

# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR DIABETES WALK & CLEVELAND HAMFEST COMING UP !

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### FROM THE PREZ

I just visited the new Facebook page Arp, K8ARP, set up for the club. As a matter of fact, it was the first time I ever went to a Facebook page at all. You may laugh at me for being a throwback, lost in the last century; but lookout, here I come roaring up to join all you hipsters. Please check out the C.A.R.S Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/cuyahogaamateurradiosociety](http://www.facebook.com/cuyahogaamateurradiosociety)

With this tool, we will be able to communicate all our activities, news and personal thoughts instantly. I'm just learning the ropes of Facebook, but it was simple to get started and set up an account. Like someone once said, "If I can do it, anyone can." I invite everyone, all C.A.R.S. members and all those interested in our club, to check out the new Facebook page. For me, I can't think of a better way to jump into the world of social media than to participate in a site that is all about the club

and fellow members.

I especially want to thank Arp for stepping up to the plate and putting together the C.A.R.S. Facebook page. This is a perfect example of how things need to be done. We have had many people say that we needed to have a Facebook page in the past, but nobody ever did anything. Thanks to Arp and his initiative, we now have one. Some people LET things happen, and some people MAKE things happen. Arp will also be doing a presentation at an upcoming meeting to explain Facebook in general and our page specifically. Next time you see Arp, a word of thanks or a pat on the back would not be out of line.

As just about everyone knows, our summer picnic meetings are over for the year. We will be going be going back to the Busch Community Room starting in September. We will also be having a dinner meeting in October as the club voted on last year. We have had the last few dinner meetings at the Fugji Grill Buffet in the Midtown shopping center in Parma. Most members had a favorable opinion of the restaurant. The food was good, the room was adequate, and the staff was helpful. We will take a quick vote at the September meeting as to where we want to go for the October dinner meeting. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

## **AUGUST 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

*Submitted by Dwaine Modock, K8ME, CARS Secretary*

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 9th of the month at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion, in the Brecksville Metro-Park Reservation, This was the last "picnic" meeting of the summer For the September meeting we return to the Bush Funeral Home Community Room Located at 7501 Ridge Road just south of Pleasant Valley Rd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The July meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the August Wobbly Oscillator newsletter with one correction, by W.O. editor Tom Wayne, WB8N, who stated that the mention of a VE session in August was incorrect...there was no August VE session

The next VE session will be the 2nd Sunday of September at the Independence Old Town Hall on Breksville Rd. at 9 a.m. sharp.

Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC, gave the treasurers report.

Toby, WT8O, had two new members for the club to vote on and the club voted in Mark Rosewicz, KC8ESG, & Andy Andreasen, N6JUB.

Toby encouraged all members who who do not belong to the ARRL to join. If you renew your membership to the ARRL, do it thru the club which in turn gets a percentage of the renewal fee plus it will save you a envelope & stamp.

Bill, KD8QBB, mentioned that CARS now has a Facebook page thanks to Arp, K8ARP, who will be giving a presentation on how facebook works at the November meeting. Also at the September meeting there will be a presentation / explanation on Rasberry Pi. how it purtains to ham radio and not the kitchen.

Bob, W8GC, reported that the CARS annual picnic was a success, with 56 people attending with heavy appetites.

Mark, WJ8WM, reported that CARS information was updated to the ARRL to remain as an affiliated club. The Club would like to have some activity on Lighthouse Weekend for next year.

Mike, KD8OUE, says that the east repeater still needs some fine tuning.

Metro, W8MET, and Joel, K8SHB, helped one of the members to get his Antenna / Radio operational.

Tom, WB8N, mentioned the Diabetic Walk will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and will take place at the Wade Park Oval Bitanical Gardens. Contact Tom for more information and to volunteer for the walk.

Tom, WB8N, made a motion to have 2 Tables at the Cleveland Hamfest on September 25, 2016. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, KB8DTC. If club members have items to sell, bring them to the hamfest and place them on the CARS tables. You will be expected to help man the tables and it is suggested that 10% of your proceeds be donated to CARS to help payfor the tables.

Eddie, KD8FTS & Arp, K8ARP, are in charge of public service for CARS. Contact Eddie or Arp for information on future public service events.

The Refreshment committee Rich NW8X, Ed WB8ROK, Darren K8DMT. Still going strong

The 50/50 raffle winner was Ed, WB8ROK, who took home \$36.00 with \$37.00 going to CARS.

the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

David, AC8TN, gave a slide presentation on his visit to the ARRL in Newington CT which was well received by those present.

