

APRIL 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 12th of the month at the Bush Funeral Home Community Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The March meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the April Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC, gave the treasurers report, saying that CARS is in good shape financially..

The club will start having quarterly raffles, prizes will be related to Ham Items. Tickets & details will be available at the meetings. Check the CARS website on raffle prizes and other details.

The annual CARS Family Picnic will be on Friday August 5. The Christmas Party Committee picked Brew Garden in Middleburg Heights as the Christmas Party location. It will be on Fri. Dec. 9th & the cost will be \$20.00/person. Check the CARS Web-Site for more details.

Toby, WT8O, talked about Field Day and we will retain the same site as last year, running 5 Transmitter Class with better access to restrooms and hopefully a lot better weather. If you're interested in operating, help setting up, etc., contact Toby and get your name on the list.

Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned that the 7 Hills Home Days Festival has been cancelled, but CARS will participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

Dwaine, K8ME, stated that the Dayton bus sign-ups are slow but we are ahead of last year at this time. The days are flying by, so if you're planning on going to Dayton send your money in ASAP. All info is located on the CARS website at 2cars.org, also with a link to get your advanced Hamvention ticket ... very fast return. Contact Dwaine if you have any questions.

Mike, KD8OUE, mentioned that the club has obtained two of the three repeaters ordered, and the technical committee has evaluated the work to be performed for installation. CARS has been approved by Yaesu for the purchase of the third repeater. Mike said that the first repeater will be

installed on Saturday April 23 in Shaker Heights in analog mode for now.

Toby, WT8O, stated we have total of 12 new members to be voted on: Bryan Bunch KE8DWP, Robert Wright KE8CEO, Gil Tash AC8VZ, Melvin Glover KE8DWN, George Linehan KE8DWO, David Paoletta KE8DWJ, Mark Peterson KE8DWI, Rayna Phillips KE8DWM, Remington Phillips KE8DWL, Rosemarie Phillips KE8DWK, Celelia Rykena KE8DWH, and Rick Fischer KE8DNO, All graduates of the CARS Amateur Radio Classes. The members present voted them all in with the CARS peculiar voting process.

Toby mentioned that Mike, KD8OUE is stepping down as program chairman, so we need someone to take over that position.

Matt Webb, W8EBB, has taken a job in North Carolina, so we are looking for a new board member. Voting will take place at the May Meeting. Writing in names is welcome.

Eddie, KD8FTS, mentioned that the Cleveland Marathon event will be on the Sunday after Dayton, and he said that they are also looking for volunteers to help on the Republican Convention in July, Contact Eddie for further details on all different ARES events around the town.

The evening presentation was by Dave, AC8TN, about light bulbs. Dave is an engineer for General Electric and teaches at Nela Park. His presentation was very interesting & informative so he will continue his presentation at the May meeting on light bulbs that give off RF.

The refreshment committee: Rich NW8X, Ed WB8ROK, Darren K8DMT, still going strong.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Scott AC8NW who took home \$45.00 with \$45.00 going to CARS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

NOTES FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

By Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

I thought it important to get the word out to the membership, that CARS does have a technical committee. The committee is currently comprised of chairman Mike Kemmett KD8OUE, Vince Bak N8OVW, Eddie Stevens KD8FTS, Mark Moro WJ8WM, and Toby Kolman WT8O.

The primary goal of the this committee is to ensure that CARS technical resources that benefit all the members are working in a reliable manner, as well as updating them, when necessary to keep up with the ever changing capabilities in ham radio. Another goal of the technical committee is providing services to every member of CARS that may need assistance with, any ham radio related, technical issues. In order to accomplish THAT goal, the participation of more members is required. So...anyone interested in participating on the technical committee, please speak with one of the above listed committee members. Additionally, we would like to hear about any concerns you would like assistance with. We are particularly interested in helping new hams get on the air!

The first issue that the committee has taken on is improving our repeater system. The committee is currently working on the purchase, and installation, of new Yaesu DR-1X Dual Band Analog/Digital repeaters. We were able to take advantage of the special pricing offered by Yaesu to amateur radio clubs. Our goal is to make a repeater 'system', that not only increases the area of coverage, but also allows for the use of analog radios, the Yaesu digital radios, EchoLink, and perhaps other VoIP solutions. This will be a time consuming endeavor, as we want to make certain that the final product is one that not only functions as intended, but is reliable, and will benefit our membership, as well as the entire local amateur radio community.

We have currently received two of these new repeaters, with a third one on back order. The first of these new repeaters will be installed at a site in Shaker Hts. The installation of the repeater in Shaker Hts will expand our system coverage further to the east. This installation is scheduled for the 23rd of April.

The second repeater is slated for installation at a site in Brunswick, which will expand our system coverage further to the south. Installation at the Brunswick site is pending, until the completion of tower work that is to be performed by the entity that owns the tower. We're hoping this will be accomplished in the very near future.

