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MEETINGS IN THE PARK BEGIN ! ***Details Inside***

FROM THE PREZ

It's finally June, one of the best months of the year for C.A.R.S. We can look forward to helping out with radio communications for the Diabetes Association's "Tour de Cure." At last count, there were still volunteers needed. If you can make yourself available, please sign up. You will be rewarded with a great experience and the satisfaction of being part of the battle against a terrible disease.

We also begin our series of summer picnic meetings at the Old Oak Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation. These meetings always draw above normal attendance, and provide a good time for those who come.

And of course, the last weekend of the month is Field Day; which is to many, the most important event of the year. Field Day originated as a demonstration of amateur radio capabilities under emergency conditions. This year the tradition will continue as C.A.R.S. will run eight simultaneous stations on non-commercial electrical power. The team will also be trying to make as many contacts as possible to improve last year's second place finish in the Eight Alpha division. If it sounds like a lot will be going on, you're right. Some stations will be exposing interested spectators to ham radio. There will be the opportunity for others to operate in a different environment. Young people will add their excitement to the event by trying to make contacts and score extra points. Satellite communications and alternate energy will be

demonstrated. There will also be several stations giving their all out effort to making contacts. We plan to help visitors understand that these hams may be involved in intense contesting and could be concentrating on making a difficult contact or fighting to hold a frequency. It's a pretty good chance they may be working with very little sleep. To some observers this could be taken as being unfriendly. *Continued on next page...*

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Don't forget the C.A.R.S. Wednesday Evening net on 146.820 MHZ at 9:00p.m. See you on the air !

A good point was brought up after last year's Field Day, that this perceived unfriendliness made certain visitors feel awkward, or even unwelcome. This is unfortunate. As stated earlier, Field Day is a demonstration. We are proud of our hobby and like to show it off. This year we will try to improve our emon-station by having a few members accompany guests and explain what is happening. They may compare the focused radio sport to a golf tournament. It's little doubt Tiger Woods appreciates all his fans supporting him. There is also little doubt he would want one of them shouting encouragement during his putting stroke. Hopefully, we can make sure everyone who attends and supports our Field Day has an enjoyable experience.

73, Toby, WT8O

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. May monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 12th of the month. The meeting was held at Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Oh. Twenty nine members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Matt, W8EBB made a motion to accept the April minutes as published in the May Wobbly Oscillator, and Ron, K8VJG seconded. There were no additions, or corrections and the members passed the motion

Treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same, then mentioned the scholarship raffle.

The club will be ordering Field Day shirts and you can let Bob, W8GC or Tina, W8HBI know your size and how many you want to order. A sheet was passed around at the meeting if you signed it you are ok. The shirts can be paid for when they come in at the next meeting or thru PayPal. If you are planning on bringing or donating food at Field Day please let Bob, W8GC know so he knows what other food to buy to go along with it.

Toby, WT8O 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 is on July 10th and will plan for about 50 people.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman, reported that he sent no cards out this month so the Sunshine was truly was good.

Gary, NI8Z gave his VE report and said two people took the General and passed at the May test session.

Dwaine K8ME talked about the Dayton bus trip and said the trip is a go.

Tom, WB8N, asked everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO.

Members voted on a new member, Adam Grossmyer, N8MOX. The membership voted and Adam was accepted as a new C.A.R.S. member. Welcome Adam!

Dave KD8V said that the Copley school club is very active even though it's a small group and wants to thank everyone in the CARS club who helps. Ray, WD8IRA is donating a Gap antenna to the Copley school.

Vice President 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 in the fall sometime.

CARS is looking to start licensing classes in the fall and have them in the spring too. So if you are wanting or know someone who wants to be a ham or wants to upgrade watch the web site for the dates.

Refreshments: coffee, Gary NI8Z; drinks Mike KB8UGT; donuts Ron K8JJG. Thanks for doing a great service.

Bruce, KC8RKS asked people to volunteer for the Diabetes Assn. Tour de Cure bike-a-thon to help with communications. Sign up at <http://www.sumco-ares.org> on the main page under public service events.

\$31 went to the winner of the 50/50 drawing, Ed, WB8ROK. Congratulations Ed!

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The June meeting of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be back at the **OAK GROVE PICNIC AREA** shelter in the Brecksville branch of the Metro Parks.