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### **STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS**

I still need volunteers for the annual American Diabetes Walk. It is Sept. 10, starting & ending at Wade Park Oval, Near the Botanical Gardens, in University Circle. There will be free parking at the VA Hospital, about a block away, plus free T-Shirts & hopefully baglels, juice, etc. Be there at 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. for assignments along the route.

You can reach me at [wb8n@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wb8n@sbcglobal.net), or call me at 440-232-4193.

Thanks in advance,  
Tom Wayne, WB8N

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

KD8APY Dennis Rabbitts 09-11-1949  
KD8GIR Jeff Bolek 09-21-1950  
KD8NBB Robert Kobie 09-26-1946  
KD8TWG David Andrzejewski 09-13-1981  
KD8JIP Robert Koharik 09-25-1947

Congratulations to you all & many happy returns !

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## **THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

### **BACK TO BUSCH**

Well, It's that time of year again folks...we're back to the Busch Funeral Home Community Room for our meetings, except for the October & December meetings.

### **QUITE A SUMMER**

We had quite a summer, with a successful bus to Dayton, Field Day, & Family Picnic.

We've enjoyed some very good presentations by our members at our monthly meetings as well. Let's keep 'em coming. I know that we have some good future presentations coming up.

### **DINNER MEETINGS**

Up & coming in October, is a dinner meeting, the location of which will be voted on at the September meeting. Then comes our Christmas party, the location of which has not been decided yet to my knowledge.

### **CLEVELAND HAMFEST**

Don't forget the Cleveland Hamfest at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, which is going to be September 25th. CARS is going to sponsor two tables at the Hamfest, so bring any items you want to sell, plan on helping man the tables for a bit, and donate 10% of your proceeds to CARS.

### **TTFN**

That's about it for this month guys & gals. I Don't have much to say this month. I need members to send in articles. They can be

about a new piece of gear you purchased recently, etc. Your article can be about anything ham related.

See you next month, 73 for now. Catch you on the CARS Wednesday evening net, or on the air if I'm listening.  
de Tom, WB8N

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## **FINAL REPORT ON THE CARS 11th ANNUAL FAMILY/SUMMER PICNIC**

*By Bob Check, W8GC, 2016 Picnic Committee Chairman*

Thanks to our members, the 2016 picnic was a great success! We had 56 members, family and friends attend. 7 more were signed up but not able to attend for various reasons.

There were 25 check-ins on the 146.82 repeater, hoping to win one of the two \$15 Red Robin gift card prizes. The winners were Larry, KC8VZZ, #17, and Andy, N6JUB, #23. This was the first time having the repeater check-in and all seemed happy to check in win or lose, (WJ8WM's suggestion) and I hope we continue this practice at future picnics. Thanks to Arp, K8ARP, and Toby, WT8O, who did the check-ins from the picnic.

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As always the food and desserts were first class and enjoyed by all. No one left hungry! We served 48 hamburgers (all gone) , 20 Brats, 18 hot dogs plus 12 hot sausages. See a few attached pictures from the picnic.

Toby, WT8O, was our Master of Ceremonies and did his usual great job. Toby first presented Justin Ignaczak, Grandson of Lou, N8PZK, with his \$500.00 scholarship check. Toby then handed out the 8 gift cards to the prize winners from the free drawing, Arp, K8ARP was the 1<sup>st</sup> \$25 winner, 6 other winners of \$10 or \$15 cards and the last \$25 winner drawn was Ed, WB8ROK. Congratulations to ALL!

Toby then had the drawing for the 50/50. The winner and Mateo, the 14 year old Nephew of Mark, WJ8WM, (who purchased the ticket) and he was the lucky winner of \$76.00. The club portion was \$77.00.

After the drawings several tried their hand at an outdoor game called "Giant Jenga" that Joel, K8SHB built (a lot of work) and brought for everyone's enjoyment.

