

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 12th of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Mimi's Family Restaurant in Parma Ohio. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given and introductions were made. Approval of the April minutes as they appeared in the May 2015 Wobbly Oscillator newsletter was given. Bob, W8GC, gave the treasurers report. He mentioned that the Dayton bus was paid for and reported that the club is still healthy financially.

Gary, NI8Z, reported that the amateur radio license classes were successful again.

The club has secured a Field Day sight thanks to Toby and Mark, WJ8WM, in Seven Hills at Calvin Park off of Maple View Rd. There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting and more field day discussion to will be discussed at the June Meeting.

Dwaine, K8ME, gave a quick run down on details for the Dayton bus trip. George, K8KR, will be the bus captain. It was first time that Dayton bus was sold out. The bus to Dayton for next year bus is being thought about.

Eddie, KD8FTS, that there's no public service activity until Sunday after Dayton which is May 17th, for the Cleveland Marathon.

Rick, KD8SCT, and Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned that Seven Hills is asking for hams to help with the Seven Hills Memorial Day parade. Presentation given by Mike KD8OUE on Net Procedure.

Summer meetings start in June, and will continue for July and August, at the Harriet Keeler picnic area in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks, East of Brecksville Road off Rt. 82.

Toby, WT8O asked the club to thank the refreshment committee: NW8X, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

The 50/50 Raffle winner was Andy Evridge, KD8SCV, taking home \$26.00, with \$26.00 going to the CARS coffers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. After the meeting, Mike, KD8OUE gave a presentation on net procedure.

Submitted by CARS Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

REPORT ON DAYTON BUS TRIP &

HAMVENTION®

By George Pindroh, K8KR

In the early hours of Saturday, May 16th (5AM), 37 happy radio amateurs rode on the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society bus to the Dayton Hamvention®. For months we were all looking forward to Dayton. As we were enduring a very terrible winter we knew that after the ice and snow melted there was Dayton. For many of us Dayton is on our agendas each and every year. And for other newly licensed hams it was their first time!

We arrived at Hara Arena around 8:30 AM. The bus driver surprised me by knowing a different route around Trotwood which bypassed a lot of traffic on Shiloh Springs Road, the usual route. When our driver Mike turned into a street which we never went by before I asked him where he was going! Mike just smiled...as he knew better!

The weather was overcast and looked like rain. It had rained the day before sending a lot of flea market vendors home as there were many vacant flea market spaces. But there were still hundreds of flea market vendors available selling. In my opinion there seemed to be a lot of junk for sale. Every year the flea market seems to be different. Usually I find things to buy in the flea market but this year I didn't spend a dime out there.

Inside Hara Arena all the manufacturers were in their usual places...Yaesu, Kenwood, Icom, MFJ, DX Engineering, etc. Of course I obtained a 2015 Yaesu hat to add to my collection. Somewhere in my closet I have every Yaesu hat given away at Dayton. I did see Tim Duffy, K3LR, an official of DX Engineering, *Continued on next page....*

and congratulated him on being selected "Ham of the Year". As you recall Tim gave a great presentation at one of our recent club meetings. Glad to see a local ham get the award!

At noon, many of our CARS members huddled inside the "Pub" for lunch washed down by some cold 807's (beer). Besides myself present were WB8N, NI8Z, N8TCP, W8MET, WJ8WM, N8DJX, WT8O, etc.(hope I didn't forget someone). The Pub gathering is becoming an annual event! Good food, good company, a few cold ones while sitting for awhile!

Many of us bought new equipment while there. Many of the manufacturers have lower prices on their products for the Dayton Hamvention. I bought a new hi fidelity Yaesu microphone.

One of the great advantages for taking the CARS bus to Dayton is that the bus is parked only a few feet in front of Hara Arena. So, if you bought something you could put it in the luggage area under the bus easily!

We departed for home about 5 PM. It was decided we would stop at a Burger King near Mansfield. We were in and out of there in 45 minutes. Our driver called ahead and warned them that 37 hungry hams were about to invade them.

We were back at our cars about 9:15PM (very good timing)

Another great Dayton Hamvention® CARS trip is in the log and history! Already looking forward to 2016! If you didn't make Dayton this year....maybe you can next year! 73, de K8KR

ARRL NEWS

From the Ohio Section News

The FCC is eliminating the regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. The change will not go into effect, however, until required

congressional notice has been given. This will take at least 90 days. As the Commission explained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, and Order (MD Docket 14-92 and others), released May 21, it's a matter of simple economics.

"The Commission spends more resources on processing the regulatory fees and issuing refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment," the FCC said. "As our costs now exceed the regulatory fee, we are eliminating this regulatory fee category." The current vanity call sign regulatory fee is \$21.40, the highest in several years. The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014 and estimated that it would collect nearly \$246,100.

In its 2014 Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) regarding the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY 2014, the FCC had sought comment on eliminating several smaller regulatory fee categories, such as those for vanity call signs and GMRS. It concluded in the subsequent Report and Order (R&O) last summer, however, that it did not have "adequate support to determine whether the cost of recovery and burden on small entities outweighed the collected revenue or whether eliminating the fee would adversely affect the licensing process."

The FCC said it has since had an opportunity to obtain and analyze support concerning the collection of the regulatory fees for Amateur Vanity and GMRS, which the FCC said comprise, on average, more than 20,000 licenses that are newly obtained or renewed, every 10 and 5 years, respectively.