When we receive the third repeater, that will be used to replace the existing repeater at the Parma site.

The initial configuration of the three repeater system will be analog only. We are currently researching ways to implement the Analog/Digital configuration system wide, and hopefully can find a cost effective solution in the near future.

I will publish monthly updates in the W.O. as well as give any current updates that may occur, during the weekly Wednesday Net.

CARS SCHOLARSHIPS

By Bob Check, W8GC

CARS members, its time to apply for your 2016 CARS scholarship award. We will be awarding two (2) \$500 scholarships again this year, these will be awarded to **any CARS member, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter** who is graduating or has graduated high school, received a G.E.D. or successfully passed home schooled high school certification and is going on the a higher Education. A CARS check will be issued to the 2 winning recipients upon submission of a successful enrollment in any certified continuing vocational education program, college program or other appropriate accredited school. Continued on next page..

We must receive a completed Application **on or before May 31, 2016**. Just go to the CARS home page and click on Member info in the left column, select *Scholarship application*.

Remember the user name is “member” and password is “W8HBI”, Print the application, complete and return it to me, my address is at the bottom of page ASAP. The committee will review and select the recipients from all received applications.

Again, we will be awarding two \$500.00 Scholarships to deserving students.

If you have any questions please call or email me at:

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RESULTS OF THE CARS HAM CLASSES

By Metro Sinko, W8MET

The CARS Ham Radio classes, held in Seven Hills Ohio after 6 and 7 weeks, finally came to an end on April 7, with 7 new Technicians and 4 new Generals and 4 new Extra's. Congrat's to all, and Congrat's to the VE team for a job well done. They were NI8Z,NF8O,K8SHB,K8KR,KC8VZZ, WA8GEO,W8GC, K8WRS....and for KD8ACO and WT8O, the instructors that monitored the floor during the testing.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

DAYTON, HERE WE COME

Maybe this will be the last year for the Dayton Hamvention as we have come to know & love it. The following is a brief bit of news appearing in today's (Sunday, May 1st) Dayton Daily News....

An article in today's Dayton Daily News

presents the possibility that the HARA complex could be purchased by the Montgomery County Agricultural Society for the site of a new county fairgrounds. The present fairgrounds is a smallish plot in downtown Dayton that has attracted the interest of

developers. The article is speculative, but suggests that either HARA itself or adjacent land could be under consideration for purchase, The present fairgrounds is more valuable to developers than to the Agricultural Society, and land in Trotwood is relatively cheap.

The response of Karen Wampler, the HARA marketing manager, is interesting. She protests the mention of a sale or closing as being bad for business, but also mentions the possibility of a closing. And no mention of any events at HARA after September is made. The tax situation of the Wampers with respect to HARA is especially interesting, in that they are in considerable arrears; and suggests, unsurprisingly to me, that cash flow is a challenge. What effect any of this might have on Hamvention is also speculative but interesting.

So, if you think this may be your last year to go to the Hamvention, (Like me) or if you've never been to it, but keep putting it off, saying "maybe next year", this may be the year you had better go! I hope to go next year, but with the way my health has been up & down this year, I don't know what this next year will bring.

I have a lot of stuff to check out in the relatively short time we will be there...vendors I want to visit, at least one forum I want to take in, man the Hamnation booth for an hour, make a few purchases, etc.

One of our members, and I'm not going to mention any names or callsigns, is going down on the CARS bus but meeting up with a long time buddy and will be spending Saturday night in his friend's motel room. I'll give him my ticket before we head back to Cleveland, in case I win a Major Prize when they have the final drawing Sunday. His friend will then drive him to his home up here and they *Continued on next page...*

will spend some time together here. Sounds like a plan.

WHERE OH WHERE I wonder if they could move the Hamvention to the IX Center? That would sure be convenient for us North Coasters, but I don't think it would be big enough to house the indoor vendors, companies showing off their new goodies, and where would they put the largest flea market I have ever seen? Let's hope that they keep it at the Hara Arena for a few more years at least. It would be cool though, to have it up here! After all, yhe Hamvention did start out small, in a hotel in downtown Dayton. *LOOKING FORWARD*

I, for one am really looking forward to the Hamvention this year, more so than years past, and I know of at least a few others who are also. I have been perusing the latest DX Engineering and Ham Radio Outlet catalogs, calling about prices, if they will have "show prices" or not. They want to sell from their catalogs over the phone so they are non-committal so far. Can't say I blame them, with still almost three weeks away from the Hamvention.

