



I often hear “We oughta.....” and I usually agree because people come up with some darn good ideas. The problem that usually arises is the person that has the idea isn’t able to follow through. We had an exception to that last year. A new member suggested we have a special event station. He organized the event, planned it out and made it happen. Everyone had a great time and the first special event station we have done as a club in over a decade was a tremendous success. Sometimes all that is needed is enlisting a team to get the job done. Please think about it and bring your ideas the meeting. I hope to see you there

73, Toby, WT8O

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### **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 11th of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma, Ohio. After the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions, the October meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the November Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Bob, W8GC, gave the treasurers report, stating that the CARS finances are still healthy. CARS dues are due and Bob said that since he will be having hip surgery in January he is requesting that members send their dues to his house or pay electronically via Pay Pal, and not the to send them to the club P.O. Box.

Toby mentioned the December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party reservations, saying that reservations need to be made soon so the restaurant can be given an idea as to how many there will be. Contact Mike, KD8OUE, via email to make your reservations. Also, iff you sign up for the Christmas party and you don’t show, you will still have to pay, as the restaurant will be charging CARS. The cost is \$20.00 per person, More details/sign up are on the CARS website.

Gary, NI8Z, stated that the last VE session for 2014 took place with 6 people taking their tests and passing. The 2015 VE Session schedule will be coming out.

Gary will be heading up a work party to go to

the Copley-Fairlawn Middle School to see what is the problem with their 2-meter station.

Tom, WB8N, reported on the American Diabetes Assn. walk, which took place on Saturday October 25, at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. They had a nice crowd for the walk, and it will be held in Berea next year with longer route. Tom also thanked the volunteers that turned out to handle communications along the walk

Toby, WT8O, reported on the CARS constitution/ & bylaws and a vote was held by the members present, passing the changes. Members can print their copy off the cars web-site under Constitution.

An election for officer’s and new board members took place at the meeting. thanks to Metro, W8MET & Joel K8SHP for passing out, collecting, and counting the ballots at the meeting. The results are as follows:

President-Toby Kolman WT8O, Vice President- Mark Moro WJ8WM, Treasurer- Bob Check W8GC, Secretary Dwaine Modock- K8ME, New Board Members are Gary Dewey NI8Z, Andy Evridge KD8SCV, and Arp Viiberg K8ARP. Congratulations to all.

Toby reminded those present that if any members need help with anything radio related , or need advice on the purchase of new equipment or help with a new manual to let one of the officers or board members know.

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

The 50/50 Raffle winner was Joe, KD8BAL, who won \$25.00 with \$26.00 going to the CARS coffers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The presentation for the evening was on emergency “Go Boxes”, with Eddie KD8FTS, Gary NI8Z, Arp K8ARP, and Steve K8SAS, presenting their go boxes which ranged from the very simple to the very elaborate.

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME

**FROM THE DESK OF THE OUT-GOING VICE  
PRESIDENT, GARY DEWEY, NI8Z**

First of all, I want to congratulate the newly elected VP Mark Moro, WJ8WM. I'm sure he will do a great job.

There were eight VE sessions held and completed by the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society this year. Thanks to the dedicated VEs who are: Tom Wayne, WB8N; Bob Check, W8GC; Metro Sinko, W8MET; Darren Turk, W8DMT; George Pindroh, K8KR; Ron Borkey, W8VJG; Matt Webb, W8EBB; and Joel Chaney, W8SHB. The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Club has a solid history of sponsoring FCC examinations not only at the Independence Town Hall but also at Copley Middle School and Seven Hills administration Building. At the Seven Hills session 11 hams obtained either their first license after completing the 5 week class or upgraded their license classification. The examination totals for the year -- 25 new Technicians obtained their entry level license; 14 upgraded to General; and 6 upgraded to Extra. 76 examination elements were checked, graded and submitted without incident or error. It has been recognized by the ARRL that C.A.R.S. VEs have performed at a very high level of competence in administering volunteer examinations. Therefore, the 2015 year schedule has been posted with the ARRL and on the CARS website indicating the continuation of testing will be provided again throughout the year. In addition, training has been ongoing to plan for succession replacement if necessary. Metro Sinko is being groomed for coordinator of the VE effort for the C.A.R.S. CARS is considered to be a "stocked entity" with adequate testing materials to continue to give FCC amateur radio license tests.

