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CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY EVER!

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society had their most successful Field Day ever as far as points are concerned. We racked up a whopping number this year, despite poor phone conditions on Saturday. We even lucked out weather wise. While those in surrounding areas were experiencing rain, thunder showers, and high winds, we stayed relatively dry. On Saturday morning there were some misty conditions, and early Sunday morning there were a few drops of rain, but nothing to daunt our efforts and spirits.

Our cook, Bill Brown, N8BBB provided us with some great chow and snacks and there were plentiful amounts of beverages.

Overall, everyone seemed to have a great time and a lot of fun, which is what this event is all about (not counting racking up the points for our class).

If you are interested in what our point total was, you can check it out on the C.A.R.S. website at www.2cars.org. Photos and videos of the weekend will be posted there also.

If you did not participate or at least pay a visit to Field Day, even if it was at some other location, you really missed out on what is possibly the biggest Amateur Radio event of the year. Ya snooze, ya lose!

JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be held on Tuesday, July 8, at the Oak Grove picnic area of the Metro Parks in Brecksville, Ohio. The entrance to the Metro Park is south of Rt. 82 on Brecksville Rd. Talk-in frequency is 146.82 MHZ.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. but come early and bring something to cook on the grill for dinner. There will be fire provided.

So come on out, have a picnic with your fellow C.A.R.S. members and enjoy the meeting outdoors. We are under a pavilion, so there is no excuse not to be there if it rains.

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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. June monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Scotty, WA8SLN on the 10th of the month. The meeting was held at the Oak Grove Picnic pavilion in Brecksville, Ohio. Forty one members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting. As everyone introduced themselves they had the opportunity to talk about their favorite QSL card.

Matt, W8EBB made motion to accept the May 13th minutes as published in the May WO. Mike, KB8UGT seconded. There were no additions or questions so the members passed the motion. Bob, W8GC made the motion to advance Field Day cook, Bill, N8BBB \$200 for Field Day food. Ron, K8VGJ seconded and the motion passed. Bob then gave the treasurers report. Bob also made a motion to stop sending a hard copy of the WO, unless there was a need to keep sending it. Ron, K8VJG seconded and the motion passed. Bob has been in touch with Dave, KD8V. He is at home now and doing better after his heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He had both ascending and descending Aorta's replaced, a double bypass, and replaced a heart valve.

Scotty, WA8SLN passed out an award to George, K8KR for 50 years in ham radio. Scotty sent a card to Jack Malloy, WA8Q's family. Jack passed away unexpectedly on June 3rd.

Toby, WT8O asked people to check out the interview page on the web site under members. Toby said that he and the club have a fantastic Field Day lined up. Toby then talked about the net and said that there have been twenty plus check ins on the net.

Tom, WB8N thanked all the volunteers' for June 8th for the Diabetes Tour De Cure. CARS members wish to congratulate Kayla, N8KAY and Jacob, KD8CDC for winning the C.A.R.S scholarships.

Steve, N8IS is doing an antenna launcher demo and contest before and after meetings while the club meets in the park. The contest is first person gets it in the hole wins the launcher. you get two tries for \$2 and the money goes to

the club. Bob W8GC won and donated the launcher back to the club to continue the money making project.

Refreshments: We wish to thank Mike, KB8UGT-pop, Gary NI8Z-coffee, Ron K8VJG-donuts.

The 50/50 raffle had \$72 total and \$36 went to the winner which was Mark, KB8QHJ.

Gary, NI8Z won a log book, & Mike, KG8MTG won a hat.

At 8:00pm Steve, N8IS made the motion to adjourn and Dave, K8DAV seconded. The members voted to close the meeting.

Submitted by Stephen R Jones N8SRJ C.A.R.S. Secretary

GETTING TO KNOW...

John R. Pearl Jr., K8RWR

Wobbly Oscillator: How did you become interested in amateur radio...who or what helped you get your first license?

K8RWR: I always liked electronics. W8ETI helped me to get my original license.

WO: How long have you been licensed, and what class do you currently have?

K8RWR: I got my Novice in 1958 and worked up to Extra class. My Novice call was KN8RWR.

WO: What do you like about amateur radio?

K8RWR: The many lifelong friends I have made over the years. The people who talk on 146.46 get together for breakfast once a week, (face to face),

WO: What are your favorite bands/modes to work?

K8RWR: 75 Meters, 10 Meters and 2 meters.

WO: What type of ham radio equipment do you own or use?

K8RWR: Yaesu FT890 for low bands, and Kenwood TM261 & Icom for 2 Meters and 440.

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WO: Do you have any awards or certificates you want to mention?

K8RWR: Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

WO: What type of work do you do, or if retired what was your occupation?

K8RWR: I retired in 1999. I worked 42 years for AT&T on long distance phone service and in the program and TV sections. I also worked on putting in new circuits.