TAKE MY MEDS I have to take my meds faithfully and stay healthy so I can make it to the Hamvention! Hopefully I'll see you on the bus, and hopefully it will fill up with Hams! *JOE WALSH, WB6ACU*

I wish Joe Walsh was going to be there this year, but I know that he is getting ready for a summer tour, which will include Blossom Music Center. I've got me a ticket for that show! I'll Be going with my oldest daughter. The show is on the last day of Field Day, but late enough in the evening that there won't be any problem time wise. I've seen him perform live a couple of times, once at the Beachland Ballroom in Collinwood, for a James Gang reunion before going to the Hard Rock in Cleveland

but I have never actually met the guy. Bob Heil does his sound for him, I know that. I'll have to talk to Dr. Bob at Dayton & see whatn he can

do for me. Yeah, right. Hey, it's worth a try!
GOTTA RUN

Well, I see bythe old clock on the wall (yeah there really is a clock on the wall above the kitchen table where I'm working) that it's time for me to say 73 & 88's for now. I'll catch you on the air for the net Wed. May 4th, see you at the next meeting on Tues. May 10th and I had better be on that bus to Dayton! I have me a three wheeler battery operated scooter for Dayton this year too! I'm fixing it up so that I'll have a mag mount antenna on it, a cup holder, etc. Til then,

73 &88's, de Tom, WB8N

MAY BIRTHDAYS

K8VJG	Ron Borkey	May 20,1932
K8YSE	John Papay	May 15, \\\
KA8MZS	Michael Mraz	May 12, 1940
KC8WBH	John Chesna	May 6, \\\
KC8ZBN	Marian Rubin	May 1,
KE8AXL	Kelly Heidenreich	May 23, 1969

*Congratulations to you all
and many Happy Returns!*

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALANDERS

Sunday, May 8th (yeah, that's Mother's Day) is the next VE license test session at the Olde Towne Hall on Brecksville Rd. at 9:00 A.M.

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Bring your checkbook & a copy of your license, if you have one. Call Metro Sinko, W8MET, at 216-520-1320 for more information.

**NEXT REGULAR MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30 P.M. Voting on
new board member and a continuation of
last month's program.**

BUS TRIP TO DAYTON

**The bus will pick up those that have paid
only, on Saturday morning, May 21st. at the
K Mart parking lot at Bagley & Engle Rds.
and will leave for the next stop at 5:00 A.M.
sharp. Best be there a little early.**

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*To those that actually read
these text boxes, by doing so,
you are committing yourselves
to attending as many regular
CARS meetinngs as you can
during the year, taking part in
CARS activities & functions, (do
Field Day, the CARS Family
Picnic...they are both free) the
Annual Christmas Party ...
(costs \$20.00 per person), ring
any bells? How about the Am.
Diabetes Assoc. annual walk?
Surley you can spare a few
hours on a weekend in the fall
for that one. You do have an HT
don't you? Charge up that
battery and put it to use for a
good cause!
How about checking in on the
CARS weekly net and telling us
what youve been up to and
giving the trivia question a shot?
Oh yeah...maybe you know
someone that would be
interested in joining CARS,
maybe they need an elmer to
get them started in being an
Amateur Radio Operator. Bring
them to a membership meeting!
There are lots of ways you can
be involved! **Just DO
Something!** Get on the air if
nothing else, and communicate.
That's what you studied and got
your license for, isn't it?*

CARS 2016 Officers & Committees

Audit

WJ8WM ** WT80, K8SAS

Audio/Video

KD8OUE **

ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WJ8WM **

ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME **

Awards

W8GC ** WT80

Christmas party & Summer Picnic

W8GC** WJ8WM, KD8SCV, K8ARP

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Diabetes Walk

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

W8EBB ** WT80**, N8BBB

Find a Club Station location

K8KR** Ni8Z

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50/50

KD8OUE

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NET

WT80 **

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Public Services

KD8FTS **, K8ARP

QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N **

Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK ** pop, K8DMT ** coffee, NW8X ** eat's

Scholarship

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School Programs

Ni8Z **

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WT80

License trustee

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WA8CHS

W8GC

March 29, 2016



Please reserve and pay for your 2016 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip ASAP.

Saturday May 21, 2016 CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention.

Every amateur radio operator in the world probably dreams about going to the Dayton Hamvention at least once. Please join us in 2016, it is an incredible event and offers something for everyone.



The Bus trip will cost \$50.00 dollars per person, we will not stop for breakfast on the way down, but there may be a fast food stop on the way home. You are responsible for both your food and Hamvention tickets. Go to <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php> to order your tickets.

Stop 1: The 56 passenger bus will leave promptly at 5:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle and Bagley Roads, in Middleburg Heights, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, Kmart is behind the Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there is security.

Stop 2: The bus will also pickup riders at I-71 & Rt 303 at the SE corner of the Kmart parking lot and will depart for Dayton at approximately 5:30 am.

When ordering tickets please tell us which stop you will be at.

Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance.

If you have any questions please see Dwaine at a CARS meeting or call him at 440-582-3462. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: Dwaine Modock K8ME, 8113 Thornhurst Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133 attn. Dayton bus

73, Dwaine, K8ME