

THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

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FROM THE PREZ

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Understandably, that didn't sit well with many members who have grown accustomed to taking the bus to Dayton. There was even more disappointment expressed on the net the day after the meeting. One of our

members who was unable to attend the previous night's meeting, had a possible solution. His brother worked for a bus company and it was thought he may be able to get us a deal. He did. Hats off to Scott, AC8NW, who followed through with his idea and was able to wrangle us one heck of a good price on the bus, and make the whole thing practicable. A subsequent vote by the

Board approved the trip. Thanks also to Dwaine, K8ME, who hustled immediately to the bus company headquarters and forked out the cash for the deposit to hold the bus out of his own pocket. Thanks to these guys – the bus trip is a “Go”, as Dwaine likes to say.

So fellow C.A.R.S. members, please support the Dayton bus by signing up and/or getting fellow hams to do so. We still need to cover the cost, but the suggestion to jack up the price to help defray the expense was nixed and we are holding the cost at \$50, which is still less than another local club's fare.

On top of all that, Dwaine checked out the bus we would be traveling in when he went to the terminal and he reported it is a really laid out fifty-six passenger almost new luxury motor coach, complete with a bathroom, Wi-Fi and movie screens.

So make your plans to go to Dayton on the C.A.R.S. bus and sign up now. All the information is on the website at www.2cars.org. Welcome aboard.
73, Toby, WT8O

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JANUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

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

Toby mentioned that Tom, WB8N, is in rehab. Andy has a card for members to sign.

Bob, W8GC, gave treasurers report. Club finances are in good shape; one of the new repeaters has been paid for and we are waiting two more to arrive. The weather is holding us back from installation.

The club will start having quarterly raffles, prizes will be related to Ham Items, tickets & details will be available at the meeting.

Toby, WT8O, discussed the next dinner meetings. CARS will have 2 dinner meeting a year. The March 8th meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Fuji Grill & Buffet, located at Snow road & Broadview, in the Midday Shopping Center.

The refreshment donations have been cancelled, but we will still have refreshments at the meetings. The 50/50 raffle price has been increased from dollar a ticket to two dollars. Contact Mike, KD8OUE, for more details.

If you want to give a presentation contact Mike, KD8OUE. He's looking to fill the year with entertainment.

Toby, WT8O, presented couple of awards at the meeting, Ham of the Year, awarded to Arp, K8ARP, and another award for the most net check-ins for 2015 to Bob Ozog, KC8MRC. Congrats to both!

Brad Ewing, WD8RAX, was voted in as a new member. Welcome Brad!

Mark, reported licensing classes will start February 25 to April 7th in the Seven Hills Administration bldg off of Hillside Road. Check the CARS web-site for sign-up and details about the classes.

Toby, WT8O, said that Gary, NI8Z, was going to check activity at the Copley-Fairlong Middle School radio club.

Gary reported that they had a VE Session in

January. Metro, W8MET, will be taking over VE Session duties.

A board meeting was held before the membership meeting and the Board of Directors has approved the Dayton Bus trip after a subsequent bid from another bus company made the trip feasible.

George, K8KR, Gave a presentation on aspects of the QSL-'ing process which was well received by the members present. He also showed awards & certificats he has earned.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Bob Check W8GC who took home \$34.00, and CLUB get \$34.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

K8OAE Ken Osicki 2/23////
KA6SGT Peter Bradley 2/2/1960
KB8TGT Doug Braun 2/25/1961
KB8UGT Michael Balach 2/2/1955
KC8VZZ Larry Shimerka 2/20/1956
KD8ACO David Noeth 2/22/////

KD8FTV Diane Balach 2/7/////

KD8MVC Daniel McNutt 2/28/1985

W8WAS Walter Semler 2/22/1944

KD8V Dave Dressler 2/11/1932

N8JNO Gary Solomon 2/15/1954

Congratulations to all !

NOTES ON THE MONTHLY PROGRAM

By Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

The program for the January meeting was given by George Pindroh, K8KR. George is the person who handles QSL cards for the Bureau, for call signs that have the letter K after the number, in Region 8. It was an interesting presentation, and be very informative for all of us, as I'm sure we're all planning on making at least a few overseas contacts. And understanding how to properly send and receive QSL cards via the Bureau will make the process easier for us all.

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George also displayed some of the awards, and certificates that he's earned over the years, and even gave a short story on some of them.

Thank you, George. Not only for keeping it relatively short, but for making it interesting and informative. We all appreciate it.

