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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

I have to congratulate both the presenters and participants of our Basic Operating Skills class. The material was covered in such a way as to be understandable by all our recently licensed members.

Most of us have forgotten how strange it was when we ourselves struggled with getting on the air for the first time. Not always was there an "ELMER" at hand to help us over the bumps, so from the response we got, a useful good time was had by all.

The second evening with the hands on for both the Technician and General upgrades was a great success.

A special thanks to the presenters who behind the scenes brought in and set up the various stations for HF and VHF demos. (A tremendous effort !!!)

I think everyone is already looking forward to the next course when it is offered.

Changing the subject – Time is passing and I would like to remind you once again that May 31st 2008 is the last day we will receive applications for our scholarship awards. Please get those eligible relatives to get their paperwork together so as not to miss this years opportunity. All details are on our website. Tom, WB8N is once again looking for volunteers for the 2008 American Diabetes Assn. TOUR de CURE, date Sunday June 8th. Tom has details elsewhere in the WO, So if you can, give him your full support. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.
Good luck & 73, de Scotty, WA8SLN

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APRIL C.A.R.S. MEETING

The April meeting of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room, located at 7501 Ridge Rd, Parma, Ohio. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

The C.A.R.S. weekly club net is held every Wednesday night at 9:00 P.M. on the 146.820 repeater. Check in and try your luck at the trivia question. Who knows, you just might get the right answer!

MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. April monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Scotty Shields, WA8SLN on the 8th of the month. The meeting was held at the Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Ohio. Thirty nine members introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Paul, KD8HWP made motion to accept the March 11th minutes as published in the April WO. Bill, WA8GEO seconded. There were no additions or questions so the members passed the motion.

Scotty, thanked the volunteers who helped call people who still owed dues. Scotty then talked about the Scholarship. The deadline is May 30th.

Bob, W8GC explained the up coming free class on Basic operating skills. He reported that about eighteen had signed up and that it wasn't too late to sign up. Bob then gave the treasurer's report. Bob also passed a sign-up sheet for Field Day shirts. They are the same price as last year. Toby, WT8O gave an update on Field Day and passed a sign up sheet around to people he had not talked to. Toby then asked anyone that is planning on joining the ARRL or renewing their membership please go thru the club. Toby then talked about the net and asked that people not to kur -chunk the repeater. Toby then thanked everyone who filled out an interview on the web under the members page. Toby then talked about bringing your favorite QSL card to a meeting and giving a talk about it.

Steve, N8SRJ didn't have anything to say at this time.

Gary, NI8Z reported that the March VE session had been cancelled do to the weather. Dave, KD8V said there are twelve kids taking the tech class at Copley Middle School and about six are ready to take the test. Dave then announced that he will be having heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic soon to replace a bad section of his aorta and a valve.

Sunshine: Scotty, WA8SLN sent out three cards of encouragement to Steve N8SRJ's mom, Ted KB8NW, and Ron K8VJG's wife. We hope the card brightened their day.

Refreshments: We thank Mike, KB8UGT for the pop, Gary, NI8Z for the coffee, and Ron, K8VJG for the donuts.

The club voted on two new members who were at the meeting. William Klipatsky, K8NJU, and Bob Bassett, KE8UV were voted in with a unanimous vote.

The 50/50 raffle had \$77 in it . \$38 went to the winner Mike, KD8HWN.

Steve, N8IS made the motion to adjourn and Mike, K8EHP seconded. The members voted to close the meeting at 8:10pm.

Carl, W8KRF gave a nice presentation on PSK operation.

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

FROM THE VEEP

To the amateur radio world, the month of May means Dayton. The Dayton Hamvention® that is. When I was first licensed a few years ago, many club members were talking about it and making plans to attend the big event. I really didn't know what all the excitement was about, but it sounded like I should check it out. I did, and I have never been the same since. For the experienced ham that has been to Dayton, perhaps many times, you know how great an event it is; but for the new ham, I strongly suggest you do whatever you need to do to get to the Hara Arena during the weekend of May 16-18.

The outdoor flea market has to be seen to be believed. There are acres of folks selling every imaginable radio related product; new or used, modern or antique. There is so much vintage equipment for sale it staggers the mind. Inside, almost every manufacturer and supplier is represented. The displays are awesome, and there are giveaways and demonstrations going on continually. Meetings and seminars happen frequently during the event.

