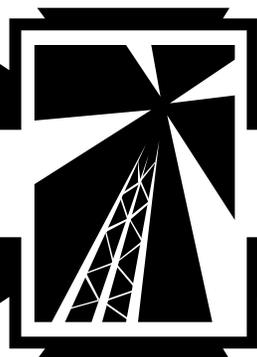


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EDITOR'S DESK

by Roy Hadden, KB8VJF

Did you see the front page article in *The Plain Dealer* on Thursday, February 2nd? A large picture of Tom Wayne, WB8N, in the lower left-hand corner should have caught your attention. Tom was interviewed the day after CW was officially retired by international maritime authori-

ties. I never got around to requesting permission to reprint the article, so look for it in next month's *Wobbly Oscillator* in case you missed it in the city paper.

Since I have not received any information about Joe Guzowski, K8ZFR, I will wait one more month before printing his old QSL card provided by Ron Borkey, K8VJG.

Ed KB8WUB, Sam WB8UES, Steve N8ZHM, Ron KC8JFK, Aaron KC8INE, David KC8HXH, Dan KC8IFU, Ed KC8BOJ, Phyllis KC8DVL, Curt K8BOK, Dave KC8FAQ, Bill AA8WJ, Judy KC8FHE, Tom WB8N, Gary NI8Z, Ray WD8OMK, Paul KC8AMD, and Roger N8TCP.

The list of guests and visitors included Dan Collins and Bob Drennan.

CHANGES TO THE MINUTES

There were no changes to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul KC8AMD received a thank you note from Steve Kahn KB8VJA for having the opportunity to speak to CARS about the American Red Cross at the last meeting. The letter said that CARS will be advised of upcoming drills and potential communications needs of their organization. Steve Kahn invited CARS to tour the Red Cross communications facility and would like to know if any CARS members would be interested in taking classes offered by the Red Cross.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron KC8JFK asked if a current roster could be placed on the Club Web page. Paul KC8AMD responded that this would be too much added work for our Web site manager to maintain. However, Paul and Judy KC8FHE may provide an electronic list of members in the near future. Judy also said that she may start providing a list in the W.O. who's memberships that have recently expired. Judy also mentioned that she likes to call members on the telephone when their memberships have expired.

Phyllis KC8DVL suggested that the Club provide an option to members whereby they can pay for a few extra months of membership so that their mem-

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MEETING MINUTES

by Ray Severyn, WD8OMK

Minutes of the regular Club meeting held on February 19, 1999, at the Busch Community Room as recorded by Ray WD8OMK.

The February CARS meeting was called to order by Tom Wayne WB8N at 8:02 p.m. Members in attendance included Jim N8GXR, Lin WD8SDP, Roy KB8VJF, Terry KB8DTC, Ron K8VJG, Dave KD8V, Jim KB8SQF, Fred NO2O,





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berships expire on December 31st each year.

Roger N8TCP would like to demonstrate SSTV at a future meeting. To do so he would like someone to help him by building an extremely simple SSTV receiver for the demo. Roger has a suitable schematic and emphasized the simplicity of the circuit.

The VA Hospital at Wade Park is looking to CARS to organize a group of hams who would be willing to help upgrade their ham radio station. The VA is willing to purchase the equipment needed to bring the Wade Park station up to the level of the station at the Brecksville VA.

Paul KC8AMD asked if the Club would be willing to organize an event to commemorate the 30th anniversary of CARS this year. Dale KC8FAQ suggested a special event station, perhaps at this year's hamfest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: MEMBERSHIP

The applicant that appeared in the February W.O. was voted on and accepted. This was Dwaine Modock K8ME. Paul KC8AMD received an application from Robert Drennan who is studying to become a ham. Robert was present at the meeting.

WEEKLY CLUB NET

Roger N8TCP reported that the CW practice net is running again, Tuesday nights on the 82 repeater.

TECHNICAL/REPEATER

Tom WB8N said that Greg KG8O is almost ready to install the new hardware at the Channel 55 site. Glenn KG8MR is completing the work on the interface board for the new repeater.

Tom went on to mention that WTAM 1100 AM can still be heard occasionally through the 82 repeater.

