

JULY MEETING MINUTES1

The CARS Membership Meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 8th Of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation. There were 22 members in attendance.

After introductions, the June minutes were approved as published in the July Wobbly Oscillator by Toby, WT8O.

The pledge of allegiance took place before the meeting.

Toby WT8O, gave the treasurers report. The Christmas party was discussed, the cost to be \$20.00 per person, with the club picking up the difference. More details will appear on the cars web-site.

The CARS Picnic will be held on July 18th, at the Kiwanis Pavilion at the Independence Civic Center. The picnic is free to members, their families and friends.

Cars will hold a special event station at the Cuyahoga County fair on August 9&10th. Sign up to participate by contacting Toby, WT8O.

CARS will be participating in the Seven Hills Home days on July 25, 26, and 27. Members will be parking cars and demonstrating amateur radio.

Toby mentioned that Field Day went well, but attendance was down from last year. He reported that the food was good.

Gary, NI8Z, said that there will be VE session on Sunday July 13th and that the Technician exam has been changed.

Members should send a get well cards to Betty Check to cheer her up.

Toby, WT8O, mentioned that the constitution committee will be finalizing work on it and it will be presented at the September meeting and placed on the web-site.

Toby mentioned any members need help with, or need advice on purchase of new equipment or explanation on new manual.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: K8ME, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The 50/50 Raffle winner of \$18.00 was Mike Balach, KB8UGT, with \$18.00 going to the club. Submitted by CARS Secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

REPORT ON SEVEN HILLS HOME DAYS PUBLIC SERVICE

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society assisted the City of Seven Hills again this year as a reciprocal obligation for their providing class room facilities to our radio club when we have license classes. Helping with 7 Hills is a fun activity. For three days our club directed visitor and vendor parking and demonstrated amateur radio to visitors who have not realized this hobby is live and well in their community.

Mark Moro, WJ8WM, the chief in charge of setup for 7 Hills community center Home Days and a member of CARS, was instrumental in helping set up our radio station. We operated as W8BM, our special event club call, used during Field Day. A convenient booth was supplied by the city. Plus, we were allowed antenna access on the roof of the administration building. Mark was always available and made the whole time very enjoyable. CARS members giving full measure of their time for the entire three days at the radio station were Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP; Bob Kobie, KD8NBB; Metro Sinko, W8MET; and Gary Dewey, NI8Z.

Assisting in parking car duty were George, K8KR; Arp, K8ARP; Joe, KD8BAL, and Larry, KC8VZZ. Toby, WT8O, and Tom, WB8N, came on Friday to help but had other commitments for the rest of the weekend. Tom's commitment was his attachment to the "Thunder Mug" for the majority of the weekend.

This year CARS was called on to assist with more than just helping vendors and visitor vehicle parking as vendor check-in direction was also included.

The radio station was up and running the entire time. The radio station made SSB contacts with Europe, namely Germany and the Isle of Jersey, to name a couple. There seemed to be a high noise level on our
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Yaesu transceiver, therefore it was impossible to have a "run" station. On Sunday, a second transceiver provided by Roger N8TCP, helped a run PSK31 station & PSK31 was demonstrated. Roger made a contact with a local 7 Hills station, WA8ASZ, Dave Korow. He subsequently dropped by to see our booth and gave us his QSL card. He was invited to come to our August picnic meeting. Hopefully he will come and even join CARS.

In a nearby booth we met Wayne, NP2R, and his wife Lori, NP2EU, from the Virgin Islands and Florida. They had a booth selling very attractive crafts. George, K8KR, bought a hanging plaque commemorating when he was in SAC duty. That's not about sleeping but the Strategic Air Command.

The Mayor of Seven Hills, Rick Dell'Aquila, KD8SCT, a member of CARS, stopped by to say hello and chatted with us for awhile. Simpson Huston, N8UZF, a 7 Hills police officer and also a CARS member, dropped by too, on duty.

On Sunday, Linda, N8LRS, brought Trigger the wonder dog, K8ARF, to participate in the dog show. Trigger came away with the "Best in Show" award. Linda, said Trigger is now going into retirement.

We had a big screen TV (monitor provided by WJ8WM) for passers-by to see our contacts. Plus the weather channel was of interest. On Sunday evening we were all watching. The CARS group packed up when a big storm was surely due to hit us at around 8:30pm. We left just in time to miss the heavy rain that evening.

All in all, this was a successful activity with no equipment problems and no one got hurt. However, we did have a couple of members MIA.

Here are some photos of the CARS participants and the radio station at the event.



That's Roger with the flag on his back, operating W8BM



The majority of the crew, with NI8Z behind the camera.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Richard Engum	KA8EEW	8-21-1938
Gerald Purcell	KC8LAU	8-24-1961
Eddie Stevens	KD8FTS	8-14- ////
Erin Austin	KD8SLV	8-22-1953
Christine Batman	KD8YHX	8-23-1969
Tom Wayne	WB8N	8-17-1940
Bill Sarver	WU8A	8-9-1944

Congratulations to all, and many happy returns!!!

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN

Ok, where has summer been? I've heard that this is the coldest summer in this area in a long, long time. Lot's of rain too. But maybe the month of August will be the "dog days". I need some hot weather!

Summer is winding down in regards to amateur radio as well. We've done Field Day, the CARS picnic, 7 Hills Home Days, public events that many CARS members have taken part in and we have our special event station coming up this month at the Cuyahoga County Fair. I'm really looking forward to that one and I hope many CARS members come out to participate. Get in touch with Toby, WT8O, and sign up. You'll get a free pass to the fair as well! That's going to be August 8, 9, & 10. We'll be set up at the giant windmill on the fairgrounds using wind power, in an air-conditioned building. It should be a great time operating and being with fellow CARS members. We'll have at least one HF station and possibly two so we can be on Single Side Band and CW at the same time.

