

HAPPY 2013 !!!

FROM THE PREZ

I wish everyone a very “Happy New Year.” May all C.A.R.S. members, their families and *Wobbly Oscillator* readers have an especially fine year amongst these troubled times. In the “Me first-Do your own thing” world we live in, in has become quite fashionable not to make New Year’s resolutions any more. Here’s my plea to change that. Our radio club depends on active members to participate in activities to make those events successful. Several times a year, I beat the drum for more members to join in our activities. We get a few here and there, but never a stampede. But this request is different. Please make a New Year’s resolution to attend at least one meeting if you never do. Recently, I called a group of members for a survey we were doing. Some of the folks I talked to for the first time in the eleven years I have been in C.A.R.S. We had some enjoyable conversations, and it was nice to finally “meet” some of the members that pay their dues every year but don’t attend meetings or activities. So I sincerely invite those I’ve mentioned to circle your calendars for the second Tuesday of the month and honor the group with your presence. There is always good fellowship, excellent refreshments and an interesting meeting program. I really hope to see you there.

As I write, the first heavy snowfall is in progress. I’m sure on the net many hams will complain about the “white stuff.” The reality is, we live in Northern Ohio and we average about 60 inches of snow a year. So I would like to console those amateurs who get depressed when winter comes. Our hobby can provide numerous hours of

pleasure when the weather is not conducive to outdoor endeavors. Unlike motorcyclists who spend the winter months twiddling their bungee cords, or boaters who stare at frozen waterways, amateur radio operators can sip on a warm beverage and twist the magic dials that will take them around the world and engage in conversations with newly made friends from far away lands, while gazing out the windows of their shacks watching the snow drift or the icicles form. I’ve heard it said time and time again, amateur radio is the best hobby in the world. One of the reasons is that no matter what the weather, we can enjoy an activity we love.

73, Toby, WT8O

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***January Meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 8th
7:30 P.M. Busch Funeral Home.
2013 Dues are Due!***

November 2012 Meeting Minutes

The C.A.R.S. Membership Meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at Bush Funeral Home Community Room located at 7501 Ridge Road in Parma. 30 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

After introductions the October minutes were approved as published in the October Wobbly Oscillator by Toby, WT8O.

President Toby, WT8O, asked that we vote prospective new member Walt Robinson, W8WCR. Gary, NI8Z, went thru the membership approval process and Walt was voted in. Congratulations Walt.

Bob, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report and reminded all to please consider purchase of the gift cards through the gift card program CARS is sponsoring in which the club gets a certain percentage of each purchase which helps to cover the cost of the scholarship fund and cover cost of the picnic or Christmas party expenses. The Christmas Party is on December 7th, at the Independence civic center. All details are on the CARS web site.

Toby, WT8O, mentioned about holding dinner meetings. Eddie, KD8FTS, submitted a list of restaurants that he investigated. Toby stated that he checked out Alfonso's Restaurant on West 130th and Sprague Rd. The membership voted to hold the February 2013 meeting at Alfonso's Restaurant. The restaurant will be available to us at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. You do not have to order dinner to attend the meeting.

The club display board will be taken over by Mike, KD8RKF, who will update the board. It will be on display at hamfests and Field Day.

Toby also asked for members to have respect for the meeting, saving any personal conversations for before or after the meeting.

The program committee is working on the meeting programs for 2013.

Toby mentioned field day, saying that we will be running 8A class in 2013.

VP Gary, NI8Z, stated there will be a VE Session In January at the Elmwood recreation center behind the Independence fire station

on Selig Drive. The March VE Session will be back to the normal location at the Independence Old Town Hall. At the November VE session 5 People were tested, 3 passing their technician class license and 2 passing their general exam.

Sunshine: A sympathy card was circulated at the meeting for everyone to sign for Ron Borkey, K8VJG, whose son passed away in Houston, Texas.

Toby thanked the refreshment committee on the club's behalf: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

Election of officers was held, with Toby Kolman, WT8O re-elected as CARS President, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, re-elected as Vice President, Dwaine Modock, K8ME, re-elected as Secretary, and Bob Check, W8GC, re-elected as Treasurer. Board members George Pindroh, K8KR, Tom Wayne, WB8N, and Matt Web, W8EBB were re-elected to their positions as well. Congratulations to all.