COMM-TRAILER

Paul KC8AMD plans to start work on the trailer again after the weather breaks. Paul said he doesn't mind having the work take place at his house. However, presently he does not have a vehicle to tow the trailer to and from his house.

We are still looking for a new location for the Comm Trailer. [The monthly rent for our current storage spot has been raised from \$25 to \$60 effective April 1st.]

FIELD DAY

Gary NI8Z mentioned that there have not yet been any organizational meetings about our Field Day plans. The site has not yet been determined, but is likely to be different this year.

DAYTON BUS TRIP

Only about 14 seats remain for this year's Dayton bus trip. Roger N8TCP said the bus leaves on Saturday morning May 15th at 2 a.m. and arrives at the hamfest between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. The bus returns back here at around 8:30 p.m. The \$30 bus trip ticket only pays for your transportation and does not include admission to the hamfest. There are no plans for a second bus.

HAMFEST

CARS hamfest flyers were distributed at the Mansfield hamfest and will be distributed at the Cuyahoga Falls and Toledo hamfests in the near future. We are asking members to distribute flyers at area hamfests in preparation for our hamfest this year.

VE REPORT

Gary NI8Z announced that the next VE session will be on March 14th. Gary also mentioned how former hams who are entering the hobby again after several years can receive credit for Morse Code elements passed previously if they still have a copy of their old license.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

by Judy Crane, KC8FHE

CONFIDENTIAL - This article has been edited from the on-line version of the newsletter due to the confidential information it contains. C.A.R.S. members may request the full version of the newsletter by sending an E-mail request to Newsletter@cars.org.

Please be advised that the following members have been dropped from the roster: AA8RZ, KB8ENV, KC8IKP, N8ZHK, W8ABZ, WD8CWD, KI8CO

The following members still owe from 12/31/98: K8RDK, KA8GLI, KB8WMY, KB8YLX, N8FIL, N8GR, N8HHG, WA8EYF

These members were due by 2/28/98: KB8KOV, KB8VJF

These members are due by 3/31/99: KB8RYB, KB8SQF, KC8BOJ, KC8FVM, NO2O, W8SCC

These members are due by 4/30/99: K8RIK, KB8PYK, KB8WTA, KB8YPK, KC8FAQ, KC8FVN, KC8JFK, KG8SJ, N8WOL, W8ISX

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FROM THE PREZ'S SHACK

by Tom Wayne, WB8N

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Valentine's Day has come and gone, and I hope you all got your share of hearts & flowers, and of course candy!

The February meeting was well attended and as we did not have any program to present last month, the meeting was short and sweet. Ron Borkey, K8VJG won the fifty-fifty raffle and donated his winnings back to the C.A.R.S. treasury which was much appreciated. We had one new member voted into the club and one new applicant who was also at the meeting as a guest.

MARCH PROGRAM

For our March meeting we are planning on having what I think will be a very interesting and fun demonstration of slow-scan television, put on by Roger N8TCP. He asked for volunteers to build a simple receiving circuit to use in the demonstration and got several offers. I understand the project is a go! Be there to watch this demonstration of yet another fun facet of amateur radio!

C.A.R.S. HAMFEST

Although it seems a long way off, the time for the C.A.R.S. annual Father's Day Hamfest is fast approaching! We need to start thinking about what we can each do to help out. We have already visited three hamfests, passing out fliers to vendors. We are going to need members to assist with parking, setting up, tearing down, and in other ways as well. Keep the date of Sunday, June 20th in mind. It isn't all that much work if we all pitch in and help. It's fun too!

DUES RENEWAL

There are still a number of members whose dues are past due! Please check your label on the newsletter if you get it by U.S. Mail for the expiration date. After 3 months of being delinquent, you will be dropped from the membership roster! Those who

get the newsletter via e-mail will be notified by mail. If you are not sure when your membership is up for renewal, call our treasurer, Judy Crane KC8FHE at 216-524-1537 and she will be able to tell you. To renew, send your dues to Judy at 6531 Tanglewood Ln. Seven Hills, OH 44131. The club relies on your dues for expenses such as maintaining the repeater and publishing the monthly newsletter you are now reading. PLEASE get your dues in if you have not already done so!