"The Commission often receives

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multiple applications for the same vanity call sign, but only one applicant can be issued that call sign," the FCC explained. "In such cases, the Commission issues refunds for all the remaining applicants. In addition to staff and computer time to process payments and issue refunds, there is an additional expense to issue checks for the applicants who cannot be refunded electronically."

The Commission said that after it provides the required congressional notification, Amateur Radio vanity program applicants "will no longer be financially burdened with such payments, and the Commission will no longer incur these administrative costs that exceed the fee payments. The revenue that the Commission would otherwise collect from these regulatory fee categories will be proportionally assessed on other wireless fee categories."

The FCC said it would not issue refunds to licensees who paid the regulatory fee prior to its official elimination.

NOTES ON MONTHLY PROGRAMS

By Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

At the May meeting, I gave a short presentation concerning NETs, including proper Protocol and Etiquette, how to handle intentional interference, and gave a few tips for those thinking about giving Net Control a try. I think the presentation went well, as there were comments and suggestions from the group in attendance, and there were even some folks who decided to get on the schedule to be Net Controllers, and a few who will be giving it a try on a guest basis. We would like to have a program at every meeting, as we believe that is what all the members want, and besides, it makes for a more

interesting meeting. As this past months presentation showed, anyone can give a presentation. I'm certainly not comfortable speaking in front of groups, BUT if I can do it, so can YOU. Please consider giving it a try, as we know the members will appreciate it. At our June meeting, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, will be giving us all a demonstration how to use an antenna analyzer. I am really looking forward to this presentation and may even bring my analyzer to follow along with the demonstration. I'm sure it will prove to be most informative. Hope everyone can make it to the meeting. See you there.

REPORT ON the MAY VE SESSION

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z, Senior VE

The VE test held May 10TH saw three successful candidates. In the picture (left to right) William Perrine, KD8WIB; Karl Batman, KD8YHW; and James Borawski, KE8BYI. The first two named passed General. Karl of the Batman clan was in our licensing class. Borawski became a Technician. Congratulations to all!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott Smith AC8NW 06-06-1961
Dwayne Modock K8ME 06-16-1948
Joe Ulaszewski KD8BAL 06-21-1950
Linda Rose Sinko N8LRS 06-24-1953
Lou Iganczak N8PZK 06-24-/////

Keith Alexander W8NOX 06-07-1939
Congratulations to all and many happy returns!

SHOW US YOUR SHACK

This month we take a look at the radio station of Arp Viiberg, K8ARP.

I have a desk in my home office that is dedicated to Amateur Radio. In the middle of the desk is an old Windows XP laptop that I use for logging and Digital Communications. One of my main goals, when I was setting up my equipment, was to make it as compact and as portable as possible. To that end, I built two aluminum rack systems to which I fastened all the equipment. On the left is the HF side consisting of a Yaesu FT-450AT, LDG YT-450 autotuner and a SEC 1235M power supply. On the right is the VHF/UHF/HF side consisting of a Yaesu FT-857D, Kenwood TM-V71A, LDG YT-100 autotuner, MFJ 4230MV power supply, Yaesu FT-1500 and a SignalLink USB for Digital Communications. The HF antenna is a Carolina Windom 40 (66') which is on an A/B switch to the FT-450 and the FT-857. The 2M/440 antenna is a Diamond X200A mounted to the roof vent pipe and on an A/B switch to the V71A and the FT-857. There is also an Arrow J Pole 2M/440 antenna in the attic that goes to the FT-1500. All the coax to the antennas is LMR-400.

Nothing fancy, but it gets me down the street ... and Down Under.



73, de Arp, K8ARP.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SUMMER FUN

As Toby mentioned in his column, we start the "meetings in the park" this month and continue through August. If you can, come early and join us at the grill...bring some burgers, hot dogs, or even a steak. Or just stop at Mickey D's and bring whatever you get. Then we have Field Day coming up at the end of the month, at a new location. Come on out and operate for awhile. I plan on having a 40 meter CW station this year.

Some time this summer will be the CARS Family Picnic, at a date, time and location to be announced. We always have lots of good food and good times at those. And they're FREE!

BACK FROM DAYTON

Those of us that took the CARS sponsored bus to the Dayton Hamvention® made it back safe & sound if not a bit tired from all the walking. I even managed to sleep a bit on the trip back home. I enjoyed the Hamvention® and actually one day was enough for me this time. I purchased a few small items, including a new Alinco HT, and a Heil headset with a boom microphone for the HT. I took in the Ham Nation Forum in the morning and volunteered to man the Ham Nation booth in the afternoon. Met with some of the guys a noon in the Pub as well.

In my haste to leave the house to pick up NI8Z and make it to the bus in time, I left my Hamvention® ticket and my VX5R HT at home. By the time I realized I had no ticket, it was too late. I really didn't feature having to pay \$25.00 at the door, especially since I had already paid \$20.00 for a ticket in advance. George, K8KR, came to my rescue. He suggested going to the ticket window at the arena and tell them of my plight. At the will-call window, they looked me up on their computer and they issued me a replacement ticket. Whew! What a relief. I told George that

I'd buy him a beer when we met at the pub, which I did.

Thanks again George.

TTFN

That's it for this month fellow members. Hope to see you at the June meeting in the park. We'll have the grill fired up and ready. I also hope to see many of you at Field Day. Don't forget to check into the CARS Wednesday night nets as well. The more the merrier. Who knows, you might even get the right answer to the trivia question.

73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

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