With no other new or old business Toby WT8O declared the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

After the meeting the 50/50 winner was Eddie, KD8FTS. Eddie's portion was \$32.00 with CARS share of \$33.00 added to the treasury.

Submitted by CARS secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

2012 CARS FINANCIAL AUDIT

Submitted by V.P. Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The C.A.R.S. annual Treasury audit was completed Dec.22 2012 at the home of the Treasurer, W8GC. Assisting in conducting this business was K8SAS, Steve Spisak, board member; WT8O, Toby Kolman, President; W8GC, Robert Check, Treasurer; and NI8Z, Gary Dewey, Vice President. The records reflected all activity 12-27-2011 through 12-21-2012.

Caterizing expenses exceeding revenue - the Christmas Party, Dayton Bus trip, Field Day, the Summer Picnic, and refreshments at meetings.

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The classes held in 2012 had a positive revenue impact however a location to hold classes this in 2013 has not be established. The gift card program is showing very moderate revenue input. But the program has just started and with the help of CARS members support should help to offset some of the cost of those expenses listed above.

The scholarship program still is in the black at least for 2013. Again, remember the gift card program is to offset the expense of the scholarship activity.

Costs that were seen to be increasing - phone expense. Costs decreasing - postage and insurance . Sources of income stem from membership dues, meeting raffles, meeting refreshment contributions, ARRL renewals, equipment donations, however certainly not enough to fully fund CARS activities and programs.

All auditing members approved the treasurers very detailed report. CARS is in fine shape to go forward in 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Dewey, NI8Z,
CARS Vice President.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to pay your 2013 dues for your CARS membership. You have between now and January 31st. After that, you will be dropped from the CARS membership roster. Don't get shut out!

Last month the United States Postal Service (USPS) filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), effective on January 27, 2013. One of the USPS proposals is to discontinue the sale of International Reply Coupons (IRCs) due to the "low quantity demand by customers" but continue to redeem "purchased in foreign countries". You can read more in the Federal Register at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/10/23/2012-25992/international-mailing-services-proposed-product-and-price-changes#h-13>

G3SWH, Phil, reminds everyone that the United Kingdom has already stopped selling IRCs as you can see at: <http://www.g3swh.org.uk/irc.html>.

W7EQI Re-Elected to Congress, Gains

National Position - Oregon Representative Greg Walden, W7EQI, easily won re-election in November. He will retain his communications subcommittee chairmanship and becomes chair of the Republican National Congressional Committee.

SILENT KEYS

One Ham Killed, Another Rescued, in Sinking

of HMS Bounty - Tall ship built as replica for movie sunk by Hurricane Sandy; Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, was never found and is presumed dead. Ship's Electrician, N6TQS, was among 14 crew members rescued.

On December 25th W0CGR, James Gary Atkins, died of cancer after a long and difficult battle. He was 72. Gary was first licensed in January 1960. He was the nephew of legendary guitarist Chet Atkins W4CGP). Gary also played the guitar. Ever the smiling Gary, was a CW man and a member of the FOC with 311 confirmed in the ARRL CW DXCC standings.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BILL BROWN, N8BBB, 12/08/----
GARY DEWEY, NI8Z, 12/07/1941
CHARLES DRESSLER, KC8LZP, 12/12/- - -
ANDREW EVRIDGE, KD8SCV, 12/27/1952
COLLEEN STEVENS, KD8FTT, 12/12/1971

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANE REED, K8 JGR, 01/11, xxxx
GARY SCHMID, WA8GCR, 01/11/1947
PAT DRESSLER, KD8DYI, 01/12, 1931
MATT WEBB JR., W8EBB, 01/14/1984
FRED DOOB, K8PP, 01/15, xxxx
MARY CEGELSKI, KC8YLC, 01/22/1952
STEVE JONES, N8SRJ, 01/23/1966

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MIKE TOTH, KB8RKF, 01/27, xxxx
CARL BEDUHN, K8AV, 01/30/1938

Congratulations to you all and many happy returns !

