

# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

## **CARS FAMILY PICNIC, FRIDAY, JULY 18th.**

**FROM THE PREZ**

With Field day in the rearview mirror two more summer events are in store for C.A.R.S. members. The first is the annual summer picnic. The picnic is free to all C.A.R.S. members and their families. The details are on the website. If you have never been to one of our summer picnics, I will give you a word of warning; don't go on a diet the day before. We always have plenty of great food and deserts. Besides the grilled specialties cooked to your preference, many members and spouses bring some fantastic side dishes. The cool thing about events like this is it gives everyone a chance to meet family members that are not usually seen at meetings or radio specific activities; it expands the C.A.R.S. family making the circle of friends that much larger. We also will award the scholarships to the deserving recipients so you get to meet and speak with them in person. This is one event you really don't want to miss.

The second event is the special event station the club will be setting up at the Cuyahoga County Fair. We will be operating on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> during the day and into the evening. The station will be easy to find, we will be in the building just north of the big wind turbine. You may also want to try to contact the station from your home or base station. We will have QSL cards and certificates for those contacting the station. All the information will be in the August issue of QST magazine as well as on the club website. We will provide updates and details at regular

club meetings and the next issue of the WO. This will be the first special event station we have had in quite a while, so please stop out and get in the operating fun, or just come and check things out. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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***In the immortal words of Mike Baxter, KA0XTT, "Ham Radio, the last line of communication before the coming apocalypse!"***

***CARS net, Wednesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater.***

## **JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

The C.A.R.S. membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 10th of the month at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation of the Metro Parks. 25 members were in attendance. A board meeting was held before the regular meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given before the meeting.

After introductions, the May meeting minutes were approved as published in the June Wobbly Oscillator by the members & WT8O.

Toby WT8O read the Treasurers report, as Bob Check, W8GC was absent.

Toby discussed the Christmas party which will be at Milano's Restaurant. The cost will be \$20 dollars per person, with the balance picked up by CARS. Beverages are extra.

The Scholarship Committee has three applications to review, which will be announced at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and presented at the cars picnic on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Check web-site for details.

Eddie, KB8FTS, is looking for assistance of coming up events in July 24th & August, contact Eddie if interested.

Toby reported that the rewrite of the constitution is in the final stages and that the by-laws will be finalized and will be presented to the members in the fall.

The Field Day committee is looking for help. Field Day this year is on June 28 & 29 and CARS will be running 3a class. Directions and other details are on the web-site.

Toby, WT8O, reported that it's a go for the special event station to be run during the Cuyahoga County Fair in August. Details to follow at the July meeting.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

Toby also mentioned that anyone needing help with anything such as antennas, radio's, etc, or parts for projects, let club know. If you have a problem or an interesting happening, bring it up at the club meeting for discussion.

50/50 raffle winner was Arp Viiberg, K8ARP, with \$32 going to him and \$32 to CARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

After the meeting, Bill Savage, WA8GEO, gave an excellent presentation on frequency ducting and a special antenna he had built for reception of ducting.

Submitted by Dwaine Modock, K8ME

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Paul Naujoks</b>	<b>AC8DJ</b>	<b>7-24-1943</b>
<b>Arp Viiberg</b>	<b>K8ARP</b>	<b>7-12-1954</b>
<b>George Pindroh</b>	<b>K8KR</b>	<b>7-5-1942</b>
<b>Scott Dressler</b>	<b>KC8LEO</b>	<b>7-24- ////</b>
<b>Steve Dewey</b>	<b>N8BVD</b>	<b>7-16-1968</b>
<b>Roger Boehnlein</b>	<b>N8TCP</b>	<b>7-9-1951</b>
<b>Robert Winston</b>	<b>W2THU</b>	<b>7-28-1945</b>
<b>Bill Savage</b>	<b>WA8GEO</b>	<b>7-27-1940</b>

**Happy Birthday to all and many happy returns!**

## **THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

### **HAMVENTION® RESULTS**

The attendance total for the Dayton Hamvention® is in. The total attendance this year was 24,873, up 331 from the 2013 Hamvention®. Not bad, considering that the weather did not exactly cooperate this year, with intermittent rain Friday and Saturday.

