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## **IT'S BACK TO THE BUSCH COMMUNITY ROOM FOR SEPTEMBER !**

**FROM THE PREZ**

Summer seems to be ending early this year as I peer out the window and see the leaves changing color already. We have also had our last picnic meeting and will be returning to Busch for our next meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. For those who missed the August meeting, or have not otherwise heard, C.A.R.S. is planning a bus trip to the ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. As long as we can get at least twenty members to sign up and justify the expense, C.A.R.S. will pay for the bus. That means those who go will only need to cover their personal expenses for food, lodging, etc.

Judging by the interest generated at the last meeting, we should have no problem getting the required minimum. Since the excursion will last three days, it will be necessary for those with commitments, like a job, to make the necessary arrangements. We will need a day to travel up to Newington, a day to see the headquarters and a day to return. At the September meeting we will decide what time of the week we will go, possibly using a weekend day for travel minimizing the days one would have to play hooky; and when we want to plan the actual trip. So if you have any interest in participating in this magnificent adventure, make sure to attend the September meeting to be a part of the planning.

Dwaine, K8ME, and I have visited several bus companies to check out the buses and

make sure we get maximum comfort. This is a ten plus hour trip, and none of us want to make the scene in Newington bent over with a sore back or hobbling with cramped legs. We will report our findings at the meeting and let the group decide. This will be one heck of a fine time, and should definitely yield some new or closer friendships among the membership.

One last thing, check out the C.A.R.S. website for club clothing, so on the journey and at the ARRL we can show our colors. I hope to see you at the next meeting and hear you on the Wednesday weekly club net.

73, Toby, WT8O

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

The C.A.R.S. Membership Meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Harriet Keeler picnic pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks in Brecksville, Ohio. There were 29 members and 1 guest in attendance.

After introductions the July minutes were approved as published in the August issue of the Wobbly Oscillator newsletter by Toby, WT8O.

Bob, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report and reminded all to please consider participating in the gift card program, of which the club gets a certain percentage of each purchase.

Toby, WT8O, reminded those present that starting with the September meeting we will be back at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room on Ridge Road just south of Pleasant Valley Road in Parma, Ohio for the winter meetings.

The Club voted in four new members at the meeting, they were: Gary Limbert KD8VIQ, Doug Braun KB8TGT, Brian Dewitt N8VTA, and Tim Chirdon KD8VGE. VP

Gary, NI8Z announced that the presentation for the evening to be on JT65 Digital communication presented by Joe, K8JMB. Gary also announced that the next VE session would be on September 8th at 9:am.

Sunshine for August, Bob W8GC, Ken KD8OUE, George K8KR, RON WA8ZJV.

Eddy, KD8FTS, is chairman of the CARS public Service committee. He has a list of events coming up contact Eddy if interested in participating in any of them..

Tom WB8N announced that the Diabetes Walk is coming up on October 12 and that he will be sending out the info for signing up volunteer for that one.

Toby, WT8O, asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

**NEW BUSINESS:** the club is asking what members needing help with any issues of amateur radio to think about these and bring them up at the September meeting.

George, K8KR, came up with the idea of

planning a trip to the American Radio Relay League for which CARS would foot the bill for the bus. This would be for CARS members only and those taking the trip would only have to pay for their own lodging and food. This was presented to the members present by Toby, WT8O. A motion was presented by ARP, K8ARP, to make the bus trip a go with minimum of 20 members committed to the trip. The motion was seconded by Gary, NI8Z, and the motion was approved. September's meeting will have more details on the proposed trip.

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 pm. After the meeting the 50/50 winner was Betty Check for \$38, with CARS share of \$39 going to the treasury.

Joe, K8JMB, made his presentation of the JT65 Digital mode.

Submitted by

Dwaine Modock, K8ME, CARS Secretary

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## **CARS 2013 FAMILY PICNIC**

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

The 2013 CARS Family Picnic is an event of the past. Forty Two members and guests came out for the picnic, which featured hot dogs, burgers, smoked sausages and brats fresh off the grill were featured, with many side dishes, including K8ME's baked beans and K8KR's cole slaw. Members brought out deserts such as pies, cake, cookies, and other baked goods as well. No one went hungry, that's for sure!

