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THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR CARS FAMILY PICNIC COME ONE, COME ALL!

FROM THE PREZ

The annual C.A.R.S. Family Picnic will be held this year on Friday, August 21st. The location is the same one we have used for the past several years, the Kiwanis Pavilion behind the Independence Civic Center. Dinner we be available by 6:00. The picnic is free to all C.A.R.S. members, their families, and guests. We need to know how many people will be in attendance, so email me at wt8o@att.net or call me at 440-525-6109 with your reservation. There will be plenty of food for all provided for by the club, but we ask any of those who can to bring a desert to share. There will also be drawings for door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. If that is not enough to entice you to come, George, K8KR, will be making his world famous cole slaw he makes only once a year for this event and protects the recipe in a vault the rest of the time. The picnic has always been well attended in the past, and we hope the same or better this year with the influx of many new members. So please mark your calendars for the 21st of August and plan on attending and having a good time and not worrying about cooking dinner or spending money at a restaurant on a Friday night in the summer after the long work week.

Also as a reminder, and speaking of picnics, we have our last picnic meeting of the summer on August 11th at the Harriet Keeler pavilion in the Brecksville reservation. Although we always have a fire going in the grill, we have not had as many people bring food and cook as we have had in the past. So bring the fixings for picnic

fare and enjoy the evening to its fullest. I hope to see everyone at both of the above mentioned events.

73, Toby, WT8O

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Remember, in the words of Mike Baxter, KA0XTT, "Ham Radio, the last line of communications before the coming apocalypse."

JULY MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 14th of the month at the Harriet Keeler pavilion of the Cleveland Metro Parks in Brecksville, OH at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The June meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the July Wobbly Oscillator newsletter. Toby, WT8O, gave the treasury report as Treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC, couldn't attend the meeting. It was mentioned that the refreshment donations are not covering the cost of the refreshments. A motion was made by George, K8KR, and seconded by Larry, KC8VZZ, that discussion on this issue take place at the August meeting when Bob, W8GC will be at the meeting.

Toby, WT8O, gave a Field Day wrap-up, on how brutal weather conditions were during the weekend. Scores for the Field Day operation were 827-SSB, 225 DIGITAL, no CW contacts TOTAL –1052.

The date of the CARS Family Picnic is Friday August 21, 6:00pm, same place as last year. More details will be on the web-site. Toby reported that the club is looking for a dinner meeting location as Mimi's restaurant closed down. If you have place in mind bring it

Eddie, KD8FTS, also stated that the 2015 CARS Christmas party will be on December 4th at Milano's, same as last year.

up at August meeting.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: NW8X, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Darren, KE8BBJ, who took home \$21.00, with \$22.00 going to the CARS Kitty.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The presentation for the evening was given by Eddie, KD8FTS, on "fox hunting" for hidden transmitters.

The August meeting will again be at the Harriet Keeler pavilion on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:30 p.m. Come early and cook out on the grill

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

NOTES ON THE MONTHLY PROGRAM

By Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE July's meeting included a presentation on fox hunting, given by Eddie Stevens, KD8FTS. It was evident that he has a lot of experience practicing this art. He kept everyone's attention with his educational, as well as entertaining, demonstrations, as he passed on his wealth of knowledge on this subject. The highlight of the presentation (in my humble opinion) was during the audience participation when he cross banded to his vehicle, and reversed the direction of the expected signal source. I'm sure everyone would agree that Eddie did an outstanding job of educating and entertaining us all Oh, did I mention that he even kept it short?! HAHAHA...Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting, when Dr. Lewis,. N9ARI, a noted Audiologist, will be giving a presentation on hearing loss, it's effects, prevention, and treatments.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Richard Engum	KA8EEW	08-21-1938
Gerald Purcell	KC8LAU	08-24-1961
Eddie Stevens	KD8FTS	08-14-////
Brandon Hufacke	r KD8JDW	08-22-1995
Erin Austin	KD8SLV	08-22-1953
Christine Batman	KD8YHX	08-23-1969
Tom Wayne	WB8N	08-17-1940

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all!

SHOW US YOUR SHACK

This month we take a peek at the "shack" of Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP.

The HF radio on the right is an Icom 756 Pro-II. Above that is a Kenwood 741 tribander vhf/uhf & 6m. On the shelf above is a brand new toy, the Elecraft KPA-500 amp. (Nice new toy).