Matt, W8EBB made the motion to close the meeting, Bill, WA8GEO seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

arrangements having been made before hand. We got underway again at about 6:30 a.m. and made it to the Hamvention® site at 8:30 a.m. Everyone hit the flea market right away as the Hara Arena was not yet open.

There were several open spaces in the flea market because of the forecast for rain on Saturday. It did shower a bit during the early part of the day, but not bad enough to scare everyone inside. About 4:00 in the afternoon however, the skies got very dark and the wind started to blow and the rain came down in torrents. The bus filled up fast after that and we headed for home at around 5:30 in the evening. With a stop for a bite at a Mickey D's, we made it back to our starting place by around 8:30 at night. We hope to do it again next year so those of you that did not make it this year will have another chance. There were a few last minute cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances and hopefully they can make it for Dayton 2010.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| KC8OMV | Michael Dressler | June 7 |
| W8NOX | Keith Alexander | June 7 |
| WD8KHU | Mark Woodworth | June 15 |
| K8ME | Dwaine Modock | June 16 |
| N8DFL | Don Leyden Jr | June 19 |
| KD8BAL | Joseph Ulaszewski | June 21 |
| N8LRS | Linda Sinko | June 24 |
| N8PZK | Lou Iganczak | June 24 |
| KD8AKA | David Hruska | June 27 |
| KC8LZO | David Dressler | June 28 |

Congratulations to all and many happy returns!

DAYTON BUS TRIP REPORT

By Dwaine Modock, K8ME

Well, the bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention® was a success. We had a total of 30 hams on the bus, including Buffalo Jim Glor, N8GXR and 3 other members of the radio club that Jim is president of near Buffalo New York. There were a couple of others from the New York area that drove down for the bus trip as well.

The bus got underway from the K Mart parking lot in Middleburg Heights at about 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the 16th and at around 5:30 a.m. we stopped at a Bob Evans restaurant for breakfast. The restaurant opened up especially for our group,

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THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

LATE EDITION

Sorry the W.O. is a little later this month, but I suffered a major breakdown of my computer in that the hard drive crapped out on me! Luckily I have a friend that was able to put another hard drive in for me and salvage as much as possible from the dead hard drive. I lost quite a bit but what was saved was vital. Anyhow, the puter is back in service and I am rushing to get the June issue of the W.O. out. I have to say "thank you" and acknowledge Adam, N8MOX who came to my rescue.

TOUR de CURE 2009

The American Diabetes Association 2009 Tour de Cure is a joint effort between the Akron and Cleveland ADA branches. The event will be Sunday, June 14th. This will be the 3rd year that it will be starting out of Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls. There will be two communications centers again, one at Blossom and the other near Steels Corners Rd and Rt 8 at a hospital. We are still looking for volunteers to man the radios along the routes the bike riders will be taking. You will be assigned according to your equipment and will be assigned a time to be at your station, so that we all don't have to be on station at 6:30 a.m. If you have not yet signed up for this worthy event, you can do so at www.sumco-ares.org. Go to the "events" page and follow the instructions. I am expecting all of the C.A.R.S. members that volunteered for this event last year to be there this year as well. The number to call for more specific information is 330-351-8156 after 7 p.m. You'll be speaking with Bruce Brown, KC8RKS.

MEETING IN THE PARK

Just another reminder that the June meeting will be at the Oak Grove Picnic Area shelter as in years past. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. but if you want to come early, there will be a charcoal fire going for you to cook a steak, hamburger or hot dog on. Bring your own food and utensils. There will be a pair of tongs and a flipper available. You will be responsible for your own beverage as well until the soft drinks and coffee arrive and remember the park system does not allow alcohol. The roadway to the park is just south of the Sleepy

Hollow Golf Course, off Brecksville Rd, south of Rt 82. Someone will have their ht rig on monitoring the C.A.R.S. repeater on 146.82 MHz. Hope to see you all there. We will meet there rain or shine, as there is a large pavilion under which we can stay dry.

MY IMPRESSION OF DAYTON, 2009

I must first of all say that I really enjoyed the bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention®. It was an enjoyable ride, but I did not get much sleep on the way down and 3:30 in the morning is an ungodly hour to be leaving on a trip. I didn't get much shuteye on the way back either. It was good seeing Buffalo Jim on the bus with his buddies from New York. I'm sorry that Toby, WT8O and Steve K8SAS were not able to make it due to last minute work duties. Hope they can make it next year. I hope there is a bus trip next year, because I plan on being on it if I can.