Members and their guests enjoyed chatting and getting to know each other better. A 50/50 drawing was held, with "Lucky" Betty Check winning \$48.00. \$49.00 went to the CARS *continued on next page...*

coffers. A drawing was held for gift cards, with winners of those being; Kim KD8FTU, Metro W8MET, Steve K8SAS, & Bob KK8ZZ for \$10 cards. Sherrie Kolman, wife of WT8O, and Dwaine, K8ME's friend Carol PLA for \$25 cards. Congrats to all!

I want to thank Gary NI8Z, Steve N8SRJ, Steve K8SAS, & Metro W8MET for helping me out with grilling duties.

I hope to see more members at the next CARS Family Picnic in 2014.

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### **FROM THE ARRL**

Submitted by Tom Wayne, WB8N

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign went into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule appeared in the Federal Register.

Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20, but in the Report and Order in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The R&O ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following Federal Register publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October

The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.

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**September meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10th  
at the Busch Funeral Home, 7:30 p.m.**

**See you there.**

### **THE BRICK**

By Metro Sinko, W8MET

Ham Radio has given both Linda and me many hours of excitement with our passion for this hobby. Whether chasing DX, confirming a new state, county or grid, using various modes such as cw, ssb, psk, rtty, fm, or JT65, or just chatting with members on the net.

This being the centennial anniversary of the ARRL, we decided to enroll in the ARRL Diamond Club to support amateur radio. As a result a brick is being located at the entrance to the ARRL Diamond Terrace. This contribution is also tax deductible under Federal Tax Code 501(C)(3) so think about donating yourselves.

73, and hope to hear you on the airwaves. W8MET & N8LRS.



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### **FOR SALE**

**Cushcraft-X-9 Antenna**

**Frequency Coverage – 40, 20, 15,10 & 6 meters**

**Total Number of Elements -9**

**Total Elements per Band- 4**

**Boom Length -28 feet Turning Radius 21.7 feet**

**Wind Surface –9.9 ft Wind Survival -100 mp**

**Wind Load -255 at 80mph Total Weight -85 lbs**

**Excellent Shape Asking \$300.00**

**Contact Dwaine, K8ME**

**[K8me@sbcglobal.net](mailto:K8me@sbcglobal.net)**

## **CARS FALL LICENSE CLASSES**

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

If you or anyone you know is looking to upgrade your Ham radio license or get someone in the hobby by getting a Technician license please go to the CARS home page, [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) and click on the info or sign up link under NEW FALL CLASS FOR 2013.

If you have any questions please call Gary, NI8Z, at 216-642-8705 or Bob, W8GC, at 216-524-1750. You can also email either one of us using our call [@2cars.org](mailto:@2cars.org) (ex: [ni8z@2cars.org](mailto:ni8z@2cars.org)).

We have a great new location, at the Seven Hills Municipal Building.  
Time is short so please sign up ASAP !

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## **THE RANDOM WIRE**

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

### *HOW TIME FLIES*

Wow! The summer sure went by fast! CARS members were busy with many activities, beginning with the Dayton Hamvention®, then Field Day, next the CARS Family Picnic, as well as the usual; the weekly CARS net, watching Ham Nation, working contests, putting up new antennas, and the list goes on and on. But now the days grow short and it's getting to be the time to check out your older antennas, feedings, and such before it gets colder and the snow starts to fly. Ahh, I hate to even think about it. I just can't handle that nasty stuff like I used to. Many of you know what I mean. Oh, for the good ole days!

### *SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS*

As everyone knows (or should know), the great Cleveland Hamfest will be taking place on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at the Beret Fairgrounds. This is usually a pretty good hamfest, and it is the only one held in our area of any consequence. Again, CARS will have an informational table, and also a table to sell from. See Vice President Gary Dewey, NI8Z's column in this issue for more info.