As another item in this final VP article and although I will not be an officer of CARS, I will be involved as a board member. One of my goals for the members has been and will continue to be, is finding a location for a "club station". A few of the board members in the past have been aware of this but I'm bringing this up in this article to stir up action. This could be a place where members could come to

operate during amateur radio contests, to work on building projects, and to train and improve their operational skills. It will take effort to achieve this goal and maybe with the help of members we can bring this to be. Members with insight an idea of a possible suitable location, should let me know. Lets make the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society the most active amateur radio organization in this area (more than it already is) in 2015. There are members within CARS that enjoy elmering and also playing in contests as well as doing public service. There is knowledge that could and should be tapped into. There are members in this group that have worked just about every recognized "DX entity location" in the world. There are members who have built their station to operate with peak efficiency. Hopefully, this reaches members that want to have more fun with their amateur radio hobby. Contact me with your ideas.

73, Gary Dewey// NI8Z

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**REPORT ON ACOMM AMPLIFIERS**

*By Dwaine Modock, K8ME*

I recently sent my Acomm 1500 amplifier back to the company for repair, I purchased my Acomm at the Dayton Hamvention 3 years ago thru Ham Radio Outlet. When I talked to the technician at Acomm, he stated that Acomm will not honor the warranty on any amplifiers purchased thru Ham Radio Outlet. Acomm wants HRO to pay for the warranty work on equipment sold thru HRO. So the battle continues. It was stated that if you continue to run the amp full bore all the time the tubes start to break down to a point where the voltage settings in the amplifier start to change and it will get to a point where the amplifier will start to generate issues, especially on RTTY. The suggestion is to run the amplifier around 1000 watts or less.

**FOR SALE**

**Hy-Gain Tail Twister rotator, brand new.  
Manual & control box, \$600**

**200 foot of new heavy duty 8 conductor  
rotor cable, certified quality wireman long  
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or best offer.**

**Mirage RF amplifier, model-A1015G  
50-54 MHZ, 10W in- 150W out, with cables &  
manual, \$300.00**

**Cushcraft X-9 beam antenna, 24 foot boom.  
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slightly bent, otherwise in good shape. Easy  
to assemble, with manual, \$300.00**

**Contact Dwaine Modock at  
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**THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

**HAPPY 2015**

It is New Years Eve day as I sit at the computer writing this. I want to wish **EVERYONE** a great new year. It is also a new year for the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society, and already there are great new things planned for our organization. Stay informed, come to the monthly meetings, check in on the weekly net, get involved in YOUR club!

**CARS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

In December CARS held their annual Christmas party at a new venue, Massimo Da Milano in the budding neighborhood of West 25th St. and Detroit in Cleveland. We had a great choice of grub at the buffet table, including non-alcoholic beverages. There was also a cash bar available. After dinner some awards were given out to members and then there was a great game of "Ham Radio Jeopardy". For those of you that did not attend, the room was divided into two sides and answers were posted on a screen and the players had to come up with the question, just like the real Jeopardy with Alex Trebeck. (My

side won!) Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I don't know where the next Christmas party is going to be held, but I'm putting in my vote for the same place. At the end of this column are some photos, courtesy of Ken Osicki, K8OAE.

*W1AW/...*

This past year of 2014 was the centennial year of the ARRL, with W1AW/portable stations from each state and several territories on the air. I, with a few other CARS members represented the state of Ohio on the air as W1AW/8. It was a lot of fun and good practice as a station that was "wanted" as a contact. I don't know how many CARS members are HF operators, but if you are and did not take advantage of this great opportunity to work all states, you really missed out on a fantastic operating opportunity. For the new year of 2015, it will be the 100th year of the ARRL magazine **QST** being published. It will be interesting to see what operating challenges the ARRL will come up with for that. By the way, are you a member of the ARRL? If not, why not? Are you just too cheap (some would call it frugal, I call it cheap)? If you are not a member you miss out on a lot of information on Amateur Radio, but then, if you are not a member, you probably don't actually get involved in Amateur Radio anyway. I wonder why you even bothered to study and get a license. But that's fodder for another column. Don't let the CARS members that are members of the ARRL support your butt. Join the ARRL, get involved by your actions, not your rhetoric.

