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C.A.R.S. MEETINGS BACK AT BUSCH MORE INSIDE

FROM THE PREZ

Well, the summer sure went by fast. The season was certainly busy and enjoyable for C.A.R.S. members. Attendance is always up for the outdoor picnic meetings. When we resume our indoor meetings, we can have a group discussion, with ideas for any new activities the club may pursue. It is very important that we do the things we want to do and accomplish as a club. Some members have mentioned getting into more technical subjects at the meetings. Some would like to learn more about different forms of operating. Others would like to see some video on DXpeditions. Whatever you are interested in would probably be enjoyable to other members, as well. If there is something that you would like to do, the perfect time to bring it up would be at a meeting with members present. Any and all ideas will be welcomed.

As it was announced at the last meeting, our VE chairman is passing the torch to a long time VE team member. Steve Riley, N8IS will be the new VE chairman; replacing Gary Dewey, NI8Z. Gary has done an outstanding job for many years. He has developed our VE program to one of the best there is. The team holds examination sessions every other month. Under Gary's direction, they run a very competent and well organized program. The C.A.R.S. VE team has been responsible for adding a very large group of amateurs to the hobby. Besides the regularly scheduled testing sessions at the Old Town Hall in Independence, they also have special sessions at the conclusion of the C.A.R.S. licensing classes and others for the Copley Middle School

radio club at the school. The VE sessions were always complete with the necessary equipment and personnel to administer CW testing when it was a requirement. C.A.R.S. and the amateur radio service are extremely indebted to Gary for all his fine work over the years. Best wishes to Steve as he continues the exemplary tradition in the future.

73, Toby, WT8O

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. August monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 11th of the month. The meeting was held at Oak Grove Shelter, in the Metro Park in Brecksville OH. Thirty members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Bob, KC8MRC made the motion to accept the July minutes as published in the August Wobbly Oscillator, and Ron, K8VJG seconded. There were no additions, or questions and the motion was passed.

Bob Check, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as last month. Bob then mentioned the scholarship raffle and said that if you need tickets to sell or buy get in touch with him.

Toby 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.

The CARS picnic was on July 10th and everyone had fun and a lot of good food to eat.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman reported that he sent two cards this month. Cards were sent to Ed Senkus, NC8ED whose wife passed away on July 18th, and to Steve Spisak, K8SAS's wife who was in the hospital with an irregular heart beat.

Gary, NI8Z gave his VE report and said on August 24th there will be a special VE test at the Copley Middle School for five kids.

Tom, WB8N, asked everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO. He also mentioned the October Diabetes walk and asked for volunteers.

Dave, KD8V said the Copley school club is closed for the summer but will be meeting some times at his house, and will have five kids ready for a special test session on August 24th.

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, please write your politicians.

Under new business, the club is looking for a new Field Day site. If you have any suggestions

please e-mail Toby, WT8O at president@2cars.org.

Toby will be holding a meeting for the people interested and signed up for the ARRL trip to finalize date and how many will be going. If you haven't been contacted e-mail Toby at the above address.

Refreshments: coffee, Gary, NI8Z; drinks, Mike, KB8UGT; donuts, Ron, K8VJG; 50/50 \$24 to the winner Bruce, N8DJX

The next meeting will be at the **Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room** in Parma, Oh.

Bob, KC8MRC made the motion to close the meeting and Mike, K8EHP seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

LARES and THE TOWN OF LANCASTER NY OEM

By "Buffalo" Jim Glor, N8GXR

I believe I have mentioned my affiliation with The Town of Lancaster, NY Office of Emergency Management in previous articles written for the Wobbly Oscillator. Another affiliation I have with this agency is the Lancaster Amateur Radio Emergency Services. This is a vital part of Lancaster OEM. We provide emergency communications during emergencies and disasters. We also do public services throughout the year.

Recently we did the annual Lancaster Fourth of July Fun Run. We operated on two meters and most of us had APRS which let net control know our whereabouts at all times. We have an HF radio at OEM and packet- base and mobile. One unique thing we have with OEM is our own ARES section in the back of OEM Communications Truck.. In the ARES section there is a packet station, an FT-8800 dual band radio, an FT-2800 2 meter radio for the packet station, a scanner, and a CB.

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The front section of the vehicle is all public service radios including an 800 MHZ radio, and airport radio. Also included is a cell phone, computer, printer-fax machine. There is also a weather station. One thing we do is plot plume clouds in case of dangerous train tank car derailments or industrial gaseous leaks. The weather station provides vital input into plotting these potentially lethal plume clouds. We use the Marplot and Cameo programs in plotting and obtaining chemical information.

Here are pictures of The Communications Truck and The new Command Bus (almost finished).

73, Jim Glor N8GXR



Part of weather station



Communications Van



2 meter 70 cm rig



Op at operating position



Several on-board amateur rigs

A CLOSER LOOK

A Closer Look at W8GC

Where were you born?

