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C.A.R.S. FIELD DAY A GREAT SUCCESS ! More Inside this issue.

FROM THE PREZ

Another successful Field Day can go into the C.A.R.S. archives. We topped our score from last year, setting another new club record while. Battling difficult band conditions. The advantage of CW showed it's worth, as the guys beating out code saved the day. Good organization and preparation contribute to their high QSO count, as well. The phone bands were slow, but steady, and we added several new operators that did quite well at the mikes and now know what it is like to operate Field Day. Even with a heavy downpour Sunday morning, every station was well equipped and prepared enough to keep the RF blasting out the antennas without missing a beat.

A special thanks must go out to all those who donated or prepared food for the troops. Speaking for myself, it was exceptional cuisine. As we have become used to in recent years, master chef Bill Brown, N8BBB, did his magic with the main meals. It is tough working the better part of two days in somewhat difficult conditions, so good food borders on being essential. It is also very much appreciated by those who are preoccupied trying to score points.

The young folks from the Copley Middle School Radio Club came in force, and were all able to make contacts on HF. I had the pleasure of spending quite a bit of time with them, and it was gratifying to see how excited they were about amateur radio. The students really brought up the enthusiasm level of the event, and everyone who worked with them, mentioned how enjoyable it was.

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***CHECK INTO THE WEEKLY NET AT
9:00 P.M. on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.***

We also had a visit from the Captain of the Richfield Fire Department, who rolled in driving a 1940 fire truck. We were able to get a few pictures of the truck with some of the club participants. The captain was very interested in the abilities of amateur radio during emergency conditions and explained his relationship with ARES. He also discussed some of the communications shortcomings he experienced over the years. Before leaving, he offered his help in several areas that we may take him up on.

I want to thank all those who participated in, helped with, or visited the 2009 C.A.R.S. Field Day event. I purposely left out the names of most people involved, because I will write a more detailed article next month. We had no lead time after Field Day this month, and I stretched it a bit with the editor in order to get in a brief commentary.

The annual summer picnic is next Friday, July 10. Plan to be there. From all indications, it looks to be getting better every year. At the picnic, we will have the drawing for the scholarship raffle. So if anyone has tickets to sell, we still have a few days to add to our scholarship fund. Please try to help sell more tickets if possible; obviously it is for a worthy cause.
73, Toby, WT8O

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. June monthly meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 9th of the month. The meeting was held at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in the Metro Park in Brecksville OH. Twenty seven members and one guest introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Bob, K8AAB motion to accept the May minutes as published in the June Wobbly Oscillator, and Ron, K8VJG seconded. There were no additions, or questions and the motion was passed.

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as last month. He then mentioned the scholarship fund raffle.

Bob asked to be notified if you are planning on bringing or donating food at Field Day so he knows what other food to buy to go along with it. Bill Brown will be cooking Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Toby, WT8O gave the Net report and thanked all the net controllers and also thanked everyone who checks into the net and encouraged anyone with a two meter radio to check in on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m.

The CARS picnic is on July 10th and will plan for about 50 people.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman sent two cards this month. One to Adam, N8MOX who fell at home, the other card to Ray, WD8IRA for cataract surgery.

Gary, NI8Z gave his VE report and said that two people will be taking the July test, and that there will be a CARS Board Meeting afterwards.

Tom WB8N, asked everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO.

Members voted in two new members; Bill, KA8SDC and Aaron, KD8LDE. Welcome to C.A.R.S. Dave, KD8V said that the Copley school club is out for the summer but will be meeting some times at his house.

Eddie, KD8FTS is asking everyone to think about what type of programs they might like to have after the meetings. He also mentioned that the NASA visitor center will be closing at the end of September, so please write your politicians to try to keep it open. Come out to the NASA visitor center on July 18th and check out the satellite radio station, Eddie, KD8FTS and his dad Ed, WB8ROK will be there at about 11am.

Refreshments; coffee Gary NI8Z, drinks Mike KB8UGT, donuts Ron K8JJG, Eddie KD8FTS pop, Metro W8MET ice. Thanks for doing a great service. *continued next page...*

Bruce, KC8RKS asked for people to volunteer for the Diabetes Tour de Cure bike-a-thon, to help with communications. Sign up online at <http://www.sumco-ares.org> on the main page under public service events.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Gary, K8REF, with \$27.00 going to him and \$27.00 to C.A.R.S.

The next meeting will be at the **Oak Grove Picnic Area** Shelter in the Brecksville branch of the Metro Parks on Tuesday, July 14th.