As reported in Dwaine's article, we stopped for a great breakfast at a Bob Evans restaurant that opened early to accommodate us, and we were at the Hamvention® by 8:30 a.m.

The weather forecast called for rain on Saturday but the rain held off pretty much until midday, with just a shower. The flea market seemed a bit on the sparse side, probably due to the forecast of rain, as I was told it was pretty full on opening day, Friday. The exhibits indoors were great, with all the latest gear on display for all to see and to play with as well. I saw all that I wanted to see this year. After being there for so many years in the past, I knew pretty much where the various manufacturers and vendors would be so I didn't have to waste time looking for them. I wished I had been able to take in some of the forums but that was not possible with so little time to spend down there and see everything I wanted to see. In the past, when I spend three days there, I could take in a forum or two each day. I also missed the NODXA hospitality room in the evening but that's the way it goes.

About 4 in the afternoon I met up with NI8Z and gave him my ticket so that he could collect any prizes I won on Sunday afternoon. Yeah, right! Gary also met up with his son that lives in Columbus on Sunday. *Continued on next page....*

After meeting up with Gary, I headed for the bus as the weather was turning nasty. The wind started blowing hard and the sky was getting pretty dark. The downpour began before I got to the bus but I didn't get too wet. We had to wait a bit for the stragglers to make it to the bus but we got underway for home on schedule.

I really would like to stay over at least one night next year, but due to my schedule, personal responsibilities, and lack of funds, I don't see this happening, so I'll more than likely be a bus tripper again in 2010.

All in all I thought it was a good show this year, attendance down a bit due to the economy and the rising price of fuel, but it was fun taking in the ARRL Convention exhibits, and there was a giant antenna tower that was amazing. I was told it had been shipped in from Japan for the show. I was also told that hams were spending money this year. I know of a couple of our fellow bus riders that bought new HF rigs. Way to go Joe! I didn't hear anyone complaining about the Hamvention® so I am assuming everyone had a enjoyable time as well.

FIELD DAY 2009

With Dayton 2009 a thing of the past, we now have Field Day 2009 to be thinking about. This year as last year I will be operating 40 meters CW on Gary, NI8Z's station. I don't know if I'll be able to spend the night this year but I'll spend as much of the two days there as possible. I do plan on bringing out something to help with the food supply.

As in the past, C.A.R.S. will be operating 8A; that's 8 stations on the air at all times, operating with emergency power supplied by gasoline powered generators. We will have some exhibits for "newbies" and other visitors and anyone that comes out, even for a short visit will have an opportunity to operate one of the stations.

In years past we have always had great meals cooked by one of our members. I used to cook myself, but this took time away from operating and we felt it was not productive to have an operator doing the cooking. We only have a limited supply of food however and it is meant for the people that are helping set up, operate, and tear down, as well

as people assigned to guide visitors around the site. So don't be offended that you are not invited to partake of the meals. If you are a visitor or guest, be prepared to byof (bring your own food). There will be soft drinks and coffee available to all however. If you have not signed up as an operator, helper or for any other capacity, please do so at the June 14 meeting.

GOTTA RUN

Time for me to stop wasting space on the W.O. page. I'll catch you on the net Wednesday, and at the meeting next Tuesday. Hope to hear you on the air as well.

73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

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LISTENING DISTRACTS CAR & TRUCK DRIVERS - NEW LAWS TO FOLLOW

Seven more states are considering laws prohibiting cellphone use in vehicles to prevent traffic accidents. Citing statistics published by the People's Safety Council and the Center for Scientists Interested in Publicity, the legislatures of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Colorado have introduced bills against all cellphone use in motor vehicles, including phones with hands-free capability, even by passengers. According to the CSIP, the act of listening and talking in a vehicle is as dangerous as driving with a blood alcohol level of .20. Most states now consider a blood alcohol level of .08 to be proof of driving under the influence. The U.S. Congress is considering legislation that would outlaw cellphones, radio receivers and music players in all new cars and trucks. Also prohibited would be use of CB's and Ham radios. The proposed legislation would even prevent law enforcement, public service and emergency agencies from using radios. All Communications would be restricted to text messaging using a keyboard and monitor.

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W8GC ** N8BBB, N8LRS, K8VJG

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WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

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50/50

K8DMT

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