Editors note: If your birthday is not listed for either December or January, it is because you did not list your birth date on your membership application.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wow! A new year is upon us...2013. I want to wish everyone of us a GREAT new year and I hope you all had a nice Christmas. Those of us lucky enough to have made it through 2012 are here for another shot at it. I hope everyone got that new rig or other ham radio related piece of equipment from Santa and that you are active on the air in which-ever amateur radio mode that suits your fancy.

We lost some of our CARS members over the past year when they became silent keys and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

But for those of us still around, let's make the most of 2013! Let's try to make as many CARS meetings as we can during the year. In June, July, and August when we hold our meetings in the park, come out and cook your dinner on the grill. CARS supplies the fire, all you have to do is bring something to cook. After all, it is a "picnic" meeting. Come out to Field Day in June and participate by operating at one of the stations set up. Volunteer for public service activities, especially the one that CARS takes part in every year, the annual American Diabetes Assn. Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes. Check into the CARS weekly net which is held each week on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. If it interferes with one of your favorite TV shows, record it. That's what I do. In other words folks, get involved, become active in YOUR club, CARS, if you are not already.

CARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Well, if you missed the annual CARS Christmas party this year, it's your own fault. I realize that some of you had previously made

plans, but if you had no such excuse, you missed a good one. The food was great, catered by CARS member Mike Gamber, N8MTG's daughter. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the company of other CARS members and their families. The Christmas spirit was alive and well. Awards were given out for Ham of the Year, which went to Metro Sinko, W8MET and for the most check-ins on the CARS weekly net, which went to George, K8KR, Steve, K8SAS, and Joe, KD8BAL. There was no entertainment this year, but we'll see what we can do about that for next year. Below are some photos taken at the party.



W8MET accepting the Ham of the Year award from WT8O.



K8SAS, KD8BAL, & K8KR with their awards for most net check-ins. WT8O, KD8ACO & WB8N in background.

I had a good Christmas myself. Christmas Eve I started a new tradition for myself...Christmas Eve Sloppy Joes, and watching two great Christmas
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movies; A Christmas Story, which was co-scripted and narrated by Jean Shepherd, K2ORS - SK, and The Bad Santa, with Billy Bob Thornton. Christmas day I spent with my daughters and step daughter and their families.

HAM NATION

If you haven't yet checked out the Ham Nation web-cast on the internet, I encourage you to do so. Just go to Google and type in "Ham Nation". Boom. You're there. The web-cast is hosted by Bob Heil, K9EID, the owner and founder of Heil Sound, and Gordon "Gordo" West, WB6NOA, of Gordon West's Radio School. There is a segment of "Newslines" with Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, and a segment called "Smoke & Soldier" with George Thomas, W5JDX. Other hams help out with various segments as well. The show is loaded with ham information and videos sent in by hams from all over. The only drawback is that it is done live at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday nights, the same time we have our weekly net. But you can catch the latest episode a day or two later just by Googling it.

Check it out. You can fast forward through the stuff you are not interested in, but the whole show is generally very interesting.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

It's time to make your New Years resolutions folks. Here's some for you to consider. Get your 2013 CARS dues in before the end of the month, attend more CARS meetings during the year, check into the CARS weekly net as often as you can, and buy some of the gift cards that CARS is selling. In other words, support your club.

GOTTA RUN

That's about it for this month folks. I hope to see you at the first CARS meeting of 2013, on the 8th or at least catch you on the air or on the CARS weekly net. Til then,
73, de Tom, WB8N

MORE PICS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Audit

NI8Z ** WT80, K8SAS

Audio/Video

NI8Z **

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NI8Z **

ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME **

Awards

W8GC ** WT80

Christmas Party

W8GC ** WU8A, K8SAS, N8MTG

Constitution/By-laws

WT80** All Officers/Board members
WB8ROK, WA8ZJV, KD8BAL, KB8DTC, K8ARP

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

W8EBB ** W8GC ** WT80, NF80, W8MET, N8BBB

License classes

W8GC ** WT80 ** NI8Z, W8MET, KD8ACO

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W8MET **

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WT80 **

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W8GC ** WB8N **

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KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N **

Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK ** pop, K8DMT ** coffee

K8VJG ** donuts

50/50

K8DMT

Scholarship

K8REF ** NI8Z, WT80, K8ME, W8GC

School Programs

KD8V **

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January 12, 2013