Matt, W8EBB made motion to close the meeting and Ron, K8VJG seconded. The meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Jones, N8SRJ C.A.R.S. Secretary.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Call Sign Name

July 5	K8KR	George Pindroh
July 9	N8TCP	Roger Boehnlein
July 14	W8QXA	Charles Matthes
July 24	KB8LWM	Paul Naujoks
July 24	KC8LEO	Scott Dressler
July 24	W8MCD	Len Holmes
July 26	K8PJM	Phil McCourt
July 27	WA8GEO	Bill Savage
July 28	W2THU	Robert Winston

Congratulations to all, and many happy returns!

REMEMBER TO CHECK INTO THE C.A.R.S. WEDNESDAY EVENING NET AT 9:00 P.M. ON THE 146.820 REPEATER.

INVENTORY OF THE NATIONAL AIRWAVES

By Hugh Pickens, reprinted from Slashdot

Submitted by Adam Grossmyer, N8MOX

Google, the wireless industry, and consumer advocates have come together to support a bill that would require the federal government to take a complete inventory of the national airwaves to determine what spectrum is being used, how it is being used and who is using it. The government needs to clean up its sloppy record keeping, they say, or the US risks running out of wireless capacity with the increasing use of the mobile internet. 'Radio spectrum is a natural resource, something that here in the US is owned by all of us American citizens,' wrote Richard Whitt, Google's counsel for telecom and media. 'Most of us don't give it much thought — and yet use of these airwaves is precisely what makes many of our modern communication systems possible.' The new law, if passed, would require the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration to report on the use of all spectrum bands between 300 MHz and 3.5 gigahertz., including information on the licenses or government user operating in each band and whether the spectrum is actually in use. The unusual alliance between Google, public interest groups, and big telecommunications companies may be temporary. The telecom companies want to have the opportunity to buy any extra spectrum at an auction while Google advocates the use of new technologies that would allow the spectrum to be shared by whoever needs it.

Editor's note: Anyone have any thoughts about this proposed action? Let us know. Drop a line to the W.O.

THANK YOU

By Bob Check, W8GC

We all wish to thank everyone who donated food, money and time to the CARS 2009 Field Day operation! It was a great effort under poor band condition's and a few other speed bumps along the way. Our President Toby, WT8O put many hour's into planning and implementing our Field Day operation. Plus he handled a very touchy and serious problem on Saturday in a very professional manor!

DONATIONS:

2 sheet pizzas Saturday lunch donated by Tina W8HBI, Steve N8IS & Ed the owner of Augies pizza located in Rockside Corner's plaza at Brecksville Rd.

1 crock pot sloppy Joe's (N8LRS, W8MET

1 crock pots sloppy Joe's & bun's plus 1 crock pot of beans (WB8N) Tom also got a donation from Giant Eagle.

1 pot wieners and beans (WT8O)

1 pot vegetable soup & 3 doz eggs, 20 bags Nacho chips (W8GC & wife)

1 pot kielbasa and kraut (K8SAS)

Chocolate chip cookies, about 10 lbs of smoked pulled pork, buns, coleslaw, Barbeque sauce cooked and donated by Adam, N8MOX

2 sheet Pizzas for Sunday lunch (Ron, WA8ZJV) and Joe the owner of Pizza Pan, 7475 Broadview Rd.

Mike, KA8MZS and Ron, K8VJG brought donuts Saturday morning.

Gary, N18Z brought the CARS coffee and the pot which was kept brewing for 24 plus hours.

Bill Brown, N8BBB, our chief cook & bottle washer, cooked a great Saturday dinner featuring Barbeque Chicken, fresh sweet corn, potato salad, macaroni salad plus other donated dishes. For Sunday breakfast, Bill made pancakes, sausage and eggs cooked to order with all the extra's.

Additional donation's of money to help purchase some of the food was made by Matt,

W8EBB, Ron, K8VJG, Joe KD8BAL, and Gary K8REF

73, Bob w8gc

Editor' note: I don't know about anyone else, but I gained at least five pounds over the Field Day.

This month we are featuring a new column called "A Closer Look". Here is a "closer look at two of our members. Ed.

A Closer Look at Steve Riley, N8IS

Where were you born?

Harriman, Tennessee.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Playing king of the mountain with billy goats.

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why?

Seventeen, because I was able to have and fix up my own hot rod cars.

What is your favorite food?