Also September brings back the CARS

license classes, beginning on Sept. 18th.

Again, see Gary's column for more info on the classes.

### *PICKIN' & GRINNIN' IN W. BG VA*

Over the second weekend of August I had the occasion to take a road trip to West by God Virginia. An old high school acquaintance of mine named Steve (Bedford High School Class of '58) found me on Facebook or somewhere and invited me down for a visit. He lured me with the promise of good food, good beer, good moonshine and great bluegrass pickin'. Now, I have to tell you that I hadn't seen or talked to Steve since we graduated in '58. We really only knew each other from sitting next to each other in the high school choir. He was a transplant from W. VA as his dad came up here to work at the Ford stamping plant in Walton Hills.

Steve and his wife Sonja own and operate an RV park called Shady Rest RV Park, which on which they have their home, plus three camper trailers, in one of which I stayed, and spaces for 25 RV hookups. He also built a neat building that he calls the "pickin' barn", where on a couple of weekends a month his friends come over, some of which spend the summer camping at his place, and pick & grin, playing bluegrass and country music. The weekend I was there, there was a gal playing electric bass, another gal playing acoustic guitar, and her husband on harmonica. Another guy played both mandolin and banjo, and one more guy on dobro. I had brought along my old Gibson hollow body electric (without an amp) and we had a grand ole time Fri. and Sat. nights playing music.

I also brought along my buddy Jake. I think he enjoyed himself as well. I know he was glad to be back home in the security of his back yard though. The camper unit Jake and I stayed in had a refrigerator stocked with beer. I tasted some moonshine as well, some of which I brought home and consumed on my birthday. Steve's wife made sure that I didn't do hungry as well with her southern home style cooking.  
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I actually didn't want to leave when Sunday morning came around, but I had to get back to Bedford Ohio. I do plan on going back down there again in the not too distant future. I've got to keep my callouses up on my left hand fingers so I don't get blisters on them when I go back down there. That means practice, practice, practice.

Of course I had my dual band mobile in the vehicle as well as my dual band hand held rig, but I couldn't find any repeaters in the area and was unable to do any "hamming" I could have brought along a portable HF rig, but I really would not have had the time to operate while I was there. Maybe next time.

Steve and Sonja were very gracious hosts and I met and played with some really nice people. Good musicians as well! The countryside down there was beautiful. As I was saying my goodbys to Steve and his wife I said to my dog Jake "well c'mon Jake, let's head for the hills." Steve said "you're in the hills" and I replied "oh, that's right."

#### **OUTTA HERE**

That's about all I've got for this month guy and gals. Hope to see you at the next meeting or on the CARS net.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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### **THE VP CORNER**

By Gary Dewy, NI8Z

#### **FALL MAINTENANCE SEASON**

September is the month to get on with the antenna installation projects you put off all summer because it was too hot. I know because I have one to finish myself. My SteppIR big vertical has been inactive due to something eating my control cables. Rotten little buggers.

#### **CLEVELAND HAMFEST**

CARS will be participating once again in the annual Cleveland hamfest again on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, with a club information table and a table to sell or trade or in some cases to give away ham radio related equipment. If any club member has something they would like to bring they can use the club table. Just mark the price you hope to get on the item

along with your call so we can give you proper credit if it sells. Stop by the CARS table and sit a spell. Those of us manning the table can use a brake to we can look around the flea market too.

#### **TIME**

Here is a follow-up question on the last program we had at the Harriet Keeler pavilion in August. "Who has tried JT65 and made a contact with this digital option?" Anyone? Anyone?

#### **FALL LICENSE CLASSES**

Feedback from the web page has been received saying sign-ups for the Fall license classes have been exceeding slow and minimal. To this date there have been NO sign-ups for the technician class. Classes start on the 18th of September. Go to the web page <http://www.2cars.org/> to register. If you know anyone who might be interested let them know as this information needs some promulgation to non CARS members.

#### **OHIO QSO PARTY**

Who thinks they were the one making the most Ohio QSO Party Qs? The person who comes to the September meeting with proof of same will get an extra 50/50 ticket. And who knows, maybe something else.