I want to thank my committee members who made this picnic a success: Arp, K8ARP, Andy, KD8SCV, and Mark, WJ8WM, for the many hours spent in meetings, shopping and setting up and cooking at the picnic. Also a special thanks to the 4 "Grill Masters", Gary, NI8Z, Mark, WJ8WM, George, K8KR and Metro, W8MET. Thank you also to our Club Photographer Larry, KC8VZZ, for taking the pictures & sending them to me



Serving food



Giant Jenga wins again



picnic food set up



Toby, WT8O presenting Scholarship check

### **FREE TO THE FIRST TAKERS**

My QTH (that of of Mike Cegelski, K8EHP,) is going up on the real estate market soon. My antenna farm must be removed from the outside of the house as soon as possible so the home appears "Normal". If you want it, disassemble it and take it away. My recent medical conditions prevent my participation in this disassembly process. Items include:

50 feet of Rohn 55G steel galvanized tower with three 10 foot anti-climb plates

1 Mosley Pro-67-C-3 seven element for 7 bands HF Beam covering 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters

1 Glen Martin Engineering Voyager VH9 Hazer

1 Cushcraft A148-20T 2 Meter vertical and horizontal yagi antenna (144-148 Mhz.)

1 Icom IC-AG1 Weatherproof 430 MHz Mast mounted Preamplifier for the Icom 821H VHF/UHF Xceiver

1 Yaesu G-1000DXA Rotator

1 Hustler Model G6 144B Collinear two meter vertical fixed station antenna

1 Hustler Collinear 440 MHz vertical fixed station antenna side bar mounted

Various tower mounted lightning arrestors

My present QTH is 14111 St. James Avenue between W. 140<sup>th</sup> and W. 143<sup>rd</sup> St. on Cleveland's west side (Walking distance from W. 150<sup>th</sup> and I-71). Phone Number is 216-252-6640. Or you can email me at [k8ehp@roadrunner.com](mailto:k8ehp@roadrunner.com).

All is in excellent condition, approximately 12 years old and works beautifully. It breaks my heart to see it go.

Mike, K8EHP

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### **IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT BY "AUTHOR UNKNOWN"**

It was a dark and stormy night and although I should have disconnected everything and gone QRT, I didn't and was working some DX on 20 meters CW.

I heard a loud knocking...more like pounding...at my door. What fool would venture out on night such as it was? I was about to find out soon enough. I went to the door and opened it to see who or what was there, and low and behold, it was my neighbor from across the street. I asked him if I could help him and he told me he was getting "strange sounds" over his television audio.

I invited him in out of the rain, and he shook himself much like a wet dog would do. I asked him what made him come knocking at my door on such a lousy night, as late as it was, and he told me because of my antenna tower and the other antennas I lay claim to, and besides, what was I doing up so late, making strange noises on his TV.

I asked him if he had some time, and I would show him what I was up to. My neighbor said that would be fine, especially since he didn't have get up to go to work, tomorrow being his day off.

I escorted him to my "shack" and began showing all my gear. I told him that I had been "working" some DX, explaining what was meant by DX, in Morse code. He said he didn't think anyone used Morse code any more and I informed him that it was still a popular mode of communicating, and although there is no more "testing" for the code anymore, hams were using the code more than ever.

My neighbor seemed intrigued by what I was doing on the air and even more so after I gave him a demonstration. He went home, back through the rain, with a different view of my tower, antennas, and the interference I had caused on his TV.

A few days later he came knocking again and told me he thought maybe he'd like to get a license and get into ham radio...maybe even get into the Morse code. I told my neighbor that I would be glad to help him, and that there were some license classes starting up soon in the area that he should take advantage of.

So, that's the tale of how a dark and stormy night became a night of enlightenment for my neighbor and I became an Elmer.

## 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

### Club Photographer

KC8VZZ \*\*

### Diabetes Walk

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

WT80\*\*, WJ8WM

### Find a Club Station location

K8KR\*\* Ni8Z

### Flag Committee

KB8RKF, KD8ACO, N8DJX

### 50/50

KD8OUE

### License classes

W8GC \*\* WT80 \*\* Ni8Z, WJ8WM, KD8ACO, K8SHB

### Membership

W8GC \*\*

### NET

WT80 \*\*

### Newsletter

WB8N \*\* 440-232-4193

### Operating

WT80 \*\* K8ARP,

### Program's at Meetings

KD8QBB \*\*

### Property Custodian's

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

### Public Services

KD8FTS \*\*, K8ARP \*\*

### QSL Manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at Meetings & Picnic

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

### Scholarship

W8GC \*\* WJ8WM, WT80, K8ME

### School Programs

Ni8Z \*\*

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even year executive board 2 year term

N8SHB, KB8DTC, KD8OUE

odd year executive board 2 year term

Ni8Z, KD8SCV, K8ARP

License trustee K8ZFR

WT80

License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM, WA8CMS,

WA8CHS

W8GC



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"Hams Who Serve"