Cleveland, OH.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Spending every Summer & school vacation on my Aunt's farm.

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

55, lots of money and still have good health

What is your favorite food?

Seafood and Sushi.

What are your favorite TV shows?

Closer, Mentalist, Saving Grace, Bones, NCIS, CSI NY, Lie to Me.

What are your favorite movies?

Any action/suspense movie.

What type of music do you enjoy the most?

50's & 60's.

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

Check the DX cluster and my emails.

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

Farmer.

Who or what always makes you laugh?

Doug H. a good friend who always has an endless string of funny stories.

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

I was licensed in 1954 and dropped my license in 1964, was re-licensed in 1999.

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why?

Alaska because everyone say's it a great place to "visit" not live.

If you were an animal which one would it be?

500 lb Gorilla.

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money?

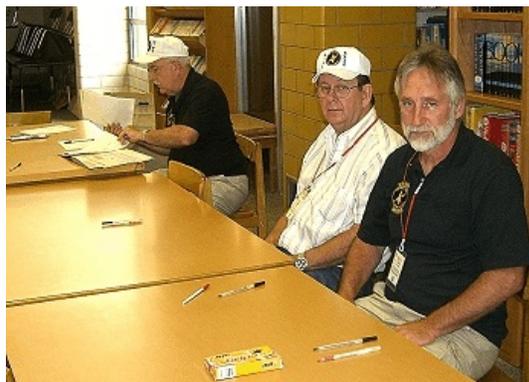
Take care of my family.

license exams for 6 Copley Middle School students. Gary, NI8Z team leader, Metro, W8MET, Bill, WU8A and myself with the help of Dave, KD8V, were happy to have 3 students get their Technician license and 1 upgrade to General.

Unfortunately one tried the Extra test and another the General but did not pass.

We also stopped at the High School to see what is needed to get a multi-band antenna up for a new station there. The call is WA8CHS and we hope to have the station on the air in the next few weeks.

73, Bob W8GC



Gary NI8Z, Bill WU8A,
Metro W8MET



Students taking their tests.

COPLEY SCHOOL TEST SESSION

By Bob Check, W8GC

On Monday August 24, 2009 our VE team gave

SCHOLARSHIP THANKS

By: Tina Check W8HBI

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society Scholarship awards this year. The scholarship money is going to enable me to take an additional course this fall that I wouldn't of been able to without this award. I Just wanted to say thank you to everyone and express what a great opportunity this scholarship award is for all our members and their families. I Hope this program is something the club is able to continue for many years.

My daughter Kayla Check, N8KAY and I also applied to the Far Scholarship program. We were both lucky enough to be selected for \$1,000 Scholarships from Quarter Century Wireless Association. On our applications we had used Ron Borkey K8VJG as a reference. When we were contacted that we were winners by one of the committee members, Dave Prestel, W8AJR, he mentioned he used to live in our area and that Ron Borkey, K8VJG had mentored him. He said while going through applications he saw Ron's call sign and had to give him a call :) Dave had many great things to say about Ron....and from the stories I've heard Ron hasn't changed over the years. What a small world !!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

WB8CDA Glenn Fenzel 9-1-43

KD8APY Dennis Rabbits 9-11-49

KD8GIR Jeff Bolek 9-21-50

KP2VI Tom Price 9-26-39

KB8PMM Richard Braun 9-29-35

Happy Birthday to all !!

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

MFJ Acquires Cushcraft

Submitted by Bob Check W8GC

On August 7, MFJ Enterprises announced they

had purchased the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line from Missouri-based Laird Technologies effective July 31. According to MFJ, Cushcraft -- makers of HF/VHF/UHF vertical, beam and Yagi antennas for the Amateur Radio community -- will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire. "We are excited to have the Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas product line alongside our other five companies," said Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc. "This product line increases our ability to offer our customers a wide range of antenna options at different prices. Customers will be able to choose from Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas, Hy-gain and MFJ antennas through one source." MFJ purchased Hy-gain in 2000 the company also owns Ameritron, Mirage and Vectronics. Jue said that the Cushcraft line will bring more than 50 new products to MFJ's Amateur Radio product line. "We will add more new products to this antenna line and will continue the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antenna product customers will appreciate the continued and expected top-quality manufacturing of this product in New Hampshire and the MFJ commitment to superb after-the-sale service and tech support in Mississippi," said Jue. The 120 page 2010 MFJ catalog will include the entire Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line. MFJ has set up a special customer support line -- 662-323-5803 -- to handle Cushcraft antenna product technical support, parts requests and customer services.

***REMEMBER TO
CHECK INTO THE
WEDNESDAY
EVENING CLUB NET
at 9:00 P.M.***

Worked All States Award Hidden Credits

By Dwaine Modock, K8ME

There are a lot of people that like certificates of various types. Well, you might have on your wall or in a drawer, the Route 66 or the most recent certificate, the Thirteen Colony Award which was active around July 4th 2009, a very nice certificate.