MANSFIELD HAMFEST

Although it is quite a ways away from home, we had a pretty good representation of C.A.R.S. at the Mansfield Hamfest. Besides myself, there was Gary N18Z, Ed KC8BOJ, Jim KB8SQF, Dale KC8FAQ, and Keith W8ISX. If there were any other members of C.A.R.S. there, I did not see you, sorry. There was lots of good stuff to see, and I got to meet the man who made my Lightning Bolt Quad antenna as well!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations go out to Ed Celestin KC8BOJ for the completion of his tower and beam antenna project! Quite a sight Ed! It is a thing of beauty as you travel south down I-271 or west on Rockside Rd. Great job! Hope you work lots of new DX! Let's see some pictures at the next meeting!

REPEATER NEWS

Greg KG8O reports that things are moving along on the new 443.825 repeater controller and it will be installed as soon as things can be coordinated between Greg and Glenn KG8MR and Vince N8OVW, who are also a big part of getting this project completed and installed.

V.A. HOSPITAL RADIO STATION K8ZFR

As you may or may not know, C.A.R.S. is responsible for the amateur radio station at the Wade Park Veterans Administration Hospital. There is another station at the Brecksville V.A. Hospital as well, and it is run by the Chippewa Radio Club.

The Veterans Administration owns the equipment at both radio stations and at the present time is willing to upgrade the equipment at the Wade Park station. Gary Dewey N18Z and I were to meet with the Marci Clark, the lady in charge of Volunteer Services, which oversees the hospital radio stations. Gary and I went to the Wade Park Hospital on Thurs. Feb. 25 to meet with her. Well, we met her but she was very busy and did not have much time to spend with us.

We did clean out the station by getting rid of a bunch of junk and clutter, and at the suggestion of Ms. Clark, put aside all the old equipment that is not and never will be used, for disposal by the V.A. This was accomplished and we left her a list of equipment that we thought the station needed and should have. She wants to put the Wade Park station on a par with the Brecksville station. The station should be ready for use in case of a local or national emergency. It was well utilized during the Armenian earthquake disaster by volunteers manning the station and passing traffic from Cleveland to Europe.

We did do a bit of operating while down there and checked into the National Handicap Net which is run daily. One of the things the station DOES need, is operators! At the present time it is hard to find a place to park at the hospital, as the parking garage project is not yet completed. This problem should be remedied soon however.

In the meantime, there are shuttle buses that run from the Brecksville facility to the Wade Park facility and back again. If you find the time and have the inclina-

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tion to go down to the station, you should ask directions to the Volunteer Services office, get the key from someone there, and as long as you have a valid FCC license, you can operate the equipment. You can be a Novice or Tech-plus and operate on the bands you are licensed for, and of course General and above can operated as well.

We would like to have the station manned a couple of times a week if at all possible. Let one of your officers know when and if you are interested in going down there.

SEE YA

That's it for now guys and gals. Hope to see you at the March meeting. Don't forget the weekly net on Wed. nights at 7 p.m. 73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N



**SHUTTLE BUS
SCHEDULE**

by Gary Dewey, NI8Z

All shuttle buses from Brecksville leave from the front of #1 Bldg.
All shuttle buses from Wade Park Leave from the Clinic Entrance
(Except as indicated).

| AM | LEAVE | AM | ARRIVE |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 7:00 | Brecksville Bldg #3 | 7:55 | Wade Park |
| 7:15 | Wade Park | 7:55 | Brecksville |
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| 10:00 | Brecksville | 10:45 | Wade Park |
| 11:15 | Wade Park | 12:00 | Brecksville |
| PM | LEAVE | PM | ARRIVE |
| 12:15 | Brecksville | 1:00 | Wade Park |
| 1:30 | Wade Park | 2:15 | Brecksville |
| 3:00 | Brecksville | 3:45 | Wade Park |
| 3:15 | Wade Park | 4:00 | Brecksville |
| 4:40 | Brecksville Back dock Bldg #1 | 5:30 | Wade Park |
| 4:40 | Wade Park | 5:30 | Brecksville |



VE NEWS

by Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The C.A.R.S. VE group will again schedule examination sessions at the Independence TownHall, 6652 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH. This site has handicap accessibility.