Either way, there will be special QSL cards and a certificate available to those that make contact with our station.

LAST MEETING IN THE PARK

August brings us to the last picnic meeting in the park for the year, at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville branch of the Metro Parks. We have a box of eight hamburger patties, never thawed out, left over from the picnic so the first eight members to show up and want one, will get one. Well, let's say the first seven, because one of them is reserved for yours truly. Either way, bring something out to cook on the grill. CARS will supply the fire. Where can you find a better deal? Bring your significant other and make it a fun evening at a CARS meeting in the park!

W1AW PORTABLE CENTENNIAL STATIONS

How many of you have been working the W1AW portable centennial stations? I have. I missed West Virginia earlier this year but they'll be back in October. This past week Indiana and Rhode Island have been on the air. I worked Indiana, W1AW/9 but as of this writing, I've been unable to work Rhode Island. I hear

others calling them, but I can't hear W1AW/1. If I can't get them this time around, they'll be back on in November. It's been a lot of fun to try to work these stations on as many bands and modes as I can. I know of several CARS members that are actively pursuing these stations. Hopefully you are too. If you have HF capabilities, there's no excuse not to try to work all the states. Exercise your license privileges. You worked hard to earn that license, use it.

ARRL CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The ARRL Centennial Convention is now history and from all reports I've seen so far, it was a great success, with hams from all over the world attending. In case you are now aware, there are many amateurs from foreign countries that are members of not only their own "radio relay leagues" but of the ARRL as well. I know that the Japan Radio Relay League was represented as well as the Canadian Radio Relay League and Great Britain. Check out Ham Nation on your computer for Gordon West's photo review of the convention. Just Google Ham Nation and click on issue 157.

OUTTA HERE FOR NOW

That's it for this month fellow members. Hope to see you at the next meeting and talk to you on the air. Don't forget to check into the weekly CARS net on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater. 73, de Tom, WB8N

PUT YOUR CALLSIGN ON YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Facebook is allowing us to put our callsign on our Facebook page. Here's how to do it. On your Facebook page, at the very top, to the right of your name, in the blue bar, are a series of icons. click on the last icon, which is an arrow pointing downward. You'll have to look closely as the icons are black in the blue bar. When you click on the last icon, a menu will open up. Click on "settings", then *Continued on next page....*

you will see an "edit" menu. Click on "edit name". A page will come up with your first name, middle name if you put one in originally, and your last name. You then will see below your name, "alternate name". Type in your callsign, then check "include this on my timeline". Type in your password, click on "save changes" and you are done. Go back to your Facebook page and to the right of your name will be your callsign.

You're welcome.

73

de Tom, WB8N

EXCERPTS FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent) BULLETIN

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COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT SIGNED

The White House has announced that the President has signed into law the controversial 2014 Electronic Communications Security Act, legislation intended to prevent unauthorized reception of radio communications by nosey Americans. Noting that too many people are wasting time listening to other people on scanners, White House spokesman Ary Fleisher said that the new law will, "come down hard on those who try to listen to government radio transmissions." A special Justice Department task force, established by the Attorney General, who will soon begin enforcing the provisions of the new law, which calls for fines of up to \$100,000 and 10 years in federal prison for first-time violators. Although enforcement methods have not been announced, reliable sources say they will include "knocking on doors in the middle of the night, arrest and imprisonment of violators without trial." Torture, harassment of a suspect's family, and confiscation of all personal property has also received Justice Department authorization, according to the same sources. Justice Department spokesman Harold RT. Fuhrer told reporters that "the common people really can't be trusted with listening to important radio messages." He said that "millions of dollars were spent in purchasing the votes of members of the Congress and Senate in order to pass the

legislation." Senate staffers have pointed out that certain "secret provisions" of the law will not go into effect until after this year's fall elections. Some of those provisions are thought to include replacement of the commercial radio and television networks with a single government network to be run jointly by the FBI, CIA, and the 700 Club, as well as strict censorship governing anti-government political comment in the print media. In response to questions about the impact of the new law on ham radio operators, Mr. R. Harlan Habeas, General Counsel for the League of Radio Relaying Americans said, "It doesn't have anything to do with ham radio, does it? Besides, you can't fight city hall."

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By reading this, you have committed yourself to attending as many CARS meetings as possible and to participating in as many CARS activities as you can.

Remember, in the words of Mike Baxter, KA0XTT, "Ham Radio, the last line of communication before the coming appocolypse".

All hams are not created equal...some know CW.

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KD8OUE **

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K8ME **

Awards

W8GC ** WT80

Club Photographer

K8OAE **

Constitution/By-laws

WT80** All Officers/Board members, WJ8WM, WB8ROK, KD8BAL, KB8DTC, K8ARP, N8TCP?

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

W8EBB ** WT80, NF80, N8BBB

50/50

NI8Z

License classes

W8GC ** WT80 ** NI8Z, W8MET, KD8ACO

Mentor/Elmer & Community Education

W8MET **

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WT80 **

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KD8OUE ** NF80, KD8QBB, KD8QUE, KD8FTS, WT80

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KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N **

Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK ** pop, K8DMT ** coffee, K8VJG ** eat's

Scholarship

W8GC ** NI8Z, WT80, K8ME, K8REF

School Programs

NI8Z **

Summer Picnic

W8GC ** WB8N **

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