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THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** **AT OCTOBER MEETING**

FROM THE PREZ

The weather for the annual Diabetes Association “Step Out, Walk to Stop Diabetes” was perfect. The C.A.R.S. members who participated on the communications team did a splendid job. Led by Tom Wayne, WB8N, the group provided seamless radio support and various volunteer functions. The number of participants from the club was outstanding. Hats off to all those who helped out. *(Be sure to read “The Random Wire” column...Ed.)*

Get ready for the November meeting, it promises to be a good one. We will hold the annual elections which will bring three new members to the Board of Directors since all three odd year board members are retiring. I must take a second and say thanks to George, K8KR; Gary, K8REF; and Steve, K8SAS; for their contributions over the years, you guys leave some big shoes to fill. We also will vote on the rewritten Constitution and By-Laws that were presented at the last meeting. They were also e-mailed to all C.A.R.S. members and are posted on the club website. Please review them if you have not had a chance to do so yet. There will also be a very interesting program on “Go Boxes.” Eddie, KD8FTS, will demonstrate his excellent example as well as some other members bringing theirs in to show. If you’re not sure what a “Go Box” is, or want to get ideas for building your own, this is a program you will not want to miss.

Now is the time to sign up for the annual C.A.R.S. Christmas party. This party should be

one of the best we have ever had. It will be held December 5th, so as to not interfere with other Christmas activities. We will be going to the Massimo da Milano restaurant. This fine eatery has had rave reviews in the local publications. We have picked out an excellent menu that should put a few pounds on those who attend. There will also be a spirited game of “Ham Radio Jeopardy”, plus awards and door prizes. Sign up as soon as possible through the club website so we can get an accurate count for the restaurant reservations. I hope to see you at the November meeting and Christmas party.

73, Toby, WT8O

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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 14th of the month at 7:30pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and introductions, the September Meeting minutes as reported in the October newsletter, were approved.

Bob, W8GC, gave the treasurers report

Toby mentioned the December 5th Christmas Party, saying that reservation sign-up has started. The cost is \$20.00 per person. More details/sign-up will appear on the cars website.

A get well card was presented to Gary, NI8Z, who is recovering from surgery.

Gary, NI8Z, reported that the school roundup is coming up but as he is still recovering from his surgery he will not make it, and he was asking for volunteers to go to the Copley Middle School to help the students get on the air.

Gary also mentioned that three members of the Quarter Century Wireless Association who are also CARS members; Metro W8MET, Tom WB8N, and Gary NI8Z, were awarded the "Presidents Award at the QCWA October quarterly meeting for the work they do at the Copley Middle School and High School. Also, Dwaine, K8ME, received an award for 50 years as an Amateur Radio Operator.

Tom, WB8N, talked about the Diabetes Assn. annual walk and asked for volunteers for the walk which will take place on Saturday October 25, at the Cuyahoga County fair grounds in Berea.

Toby, WT8O, mentioned that the constitution committee has finalized their efforts and the new revised version it will be presented at the November Meeting. It will be placed on the CARS website and members can print their copy off the cars website under "constitution".

Toby took nominations for officers and board member positions. Elections will take place at the November Meeting. Toby, WT8O, is running for president unopposed, Dwaine, K8ME, is running for secretary unopposed, Bob, W8GC, is running for treasurer unopposed, and Mark Moro, WJ8WM, is running for vice president unopposed. Gary, NI8Z, who has served as vice president for several years, is stepping down from running. Board member nominees are; Arp Viiberg K8ARP, Gary Dewey NI8Z, Mike Balach

KB8UGT, Andy Evridge KD8SCV, Eddie Stevens KD8FTS, Mike Kemmett KD8OUE, and Darren Turk K8DMT. There are three board positions to fill with this election.

Toby mentioned that any members who need help or advice for any ham radio related problems they may have, to let a CARS officer know and help will be provided.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee; K8ME, K8DMT, K8VJG, and WB8ROK.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ken Osicki, K8OAE, who walked away with \$28.00. \$29.00 went into the CARS coffers

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The evenings presentation was Tim Duffy, K3LR, CEO of DX Engineering, who gave a very interesting talk on his ham radio career and antennas. Tim would still be there talking to us if we let him. Thanks to Tim and DX Engineering.



Tim Duffy, K3LR, preaching? or giving his talk with NI8Z paying rapt attention.

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NI8Z in his pumpkin shirt, guffawing at something K3LR said.



CARS members chuckling & smiling and enjoying K3LR's talk.

The November meeting will have a presentation by Eddie, KD8FTS, on the emergency "GO BOX"

Submitted by CARS Secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

Photos by Ken Osicki, K8OAE.

November meeting on Tuesday, November 11th, 7:30 p.m. at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room.