The upcoming dates in 1999 are:

March 14th

May 2nd

July 11th

September 12th

November 14th

All dates will be on the 2nd Sunday except May. Testing will begin at 9am. Walk-ins are welcome, however, it would be appreciated if a call for registration was made at least one week prior to the test date. FCC forms will be available. The 1999 ARRL/VEC test fee will be \$6.45. A fee will be charged for any retest of a failed element.

Everyone must bring a pen and pencil with eraser, the original and copies of licenses and CSCEs, a current or valid photo identification,

Contact Gary Dewey, NI8Z, at 216-642-1339 or NI8Z@cars.org.



SUBMISSIONS

by Roy Hadden, KB8VJF

Articles received by the end of the month will be published in the following month's Wobbly Oscillator.

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**SLO SCAN
TV**

by Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP

Have you ever been tuning about the HF bands and heard strange signals around 14.230? Well I can tell you what they are. It's called SSTV which stands for Slo Scan TV. What is it might you ask! It's just another way of communicating within our wonderful hobby. Being able to exchange pictures with other hams can be fun.

Now your asking yourself "How hard is it?" To answer that Very simple. All's it takes is a few parts and a simple program on you computer. If your computer has a built in sound card it gets even simpler.

Now you're saying "Well I don't have HF privileges" Not a problem. The same equipment used on HF can also be used on VHF/UHF. As your ears perk up a bit and you say "Tell me more."

At the March meeting I will be giving a demo of SSTV over VHF. So if you want to learn a bit more about it, just come to the March meeting. Hope to see you there.

Roger N8TCP



**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**

by Sean Carey, W8SCC

Hello All:

Once again it's going to be a proud Showing of the Green here in Cleveland. The Emerald Society of Greater Cleveland has asked me to assemble a group of Amateurs to provide communications assistance for this years event.

In years past, we (hams) always had a presence at this event. We helped marshall the route with the civil division of the who fought for control of the event with Emerald Civic Society who really spoke for most of the Irish groups in the area.



The group of hams who had served for years in the past were unused and ignored as an asset to the parade committee. Communications for the past years parades has been by means of commercial trunked equipment. Combine that with untrained personnel, unfamiliar equipment and no experience in passing traffic has in the past been useless for them.

I need about a dozen or more hams. I need to run a good net. I need to provide information from the Marshall's. Every one lines up according to a list and is assigned a number and a spot. Changes need to be reported to the podium so that it is announced correctly as the units pass in review. I also need to be able to get emergency services to any location on the route from a remote phone location.

We have been asked by the Committee to provide a deeper role in the event this year. I need a dozen or so volunteers for March 17 from noon till 3:00.

Interested? Contact me at 216-476-1495 or by email whisky8scc@ameritech.net.



ORANGUTAN NET

by Sean Carey, W8SCC

The Orangutan net, live from the Monkey cage deep in the RAINFOREST at the Cleveland Zoo. Its every Wednesday at 7:00 pm on 3.898.00 Stop by a check in, were not real formal, nice bunch of fellas. The reason in doing it is to demonstrate to the people at the zoo of how a HAM secluded in the confines of the RAINFOREST would carry on socially. No phone and no one to speak with but the natives, a good old boy would love the company of a loud bunch of friends on the radio. News and good time can be shared just like everyone's right there in the shack with you. Using the radio make the world a small place to live in.



WALK AMERICA

by T.J. Powell, N8UIR

Hello, I am coordinating Amateur Radio Communications for the March of Dimes Walk America on Sunday, 25 April 1999 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This event will take place in Downtown Cleveland and consists of a walking route of approximately 6 miles. There will be 10 checkpoints and I will need to have communications at each checkpoint and at various other places on the route. If you have participated at this event in the past you will know that you will be treated well.

