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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

FROM THE PREZ

We really had a good time at the October dinner meeting at TGI Fridays. A lot of the members expressed desires to have more of our meetings there. It should be a topic at our November meeting once we conclude the election of new officers and odd year board members. Once again, the election should not take a lot of time since there were not many people who accepted nominations. That was really disappointing. I would be nice to see people step up and help with the business of running the club. Remember, there is always the option of a write-in candidate, so if anyone is interested in running for an office, or knows of someone who is, the opportunity still exists.

One regret is that Gary Dewey, NI8Z, decided not to run for vice president. Gary is a vital part of C.A.R.S. and his absence as an officer will be sorely missed. I personally would like to thank and commend Gary for his support the last few years. Gary is a great ham, a fine man and a major contributor to our club. It would take several pages to mention all the things he does, but those who are active members know of what I speak. The one thing special about Gary is his love of the ham radio hobby and all those who participate. The new VP we elect in November will have a fine example to follow. I wish the best to that person, and would like to thank him in advance for accepting the responsibility.

We have the Christmas party coming up soon. Please register as soon as possible to give the planning committee the advantage of an accurate

head count. The raffle tickets will be available by then, so we can get started selling them. The sales of the tickets support our scholarship program. It is one of the great things C.A.R.S. does to help the community and is an easy way for members to raise the necessary funds for this fine cause. If I only could make one suggestion to the membership it would be "Please put forth an effort to help the scholarship program by selling just a few more tickets than you did last year."

73, Toby, WT8O

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***MEETING TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 9th, 7:30 P.M.***

MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 2010. The meeting was held at the TGI Fridays Restaurant, 10320 Cascade Crossing, Brooklyn, OH. 23 members and 1 visitor introduced themselves.

Gary Dewey, NI8Z moved that the minutes for the September 14, 2010 meeting be approved, motion seconded by Ron Borkey, K8VJG and the motion passed.

Bob Check, W8GC gave the Treasurers report. Both Scholarship fund raffle & Christmas party tickets are now available from the CARS web site or by calling W8GC. Mike Gamber, KG8MTG's daughter will be catering our meal this year.

Gary, NI8Z reported that we will have the next VE session on November 14, 2010, plus Gary has reserved the second Sunday of the odd months in 2011 for VE testing.

President Toby WT8O reviewed the 2010 year for CARS and promised should he be re-elected there will be more activities in 2011.

Tom Wayne, WB8N reported that we had a great turnout for the Diabetes walk on Saturday October 2, 2010.

Congratulations to Tom, WB8N at winning the 50/50 raffle! \$20 each to Tom & CARS.

Ed Stevens, WB8ROK asked for better preparation at next years Cleveland Hamfest, both in planning and providing brochures.

Toby, WT8O asked for nominations for 3 CARS odd year Board members. K8SAS, K8ME, K8REF & K8VJG were nominated and accepted. We had one nomination for Secretary, Steve Jones, N8SRJ who sent an email accepting the nomination. We also have one nomination for Treasurer. Bob, W8GC, accepted. For Vice President Adam Grossmyer, N8MOX & Darren Turk, K8DMT were nominated and both accepted. One nomination for President was made and Toby, WT8O, accepted. Ken Osicki, K8OAE moved the nominations be closed, seconded and closed.

Our next meeting will be back at Busch Funeral Home on November 9 and we will have elections for the 2011 officers.

The meeting was closed by President Toby,

WT8O at 9:00pm.

Submitted by Temporary Secretary Bob W8GC

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

THAT FOUR LETTER WORD

Yes, that four letter word, *snow* will soon be on our lips. I'm predicting that we'll be seeing that white stuff on the ground around the end of November. Time to get your snow blowers and throwers ready for operation. Don't wait until the last minute and wonder why the machine won't start when you have a foot or more of white on the driveway.

The same goes for your antennas. If you have been procrastinating, like I am prone to do, about doing any antenna repair, putting up a new antenna or taking down an old one, now is the time to get that antenna work done. It's not fun to be up on the tower or roof working in a cold wind with your fingers freezing. Been there, done that!
MEETING AT TGI FRIDAYS

I think that most everyone who attended the October meeting at TGI Fridays would like to have more of our meetings there. The room was perfect, with enough room for all, and could be closed off from the rest of the restaurant. The food was very good I thought, and the prices were reasonable as well. The location was convenient with easy access off the freeway. For those of you that did not make the meeting, you missed a good time. This month we will be back at the Busch Community room but I have a feeling we will be meeting at TGI Fridays again in 2011.

ECHO LINK NEWS

As you know, Echo Link has been down on the C.A.R.S. 146.820 repeater for some time now. It was originally at W8GC's QTH and was moved to the repeater site a few months ago. However, it was not hooked up to the repeater and our techs, Dave Kushman, K8DAV and Vince Bak, N8OVW have been spending their Sunday
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afternoons as of late trying to get it up and running. They needed the help of John Papay, K8YSE to get the computer end of things set up. It is hard to get together on a volunteer basis on a project such as this, as each person has their own work and personal life to take care of which is a priority. I have spoken with Vince lately and he assures me that they are making progress and that he has to make up a couple of circuits to put into the mix and hopefully within a week or two, the Echo Link will be up and running once again. They deserve our thanks and a round of applause for their work in keeping the repeaters up and running and doing it on their own time without compensation.

