2 meetings and checked out possible Hotel sites. Much more to come in the next few months.

It was moved by George K8KR we permanently change our meeting nights to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. After discussion the members voted to make Tuesday evenings our regular meeting night. This has been good for some members but others are not able to attend, it seems that is always the case. Lets hope they can find a way to share Tuesday nights with their groups.

I am looking for a volunteer to help Henry KD8BAO with refreshments, he needs an assistant to handle the coffee pot & making

coffee at the meetings. Henry will continue getting refreshments and bringing the POP.

Our 1st Annual Summer Family Picnic was held Saturday July 15, 2006. It was a great success, well attended with great food and prizes. There were 5 \$20.00 restaurant certificates plus many other good prizes. The committee headed by George K8KR, W8HBI, WB8N, N8IS & N18Z did an outstanding job! Thanks from all of us.



Following is a picture showing some of those in attendance at the Independence Park where we had the picnic.

That's it for another WO. This month's thoughts: *It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong.*

de, Bob W8GC

JULY 2006 MEETING MINUTES

The July 2006 Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, July 11th, 2006 by president Bob Check, W8GC. The meeting was held in the pavilion at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Introductions were given around the room by twenty-six C.A.R.S. members and two guests.

Ron, K8VJG, motioned to accept the June meeting minutes as published in the July *Wobbly Oscillator*. Terry, KB8DTC, seconded the motion. There were no additions or corrections noted, and the group voted to accept the minutes.

Tina, W8HBI, gave the treasurer's report. The balance was slightly lower than last month due to some expenditures, mainly for Field Day.

Scotty, WA8SLN, announced the two winners of the C.A.R.S. scholarships; David Dressler, KC8LZO, and Hailey Kolman. David was in attendance and thanked the club, and informed the group he would be attending Ohio State in the fall, majoring in engineering. Gary, NI8Z, added that all the applicants were very well qualified, making the committee's decision difficult.

Bill, KC8YSV, reminded the members to pay their ARRL dues through C.A.R.S. He postponed the meeting's satellite demonstration to next month because of the weather. The program for September will be given by Tom Price, KP2VI, on Maritime Mobile radio operation. In October, George, K8KR, will give a presentation on crystal sets. Scotty, WA8SLN, will do a program on his camera collection in November.

Toby, WT8O, reported that the weekly club net is doing very well averaging fifteen to twenty check-ins; and a new net control operator, Henry, KD8BAO, will be starting soon. He also thanked Steve, K8SAS, for donating a Kenwood TS-520 to the Mather museum ship station.

Dave, KD8V, summarized the success of the Copley Middle School activity saying six

students have received their Technician licenses, and one student and a teacher passed their written General exams. As sunshine committee chairman, Dave sent out get well cards to Kayla, N8KAY, who was injured playing floor hockey, and Hailey, daughter of WT8O, who is recovering from surgery.

Bob, W8GC, commented on Field Day, announcing we scored 5,078 points this year. He thanked Mark, KB8QHJ, for donating the six meter quad which worked very well. Henry, KD8BAO, was responsible for bringing out a truckload of hay bales which were very successfully used to baffle the noise of the generators. He added that we used a wireless logging network that worked well.

Our Field Day chairman, Tom, WB8N, also thanked everyone who helped with the event; especially Pat Dressler, new call soon to be assigned, for all her help in the kitchen, as well as Linda, N8LRS, for bringing out cookies and brownies. He said even though we were down a little on points from last year, we had a great time. There was a lot of participation from club members and guests, and there were no accidents or injuries. Tom asked club members to submit articles for the *Wobbly Oscillator*, anything ham radio related would be appreciated and published. Steve, N8IS, added the *Broadview Journal*, will run an article in an upcoming edition about Field Day.

Dave, K8DAV, reminded members to send in pictures of their stations or QSL cards for the website. He also said he was keeping track of the net check-ins, and so far we had thirty-seven different stations checked in since May.

George, K8KR, said there were thirty-four people signed up for the picnic on Saturday, and anyone else could still come. He tempted those yet to decide on coming with his famous coleslaw and sausage imported from Lorain County. All those coming could elect to bring side dishes, deserts, or games.