### **FIELD DAY 2014**

I was not able to attend Field Day this year as I was in the process of having my garage torn down and I kind of had to be there for that. The weather cooperated however and although I have not got any reports on the CARS Field Day as of yet, I'm sure all that participated had a great time and I know that the food had to be great with Bill Brown, N8BBB, manning the grill. I did manage to copy the ARRL Field Day Bulletin at the request of Toby, WT8O, and have sent that off to him. I also made a few contacts from my home station as class 1D but it just *Continued on next page...*

wasn't the same as being out at the Field Day site with the rest of the gang. Oh well, hopefully I'll be able to make Field Day 2015. Hopefully we will have some photos of Field Day 2014 for the next issue of the Wobbly Oscillator.

#### *CARS FAMILY PICNIC*

As the W.O. headline says, and Toby reminded us in his column, the annual CARS Family Picnic is this month on Friday, July 18. in the Kiwanis Pavilion at the Independence Civic Center Park, same place as usual. Please let Bob Check, W8GC, know by July 14 how many will be in your party when making your reservation. We need to have a good idea as to how much food to have. Also, if you can, bring along a side dish or a desert. Details are on the CARS web page.

#### *ARRL CENTENNIAL QSO PARTY*

The ARRL Centennial QSO Party has been going on since the first of the year, with stations in each state designated as W1AW/portable, using their state's call area number. So far I have worked all of the states that have been on the air except for West Virginia. Each state will be on the air at least twice and West Virginia will be back on in October. I'm not trying for points so I am only trying to work each state at least once by phone and once by CW. Some hams are trying to work each state by every mode and on every band that they're operating on. Phew! That's too much like work to me. You can earn points by working W100AW, ARRL section managers and other ARRL representatives and even anyone that is a Volunteer Examiner will get you 5 points. Also, if I am correct, working anyone who is just a member of the ARRL will earn you one point. If nothing else, you can qualify for the Worked All States award by working each state just once. If you have HF capabilities but have not participated in the QSO party, you can still get most of the states, if not all of them. Give it a shot. It's FUN!

#### *SHORT ISSUE*

This issue of the Wobbly Oscillator is going to be a short one as I have not received anything from the membership to put in it. This IS your newsletter and it depends on articles and announcements sent in by you to fill it's pages. I am just the editor and I cannot write

everything for the newsletter myself. Maybe we'll have to go to a bi-monthly newsletter if we continue to have a lack of articles each month. It'll be up to you, the CARS member, to make that call. That'll

about do it for this month.

Hope to hear you on the weekly net and/or see you at the next meeting and at the picnic.

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***The July CARS meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8th at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville branch of the Metro Parks, 7:30 p.m. Try to come out early and bring something to cook on the grill. CARS will be providing the fire.***

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# 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday July 18, 2014 will be the CARS annual picnic. We will again be in the **Kiwanis Pavilion**, see the picture below, it is **behind the Independence Civic Center**. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage/brats, potato salad, Cole slaw plus all the trimmings.

Again this year we ask anyone who can to please bring a desert.

There will be several door prizes for the winners of our drawings.

*The picnic is FREE to all CARS members, family & friends! All we ask is you tell us how many will be coming on or before Tuesday July 14. Arrive anytime after 5:30 to eat about 6:00pm.*

email: [w8gc@2cars.org](mailto:w8gc@2cars.org) or call 216-524-1750



## CARS 2014 Officers & Committees

### Audit

NI8Z \*\* WT8O, K8SAS

### Audio/Video

KD8OUE \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

NI8Z \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Club Photographer

K8OAE \*\*

### Constitution/By-laws

WT8O\*\* All Officers/Board members, WJ8WM, WB8ROK, KD8BAL, KB8DTC, K8ARP, N8TCP?

### Diabetes events

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

W8EBB \*\* WT8O, NF8O, N8BBB

### 50/50

NI8Z

### License classes

W8GC \*\* WT8O \*\* NI8Z, W8MET, KD8ACO

### Mentor/Elmer & Community Education

W8MET \*\*

### Membership

W8GC \*\*

### NET

WT8O \*\*

### Newsletter

WB8N \*\* 440-232-4193

### Program's & Christmas party

KD8OUE \*\* NF8O, KD8QBB, KD8QUE, KD8FTS, WT8O

### Property Custodian's

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

### QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK \*\* pop, K8DMT \*\* coffee, K8VJG \*\* eat's

### Scholarship

W8GC \*\* NI8Z, WT8O, K8ME, K8REF

### School Programs

NI8Z \*\*

### Summer Picnic

W8GC \*\* WB8N \*\*

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WB8N, W8EBB, KB8DTC

#### odd year executive board 2 year term

K8KR, K8SAS, K8REF

#### License trustee K8ZFR

WB8N

#### License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM,  
WA8CMS, WA8CHS  
W8GC