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That's about it for this month fellow members. I hope to hear you on the nets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. on the C.A.R.S. repeater, and see you at the November meeting, which by the way, will be our last regular meeting for 2010. In December we will be having our annual Christmas party which I hope to see you all at as well. It is always a great time, and besides the good food, the company of our fellow hams and their families is great as well. So 73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

REPORT ON THE 2010 DIABETES ASSN. WALK, STEP OUT TO FIGHT DIABETES.

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

It was a cold and rainy morning in the Flats of Cleveland at the Tower City Amphitheater. The rain was drizzly most of the morning and I had thoughts that maybe there would be a lack of walkers for this fund raising event for the American Diabetes Association.

The volunteers for the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society began to arrive and after they got their coffee and breakfast, I began to assign their positions for the walk. The walkers began to sign in and I thought that maybe this would turn out well after all. I was right. As I later found out after getting an e-mail from Patti Clair, the gal in charge of the walk for the Diabetes Assn., there were 825

walkers registered, with more than 650 walkers actually showing up and walking the walk, which was through downtown Cleveland. They wore clothing to protect them from the drizzling rain, and young and old, they stepped out to fight diabetes.

Martens Ambulance Co., besides having an ambulance with two medics, also provided a bus type vehicle on which we had one of our ham radio people. This unit drove along the route in case there were any walkers that were having a problem and could not continue the walk. We also had a ham at each of the two rest stops along the route, as well as having hams positioned at various locations on the route reporting the walkers progress. There was a group called Jeep Skool, which is made up of guys with Jeep off-road vehicles. They also patrolled the route and we had a ham on two of their vehicles, as they could only communicate among themselves via Citizens Band radio.

There were no serious incidents to the best of my knowledge. A few people had to be picked up and returned to the amphitheater, but there were no medical emergencies.

I want to thank all of the Amateur Radio volunteers; **Gary Dewey N18Z, Ron Borkey K8VJG, C.A.R.S. President Toby Kolman WT8O, Eddie Stevens KD8FTS, Steve Spisak K8SAS, Mike Cegelski K8EHP, Mary Cegelski KC8YLC, Mike Gamber KG8MTG, Bruce Brown KC8RKS, David KD8ACO, Gary Berkowitz K8REF, Bill Brown N8BBB, Tom Pechnik AC8EH, Arp Viiberg K8ARP, Leone Sirna KB8VBR,** (who by the way was "bird dogging" Patti Clair while she was running around at the amphitheater. He passed on information to her that he heard on our net and communicated with net control if she had any questions or needed information about the progress of the walk. By the way Leone, you did such a good job keeping up with her, she wants you back with her again next year.) **Mike Balach KB8UGT, Kay Broughton KD8IUX, and last but not least, Buffalo Jim Glor N8GXR,** who as always, came in from Buffalo New York for the *continued on next page....*

walk. Congratulations to all of you for coming out and doing a great job for a great cause on such a crummy day.

According to Patti, they anticipate raising at least \$175,000 from the walk.

I hope to see you all again next year on Saturday, October 1st, at the Time Warner Amphitheater for the 2011 walk for the American Diabetes Association. C.A.R.S. and our efforts for this event are VERY much appreciated by the Cleveland branch of the American Diabetes Assn. We have been volunteering for this event for more years than I can recall. Each year the event gets bigger and better and I sincerely appreciate our members coming out to help.



— Our crew of volunteers at the 2010 Step Out to Fight Diabetes walk

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

I grew up in a family that read. I remember easily reading newspapers even when I was in Kindergarten. My cousin and I (he was a couple years older than I) would argue about who was better, Superman or Captain Marvel, and one of the “way older boys” up the street from our house would lend me copies of his Classic Comics, my introduction to Jules Verne, Robert Louis Stevenson, and many other great writers.

Seeing my ability and my interest in reading, my grandfather gave me a set of old books that he thought might interest me. The week after giving them to me he asked if I was reading any of them

and if I liked them. I told him that I was reading one, but found it hard to understand. The stories were confusing and didn’t seem to have an ending. This was, as made clear from my grandfather’s patient explanation, my introduction to “chapter books.” I had to start each book from the beginning, and read “all of the stories” in order, one by one, until I found out how the story ended. This knowledge made Dick, Jane, and Puff easy reading in first grade, and very boring, too!

