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THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

DAYTON HAMVENTION®

HERE WE COME !

FROM THE PREZ

The May meeting is going to be a dinner meeting held at Mimi's Restaurant in Parma. Mimi's is located in the shopping center on the Southwest corner of Broadview and Pleasant Valley Roads. The exact address is 7528 Broadview Road, Parma Ohio, 44134. The vote to have the dinner meeting was almost unanimous at the last meeting, so a good turnout is expected, as usually is the case for our dinner meetings that have become quite popular. The business meeting will start at it's usual time of 7:30, and seating for dinner will be available at 6:00. I must emphasize that dinner is OPTIONAL. You can come to the meeting and not eat dinner, as some members do. Or you can come early and have a cup of coffee or beverage or appetizer and enjoy the company of your fellow members. No matter how many times we emphasize the dinner is optional, we always seem to have one or two people who regularly attend meetings say they didn't come to the dinner meeting because they didn't want to spend the money on a dinner or for whatever reason don't eat restaurant food. Please do not miss the meeting if you don't want to have dinner, you will be welcomed by the

club no matter what. You won't be the only one and there is no reason to feel self-conscious. Also, some members bring their significant others for a night out, and they can also meet some of the members you talk about and see what goes on for you on the second Tuesday of every month. Mimi's has a website, www.mimisfamilyrestaurant.com, so you may want to check it out for the menu and other details. I cordially invite all members to attend our dinner meeting in May, whether you eat or not. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 10th of the month at 7:30 p.m. At the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was given and introductions were made. The March meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the in the April 2015 Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Toby gave the treasurers report Bob Check was still recovering from hip surgery. Dues are due, please support the club, and send the dues electronically to Bob's house.

Gary, NI8Z, reported that the Amateur Radio classes were successful again. A special VE session was held to give the graduates their license tests which resulted in two techs, two new generals, and three new extra 's.

Toby, WT8O, asked members to support the Wobbly Oscillator newsletter with articles, and even pictures of various projects or stations of interest.

Toby brought up about having the May meeting a dinner meeting. The members present agreed to have it at Mimi's Family Restaurant in the Pleasant Valley Shopping center.

The club has secured a Field Day sight thanks to Toby and Mark, WJ8WM, in Seven Hills at Calvin Park off of Maple view road in Seven Hills, There was a signup sheet at the meeting to help in any capacity. More field day discussion to follow at the May meeting.

Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned that the FCC isn't issuing paper license unless requested.

George, K8KR, mentioned that when renewing for Ham license plates, you must have copy of your license to present to the BMV. Gary, NI8Z, stated that if your license expires, you have a 2 year grace period. After that, you have to take a Technician test in order to re-instate the class of license you held when it expired.

There were five new members voted into the club; Clayton Samels, AA8TA, Kurt Batman, KD8WWR, and Mike Batman, KD8WIE. Also Steve Shaver, and Kelly Heindenreich who are waiting for their call signs.

Eddie, KD8FTS, reported that there is no public service activity until Sunday after Dayton which is May 17th. Contact Eddie for more

information.

Dwaine, K8ME, reported that the Dayton Bus is going well and there are only 5 seats left as of the meeting. If you want the bus to run every year, please support and promote the bus to other clubs. If you are planning on taking the bus to the Hamvention®, please get your money in ASAP to have a seat. Go to the CARS website for details. Send checks to K8ME. Time is drawing short, NO MONEY ACCEPTED ON DEPARTURE DAY.

Toby, WT8O, said any members needing help with equipment, or need advice on the purchase of new equipment or explanation on a new manual, let us know.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: NW8X, K8DMT, and WB8ROK. The members gave them a round of applause.

The 50/50 Raffle winner was Walter Semler, W8WAS, taking home \$33.00 with the club adding \$34.00 to it's coffers.. There were two door prizes raffeled off as well, with Toby, WT8O, winning a camera case, A cell phone charger was also raffeled off, winner unknown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Following the meeting, Arp, K8ARP, gave an interesting and informative presentation on hand held antennas and how to increase their efficiency.