Please contact me via e-mail, tjp@tjp.com, or call me at 216-468-1984. I will be looking for approximately 15 Radio Operators. I look forward to hearing from you.

btw.... This event is NOT affiliated with any Amateur Radio Organization. You will be volunteering for the March of Dimes.

btw2.... Please forward this e-mail to any Ham you know of in the Northeast Ohio Area



THE RANDOM WIRE

by Tom Wayne WB8N

A LOSS FOR AMATEUR RADIO

On the morning of Sunday, February seventh, the king of Jordan, King Hussein passed away. Radio amateurs around the world joined in mourning at the news of his death. King Hussein was a licensed amateur radio operator, holding the call sign of JY1.

King Hussein was the Middle East's longest-reigning ruler, having been king for 47 years, assuming the throne when he was just a teenager.

Hussein was a life member of the ARRL. David Sumner, K1ZZ, the ARRL Executive Vice President, called him "an enthusiastic radio amateur whose support was invaluable to us in obtaining new amateur bands at the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference." The WARC-79 resulted in Amateur Radio gaining the 12, 17, & 30 meter bands. That same year, JY1 was featured in the film, "The World of Amateur Radio!"

King Hussein regarded his 1983 contact with Owen Garriott, W5LFL, on board the Space Shuttle Columbia, as a high point in his Amateur Radio activity.

Hussein also participated in the historic 199 joining Israel-Jordan JY74X operation on Mt. Nebo, where hams from both countries participated in a Field Day-like operation. The King put in appearances both on the air and in person, much to the delight of the participants and those waiting to work him and JY74X.

King Hussein promoted Amateur Radio in Jordan and saw to it that Amateur Radio classes were instituted in elementary schools. (Something we should be doing here in this country!) The King also dropped in on meetings of the Royal Jordan Radio Amateur Society in Amman. He was also involved with the early satellite experiments.

Hussein had been active in recent months from the U.S. while seeking cancer treatment at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic. In years past, the King had visited the Cleveland Clinic several times for medical reasons and he operated from there as well, usually working 2 meters. A QSO with JY1 was considered by many hams to be both an honor and a privilege. His elegant QSL card was prized. At least two of the members of C.A.R.S. have had a QSO with JY1 and have the QSL cards to prove it! When on the air, the King insisted as being addressed simply as 'Hussein'.

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All members of the Jordanian royal family automatically have Amateur Radio privileges in Jordan. Although the new king, Abdullah, age 37, does not appear to have a call sign, King Hussein's widow, American-born Queen Noor, is JY1NH. King Hussein's brother, the former Crown Prince Hassan, is JY2HT, while his cousin, Prince Raad, JY2RZ, is chairman of the ROyal Jordan Radio Amateur Society.

At news of the death of King Hussein, I, as President of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society, sent an e-mail with condolences to the Jordanian Embassy. Below is the e-mail I received in return:

From: JordanInfo@aol.com

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1999 12:13:20 EST

Subject: Thank You

Feb 25, 1999

Dear Friend,

I would like to express Jordan's appreciation for your condolences and sympathy expressed following the passing away of His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan, a great leader and world statesman.

The outpouring of support from people all over the world that we felt so strongly in Jordan was touching and very heartening to everyone. This support serves as great testament to his Majesty the late King Hussein's leadership, vision, humanity, and compassion. He touched the lives of many around the world with his kindness, and his memory motivates us to carry on with the work that he started.

His son, His Majesty King Abdullah, carries the late King Hussein's legacy in peace and nation building. He inherits many of his father's qualities that made King Hussein so popular among Jordanians and across the world. With the institutions already firmly established by King Hussein, King Abdullah will undoubtedly take Jordan into the 21st Century with continuity and confidence.

On behalf of His Majesty King Abdullah, Her Majesty Queen Noor, the Royal Hashemite family, the Government of

Jordan, the Jordanian people, and the staff of the Jordan Information Bureau, I would like to thank you once again for your sentiments and support.

Sincerely,

Rania Atalla

Director

Time will tell if King Abdullah will become active in amateur radio and become sought as a contact as his father was. The King is dead. Long live the King. King Hussein was 63 years old.

Note: Portions of the text were excerpted from the ARRL Special Bulletin 1 ARLX001 of Feb. 8, 1999.

Until next month, 73,
de Tom, WB8N



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

by Paul Valley, KC8AMD

The Red Cross is looking for a few good men, and some great women too!....