The program for the February meeting will be given by Bill Savage, WA8GEO, and will be on Beaconing. It's sure to be very informative, and interesting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

RADIO LICENSE CLASSES

Sign up now for CARS 2016 Winter Ham Radio classes Thursday evenings starting February 25, 2016 and ending April 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm

To register please follow the link at www.2cars.org or call Bob, W8GC, at 216-524-1750. For all the details see the attached flyer.

2016 DUES

Reminder; your 2016 CARS dues were payable on or before January 31, 2016. If you have not paid your 2016 dues you are no longer eligible to vote. If you have already paid THANK YOU. If not please pay as ASAP or let me know you will not be renewing for 2016.

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 at: 7395 Brecksville Rd. 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 years or older 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.

73,
Bob W8GC

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

WELL, HERE I SIT....

You should know how the rest of that goes. I'm still in rehab, don't know how much longer that'll be. Got to get stronger so I can care for myself and my dog Jake without outside help. I'm faithfully doing my exercises towards that end.

IN A HOLE

I'm in a radio free hole where I'm at. I can't get out anywhere with my HT and I can't hear anything either. Arp even came by with a 50 watt mobile rig and put up an antenna on my window...nothing. So, my only contact with the outside world is the telephone. What revolting development! I'd like to be able to communicate locally, let alone, get on the HF frequencies, but that is not to be.

HAPPY NEW YEAR?

I made that the headline even though it is February already, because I couldn't for the January issue.

THAT'S IT...

That's enough babbling (or should I say rambling) for this month. I won't make the February meeting, but maybe I'll make the dinner meeting in March. We'll see how it goes. Til next time,
73, de Tom, WB8N

NEW ARRL OFFICERS

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

Long time CEO of the ARRL, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, is stepping down from his position after many years as CEO, a total of 44 years of service at ARRL HQ. His replacement will be Tom Gallagher, NY2RF. Kay Cragie, N3KN is also retiring as president of the ARRL after serving 6 years. Her replacement is Rick Roderick, K5UR. Good luck to both the new officers and the outgoing ones as well. ***(It would be wise to write these names down, if you can't remember them, as they might come up on a weekly net as the trivia question. You should know who your officers are anyway. Ed)*** I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Dave Sumner during
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our trip to the ARRL and I met Kay Cragie at the Dayton Hamvention® a couple of years ago.

YOUR ARTICLE HERE !

C'mon...write something for the W.O. and submit it for publication in our award winning newsletter!

It's easy. Maybe you got a new piece of equipment for Christmas, put up a new antenna, got on HF for the first time. Write about it! Don't worry about spelling, or punctuation, that's my job as editor of this newsletter. Just let the words flow and tell us all about it. Tell us how you got into amateur radio, what do you want to do in amateur radio? There's cw, ssb, rtty, the digital modes, all sorts of aspects to check out and become interested in. Let us know about your amateur radio interests and accomplishments (if any). Where is your "shack"? Mine is in a 2nd floor bedroom. I know of one ham whose shack is actually a closet! Yours could be a space in an unused room (your wife's so-called sewing room? You could share and maybe she'll become interested in amateur radio after she's seen how much fun you are having???)

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*By reading the information in this box, you have committed yourself to attend as many meetings as possible, to check into the CARS weekly net (Wednesday evenings @ 9:00 p.m. on the 146.22/82 repeater) and to attend as many CARS functions as possible during the year...most importantly, FIELD DAY. If possible, introduce a friend or acquaintance to amateur radio and if they are interested, assist them in studying for the exam, and getting licensed. Upgrade **your** license class. Learn CW & use it on the air! Most of all GET ON THE AIR! Communicate with other hams you hear on the repeater. They throw out their callsign because they want to talk to anyone, even you!*

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

K8OAE **

Diabetes Walk

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

W8EBB ** WT80**, N8BBB

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

KD8OUE ** Ni8Z, KD8QBB, KD8FTS, WT80

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 **

Sunshine (welfare)

Andy Evrigde, KD8SCV ** 440-886-0723

Technical

KD8OUE ** WT80, N8OVW, KD8FTS, WJ8WM

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W8GC ** W8EBB

** chairman or co-chairman

2016 Officers

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even year executive board 2 year term

W8EBB, KB8DTC, KD8OUE

odd year executive board 2 year term

Ni8Z, KD8SCV, K8ARP

License trustee K8ZFR

WT80

License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM, WA8CMS,

WA8CHS

W8GC

January 16, 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