Submitted by CARS Secretary. Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

THOUGHTS FROM W8MET

By Metro Sinko, W8MET

HEIGHT

HEIGHT IS MY FRIEND, I SHALL WANT IT, IT IS GAIN, IT IS POWER. HEIGHT IS MY FRIEND.

73, METRO

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

By Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

The program for April, given by Arp Viiberg K8ARP, on how to improve the efficiency of antennas used for common Handheld Radios, was very well received by everyone at the meeting. Arp did an outstanding job of, explaining the problem, actually showing the improvement in efficiency of the antennas when using the counterpoise, and interjecting humor in the presentation. His presentation prompted many questions from the crowd, for which he gave excellent answers. Thank you Arp for a great presentation.

At the May meeting, I will be giving a small presentation concerning nets. I will be discussing proper Net Protocol and Etiquette, how to handle intentional interference, and tips for those thinking about giving Net Control a try. Hope to see you all there.

VE's.



2015 Class Graduates

RESULTS OF THE CARS LICENSE CLASSES

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society license classes are over for the Spring session. There were (9) nine participants; Two Technician, Four General and Four in the Extra Class. The testing for this group was held Thursday April 9th, 2015 with Four VEs present and two CARS license instructors helping. They were Technician instructor David Noeth, KD8ACO, and General class instructor Toby Kolman. Extra class instructors were Joel Chaney, K8SHB, and myself NI8Z. WT8O. Tom Wayne, WB8N; Metro Sinko, W8MET, Joel Chaney, K8SHB, and myself were the VE's administering the tests.

We are happy to announce all in the Technician class passed. In both the General and Extra classes. 75% passed in each group. Nine were tested Seven passed, a 77% passing rate total. Below are photos of the successful students and



VE's diligently grading a test

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N
DAYTON HERE WE COME!

The annual Dayton Hamvention® is about a half a month away and I am really looking forward to it. This year CARS is once again sponsoring a bus to Dayton, which will be on Saturday, May 16th. As of this writing there are only 4 seats left on the bus, and by the time you read this they may be gone. If you waited until the last minute, you waited too long. *Continued on next page....*

I usually go for the three days of the Hamvention®, but this year I am taking the bus, so I'm going to have to cram a lot into the one day. I do want to take in the Ham Nation forum at 10:30 Saturday morning and have volunteered to man the Ham Nation booth in Audio Alley in the afternoon for about an hour. I'm looking for a new hand held rig and am undecided on a Yaesu or an ICOM rig, so I'll be checking those out and looking for show prices. Of course I'll be checking out the ARRL exposition as well. At noon a few of us get together in The Pub for a cold one and maybe lunch? So I've got my day pretty much planned out, with a little time to check out various manufacturers and dealers and spend some time in the flea market. There's a guy named Neal, K6SMF, who hails from California, that usually has a spot in the flea market and I hope to look him up. This guy is a retired U.S. Navy medic, that worked with the U.S. Marines (they're a branch of the Navy) in Viet Nam. He is a widower and spends his time traveling the country going to hamfests, buying and selling goodies. What a life. The vehicle he has been driving has over 200,000 miles on it! Hopefully he's still alive and well and still at it.

So if you're going to Dayton on the CARS bus, I'll be seeing you bright and early on Saturday, May 16th.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG...

Spring has sprung, the grass is rize, I wonder where the flowers is, as me ole mother used to say. Well, I'm starting to see the daffodils as well as the dandelions in the yard, so things are looking up, it is finally getting warmer and my driveway can finally get replaced. The garage is up and completed now, and that took a while because of the crappy rainy summer we had last year. Hopefully this summer will be dryer than last summer. I also have some antenna issues to take care of, and this is the time to get started on those. My 40 meter inverted vee antenna got torn apart during my garage construction, so I need to re-attach the broken ends. Luckily, I can bring the torn ends into the kitchen through a window, strip back the insulation, twist the ends together and solder them and I'll be back in business with that one. My vertical SteppIR has an electrical problem and I've asked for

help with that. If you need help putting up a new antenna or need assistance repairing an existing antenna,, let a CARS officer or board member know, and they will get you the assistance you need. Case in point, I need someone to climb my 40 foot tower and remove the rotator which requires some repair. Anybody want to volunteer? This person will have the use of a safety harness, supplied by me, and cannot be a "heavy weight"d, if you know what I mean.

