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FROM THE PREZ

Still hung over from Field Day, I type with tired fingers. Battling the weather again this year, it was very difficult getting the site ready for the event. But at 2:00 PM Sunday afternoon it all seemed worthwhile. We had a great Field Day. Although the ground was still wet and muddy in many spots we were blessed with near perfect weather for the event. The camaraderie that is the mainstay of Field Day events engulfed the group as never before in my ten years of participation. The harmony among those who set-up and worked the stations rose to a beautifully high level. Everyone helped each other with set-up and equipment. Some of the operators jumped to other stations to keep the contacts coming. I did not hear one complaint or negative statement. We had a real team effort this year, and it was fun to be part of it. We had some new people working the bands, and some old friends showed up whom we haven't seen for a while. More contacts went into the log this year than last and we had more bonus points, so we should be up among the leaders again. The safety aspect went very well too, no injuries or accidents. C.A.R.S. should be rightfully proud of the representation the group gave to the annual event. Being the host, I wanted the site to be perfect, it wasn't, not even close. But most thought it was what a true Field Day should be. I sincerely wish to thank everyone who helped, participated and visited. Please don't think I forgot anyone, I have already started a detailed article for next month's edition. If you weren't able to attend this year, you missed a fine time. With the abnormally heavy rains we have had this spring which compounded the preparation, I was dreading the event as the weeks and days ticked down. I did not want people to be uncomfortable or inconvenienced. Driving

home Sunday fighting off the drowsiness, I was making plans for next year.

The picnic is coming up this month and it promises to be better than ever. Those who have attended in the past know how much fun our summer picnics are. So we extend a cordial invitation to all new members and those who have not yet been to one. We will be awarding our scholarships at the picnic to the deserving winners as we have customarily done. At last count we were still lagging on the raffle ticket sales that pay for the scholarships, so please help out by selling as many tickets as you can.

73, Toby, WT8O

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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. June monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Toby Koleman, WT8O on the 14th of the month. The meeting was held at the Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation Harriet Keeler picnic area. Nineteen members and one guest introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Mike, KB8UGT motioned to accept the May minutes as published in the June Wobbly Oscillator, and Dwaine, K8ME seconded. The motion passed.

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was doing well. Bob also mentioned the scholarship raffle, saying that there are still tickets available. Tickets can be paid for thru PayPal. Don't forget about the summer picnic on July 29th, the last Friday in July. If you are coming please let Bob know ASAP and how many will be in your party. 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, and to please do not kerchunk the repeater as it is inconsiderate and illegal.

Field Day this year was at Toby's 25 acre property in Grafton. Two sunshine cards went out, one to Mike Toth and one to Ed Chester's family.

Vice President Gary, NI8Z said that we will have the Great Lakes Director of the ARRL speak to us at our August 12th meeting, due to his having to cancel for the June meeting due to health reasons.

Dwaine, K8ME said that the Dayton bus trip went very well and the reports back meant everyone had a good time. The club cancelled the ARRL bus trip due to lack of interest.

Eddie, KD8FTS reported that he put on a mini foxhunt for the kids at the Copley Middle School radio club that C.A.R.S. sponsors.

Members voted on new members. They were John Debarr, N8GRQ and Bill Ohlrich, KD8QAE. The members passed the vote. Welcome all.

Gary, NI8Z made a motion that we have the rest of the fall meetings back at Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Oh. Ken, K8OAE

seconded the motion and the members passed the motion.

Ed, WB8ROK won the 50/50 drawing with \$35 going to him and \$35 to C.A.R.S.

Mike KB8UGT made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Metro, W8MET seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

DAYTON BUS TRIP REVIEW

By Dwaine Modock, K8ME

The Dayton Bus trip. Another successful year, all had good time, especially after we had a great breakfast at Bob Evans; the manager had extra people to help us get served faster.

We arrived at Dayton Hamvention at 8:10 am and flea market had just opened up. A number of us walked thru the flea market waiting for the arena to open at 9:00 am. Dwaine and a couple of others had brought qsl cards down to have checked by the ARRL, and to receive cards from S9DX & VP8ORK,

There was a lot of nice equipment on display by the exhibitors and DX Engineering had a very big display.

Congratulations to Bruce, N8DJX on purchasing a huge antenna tower. Linda, N8LRS won a \$800 scanner at the Alinco booth, and Gary, NI8Z Tom, WB8N, and Adam N8MOX opened up their wallets and purchased a number of juicy items. The hamvention always nice place to run into people you have talked to on the air. Dwaine, K8ME met John, ON4UN from Belgium, and met a number of other dx'ers at the dx forum.