WO: Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with our readers.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

K8KR George Pindroh 7-5-42
N8TCP Roger Boehnlein 7-9-52
W8QXA Charles Matthes 7-14-27
KB8LWM Paul Naujoks 7-24-43
KC8LEO Scott Dressler 7-24
W8MCD Len Holmes 7-24-43
K8PJM Phil McCourt 7-26-56
WA8GEO Bill Savage 7-27-40
W2THU Robert Winston 7-28-45

Congrats to all you old fogeys !
(Except for you Scott, you young
whipper snapper)

Many happy returns to all !
Keep on keep in on !

HAM RADIO NEWS CHINA OLYMPIC SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS ON THE AIR

Amateur Radio Special Event stations for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games are now on the air. The Southgate news says that the stations began operating May 18th with five special event calls representing the five rings of the Olympic flag.

The calls are **BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON** with the last letter of the callsign corresponds to the color of each of

the rings of the Olympic flag . BA4EG will be the QSL manager for all stations. QSL's can be sent either direct or via the bureau and will begin to be answered in October. There is a website set up that includes an on-line log search, a QSL card receive and sent status, and other information. Its in cyberspace at www.bj2008ses.com.cn.

THE ARRL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CD

If you are involved in any way in the emergency communications aspect of amateur radio you will want to get a copy of the Emergency Communications Library CD now being published by the American Radio Relay League. The CD is billed as a quick access source for information and software that every emergency communicator should have on hand. Among the items included are documents and presentations on many aspects of emergency communications operations, the ARRL Field Resource Manual and Public Service Communications manuals, software for APRS and Winlink and a copy of the Bob Doherty, K1VV, Simulated Emergency Test movie. For ordering information and pricing please visit www.arrl.org/shop

FIELD DAY INCENTIVE VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

A celebration of Field Day is the theme of a new two minute video posted to YouTube dot com. With pictures and text cut to music Kevin Pauley, kb9wvi, tells the story of Field Day as it was and as it is today. This is an excellent piece of video to use as an incentive to get your club to rally around the concept of what Field Day is and get them to attend. You will find it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=varHL752Odk

Can you spell LID ? Don't be one !

YOUNG C.A.R.S. MEMBERS HONORED

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society has two members who won 2008 ARRL Foundation Administered Scholarships! Jacob Wagner, KD8CDC of Rocky River, won the "The Dayton Amateur Radio Association Scholarship" for \$1,000 & a \$1,500 from the 10-10 International Scholarship. It mentioned in the 10-10 article he is grandson of Mary Wagner KA8MPH (who is a Buckeye Belles lady). Kayla Check, N8KAY of Independence, won the "Carol J. Streeter Scholarship" for \$750. Congrats to both !! ARRL administers these scholarships to students holding a valid FCC granted Amateur Radio License. These scholarships are funded by generous individuals and Amateur Radio organizations to encourage radio amateurs to pursue their educational goals.

All ARRL Foundation-administered scholarships are intended exclusively for educational use, to provide assistance with costs of tuition, room, board, books and/or other fees essential to the education of the recipient.

Editor's note: These same two excellent individuals also won the two 500 dollar scholarships awarded this year by the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. Congratulations to you both, Kayla and Jacob!

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N
FIELD DAY, 2008

Another Field Day has come and gone, and this one has to be the best of them yet, in terms of points made by contacts with other FD stations, great food cooked and served by Bill Brown, N8BBB, and the fun had by one and all who came out and participated in operating or just came out to visit. We even had a couple of real dogs, Trigger and Rex, visit us. Our young friend Mike Lorens had his mother bring him out for another year. Mike is a disabled young man and is an Honorary member. He likes to listen to the C.A.R.S. repeater and listens in on the weekly net when he can. He really enjoys

coming out to our Field Day site and gets a lot of laughs from the conversations going on. Great to see you and you mom again this year Mike!

We were threatened by nasty weather this year, but the amateur radio gods must have been watching over us, because we experienced no adverse weather conditions at our location, high atop the ridge of Broadview Heights. Man, did we ever luck out.

We had a good turnout of visitors, but I was a bit disappointed in the lack of C.A.R.S. members coming out to visit or to operate. Geeze, why did you even bother to get an Amateur license if you don't bother to use it, or learn about using it? It never continues to baffle me.

Anyhow, we did a great job on racking up the points this year, better than other years, and maybe, just maybe, we will come out near the top of our class, if not at the top of our class this time around. We'll have to wait and see for the final results.

FAMILY PICNIC

From my insider information, there will be another Family Picnic sponsored by C.A.R.S. again this year. Date, time and place to be announced!

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSN. TOUR de CURE

Another joint effort of the Cleveland and Akron Diabetes Assn's. Tour de Cure has come and gone and it was another success as far as Amateur Radio participation. The day started mighty early for a lot of those hams taking part in this worthwhile event, but everyone showed up and did their part in providing communications for the extended area involved.