As a follow up to the January presentation Steve Kahn, (Communications Chairperson for the American Red Cross) sent CARS a very nice letter (see his letter elsewhere in the W.O.), thanking all of the CARS Members who came out and gave him such a warm welcome.

As you may recall at the January meeting, Steve and his associate Tim Settles (*Editor: seen here left to right*) and CARS member Ev Chitester gave members a brief run down of the services that the American Red Cross can provide to those in need. Working almost entirely from volunteer efforts, the American Red Cross is sometimes the only source of relief

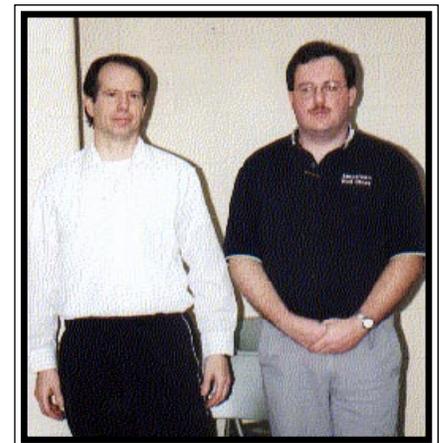
that disaster stricken families can find to supply hot food and warm shelter.

Take a Dip in the Car Pool...

During the final weeks of this surprisingly warm February, I received another communique from Steve. He was so impressed by our confidence and abilities in communications and by our willingness to learn that he has extended to CARS members an invitation join in as students for some up coming FREE classes sponsored by the Red Cross. These classes are held at their downtown headquarters located at 3747 Euclid Avenue. This invitation is open to CARS members who would like to find out if they have what it takes to be part of a more complex team if trouble should ever arise.

The first couple of classes are recommended for our initial involvement. They are: "Introduction to Disaster Services" and "Damage Assessment". These two courses are held at various times throughout the next several months but only once on the same day! I have reserved five places for Saturday, April 10th, 1999. Three of these seats are already taken.

If you are interested in devoting a Saturday to these classes or would like to know additional dates that are available, please contact me A.S.A.P. The first class runs from 9 am to 12 noon. Then we take a break for lunch, (and maybe a quick tour of their communications facilities). The



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second class will be from 1 pm to 5 pm. There is a good chance we could set up a car pool from say - the Busch Community Center?

Y2K is approaching..

The ARRL and the FCC are urging amateur radio operators to contact their public service officials to educate them as to what we have to contribute and to offer our help if communications systems should break down. Personally I think the Y2K stuff is (as KB8DTC would say) "A Lot-a-Hooey". But that does not preclude the fact that we as hams should be trained if a disaster of any kind should effect us.

Me Thinks...

Amateur Radio and it's unique abilities to lend a hand with communications when it's required seem to go hand in hand. If all goes well with the classes, Steve and I have been discussing further involvement that would include CARS members and a Mock Disaster Drill sometime in June or July of this year. Sound exiting? You bet! Lets show Steve and the American Red Cross that at CARS we are truly "Hams That Serve". Please contact me before the Ides of March (3/15/99) so that I can reserve more seating if ecessary.

Paul - KC8AMD

**American Red Cross**
Greater Cleveland Chapter

February 11, 1999

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Dear Paul:

I want to thank the CARS group for allowing Tim Settles, Ev Chitester and myself to present the Red Cross to your organization, at your January 19 meeting, and the great hospitality bestowed up on us. The Red Cross appreciates CARS interest and support in providing community service.

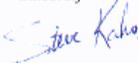
As discussed, we want to extend training to all CARS members that desire to become more familiar with Red Cross operations. This would allow your operators to understand the various functions they would interface with.

We will advise your group of upcoming drills and activities that may be of interest, and we would be more than interested in being kept advised of any activities that CARS is conducting that our communications committee may benefit from. This partnership will allow us both to become more familiar with each other.

I would like to further explore discuss three issues with the CARS group. First, we would like to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CARS and the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross. Secondly, I would like to discuss how to conduct the call-up drill. The third issue is the familiarization of CARS members with the Greater Cleveland Chapter. I would like to invite CARS members to our chapter for a tour, to see our communications room and familiarize you with our equipment and explore training opportunities. Attached is our current schedule of training courses. We can discuss which courses may be of special interest.