The day progressed and everyone was walking back to the bus at the end of the day with plenty of sore feet and conversation about their experiences at the Hamvention®.

The Bus left the Dayton Hamvention® at 5:05 PM. With a quick stop on I-71 & RT-36 for fast food, dropping two riders off at RT-303, then arriving at Middleburg Hgts at 9:00 PM. A number of riders showed an interest to go next year so get *continued on next page....*

your reservations in early. Arrangements are already being worked on for next year. The Dayton

Hamvention® bus trip will be Saturday May 19, 2012.

See you at the C.A.R.S meeting.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

K8KR George Pindroh 7-5-42

KC8LEO Scott Dressler 7-24

W8MCD Len Holmes 7-24-43

K8PJM Phil McCourt 7-26-56

WA8GEO Bill Savage 7-27-40

W2THU Robert Winston 7-28-45

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL AND
MANY HAPPY RETURNS !**

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

Amundsen-Scott July 1911

Scott's naturalist, Edward Wilson, had been harboring a plan to study the embryology of the Emperor Penguin. He needed a developing egg for this study and devised a plan, approved by Scott, to travel with two other men, Apsley Cherry-Gerrard and Birdie Bowers, to Cape Crozier, 65 miles away. There, they would collect eggs, preserve them and return to their Cape Evans base. The three men man-hauled their supplies, two sledges weighing 757 pounds, or 253 pounds per man. The sledges were hooked in tandem, packing and unpacking was made easier, but the friction of the sledges was doubled.

Their first day of pulling was good. When they reached the barrier, they found a drift up the cliff-like face and began pulling their sledges up. The temperature was -47 deg F. Cherry-Gerrard took off his gloves to better grip the tow ropes and by the time they reached the top, all of his

fingers were frost-bitten. They were covered with blisters for days. It took nineteen days to travel to Cape Crozier, a time recorded by Cherry-Gerrard as being a horror. He recorded, "... (it) would have to be re-experienced to be appreciated; and any one would be a fool who went again: it is not possible to describe it."

They sweated from their labors, and their sweat formed ice on their skins. Their clothing and harnesses froze to such a degree that it often took two men to shape them so that they could be put on. Their breath froze, soldering their balaclavas to their heads so that they could not be removed until they had some little heat in their tent. They had no feeling in their feet and they could not tell if they were frozen until they took their boots off. Once, Cherry-Gerrard got up from his sleeping bag, stepped outside, and raised his head to look around. To his astonishment he could not move it back. In that brief few seconds of time the clothing around his neck froze tightly around his neck, preventing it's bending!

On June 29 the temperature was -50 deg F all day, and was -55 deg F the next morning. Wilson had the sole and heel of one foot frost-bitten, and Cherry-Gerrard had frozen toes. Bowers never had a frost-bite problem with his feet. On June 30 they pulled onto a surface of ice-crystals and could not move both sledges together. In day light this would not have been a problem, but they were doing this in the dark, wind blowing into their faces and obliterating their tracks. Finding the second sledge became a complicated affair. On the 30th they only made 3-1/4 miles. The temperature was -66 deg F when they made camp, falling to -75 deg F during the night.

More about what Cherry-Gerrard called "The Worst Journey in the World" next month.

While the worst journey was going on, things were progressing, for the time being, calmly with the Amundsen group. The sledges, which had been so carefully trimmed down, were packed and repacked until each would compactly and *continued next page...*

efficiently hold the supplies and equipment needed for the trip to the pole. No small detail was left to chance. A problem with powdered milk storage and space for it? Nope. Just pour the powder into the

cases so that it neatly surrounded the cans already packed, then scoop it out as you go. Every square inch of volume was considered wasted if it was not filled with some necessary supply.

Amundsen worked to ensure that everyone was technically prepared for their journey to the pole. All equipment continued to be modified and improved, from ski boots to goggles. Even cooking gear was perfected for optimal results on the trail. The work to achieve perfection was to prove itself worthwhile. Upon their return from the pole Amundsen would remark, "The whole thing went like a dream." Events at the end of August and early September would not have made such a statement predictable.

NEXT MONTH: What happened in August?

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

TIME IS MOVING RIGHT ALONG

Wow! It's hard to believe that it's July already, Field Day is over for another year, and the C.A.R.S. Family Picnic is just a few weeks away. I didn't make it out to Field Day this year due to personal circumstances, so I missed out on all the fun that I have heard everyone out there had. And the food too. Hopefully I can make it next year. I did partake in a small three station Field Day at WA8ZJV's QTH, operating 40 meters CW, and I managed to work W8BM as well as W1AW, so I did have a little Field Day fun for a few hours. There are four FD pics in this issue of the W.O. and there will be more in the August issue, so stay tuned.