The farthest bicycle ride was 100K, which is quite a ride, going up and down the hills in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park System, not to mention starting out of Blossom Music Center which is down in quite a low area itself!

The weather could not have been better. It was a bit on the hot side but not too extreme, and there was a great breeze a-blowing. Some of *continued on next page....*

the amateur radio folks started early and finished early, others started later and had to stick around a bit later.

At the beginning of the event there was bagels, coffee, fruit, breakfast rolls and fruit juice, and at the end of the ride there was food and beverages for those that cared to return to Blossom and partake.

I want to publicly thank the C.A.R.S. members who volunteered their time early on a Sunday morning to help out at this worthwhile public service event. They are: Mike Cegelski K8EHP, Mary Cegelski KC8YLC, Gary Berkowitz K8REF, Ron Borkey K8VJG, Mike Balach KB8UGT, Kim Balach KD8FTU, Bill Sarver KC8YSV, David North KD8ACO, Jacob Wagner KD8CDC, Bill Brown N8BBB, Steve Jones N8SRJ, Gary Dewey NI8Z, and Carl Rimmer W8KRF.

This is a truly worthwhile public service event folks and we have one more for the American Diabetes Assn. coming up in October. Stay tuned for more info. Maybe we can get some of you hams that have never participated in a public service event to come out then. You might get hooked. After all, the C.A.R.S. motto is "Hams That Serve". All you need is your radio and some of your time. We as a club only participate in these two events each year, so it is not too much to ask to come out for them.
HEY FOLKS, I'M OUTTA HERE

See you all at the July meeting and on the net.
73 for now, de
Tom, WB8N

FROM THE PREZ

As acting President of C.A.R.S., the first thing I need to do is thank Scotty, WA8SLN, for his contributions to the club. His efforts were very much appreciated, and many of his ideas will come to fruition as we forge ahead with Scotty as an active and valuable member. We all need to catch our breath after a month like this with all of its

activities. Quite a few members stepped up again, and provided communications for the Diabetes Association's annual Tour de Cure bicycle fund raiser. As always, the job done was effective and much appreciated. This was the first diabetes event I have missed since I became a member of C.A.R.S., and it made me more determined to attend the next event, the walkathon, this fall. If you have never done one of these events, jump off the porch, and join in. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Let's all give a special thanks to Tom, WB8N. Tom is the man behind the scenes who does all the work getting the club mobilized to participate in all the diabetes events. Next time you're eyeball to eyeball with him, take a second to thank him for what he does.

As the month roared on, we had our first outdoor meeting at the Oak Grove Picnic Area. The summer meetings are special to us all, and as usual, it was heavily attended. Besides taking care of business, we had fun with Steve's, N8IS, pneumatic antenna launching device. Actually, it doesn't launch antennas, it launches a golf ball with a string attached over trees (or whatever you got) as the first step in putting up a wire antenna. We had a little contest to get closest to a target; and Bob, W8GC, won over some pretty stiff competition. Steve promised a rematch at the next meeting. So if you missed round one, there is still a chance to get in on the fun, and walk away as champion. The device showed its mettle when success was vital at Field Day. High trees and high winds couldn't foil its efforts; an array of home brew wire antennas went up in record time. The meeting program featured most of the members, who each selected one of their favorite QSL cards to
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show off. It was an impressive display indeed. Some of the old timers pulled out some awesome cards from famous people and historic events; but some of the newer hams kept the show going with some pretty neat cards.

We finished off the month with Field Day. What a great event. The C.A.R.S. team put up the best numbers in club history, even at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. We will definitely be in the hunt at the top of the eight alpha standings. We had great participation by a lot of folks, and were able to score bonus points in all the categories available. The weatherman was fooled this year, as the worst we had to endure was a somewhat chilly night, some strong winds now and then, and a few drops of rain. We had a lot of visitors, including council members from both Independence and Broadview Heights. With all the hazardous activity going on; knives and scissors cutting a variety of materials, hot generators and gasoline at several points, golf balls and arrows whizzing through the air, and heavy, awkward things being lifted at a ferocious pace – no one was injured. Safety is important to us, and it showed. By the way, we ate like kings. Bill, N8BBB, out did his efforts from last year, and to most people that were there, he was the real hero. ‘Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

de Toby, WT8O

NOTICE TO READERS

The pages of YOUR Wobbly Oscillator Newsletter are a bit fewer this month and the reason is

that we just did not have the submissions to include in this issue. This publication is YOUR newsletter, and it is only as good as articles submitted by you, the membership. The editor’s job, is to EDIT the articles submitted, not to compose and write the articles. I thank those members who regularly submit articles each month, but this publication cannot rely on those members alone. Therefore, if submissions to this newsletter do not increase in the near future, drastic measures will have to be taken, such as possibly a semi-monthly publication. Think about it. What do you want for the future of this, YOUR newsletter ?
Lovingly, the editor.

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