Augies Pizza (Pepperoni, Sausage and Extra Cheese)

What are your favorite TV shows?

Big Bang Theory, Chuck, Grounded for Life (canceled), Still Standing (canceled), In Plain Sight, Anything on History or Military Channels.

What are your favorite movies?

A Hunt for Red October, Terminator Movies, Transformers, Reservoir Dogs and Multiplicity.

What type of music do you enjoy the most?

80's music.

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day?

Sit and not think about anything.

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position?

Police Officer.

Who or what always makes you laugh?

My dog Suki always makes me smile or laugh.

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you?

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I was adopted and I know my birth parents. Also that I changed my name to Steve Riley.
If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why?
Antarctica, at night I could see billions of stars.
If you were an animal which one would it be?
A Lion
If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money?
Buy cold weather gear for my trip to Antarctica.

A CLOSER LOOK AT KAYLA, N8KAY

Where were you born?
Fairview Park, Ohio
What is your favorite childhood memory?
A terrific day at Sea World.
If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why?
I have no idea, I'm only 19 years old and know it's gonna be a bigger number.
What is your favorite food?
Ice Cream as a general whole!
What are your favorite TV shows?
Royal Pains, House, Fringe and Harpers Island .
What are your favorite movies?
What Women Want, Gran Torino and Transformers.
What type of music do you enjoy the most?
All types except Polka.
What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day?
Talking to friends.
What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position?
A job that lets me save lives and help people.
Who or what always makes you laugh?
My friend Kevin
What one thing would people be surprised to know about you?
That I like target shooting at the gun range.
If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why?
Would love to travel in Europe for a month.
If you were an animal which one would it be?

Dolphin
If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money?
Pay off student loans.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

FIELD DAY IS (WAS) HERE AGAIN

Well, for those of you that didn't know, this past weekend was the annual ARRL Field Day for all radio amateurs in the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean. I have to think that a lot of our members did not know this, because the visitor turnout of C.A.R.S. members was noticeably minimal. Where were all of you that did not come out to pay a visit to our Field Day site, maybe operate at one of the stations, or just to help out with set up and tear down? I am really very disappointed. It's not like it wasn't publicized enough. There was a count down to Field Day on the C.A.R.S. web site which you couldn't miss, mentions about Field Day on the weekly nets and also at several meetings prior to the event.

The Field Day operators did really well this year, with more contacts and points than last year, in spite of the lack of visitors. The weather was good until Sunday morning, when it rained for a couple of hours. But it cleared up and the rest of the day thru tear down, was bright and sunny. There were no injuries to participants as in years past, the food was fantastic, and I must thank Bill Brown, N8BBB did a great job, as always, of cooking up a tasty meal for Saturday night dinner and for the Sunday morning breakfast as well. Thanks for your time and effort Bill. It was greatly appreciated.

There are several pics from Field Day in the following pages of this issue of the W.O. There will probably be more to come in the August issue as well.

We did have a possibly ugly situation come
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up in the fact that once again the person that books the location, over booked and had a graduation party scheduled for our spot on Saturday afternoon, with over 300 people expected to attend. But, possession is 9 tenths of the law and Toby, WT8O very diplomatically handled the situation and there was not problem. Way to go Toby!

Our associate member, Mike Lorens brought his mom Lynn out and we had a good time

chatting with Mike and his mom and making Mike laugh, which isn't hard to do with our bunch. Mike listens to our net every Wednesday night on his scanner.

I am, as I know along with the other participants in this year's Field Day, looking forward to next year's event. I had a great time and I am sure that all the participating members and guests did as well.

TOUR de CURE

The 2009 Tour de Cure was held this past month based at Blossom Music Center in Summit County. C.A.R.S. was well represented with operators volunteering and manning various locations along the route, providing well needed communications. We were a couple of members short due to the fact that they did not receive their e-mail telling them where they were to be stationed. Hopefully, we can remedy this problem for next year.

The weather was great for the event and the event went off without any major injuries or breakdowns of machinery.

Thanks to all C.A.R.S. members that came out for the event and hopefully you will come out again next year, with some additional members as well. Don't forget the American Diabetes Assn. Cleveland branch walk coming up in October. There will be more information to come on this event. I hope that those that have volunteered for this event in the past to

help out once again.

C.A.R.S. ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic is going to be on Friday, July 10th, at the Independence Community Center picnic area, as in the past. If you have not already signed up for the picnic, please do so asap so that we have a good idea on how much food to plan for. You can sign up online on the C.A.R.S. web site, www.2cars.org. A good time WILL be had by all!