JULY MEETING IN THE PARK

The ARRL Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE had to cancel as our guest speaker at the June meeting due to health reasons, and he has rescheduled to visit us at our August meeting which will also be in the park. The last time I talked to Gary Dewey, NI8Z there is no program scheduled for the July meeting, but that could change between now and the meeting night. Either way, there will still be a fire on the grill for

cooking your hot dogs, brats, hamburgers or steaks before the meeting, so come on out a bit early and have a picnic. C.A.R.S supplies the fire, all you have to do is bring your own chow, cook it and enjoy. With all the rain we have had recently, it might be a good idea to bring along your bug spray as well.

NEW ANTENNA TIME

At Dayton this year I spent some my hard earned dollars and purchased a SteppIR vertical antenna called the BigIR. NI8Z and N8MOX purchased one as well. At this time we are still waiting for the antennas to be built and shipped. It may be a several more weeks yet. I just hope it arrives before the snow flies. There is an 80 meter add-on that is available for the antenna, but I didn't get it at the time of purchase. I'll save that for Dayton next year. We got a pretty good deal on the antennas. They threw in our choice of 2 accessories each because we ordered them at the same time so I am hoping for a discount on the 80 meter add-on next year. We'll see.

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE

In one of last week's Plain Dealer issues I came across a small but disturbing article that could have an effect on those of us that like to operate mobile. It reads as follows: **U.S. Proposes Phone Restrictions. Federal legislation to ban use of hand-held phones and other mobile devices while driving was introduced Thursday in Congress by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy. The New York Democrat said the legislation would direct the Department of Transportation to set a national standard to prohibit drivers from using hand-held devices, except in certain emergencies.**

If this proposal comes anywhere near to becoming a law, I am certain that the Amateur Radio community will rise up to see that it does not happen. I don't know what circumstances might have prompted Ms McCarthy to propose such legislation, and she probably thinks she is doing something good. *continued on next page...* But she obviously didn't think of all the ramifications of her ill thought out proposal. I don't imagine she means to include emergency personnel such as fire and police or ambulance drivers. She needs to re-think her agenda here and re-write it so as not to include Amateur Radio operators. Why

can't these do-gooder politicians keep their noses out of things that they know little or nothing about? There. I've got that off my chest so I'll get off my soap box. For now.

TIME TO GO NOW

Gotta get going now. I will hopefully catch you on the net and or at the next meeting.

73,

de Tom, WB8N



K8DAV & W8GC making a satellite contact with NI8Z observing. Again.

FIELD DAY 2011 PICS



W8MET working a CW station with NI8Z observing. Like that hat Gary



W8eBB & WT8O operating 20 meters phone



KB8UGT in his camper working 15 meters

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e pictures and complete review of FD

6th ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday July 29, 2011 will be the CARS annual picnic. This year we will be back in the **Kiwanis Pavilion**, see the picture below, it is **behind the Independence Civic Center**. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage/brats with all the trimmings and we hope George K8KR will again bring his excellent coleslaw (George's secret recipe!!). Again we request anyone who can to bring a desert.

The Committee will have door prizes for the lucky winners of our drawings.

The picnic is FREE to all CARS members, family & friends! All we ask is you tell us how many will be coming on or before Tuesday July 26. Arrive anytime after 5:30 eat about 6:30pm.

email: w8gc@2cars.org or call 216-524-1750 OR
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NOTE: CARS 2011 Scholarship fund Raffle drawing will also be held at this picnic



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Purchase your 2011 CARS Scholarship fund Raffle Tickets Now!

Help support the CARS Scholarship fund by getting your Raffle Tickets ASAP.

Donation is only \$3.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 2 tickets! **

Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets, you can order your tickets on line using PayPal (use the personal payment option), all you need is a credit card, go to www.2cars.org or contact the Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC 216-524-1750.

What can be more important than helping people get an education! CARS has awarded two \$500.00 Scholarships a year since 2006. This Raffle will only be held one time in 2011.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2011 Summer picnic on July 29, 2010**. Winners do NOT need to attend to win. Winners will be notified plus be listed on the CARS web site and in our Newsletter the WO.



1st prize \$300.00

2nd prize \$200.00

3rd prize \$100.00

Maximum of 850 tickets will be sold

****All proceeds less actual expenses go
to the CARS Scholarship Fund.**