In closing, I want to personally thank you, Paul, for all your help in getting the ball rolling in reuniting our organizations. We look forward to working together and appreciate your support!

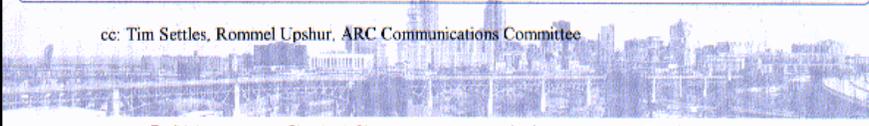
Sincerely



Steve Kahn
Communications Chair

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

cc: Tim Settles, Rommel Upshur, ARC Communications Committee



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HOBBY FAIR

by Ron Borkey, K8VJG

Steve Goss
11231 Albion Rd.
N. Royalton, Oh
237-8836

Dear Ron,

Another Hobby Day/Fair/Fayre (it's progression over the years) has come and gone like autumn's leaves. Yet I hope each season's event has left much more of an impression on many people. I know they have on me!

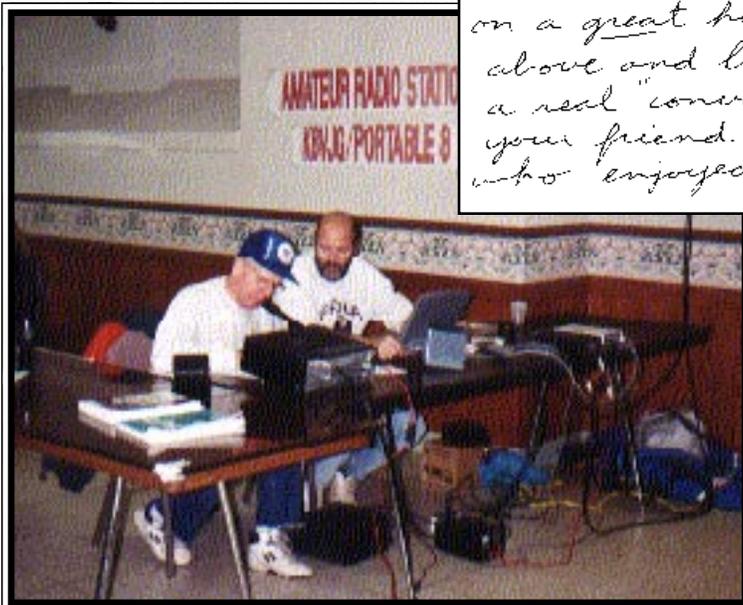
Every one of you deserves a mammoth pat on the back or a huge hug for giving of your time to help make each Hobby Fair a unique, fulfilling time for hundreds of people in the community, and one I hope encourages young and old alike to try something different, something new, that just could become a lifelong pastime. Inspiration was your charge and you carried it well.

Finally, if any of you can offer any suggestions to aid future Hobby Fairs, or have any input whatsoever, please give me a call or write any time. Thank you again for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Steve

I thank again for a great demonstration on a great hobby! Both of you went above and beyond to make your display a real "conversation" piece! Please thank your friend for me and all the others who enjoyed your setup.



Ron Borkey, K8VJG, (left) and Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP, (right) are operating the portable station at the Hobby Fair.

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TOW PATH MARATHON

by Tom Wayne, WB8N



FCC SUSPENDS PRIVILEGES

ARRL letter, Vol 18, No 8.

FCC SUSPENDS JERSEY HAM'S HF PRIVILEGES

The FCC has suspended for six months the HF privileges of a New Jersey ham. The FCC notified Walter P. Miller Jr., W2YEE, of Edison, New Jersey, that his privileges to operate below 30 MHz were being suspended for 180 days.

The license-modification letter February 16 from the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, came in the wake of an earlier warning letter to W2YEE. Hollingsworth alleged that W2YEE's 75-meter operation on the evening of February 4 was contrary to the Amateur Service Rules. Hollingsworth said Miller violated Section 97.1, basis and purpose of Amateur Radio; Section 97.101(a), good engineering and good amateur practice; and Section 97.119, identification requirements. The alleged operation took place on 3901 and 3950 kHz, the FCC said.