#### **RANTING & RAVING**

And that brings me to my rant.... On my most recent net control night I had 30 check-ins which BTW, is quite good. But my rant is, what are you doing at 9pm on Wednesday night that you don't just get on our repeater and warmup your antenna? Oh... I have a second rant. Well not a rant but a curiosity... The question at the next meeting will be "Who checks the CARS web page on a regular basis; once a month, once a week, daily? And who has never checked on it?"

#### **VE SESSION**

The next CARS VE session will be on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the Independence Olde Towne Hall on the square on Brecksville Rd. Make sure to bring your original license  
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and a copy, if you are already licensed and are upgrading, as well as a photo ID, and cash check or money order in the amount of \$15.00.

*DRYMOUTH*

OK my voice is getting raspy and I'm thirsty...  
Hear you on the net and in the pileups.

73, Gary Dewy, V.P.

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### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Robert Kobie KD8NBB ---- 9/26/1946**

**Dennis Rabbitts KD8APY – 9/11/1949**

**Jeff Bolek KD8GIR ----- 9/21/50**

***Congratulations & many happy returns!***

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### **FROM THE GEARVAKF BULLETIN**

Submitted by T. L. Wainwright, KA8YZN

### **STRANGELY MYSTERIOUS NEW PARTICLE DISCOVERED**

By Hal Kennedy, N4GG

The recent discovery of large amounts of 'dark matter' filling the universe has led to the identification of a new sub-atomic particle with properties similar to anti-matter, said Don Ymus, nuclear physicist and retired morning radio shock jock at a recent press conference. "The particles actually have anti-Maxwell equation properties, causing the annihilation of radio waves via manifolds in non-linear Hilbert Space, and they are really curly too" commented don. Unfortunately, before Mr. Ymus could explain further, the Conveniently Reverend Sharp Alton staged a demonstration and the 'free speech' police

van parked across the street was blown up by a splinter group of the Hypocritical advertisers Organization - usually known as "Hos".

### **ASSOCIATION OPPOSES INTERNET BAN**

By Joe Ventolo, K8DMZ

*GEARVAKf Bulletin* reporters in Washington D.C., attended a National Internet Association (NIA) press conference recently where it was announced that NIA opposes all restrictions on the Internet access on constitutional grounds. NIA spokesperson, Lisa Gizzard, argued that "any restrictions on private access to the Internet is a violation of the first and second Amendments to the Constitution." She claimed that such restrictions will only affect the law-abiding citizens. "If Internet access is banned, only outlaws will have Internet access." she declared, and added, "They'll get my modem only when they pry my cold, dead hands from around it!"

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*By reading this, you have committed yourself to attend as many CARS meetings as possible, to take part in as many CARS activities as you can, and to participate in the CARS weekly nets on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. local time.*

**Below are several pictures  
from our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer  
Picnic August 2, 2013**





***Sign up now for  
CARS Fall Ham  
Radio classes, get  
your Technician,  
General or Extra class license!***

**Wednesday evenings starting September 18, 2013 \*  
and ending October 30, 2013**

*October 30th will be a special VE Test session for all license classes,  
ARRL fee for this VE test is \$15.00*

**To register please follow the link at [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) and complete  
the on-line application or call 216-524-1750 Bob, W8GC**

***Classes will be held at the Seven Hill City Hall, 7325 Summit View Dr  
Seven Hills, OH 44131 in room "C" at 6:45 pm every Wednesday  
entrance is at the East end on the South side of building***

**class fees: Technician \$25.00, General and Extra \$20.00 non  
members or \$15.00 CARS members, fee includes all class materials**

**\* Please arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 pm on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> only  
for orientation and to receive your class materials**

## CARS 2013 Officers & Committees

### Audit

NI8Z \*\* WT8O, K8SAS

### Audio/Video

NI8Z \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

NI8Z \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Christmas Party

W8GC \*\* WU8A, K8SAS

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### Diabetes events

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K8DMT

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### License trustee

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April 30, 2013