TTFN

That's about it for this month gang. Hope to hear you on the CARS weekly net, held each week at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.82 repeater, and see you at the May meeting which is Tuesday, May 12th.

There's also a VE session on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th at the Olde Towne Hall on Brecksville Rd. In Independence OH.

Get on the air, use the CARS repeater, use your hard earned license privileges .

Adios, arrivederci, sayonara, aufwiedersene, chow, see ya.

73, de Tom, WB8N

SHOW US YOUR SHACK

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

We're trying to make this a monthly feature in the Wobbly Oscillator, and have had two members show us their shacks so far. This month we didn't have anyone send in info on their shack, so I'll show you mine.

My modest station consists of an ancient (by today's standards) Yaesu FT-1000 MP HF rig, and an FT-8800R dual band vhf/uhf rig. My antennas are a Lightning Bolt 2 element quad on my 40 foot tower, a 40 meter dipole, and a SteppIR vertical, all for HF. I have a Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna on my chimney, and a Comet dual band vhf/uhf antenna on the top of my tower. I use a Heil headset with a boom mic for operating HF.
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That' about it. I still have my very first HF rig that I bring out for Field Day, which is an ICOM IC-740 that I bought used in 1986. Below are a couple of pics of the shack which is in a small second floor bedroom that is committed strictly to Amateur Radio. 73, de WB8N.



LAST MINUTE CHANGES BEING MADE AT THE HARA ARENA FOR THE HAMVENTION®

By Emil Schmudack,, KB8ZBE

The owners of the Hara Arena where the annual Dayton Hamvention® is held are in the process of making some major repairs and changes to the aging facility. First of all, the

parking lot where the giant flea market is held has been repaved so it won't be treacherous to walk the flea market as it used to be. Next, the 5500 seat arena has been expanded to make it a 7500 seat facility, which will make room for more vendors dealers and manufacturers to display they're wares. The food court area has been remodeled and now is suggestive of a French restaurant, with new tables that have decorative umbrellas, upholstered chairs, and new lighting. The Pub has also been remodeled and has a sports theme. Instead of standing in line at the food area, there will be waitresses dressed in outfits similar to those worn by Hooters waitresses that will come to your table to take your order. The furniture is all new and the bar will carry a larger selection of beers, wine and liquors. Hopefully, all these changes will be complete by the time the Hamvention® starts on May 15th. The Hamvention® has always been a great Amateur Radio event, attracting hams from all over the world, and perhaps the changes to the arena will bring in even more hams to this great event. Look for me at the Hamvention®. I'll be wearing my callsign hat.

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Reserve and pay for your 2015 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

**Saturday May 16, 2015 CARS
is again sponsoring a Bus trip
to the Dayton Hamvention.**

*Nearly 25,000 hams & non-hams
attended Hamvention® 2012. Every
amateur radio operator in the world
probably dreams about going to the
Dayton Hamvention at least once.
Please join us in 2015, it is an
incredible event and offers something
for everyone.*



The Bus trip will cost \$50.00 dollars per person, we will not stop for breakfast on the way down, but there will be a fast food stop on the way home. You are responsible for both your food and Hamvention tickets. Go to <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php> to order your tickets.

Stop 1: The bus will leave promptly at 5:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle and Bagley Roads, in Middleburg Heights, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, Kmart is behind the Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there will is security.

Stop 2: The bus will also pickup riders at I-71 & Rt 303 at the SE corner of the Kmart parking lot and will depart for Dayton at approximately 5:30 am.

When ordering tickets please tell us which stop you will be at.

Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance.

If you have any questions please see Dwaine at a CARS meeting or call him at 440-582-3462. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: Dwaine Modock K8ME, 8113 Thornhurst Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133 OH 44131-0264 attn. Dayton bus

73, Dwaine, K8ME