The two certificates mentioned above can be used for applying for Worked All States Award. If you are applying for WAS with a field Checker make sure you take the certificate with you along with your cards for the other states and make sure you write in on the WAS forms the states from the certificate with a little note along side each state on the form ,certificate name, so the field checker can verify the two.

For example, if you had a clean sweep on the 13 Colony Award, that means you worked thirteen different states, so you would write down those states on the WAS forms, even thou you don't have the qsl card, it still verified by the award manager of that certificate. The same goes for the Route 66 award.

If you are sending the WAS forms and application along with your card to ARRL, same process except you will have to send the original award certificate along with your qsl cards of the other states, which in turn ARRL will process and return your qsl cards & Award certificate.

Remember, at the Cleveland Hamfest towards the end of September, there will be card checking for: DXCC, WAS, VUCC.

If you are going to have cards checked make sure you have all proper forms, application and a check for the fee made out to the ARRL.

73

WAS/VUCC Checker

Dwaine Modock ---K8ME

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

BACK AT BUSCH

Once again our summer meetings in the park must come to an end, and we will be meeting for the next several months back at the Busch Funeral Chapel community room. The meeting time is the same, 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

ANTENNA /ROTATOR TIME

It is also time to get to work on your antennas and rotators before the cold and nasty weather set in. I finally got off my butt with some prodding by N8MOX, and I conned him into climbing my tower and taking my rotator down. It needed one part, which was ordered from the Rotor Doctor. Adam installed the new part for me and as soon as the rotator is back together, it will go back up on my tower to rotate my 2 element quad antenna. I still want to get a vertical multi-band antenna up as a back up antenna for HF and my dipole ladder line antenna for 40 meters needs "tuned".

DIABETES WALK

This will be the last issue of the W.O. before the American Diabetes Assn. walk takes place and only one more meeting before the event as well, so I am asking for volunteers to come on down to the flats on Saturday morning, October 3rd. We'll meet at about 9 a.m. (subject to change) get our assignments, and take up positions along the walk route, which is all in downtown Cleveland. We'll be done by noon. There will be a free T-shirt for everyone, along with a "goodie bag". There will be coffee, juice, fruit, and bagels early in the morning and there will be a lunch provided at the end of the walk as well. All you need to do is bring your vehicle with your mobile rig or your hand-held with a fully charged battery and maybe a spare battery as well. It's fun and it's for a great cause, so please consider volunteering. You can let me know by contacting me either by phone at 216-253-0540 or by e-mail at wb8n@2cars.org. I have a few members who have said they would be there already, but we need at least 10 more.
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I know that there are several members of C.A.R.S. that are afflicted with diabetes, and my own wife is in a nursing home with illnesses caused by diabetes such as kidney failure and blindness. I am sure that if you or a close family member do not have this nasty disease, that you know of an aunt, uncle, or other distant family member or friends that have diabetes and there needs to be a cure found and this can only be done by research, which is mostly funded by donations and fund raisers such as this walk. I'll get off my soap box now.

SHORTER DAYS

The days are getting shorter now as fall approaches and it is getting darker earlier. This gives us more time in the house, and that means you can check into the C.A.R.S. Wednesday evening club nets because you won't be outside grilling, playing, or taking part in other outdoor activities. With the membership we have in C.A.R.S. I am at a loss as to why more members don't check into the net. A lot of you I only hear on the air when you do check in, and a lot of other members I NEVER hear on 2 meters. I know most of you have 2 meter capability and unless you are net control, you can even sit and be watching your favorite television program while you listen and check in. There is always a fun trivia question to try to answer correctly and most of the time one or more people checking in have interesting news about ham radio happenings in the area. So, if you are not a regular on the net or have never checked into the net, consider giving it a try next Wednesday at 9 p.m. You'll be glad you did.

Shorter days also means that if you have HF capabilities there is more time to get on HF and see what DX you can work on the low bands. Hopefully the sun spots will be appearing shortly and conditions will be improving. I can hardly wait for ten meters to become active again. With any luck....

THAT WRAPS IT UP

Well, I see by the ole clock on the computer screen, it is time to close for the month. I hope to see a lot of you at the September meeting, and hopefully I'll hear you on the C.A.R.S. 146.82 repeater as well. Have a good month and happy hamming!

73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

Don't count Amateur radio out.

New amateur licenses seem to be overcoming the blip in licensing figures brought on by the onset of the 10-year license. There are about 14,000 more licensees now than a year ago. Last year's increase brings the number of ham licensees in the US to over 674,000. This total is just under the all-time high for US licensees. If we add another 14,000 this year, we will have exceeded the all-time high for ham licensees.

Other details for US and other countries available at: <http://www.ah0a.org/AH0A.html>.

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