**ENOUGH PREACHING**

Sometimes I get carried away with my love of Amateur radio. I just don't understand why so many CARS members are hams in name only, not using their privileges, not spending a few bucks to set up a radio station in their home or even a mobile station in their vehicle. It doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg to set up a station. You can get some great deals on used radios and all the accessories at hamfests, online on many Amateur Radio related sites, or even from *Continued on next page...*

your fellow CARS members. You don't have to buy "new". But here I am preaching to the choir again. For those CARS members that are not active in operating, you probably never will be. As Gilda Radner as Rosanna Rosannadana of Saturday Night Live used to say, "Never mind".  
**OUTTA HERE**  
 Time for me to shut up and close for this month. Again, HAPPY 2015 to one and all.  
 73, de Tom, WB8N



WT8O with CARS Ham of the Year, Mark Moro, WJ8WM.



Net controllers, (minus K8KR) at the Christmas party.



Members playing Ham Jeopardy



Another shot of members in the party room.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Carl Beduhn	K8AV	01/30/1938
Jane Reed	K8JGR	01/11/ ////
Fred Doob	K8PP	01/15/ ////
Mike Toth	KB8RKF	01/27/1950
Mary Cegelski	KC8YLC	01/22/1952
Pat Dressler	KD8DYI	01/12/1931
Karl Batman	KD8YHW	01/04/2005
Steve Jones	N8SRJ	01/23/1966
Matt Webb	W8EBB	01/14/1984
Gary Schmid	WA8GCR	01/11/1947

Congratulations and many happy returns!

**EXCERPTS FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent) BULLETIN. Reprinted with permission. Contributed by WB8N. BAND LEADERS THREATEN STRIKE**

By Hal Kennedy, N4GG

The International Brotherhood of Band Leaders (IBBL) threatened to walk off the ham bands Thursday night, and the Teamsters and Electrical Workers indicated that they would not cross packet lines. According to the FCC, negotiations broke down over the Band Leaders demands for fewer bands and slower CW. The IBBL said discussions broke down over the FCC's unwillingness to pay double overtime during contests. The LRRRA said it was planning to file a lawsuit of some sort.

**HAM BAND COLOR CODES IMPLEMENTED**

By Marti Ventolo, KA8AQH

Color coded ham bands and licenses are now in effect! According to FCC spokesman Ralph R. Spiffee, the FCC has issued a "unilateral regulatory decision concerning the orderly delineations of the various Amateur Radio sub bands." Noting that "many amateurs have callously disregarded the spirit of callsign grouping according to license classes," Spiffee explained how, "the FCC is coloring Amateur Radio band segments according to the class of licenses held by amateurs authorized to use them." The colors selected are gold for Extra Class bands, blue for General Class bands and yellow for Technician Class bands. The (green) Novice and (red) Advanced Class bands have been eliminated. "To further assure compliance with amateur band color assignments," said Spiffee, "all new licenses issued by the FCC will bear the color assigned to the band the privileges of which are assigned the licensee." The substance of Mr. Spiffee's statement will appear in English translation by the end of May, according to uninformed sources.

**BULLETIN CANCELS ARTICLE**

In a special staff meeting held last week, *GEARVAKf Bulletin* Managing Editor, Dr. Jose Phaven Tolo, directed his editorial staff to cancel all work that they had been doing on a article about "so-called studies" linking cancer and other diseases to ham radio. "We have

been doing research and background investigation for this article for over five years and were about to publish our findings which showed the studies to be part of a nationwide hoax," he said. "Unfortunately, we were too late and the hoax has already been exposed in the media," Tolo said. Although the *GEARVAKf Bulletin* has canceled the article, Dr. Tolo asked his staff to begin new investigations on possible links between ham radio and other fatal diseases such as hemorrhoids, flu, hangnails, pregnancy and SARS.

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By reading the contents of this box you, as a member of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society have committed to attending as many monthly meetings as possible, and to take part in as many CARS activities as possible including checking in on the CARS weekly net every Wednesday evening at 9:00 p.m. local time on the 146.820 repeater.

## CARS 2015 Officers & Committees

### Audit

WJ8WM \*\* WT80, K8SAS

### Audio/Video

KD8OUE \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WJ8WM \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT80

### Club Photographer

K8OAE \*\*

### Diabetes events

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

W8EBB \*\* WT80, N8BBB

### 50/50

NI8Z

### License classes

W8GC \*\* WT80 \*\* NI8Z, W8MET, KD8ACO

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WT80 \*\*

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### Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

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