AMATEUR RADIO TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN. 143th

BIRTHDAY

Contributed by Dwaine Modock, K8ME

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club of Prescott, Arizona will operate a special event station on November 17TH, 2014, in celebration of the NRA'S 143rd Birthday. The Amateur Radio Station will operate from Gunsite Academy's 2000 acre Campus north of Prescott, Arizona, the special event call sign will be 'K7NRA', an FCC-Licensed amateur radio station. Will conduct operations on the following frequencies from 0800MST to 1700 MST: 7250, 14050, 14250, and 21.335 MHZ.

A unique NRA/Gunsite certificate will be forwarded to those stations contacted. Further information can be obtained at the YARC web-site:

www.w7yrc.org

OBAMA SIGNS HAM RADIO EXECUTIVE ORDER

By WBØRUR, on the scene

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama has announced that he has signed Presidential Executive Order 11-HAMR, which deals specifically with amateur radio. "As you may or may not know, I recently received my ham radio license. And you may also know that I was not pleased with the callsign assigned to me by the FCC. Rest assured, I have taken steps to rectify that problem through the vanity callsign program."

"But today, I must resolve another issue that challenges the very integrity of ham radio. Presidential Executive Order 11-HAMR, otherwise known as the "Fairness in Hamfests" directive, mandates hamfest grand prize raffle winners **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**"

"Too many times I have seen the grand prize winners not in attendance when their

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ticket number or name was called. Too frequently, a "friend" has the ticket and collects the prize for the AWOL awardee. It is time that we put an end to this, level the playing field and end the class warfare between those who are at the hamfest and those who have left."

Ray Fergie, President of the National Radio Retransmission League, says he supports the President's position, but feels that free market forces should drive hamfest rules and regulations.

"I'm not sure we need Washington getting involved in our hamfests. If I have to leave early to beat the crowd to IHOP, Denny's or Golden Corral, then I should not have to forfeit my right to win the transceiver."

When reporters asked Obama if other rules changes were on the horizon, the Chief Executive stated that in addition to weighty issues such as spectrum allocations, bandwidth specifications and licensing innovation, he "really likes those flashing callsign badges and thinks everyone should have one."

Contributed by Ken Osicki, K8OAE.

(The callsign WB0RUR belongs to Gerald Darnell, an Extra Class ham who hails from Fayetteville, Arizona. Ed.) This article appeared in "Ham Hijinks" an online newsletter and is reprinted here with permission.)

DUES REMINDER

Reminder, your 2015 CARS dues are payable on or before January 31, 2015. I am now accepting payment for your 2015 dues. If you have already paid THANK YOU.

Dues can be paid in 3 ways, online by sending the funds via PayPal to w8gc@2cars.org, you can mail a check to:

CARS,
P.O. Box 31264
Independence, OH 44131

or pay in person at any CARS meeting. Dues are \$20.00 per year for regular membership. Each additional family member is \$10.00. If you are 60 yrs or older and 18 yrs old or less your dues are only \$12.00 per year. CARS will offer assistance to anyone having a hardship. Please let me know if you have a hardship or know a member who needs help.

Sincerely, Bob Check, W8GC, Treasurer

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Hewett	K8FEY	11-20-1945
Robert Ozog	KC8MRC	11-06-1955
Jeff Venecek	KC8OUH	11-07-1952
Robert Flemen	W2RMF	11-24-1972
David Yost	W8GJ	11-06-1952
Ed Stevens	WB8ROK	11-27-1928
John Bruening	KB8ENY	12-19-1963
Charles Dressler	KC8LZP	12-12-/////
Andrew Evridge	KD8SCV	12-27-1952
Gary Limbert	KD8VIQ	12-08-/////
Joel Chaney	KD8WID	12-07-1964
Bill Brown	N8BBB	12-08-/////
Gary Dewey	NI8Z	12-07-1941

BEST WISHES & MANY HAPPY RETURNS !

Due to there not being a December issue of the Wobbly Oscillator, both Nov. & Dec. birthdays are being published in this issue. Ed.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

THE HOLIDAYS WILL SOON BE HERE

Yes, the season to be jolly will soon be upon us, starting with Halloween and then Thanksgiving and Christmas. Be sure to get your reservations in for the annual CARS Christmas party on Friday, December 5th. More information on that elsewhere in this issue. It's a change of location and should prove to be an enjoyable evening.

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VOLUNTEER EXAMINER SESSION

The next CARS Volunteer Examiner session will be Sunday, November 9th, 9:00 a.m. at the Independence Ohio Olde Towne Hall. If you are planning on upgrading your license or know someone who wants to get their license or upgrade, call Gary Dewey, NI8Z at 216-642-8705.