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To the left of the amp is the HF speaker. Next to that is an MFJ 989C 3kw tuner. On top of the tuner is the Grecomm PSR-500 scanner. Next to tuner is a vhf/uhf speaker. Next is the Ham IV rotor. Hanging on the wall is the Alnico DJ-580, CW paddles are Bencher PAY-4. HT by Cars logo is Watson KG-UV8. What's not in the picture is the Flex 3000 along with computer and power supplies.

Antennas are Cushcraft triband yagi for 10/15/20 and a Hy-gain DX-88 vertical which covers 10 thru 80 meters. For the tribander is a Diamond X-3200A along with a Cushcraft 13-B2 13 element beam.



Editor's note: All this is crammed into about a 3' x 3' space.

REPORT ON SEVEN HILLS HOME DAYS

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z
The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society
participated in the 7 Hills Home Days Event on
July 24, 25, & 26. Mark Moro, WJ8WM, Roger
Boehnlein,N8TCP Robert Kobie,WD8NBB,
Metro Sinko,W8MET, and Gary Dewey NI8Z,
set up a amateur radio station on Friday, July
23, with an HF radio, TS690s and a Kenwood
UHF/VHF radio. These club members were
present all three days, opening until closing. A
J-pole antenna was put on top of a push up flag

pole mast provided by Mark Moro, WJ8WM, to maintain local radio command and control. And to keep in contact with the 7 Hills police on duty. The HF rig, a Kenwood, TS690s, provided by Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP, with an ALS 600S Ameritron amplifier was used to make over 80 contacts with both DX and stateside calls. The antenna also provided by Roger was a Hustler 6BTV mounted on the roof of the council building.

Starting on Friday at 12 noon, members Metro Sinko, Roger Boehnlein, Bob Kobie, and Gary Dewey provided assistance to Vendors setting up their spaces. The Home Days event opened at 6pm, July24th. Booth 37 saw club members past and present visit to say hello. Bill and Shirley Lovell, Jim and Judy Crane, Mike Lorens and his mother stopped in. Along with them the following joined the booth: Tom Wayne, WB8N George Pindroh, K8KR, Ron Borkey, K8VJG, Larry Shimerka, KC8VZZ, David Korow, AC8TN, Rich Dell'Aquila, KD8SCT, Simpson Huston, N8UZF, and Linda Sinko, N8LRS with Trigger the wonder dog On July 25 Saturday we assisted in a Helicopter landing, Sunday the Car Show had us helping parking Vendors and general public. All in

all, it was a successful activity by our Club participation. Mark, WJ8WM, provided water, Gator Aide & soft drinks all three days, as well as sandwiches on Saturday, and Linda, N8LRS brought out pizzas on Saturday as well.

In return for our help with parking and directing the vendors, CARS got a free spot to set up the station, and we get use of the Continued on next page...

building to hold our license classes, thanks to Mayor Rick Dell'Aquila, KD8SCT, who just so happens to be a CARS member as well. Here are some pics of the event.



N8TCP, KD8NBB, W8MET & WB8N sitting around the station.



KD8NBB working at the station



NI8Z at the log with AC8TN operating.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

A BUSY MONTH

As you can tell, it's been a busy month, ham radio wise, with Field Day and then the Seven Hills Home Days activities. I didn't make it out to Field day this year due to not feeling well, but the crew did a great job, in spite of the wet and soggy weather. I did make it out to the Seven Hills Home Days for a while on Friday and again on Saturday. As QSL manager for CARS, I am already getting QSL cards from contacts made at the Home Days special event. Contacts were made with several states, Canada, the Azores. Italy, & Serbia. The Italian station was a special event station celebrating "youth on the air" A total of 82 contacts were made despite not so great conditions and the amplifier crapping out.

NEXT UP

Next up besides the August meeting in the park, is the annual CARS Family Picnic which is always enjoyable. Come out, have some great grub cooked up by the CARS chefs, have some beans, cole slaw, and deserts donated by your fellow CARS members, and remember, family members and friends are welcome. Just notify Toby how many will be in your party so there will be enough food. It's Friday, August 21st. Details are on the CARS web page.

THAT'S IF FOR NOW.

I don't have anything more this month so it is a rather short column. Hope to see you at the next meeting, and/or hear you on the air. 73, de Tom, WB8N

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May 12, 2015

10th ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday August 21, 2015 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 Friday August 14. Arrive anytime after 5:30 to eat about 6:00pm.

Please email your numbers to Toby at: WT8O@2cars.org or call 440-525-6109