TIME TO GO

Well, that's about it for now folks. Hope you all have a great and safe 4th of July. Don't forget to check in on the weekly net and come on out to the July meeting on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Hope to catch you on the air and at the meeting.

73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

FIELD DAY 2009 PICS



Visitor Center Display

More pics on next page....



Dave, KD8V with 5 of the young hams from the Copley Middle School Radio Club



KC8BAL, KD8FTS, K8VJG, WB8CDA, & KA8MZS at the 10 meters phone station.



Group Pic of the Motley Crew



WT8O, K8SAS 20/80 meter SSB

LATE BREAKING FIELD DAY NEWS MICHIGAN HAM KILLED IN TOWER COLLAPSE

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

Larry Prelog, KE4PM, of Niles, Michigan, has died as the result of a tower collapse at his club's Field Day site. According to the local "Herald-Palladium" newspaper, Prelog was helping to set up antennas for the Blossomland Amateur Radio Club's Field Day operation last Saturday when the tower he was climbing on buckled and collapsed. The newspaper report says Prelog, 57, was a professional installer of radio systems and was using all proper safety equipment and procedures.

A club spokesman quoted in the article said "the tower failed at the base" and fell over sideways. Prelog was at the top. There are conflicting reports about the tower's height. The club says it was 30 feet tall; an initial police report had said 60 feet.

KE4PM is survived by his wife, Tammy, four children and two grandchildren.

Thanks to CQ News Updates

SO LONG JOE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

On another sad note, I, along with many others are mourning the death of a long time friend and Radio Amateur, Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Joe became a silent key at his home on Sat. June 20. Joe was the ARRL Great Lakes Division Ohio Section Manager and had been since 1998. Joe was 68 years of age. He was active with the ARRL in many other capacities over the years as well.

Those of you that attended the Great Lakes Division convention that C.A.R.S. and a few other local radio clubs sponsored must have met Joe. He was the silver haired guy in the red sports coat.

I have known Joe for several years and it was always a pleasure to meet up with him at a ham fest or other amateur radio function. He always went out of his way to say hello to me whenever he spotted me. He always made reference to the time I had my photo on the front page of the Plain Dealer for an article about Morse Code no longer being used by ships at sea.

Joe was the master of the secret and mysterious Wouff Hong ceremony and always took an active roll in the ceremony itself. My Wouff Hong membership certificate is signed by Joe himself, from when I became a member in June of 2007 at the Dayton Hamvention®.

As I sit here typing this memorial, I am looking at the Summer issue of the Ohio Section Journal with Joe's editorial on the front page. It is sad to know that that was to be his last editorial.

Joe hailed from the Cincinnati area and in 1994 he was elected to the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. Joe had a career as an educator and Journalist besides his career in amateur radio.

For those of you that are members of the ARRL, that's Joe's photo with two little people on the cover of the May 2009 issue of QST.

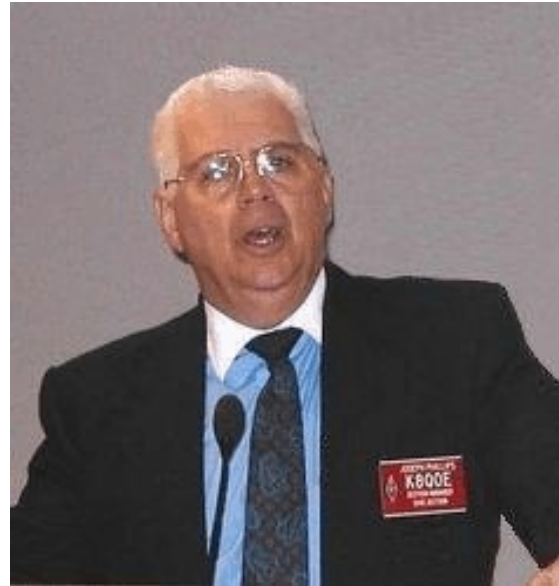
Joe had a quick wit and whenever I saw him, he always had a smile on his face. Joe loved baseball by the way and I heard a rumor that at one time he pitched for the Cleveland Indians. Don't know about that one, but it sounds good!

Joe and his wife lived in Fairfield Ohio. Besides his wife, Joe leaves behind 3 children.

I, like so many others am going to miss you Joe.

73, de Tom, WB8N

Joe's funeral was held on the first day of Field Day, June 27, 2009.



Joe Phillips, K8QOE 1941 - 2009

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