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The ARRL Expo should be seen by everyone involved with amateur radio. At the Expo, you can see the programs and activities your ARRL is involved with. If you are not a member, you may want to be one after seeing all the organization does for the hobby, and you can sign up on the spot.

The description of what happens at the Dayton Hamvention® could go on way beyond the space available here, so please visit the ARRL and Dayton Hamvention web sites to get a complete picture of what will be presented.

At the Hamvention you will see people from all over the world. Most people do not have the good fortune we have, being able to drive to the event in just a few short hours. Many of us have talked to hams who have said how lucky we are to live so close to the world's greatest amateur radio event, they can only dream about getting to someday. So take advantage of being relatively close to Dayton, and get down to the Hamvention.

73, de Toby, WT8O C.A.R.S. Vice President

MEMBER INTERVIEW

GETTING TO KNOW... KEN OSICKI, K8OAE

Wobbly Oscillator: How did you become interested in amateur radio...who or what helped you get your first license?

K8OAE: When I worked for the National Foundation / Antarctic Research Program 45 years ago, ham radio was very often our only contact with the outside world. Navy operators ran the show, but were always generous with their time and skills.

WO: How long have you been licensed, and what class license do you currently have?

K8OAE: I passed the Technician test exactly one year ago, 11 March 2007. Two weeks later, I passed the General.

WO: What do you like about amateur radio?

K8OAE: I'm a "tinkerer", and this is an

enjoyable part of A.R., whether with antennas or radios, or trying to build a kit.

WO: What are your favorite bands/modes to work?

K8OAE: Because of some problems I had last year, I'm really just getting warmed up to the whole thing.

WO: What type of ham radio equipment do you own or use?

K8OAE: I have a Yaesu 7800, and a hand-me-down Kenwood 130S.

WO: What type of work do you do, or if retired what was your occupation?

K8OAE: I am a retired educator and left a chemistry research lab position last June. I would like another one, if anyone has a need.

WO: Do you participate in any CARS projects or functions.

K8OAE: Not last year, but I hope to.

WO: What other projects or functions would you like to see C.A.R.S. get involved with?

K8OAE: Thanks for the upcoming operator classes. What about emergency radio ops, Skywarn, etc ?

WO: Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with our readers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

W8JAK Jack Andrisin 5-1-42
KC8ZBN Marian Rubin 5-1
KB8QHC Robert Glover 5-6-48
KC8WBH John Chesna 5-6
KD8ACK Gary Milstein 5-9
WD8CHL Jim Barbour 5-9-58
WD8CWD J.W. Cox Jr. 5-11-41
N8KAY Kayla Check 5-12-90
KA8MZS Michael Mraz 5-12-40
K8YSE John Papay 5-15
K8VJG Ron Borkey Sr 5-20-32
KC8POL Bob Metz 5-30

And many happy returns to all !

CARS HOLDS FIRST EVER BASIC OPERATING CLASS

On April 15th and 17th CARS held a hands on Basic Operating class attended by 25 Amateur Radio Operators. The class was held at the Independence Civic Center in the Red Oak room.

The instructors were Steve N8IS, Gary NI8Z, George K8KR, Dwaine K8ME, Bill KC8YSV, Bob W8GC and Metro W8MET. We started with a planning meeting in October of 2007 and decided early on we would need at least 2 classes; a Basic class and an Advanced class. John, K8YSE was involved early with plans but vacationed in Florida for most of February, March and early April so was not able to participate in the first Basic class.

The class was very well received and attended. 19 attendees filled out a Questionnaire at the end of the second day and have provided some very helpful ideas to improve on our next Basic class as well as incorporate some of their ideas into the Advanced class we are working on for June or July, 2008.

The first day covered Power Point along with live internet presentations by instructors on topics like protocol on repeaters & simplex, ECOM, 6 meter operation, HF operation, propagation & propagation software, logging software, Echolink, IRLP, QSL cards & QSLing and more. We also provided 12 pages of hand out resource information.