"Specifically, you were apparently broadcasting and talking to no particular station for several hours, during which time you prevented the use of the frequencies by others and maliciously interfered with other stations attempting to use the frequencies," Hollingsworth wrote. He said the Commission also had information indicating similar behavior occurred the next evening on 75.

"Such operation endangers the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio as a service, degrades it for other licensed operators and cannot be tolerated," Hollingsworth wrote.

Section 97.1 Basis and purpose, of the rules discusses the public service value of Amateur Radio, as well as its contribution to advancing the state of the art; expanding the reservoir of trained operators, technicians and technical experts; and enhancing international goodwill. Hollingsworth is on record linking certain

September 29, 1998

Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society
C/o Tom Wayne WB8N
740 Adams St.
Bedford, OH 44146

Dear Tom:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our grateful appreciation to CARS and its members for permitting its 146.82 repeater to be used with last year's Toe To Tow Marathon. As you are aware, the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area does not lend itself to well to radio communications along its length, but your excellent repeater was able to provide us with reliable coverage for the event.

This year's Towpath Marathon (formerly known as the Tow To Toe Marathon) will be held on Sunday morning on October 18, 1998. Once again, we would greatly appreciate being able to use the repeater. I have asked Tom Kimball KA8BZB and Perry Trunick KB8AYQ to recruit and coordinate ham radio personnel for the event. Please feel free to give them a call if you have any questions. Tom can be reached as follows.

Tom Kimball KA8BZB
2433 Lamberton Rd.
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
216.371.2832 (home phone)
440.892.6225 (work phone)

As you are well aware, volunteers are appreciated. If there are any members of CARS who would like to assist, please have them get in touch with Tom for details.

Thanks again for your support last year. I'm looking forward to hearing more glowing praise regarding the excellent repeater coverage and the cooperation of you organization.

Thank you,

Dan Crandall
Pacific Sports LLC

Cc: Tom Kimball
Perry Trunick



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types of on-air behavior with a negative perception of Amateur Radio in other countries.

A warning letter had gone out to Miller January 8 regarding similar operation. The FCC informed Miller at that time that he faced license revocation and fines.

Hollingsworth told Miller that the FCC was modifying his Amateur Radio license to prohibit HF operation for 180 days from February 16, the date of the modification notice. Miller has 30 days to formally protest the modification. If he does not protest it, the modification order expires August 16.



FINES FOR REPEATER QRM

From the ARRL letter:

FCC fines operators in repeater QRM case:

The FCC has used mobile radio direction-finding techniques to solve a longstanding repeater interference problem. The Commission alleges that Michael Gallagher, KB3DHX, of Concord, Massachusetts, and Kornwell Chan, W3CI, of Dresher, Pennsylvania, were maliciously interfering with the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club 2-meter repeater, W3QV, and has levied fines on the two operators. On multiple occasions in February, personnel from the FCC's Philadelphia office traced radio transmissions to a vehicle said to be occupied by the operators in question. Both licensees have been issued Notices of Apparent Liability for \$7500.—FCC

Ride the C.A.R.S. Bus to Dayton Hamfest
Saturday, May 15, 1999

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| 2:00 AM – Leave Cleveland | \$30.00 Bus Ticket |
| 6:30 AM – Stop for Breakfast | Hamfest admission not included. |
| 7:30 AM – Arrive Dayton | Call Roger, N8TCP |
| 4:00 PM – Leave Dayton | 440-843-6723 |
| 8:30 PM – Arrive Cleveland | Send E-mail to |
| | N8TCP@cars.org |

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THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

March, 1999

CLUB FREQUENCIES

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2m repeater 146.82(-)
2m simplex 146.475
2m digipeater 145.07
6m repeaters 53.83, 53.01(+)

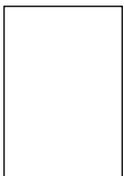
Internet <http://www.cars.org>

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 1999
Busch Community Room
7501 Ridge Road
South of Pleasant Valley
in Parma, Ohio
Meeting starts at 8:00 PM



Time to renew your membership?
Check the expiration date on your address label.



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