I also remember that a couple of the books from Grandpa were in the “Radio Boys” series. I wonder how many remember reading any of these? I also read some of the Tom Swift books. All of these were written 20 or 30 years earlier, but I still found them to be interesting, and they led to my interest in “tearing apart” old radios to see what kinds of parts were in them. I had to use radios that I found in peoples trash cans, because I could never put any of them back together again. Belay that last. I did manage to fix up one old set that had a very damaged cabinet. I can remember making my own cabinet out of an R. G.. Dun cigar box, and listening to Bob and Ray out of Windsor, Ontario... all the way here in Cleveland! A remarkable distance for a young mind, and a learning experience in itself.

There are not many adventure and mystery books that include amateur radio written for young people these days. But I did find one author who has written several. In keeping with my theme of the past couple of articles, this author is a woman, Cynthia Wall. Wall is a ham, KA7ITT, and her technical adviser is her brother, Steve Jensen, W6RHM. Her books were written in the 1990’s and published by ARRL. While no longer in print, copies can be found available online.

As a sideline surprise, readers of my last article my have noted the name Jensen appearing above is the same as last month’s feature person, Lenore Jensen. In fact, Steve Jensen is her son, and Cynthia Wall is Lenore’s stepdaughter, a fitting relationship as well as a fitting end to my brief series featuring women who have included
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amateur radio in their life.

I wish that I could find those books grandpa gave me.

Scene From October Meeting at TGI Fridays



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthday	Call Sign	Name
Nov. 4, 1941	KD8HWP	Paul Maruna
Nov. 6, 1955	KC8MRC	Robert Ozog
Nov. 6, 1952	W8GJ	David Yost
Nov. 7, 1952	KC8OUH	Jeff Venecek
Nov. 22	KC8ZBP	Sharon Andrisin
Nov. 22, 1965	KD8DLT	David Nuti
Nov. 26	KC8LDI	Ryan Dressler
Nov. 27, 1928	WB8ROK	Ed Stevens

Congratulations and Many Happy Returns to ALL !

ARRL OHIO SECTION NEWS

Outgoing ARRL Ohio Section Traffic Manager John W. Tipka, W8UL of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is the 17th recipient of the Allan Severson, AB8P (SK) Memorial Award. Ohio Manager Frank Piper made the award presentation at the Ohio Section / ARES Conference on October 16th.

The Severson award, named for former Great Lakes Division Director Allan Severson who died in 1997, is issued to an Ohio Ham Radio operator who exemplified Allan's spirit of service to Amateur Radio.

Tipka held positions of Emergency Coordinator and District Emergency Coordinator prior to being appointed Section Traffic Manager in 2007. John received his award for his work in the Ohio Section National Traffic System and Amateur Radio Emergency Service. His Severson certificate reads "For Your Years of Dedication to the National Traffic System, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and to the Ohio Section"

The award honors the work of Allan with a single sentence written on every award certificate "Allan's devotion to serve Amateur Radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership."

For photos of John and the Ohio Section Conference, visit the Ohio Section Website www.arrloho.org.

Allan Severson was from the Cleveland area and was a member of LEARA - Ed.

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2010 CARS Christmas Party

Friday December 10, 2010 serving dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Independence Civic Center in the White Oak Room

Tickets are \$16.00 for adults, \$8.00 age 7 to 12
6 and under free

There will be a video trip down memory lane of past CARS Christmas parties plus Field Day 2009 & 2010 for your entertainment.

Amy G Catering Menu:

Entrees: Chicken Marsala

Slow cooked Top Round Roast Beef with gravy

Italian Sausage with Sauteed Peppers & Onions

Side dishes: Green Bean Almandine, Oven Roasted Redskin Potato's, Penne Pasta Primavera (vegetables in a white wine sauce) Tossed salad with home-made Italian and French dressings, fresh baked Italian bread with butter & margarine. Coffee, POP and water.

Anyone who can please bring a simple desert to share

We will have limited prizes this year,
a 50/50 drawing along with
presentation's of our 2010 Awards

2009 centerpiece



For tickets please contact
Tina W8HBI 216-952-2520 or Bob W8GC at 216-524-1750
or e-mail w8gc or [w8hbi @2cars.org](mailto:w8hbi@2cars.org)
or go to www.2cars.org and follow the link for the
Christmas party, you can buy tickets using PayPal.

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2011 CARS Scholarship fund Raffle Tickets are now available

Help support the CARS Scholarship fund by getting your Raffle Tickets ASAP.

Donation is only \$3.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 2 tickets! **

Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets, you can order your tickets on line using PayPal, no PayPal account needed just a credit card, go to www.2cars.org or contact the Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC 216-524-1750.

What can be more important than helping people get an education! CARS has awarded two \$500.00 Scholarships a year since 2006. This Raffle will only be held one time in 2011.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2011 Summer picnic on July 29, 2010**. Winners do NOT need to attend to win. Winners will be notified plus be listed on the CARS web site and in our Newsletter the WO.



1st prize \$300.00

2nd prize \$200.00

3rd prize \$100.00

Maximum of 850 tickets will be sold

****All proceeds less actual expenses go to the CARS Scholarship Fund.**