The second day was mostly hands on operating with HTs and 3 base stations we set up; 2 Kenwood TS2000s and an older Kenwood TS530 that Gary brought to help demonstrate both the new and older radios. We operated into dummy loads for practice QSOs & logging but also had a dipole for 20 meters and worked some on the air DX. Jeff, KD8GIR worked his 1st HI station (Dominican Republic) with his own ICOM IC-718 that Gary hooked up to demo another radio.

I have included a few pictures of the second

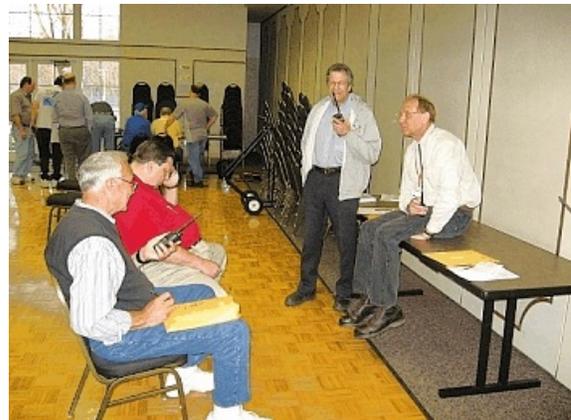
day to give you a feel for how we set things up.

I am very proud of how all of the instructors attacked the project and handled their presentations at CARS first ever Basic Operating class. With the feedback received and new ideas from what we learned we will improve. I hope most of you that read this will consider signing up for our Advanced Operating class, this will be for all levels of operator including those who may not realize they have picked up some bad habits over the years.

de Bob Check, W8GC



Steve, N8IS working with a group on HTs



Other half of the HT group

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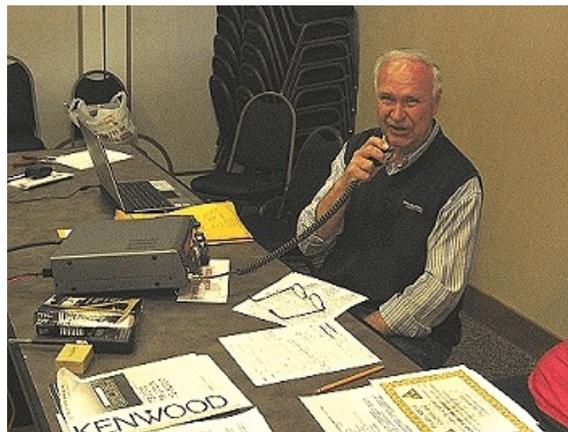
Kenwood TS2000 Station of George, K8KR



**Gary, NI8Z set up with TS-530
& ICOM IC-718**



The 2nd TS2000 station of Bill KC8YSV



Paul, KD8HWP seemed to enjoy his time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Turk, K8DMT has passed his Extra class license test and only missed one question. Darren plans on becoming a VE with the Woodchuck Amateur Radio Club group sponsored by W5YI.

Associate member, Mike Lorens of Walton Hills announces he has a new web page. It is www.geocities.com/mlorens98. Mike enjoys listening to C.A.R.S. members on his scanner and enjoys coming out to Field Day to see everyone. Check out Mike's website.

FCC MUST REVIEW BPL RULES *Excerpts from Weaver's Words by ARRL Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE*

In a decision released April 25, a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia directs the FCC to reconsider rules it made concerning technical rules for the operation of Broadband
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over Powerlines (BPL). This ruling came as a result of the lawsuit ARRL brought against the Commission. The case is identified as No. 06-1343. This decision is nearly as much as we could have wanted, and is a victory for ARRL and Amateur Radio.

What is the practical meaning of this decision? It means that the FCC must reconsider its technical rulings concerning BPL and the technical bases for these rulings, and the level of interference that should be allowed. It also means that the Commission must make data it says it uses in reaching conclusions to all interested parties to review. In essence, FCC cannot hide data as it had done in issuing BPL regulations.

The final cost of the suit is not yet known, but the Board had allocated \$300,000 for it. This should indicate the great importance the 15 directors placed on the suit. The effort and expense the Board authorized was made possible by ARRL members who contributed to the relevant ARRL fund drives over the last few years. Without these contributions the League would not have had funds available to wage a suit, let alone to wage the quality of action that proved good enough to win most of the points made in the ARRL's argument. quality of action that proved good enough to win most of the points we made in our argument.