2014 DIABETES WALK

Another American Diabetes Assn. Step Out, Walk to Stop Diabetes is behind us. This year the venue changed to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, Ohio, which gave the walkers a whole new route to walk, taking them past scenic Come Lake and through historic downtown Berea. The new venue proved to be great, with plenty of free parking. We couldn't have asked for a better day...not too hot and not too cold, and plenty of sunshine.

I don't have the figures as to how many walkers there were or how much money was raised yet but I'll report on that as soon as I find out. CARS members & even one non-member came out to provide communications along the walk route and everything went very well. I sincerely want to thank Mark Moro WJ8WM, Bob Kobie KD8NBB, Roger Boehlein N8TCP, Andy Evridge KD8SCV, Larry Shirerka KC8VZZ, Gary Dewey NI8Z, Toby Kolman WT8O, Bill Brown N8BBB, Steve Spisak K8SAS, Metro Sinko W8MET, Mike Cegelski K8EHP, Mary Cegelski KC8YLC, Mike Toth KB8RKF, Dave Ricon NF8O, Arp Viiberg K8ARP, Mike Kemmett KD8OUE, Bill Kemmett KD8QBB, David Noeth KD8ACO, Mike Gamber N8MTG, & Eddie Stevens KD8FTS for helping out this year. "Buffalo" Jim Glor, N8GXR couldn't make it down from Buffalo New York this year and Terry Pillatt, KB8DTC was recovering from foot surgery so he couldn't be there either.

There was a new young lady in charge of the walk this year as well, Amy Szymanski, who works for the American Diabetes Assn. Cleveland Chapter. Amy handled her many tasks well and it was a pleasure to meet her in person.

It looks like next years walk will be run out of the fairgrounds as well, and possibly with an expanded route.

There wasn't much of a lunch this year either...just chicken nuggets for the volunteers and by the time I got there, they were gone! Maybe things will improve food wise next year?

OUTTA HERE!

That'll about do it for this month boys and girls. I hope to hear you on the weekly CARS net, see you at the November meeting and at the Christmas party. Don't forget to get your dues in before the end of the year. Here's wishing your all a happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy 2015 if I don't see you or hear you on the air.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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If you are reading this and are an active member of CARS by attending meetings, checking into the CARS weekly net, taking part in CARS activities and public service events, then CONGRATULATIONS and SALUTATIONS ! Use the privileges your Amateur Radio license gives you.

CARS 2014 Officers & Committees

Audit

NI8Z ** WT80, K8SAS

Audio/Video

KD8OUE **

ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

NI8Z **

ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME **

Awards

W8GC ** WT80

Club Photographer

K8OAE **

Constitution/By-laws

WT80** All Officers/Board members, WJ8WM, WB8ROK, KD8BAL, KB8DTC, K8ARP, N8TCP?

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

W8EBB ** WT80, NF80, N8BBB

50/50

NI8Z

License classes

W8GC ** WT80 ** NI8Z, W8MET, KD8ACO

Mentor/Elmer & Community Education

W8MET **

Membership

W8GC **

NET

WT80 **

Newsletter

WB8N ** 440-232-4193

Program's & Christmas party

KD8OUE ** NF80, KD8QBB, KD8QUE, KD8FTS, WT80

Property Custodian's

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N **

Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK ** pop, K8DMT ** coffee, K8VJG ** eat's

Scholarship

W8GC ** NI8Z, WT80, K8ME, K8REF

School Programs

NI8Z **

Summer Picnic

W8GC ** WB8N **

Sunshine (welfare)

Gary Dewey, NI8Z ** 216-642-8705

Technical

W8GC ** N8OVW ** KD8FTS

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Web Master/e-mail

W8GC ** W8EBB

** chairman or co-chairman

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Board Chairman

Tom Wayne, WB8N 440-232-4193,
216-253-0540 c

even year executive board 2 year term

WB8N, W8EBB, KB8DTC

odd year executive board 2 year term

K8KR, K8SAS, K8REF

License trustee K8ZFR

WB8N

License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM,
WA8CMS, WA8CHS
W8GC



C.A.R.S. 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: Massimo da Milano
1400 W. 25th Street
(on the corner of W. 25th and Detroit Ave)
Free parking available

When: Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Buffet style menu includes:
Filet Mignon tips over rice
Chicken Parmesan
Seafood Pasta
Pasta with Marinara sauce
Pasta with Alfredo sauce
Roasted potatoes
Salami and Cheese triangles
Pasta Salad
Artichoke Salad
Green Bean Salad
Mixed Greens Salad
Vegetable medley
Pizza squares
Fresh baked bread
Petite pastries

Coffee and soft drinks are also included.

Wine, Beer, and Mixed drinks are available
at the bar.