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Gary, NI8Z, reported on the VE session activity. He beamed when he announced a very familiar face had become a ham; Pat Dressler passed her Technician test at the last VE session. Gary gave special thanks to all the VE team members. The next VE session will be in September. Dave, K8DAV, donated \$ 1.00 to the VE team for ball point pens.

The husband and wife team of Linda, N8LRS, and Metro, W8MET, introduced themselves to the group as prospective members. Linda is a new ham who became interested in the hobby from long time ham Metro and her brother-in-law Steve, K8SAS. The club enthusiastically voted them in as members.

For the sake of interest, Bob, W8GC, passed out several of the new Technician tests for volunteers to take anonymously and see how they would fare. The tests will be graded and the results will be given at the next meeting. Bob mentioned ARRL members would soon be receiving a ballot for Section Manager and encouraged all to vote. He also said the donation to the Peter I DXpedition totaled \$250.00 from the club and individuals. They sent us a thank you letter and posted the C.A.R.S. logo on their website. When Bob asked for volunteers to form a committee to find a new meeting location in order to have the meetings return to Wednesday nights, George, K8KR, voiced his preference for Tuesday meetings and several others agreed. After a brief discussion George motioned to keep the meetings on the second Tuesday of each month and Steve, N8IS seconded. The members voted on and passed the motion.

Steve, N8IS, added twenty dollars to his wealth by winning the 50/50 drawing and twenty-one dollars went into the C.A.R.S. treasury.

In closing, Bob thanked Ed, KD8CLC, for bringing pizza to the meeting.

Dave, K8DAV, motioned to close the meeting and Mike, K8EHP, seconded. The group voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O, C.A.R.S. secretary.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

KC8YSV William Sarver 8-9-44
N8IS Steve Riley 8-11-66
WB8N Tom Wayne 8-17-40
KA8EEW Richard Engum 8-21-38
KC8LAU Gerald Purcell 8-24-61
KB3KQS April Walton 8-29

Congratulations one and all!

AN IMPORTANT SILENT KEY

Retired space shuttle astronaut and DXer Chuck Brady, N4BQW, of Oak Harbor, Washington, died July 23 following a lengthy illness. He was 54. During his years as an active astronaut in the 1990s, Brady was among the pioneers of SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio EXperiment). An ARRL member, he was active on ham radio during the 16-day STS-78 shuttle mission in 1996, then the longest ever. ARRL Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) liaison Rosalie White, K1STO, says Brady saw into the future of ham radio in space.

"And he predicted that Amateur Radio would be a very important means for astronauts to feel as though they were in touch with the world while staying on-orbit for months on end-and so it is," White said. "During his shuttle flight, he spent more hours on the ham airwaves than probably he should have, much to the pleasure of hams worldwide."

Following his career as an active astronaut, *continued next page....*

Brady went on to take part in several popular DXpeditions. According to The Daily DX and QST "How's DX?" Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, Brady activated some of the rarer American Pacific islands including Kure Island, Palmyra and Jarvis Island, Midway Island, Wake Island, Baker and Howland Island and Kingman Reef.

"Probably Chuck's most notable operation was that of 3Y0C from Bouvet Island," McClenny recounts. "This one was kept totally secret until he showed up on the air in January 2001. Later that year Chuck was the dinner speaker at the Dayton DX Dinner."

"Chuck will surely be missed by his many friends around the world, and many will remember him as a kind and loving human being," McClenny said.

A physician, Brady held the rank of captain in the US Navy. The North Carolina native packed a lot of activities into his all-too-short lifetime. In addition to ham radio, he enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, tennis, and cycling.

He received training as a flight surgeon after joining the US Navy in 1986, and he was flight surgeon for the Blue Angels Navy flight demonstration squadron from 1989 until 1990. In 1992, NASA selected Brady as an astronaut candidate, and he qualified as a mission specialist for shuttle flights, ultimately logging more than 405 hours in space.