HAMFESTS

Bucyrus Ohio
1st Annual Bucyrus Hamfest & Computer Show
May 11, 2008
Crawford County Fairgrounds, Youth Bldg.
Talk in: 147.165 (pl 88.5)
Contact: Ken Cook, W8DZN
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Caldonia, OH 43314

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Dayton Ohio
Dayton Hamvention®
May 16 thru 18, 2008
Hara Arena
Contact: www.hamvention.org
Phone: 937-276-6930

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THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

A BUSY TIME

The next couple of months are going to be busy ones for area hams. First, we have the annual Dayton Hamvention® in May, which I have to miss again due to circumstances beyond my control unfortunately. Then in June we have the American Diabetes Assn. Tour de Cure, as well as Field Day.

TOUR de CURE

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The Tour de Cure is an annual fund raiser put on by the American Diabetes Assn. This year, as last year, it will be a joint effort by the Cleveland Office and the Akron Office and will be in the Cuyahoga Falls area, around Blossom Music Center. I would greatly appreciate it if all those that participated last year would volunteer again this year. If you want to help out, email me at wb8n@sbcglobal.net or call me at 216-253-0540 or leave a message at 440-232-4193. I will need your call, address, and shirt size. As always, we get a t-shirt, and there will be goodie bags for everyone, as well as food and beverages at the end of the event. This is a really worthwhile event folks. Diabetes is a nasty disease and if you are not afflicted with it, I am sure that someone in your immediate family or a close relative or friend is. So give me a call and let me know you will be there as soon as possible, as I have to get the info to the person who is running the show. I'm looking forward to your call or e-mail.

SUMMER MEETINGS

The May meeting will be held at the Busch Funeral Home meeting room but for June, July, and August the meetings will again be held at the Oak Grove picnic area of the Metro Parks in Brecksville. As usual, come out early, bring whatever you want to eat and cook out. The fire and comradery will be provided by C.A.R.S. (TTFN)

That about does it for this month guys and gals. I've run out of stuff to chat about here, so I guess I'll close. Don't forget to come to the May meeting and to check in on the C.A.R.S. nets every Wednesday evening at 9:00 p.m. If you have anything you think might be of interest to the membership, submit it to me at newsletter@2cars.org and I'll try to get it in the newsletter.

73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

Mine Fire Kills Ham

On April 17th a fire broke out in a mine run by the Arktikugol Trust mining company in Barentsburg, Svalbard. At the time 31 miners were in the mine. All but two escaped. One of the unlucky miners was JW0HS (UR5MVM) Ivan M. Lesiv. Ivan was extremely active on the bands.

Ten New Satellites

Ten New Satellites in Orbit (Apr 28, 2008) -- Ten satellites reached orbit April 28 aboard an Indian PSLV-C9 rocket launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center. The primary payloads were India's CARTOSAT-2A and IMS-1 satellites. In addition to the NLS-5 and RUBIN-8 satellites, the rocket carried six CubeSat research satellites, all of which communicate using Amateur Radio frequencies. All spacecraft deployed normally and appear to be functional at this time.

Welfare

Dave KD8V had surgery in the Cleveland Clinic on Friday April 25, 2008. They replaced both Dave's ascending and descending Aorta's, did a double by-pass and replaced a heart valve. Dave is still in ICU at this writing (April 30), Pat will call when he is in a room and up to receiving calls and visitors.



CARS 2008 Officers & Committees

Audit

WT8O ** W8HBI, K8KR

Audio Video

Steve N8IS ** K8DAV

ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WT8O **

Awards

K8VJG ** W8HBI

Christmas Party 2008

W8HBI ** NI8Z ** N8IS,

School Programs

KD8V ** WA8SLN, K8VJG

License classes

W8GC ** WT8O ** K8EHP, WA8SLN, K8VJG, N8IS, NI8Z

Development

W8GC ** All officers

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

WT8O ** All CARS members

Good Operating classes

W8GC ** NI8Z, N8IS, K8KR, K8ME, K8YSE

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WB8N **

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KB8UGT ** NI8Z ** K8VJG **

50/50

N8KAY ** N8IS

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