Survivors include Brady's fiancé Susan, their four-year-old son Charlie, and a sister. A military service is planned.

Thanks to the The Daily DX for this notice.

WHAT THE HECK IS SUPPOSED TO GO IN THIS SPACE ?

FOX HUNT EXTRODINARE

By Mike Cigelski, K8EHP

Sunday, August 27, 2006 at 14:00 Hrs (local) is the date and time for the latest hide and seek fun in the Cleveland area. Mike (K8EHP) will be your fox using the two (2) meter band. This will be a driving event. The starting location and exact parameters will be announced in weeks to come. Probably a three (3) hour maximum time limit will be enforced if necessary but I doubt things will run that long. Stay tuned for further details and plan to join in the fun. Pass the word to everyone you know. The more the merrier!

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SPARSNESS

Well folks, the lack of volume of this month's issue reflects the lack of input and participation in contributing to YOUR newsletter! The editor, which I am, is not responsible for finding articles and writing articles for this rag! He is only the EDITOR!

If this lack of concern for the Wobbly Oscillator continues, then I am going to have to give up being editor for our award winning newsletter. I can only do so much and frankly, of late, I am very short of time to devote to something that everyone takes for granted or just does not give a damn about!

So, if you want to see the club newsletter continue in it's winning ways, you, as members have to take part and contribute. Or maybe someone would like to take over the editor's job????????????? Yeah, well... that's what I thought. Maybe next month there just won't be a W.O.

73, WB8N

Young Hams Help With Derby

On July 22nd the 69th All- American Soap Box Derby, sponsored by NASCAR and Levi Strauss, was held in Akron Ohio. Over 530 racers from all over the U.S. and over seas participated. Jimmie Johnson, the leader of NASCAR with the most points made an appearance.

Two hams from our Copley-Fairlawn Middle School WA8CMS helped out at the track. Sam KD8BGL and Megan KD8CRT were at the starting gate and would verify the car's numbers against the heat sheet. This information was then passed on to hams at the bridge over the finish line who then in turn would give it to the announcer describing each racer coming down the hill. Two-meter simplex was used to transfer the information. Bill KC8YSV and Dave KD8V monitored the students.

The ARRL "Big Project" furnished some of the equipment (VHF, UHF and hand held radios plus antennas) for the radio club. CARS sponsored the club with FT1000MP, Amplifier, literature, study sheets, electronic projects, computer software, extra antennas and most important, 6 to 8 CARS members came to teach and work with the students every week.

We are proud of Sam and Megan for the good job they did. The derby officials complimented them and the other hams for their help. About 25 hams were involved. Below are pictured Sam and Megan at topside.

With 6 members of the CFMS radio club getting their licenses this past year, I think ARRL and CARS have a successful program, that is, getting young people into amateur radio and community service.

Dave KD8V



**HUM, more
open space,
get the articles
coming!!!!**

**You know the
old saying "use
it or loose it"**

W8GC

CARS 2006 Officers & Committees

Audit

KD8V ** KC8YSV, K8KR

ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

KC8YSV **

Awards

WB8N ** K8VJG, WA8GEO, K8KR

Christmas Party 2006

N8IS ** W8HBI, NI8Z, WB8N, KD8BAO, W8JAK

Community Education & School Programs

KD8V ** N8IS ** KC8YSV

Contests

K8KR **

Development

W8GC ** All officers

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

WB8N ** All CARS members

Fox Hunts

K8EHP ** N8IS

Good Operating Practices class

W8GC **, WB8N, K8DAV, N8IS, K8KR

2007 ARRL Great Lakes convention

W8GC **, W8HBI, KB8NW, N8DJX, N8IS, KD8V, WB8N, KC8YSV

Interference & Jamming

WB8N ** NI8Z, N8IS, W8GC

Lighthouse events

WT8O ** 440-572-1544

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WT8O **

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WB8N **

Refreshments

KD8BAO **

50/50

KB8UGT **

Scholarship

WA8SLN ** NI8Z, KD8BAO, K8VJG, WT8O

Summer Picnic

K8KR ** N8IS, NI8Z, WB8N, W8HBI

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