

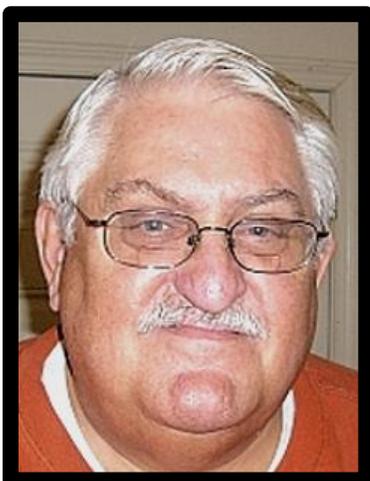
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Dwaine, K8ME, SK



From The Prez

It is with the heaviest of hearts, I bring to the newsletter the news of our good friend Dwaine Modock, K8ME, becoming a Silent Key. Of the many regrets I have, one of the most is that all CARS members did not get to know Dwaine well. Those that did, will agree with me that he had a unique sense of humor. Humor brings laughter and smiles into a world that sometimes can get all too depressing. The witticisms he came up with made you laugh not only at the time, but the next day, or days or weeks down the log. Since this is a

family publication, I'll have to refrain from mentioning some of his best ones here.

It's no doubt, Dwaine was a ham's ham. Amateur radio was his main focus. A visit to his shack testified to his involvement; the equipment, the wallpaper, and all the items collected over a lifetime of radio operation bedazzled and impressed a tenderfoot like myself. He was an accomplished DXer, an active contester, and a frequent participant in local VHF and UHF activities. Phone or CW, Dwaine was skilled at both. Dwaine served in numerous local clubs as an officer and active member. I'm certain he was well liked and will be missed by his fellow members of those clubs. Of course, he was a life member of the ARRL.

As secretary of CARS he fulfilled one of the most difficult and thankless officer's positions. We always will be grateful for his managing the Hamvention bus trips. Most club members may not be aware of his tenacity by keeping the annual trek alive when it was becoming a financial burden to continue, even after his physical limitations kept him from going himself. He did a great job as a Net Controller for many years.

Godspeed, Old Man.

73. Toby, WT8O

K8ME, Silent Key

As I chased DX on the bands many times, I would hear a loud signal pinning my meter. K8ME was trying for the same DX as I. Sometimes I would get a 599 from the DX station before K8ME, and vice-versa; sometimes K8ME would get the DX before me. You will be missed by all with the big signal from K8ME. RIP

73, Metro, W8MET

CARS March 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, at 7:31 P.M. on the 14th day of the month at the Fugi Grille Buffet. The mood of the meeting was somber as it was made known that Dwaine, K8ME, became a Silent Key two days prior. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence and prayer for Dwaine. Introductions were made by the members and guests. The February meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the March *Wobbly Oscillator*.

Bob, W8GC, gave the treasurer's report of the treasury balance. He reminded all ARRL members to renew their dues through CARS.

The members present voted Ron Hollas, K8RJH, into the club.

Joel, K8SHB, is organizing another Ham Shoot Out. The event will be similar to the ones he has had in the past, and will be at the North Olmsted Sportsman's Club on Sunday, April 2nd. Contact Joel at jchaney44145@gmail.com to register or get further information.

Larry, N8OWS, volunteered to take Dwaine's place as secretary. It was made

official by a vote of all the members present.

Eddie, KD8FTS, and Arp, K8ARP, discussed the next public service event, the Cleveland Marathon. The event will be held the Sunday of the Hamvention weekend, which is May 21st. To volunteer to work the Marathon, contact Eddie or Arp. Eddie commented there is always a need for hams to participate in the event due to the conflict with the Hamvention.

Metro, W8MET, thanked all the Volunteer Examiners who attended the last VE session commenting that there were no exams given, since there were no walk-ins.

In Bill's, KD8QBB, absence, Toby said there are some very good programs scheduled beginning in April, and that anyone who would like to do a presentation to contact Bill, and it would be welcomed and appreciated.

WT8O spoke about Field Day, saying we need someone to set up a digital station, and we need coaches to oversee the GOTA station. Disappointingly, there were no volunteers. He also thanked the refreshment committee, Ed, WB8ROK; Rich, NW8X; and Darren, K8DMT.

Mark, WJ8WM, reported there are two opportunities available to the club for fund raising. The first is April 27th at the "Taste of Seven Hills" event. We will be selling raffle tickets and keeping a percentage the profit. The club members who volunteer will need to purchase their own tickets to the dinner. He added the city would help us with another chance to earn by providing the building, cooking facilities, food donations and even kitchen help for a spaghetti dinner. Both opportunities potentially would be good money makers.

The 50/50 was won by Darren, K8DMT who pocketed twenty-five dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O.

Member Spotlight

Ed Stevens, WB8ROK

How did you become interested in ham radio?

My Wife, Rickey (K8JFL) wanted to take classes from the Southeast Amateur Radio Club and I joined her.

What made you decide to take the test?

My Wife Rickey (K8JFL) wanted to talk to me on the air.

When did you get your license(s)?

1973

What are your base station radios and antennas?

Ten-Tec Omni VI and a Kenwood FM Dual Bander TM – D710

What is your “go to” base station HF radio?

Ten-Tec Omni VI

What is your mobile set up?

Kenwood FM Dual Bander TM – D710

What are your favorite on air activities?

Nets

Why did you join CARS?

CARS is a large club and it active in Public Service. Both of these facts are important to me.

What would you like to see CARS do to improve?

I would like to receive more regular and detailed reports on the performance of our repeaters.

Anything else you would like to say?

I enjoyed the bus trips to Dayton and ARRL. I would like to see more bus trips within the limits of our treasury.

Honorary Members

Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society

Robert Check, W8GC
Elected 01/01/14

Thomas Wayne, WB8N
Elected 1/10/17

Samuel F.B. Morse Day

CW operator's station W2M will be celebrating the 226th birthday of Samuel F.B. Morse on 28.035, 14.035 and 7.035 MHz. This will be on April 29, 1400Z-2000Z. Website is w2ntv@arrl.net or www.grz.com/db/w2m

73, Metro, W8MET

NOTES FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The committee is here to provide services to every member of CARS that may need assistance with, any ham radio related technical issues. So if you would like assistance, please speak with one of the committee members.

Here is the current listing of committee members:

Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE; Vince Bak, N8OVW; Mark Morro, WJ8WM; Scott Smith, AC8NW; Mike Toth, KB8RKF; David Noeth, KD8ACO; Terry Pillat, KD8DTC and Toby Kolman WT8O.

The Technical Committee is currently working on the replacement of the 440 repeater at the Parma site. We will be installing one of the Yaesu repeaters, and setting it up to provide Digital capabilities in the area. Unfortunately, due to weather, along with work related and personal issues, we have not been able to perform any comprehensive work on the repeater system. However, the Technical Committee is meeting on April 6th, and will be setting a start date for the new repeater installation.

Your continuing patience is greatly appreciated.

I know, I know I'm repeating myself, but...I want to, once again, remind everyone that we've reactivated the stand-alone 444.750 repeater in Shaker Hts., which provides alternate repeater coverage for downtown Cleveland, and areas East. It's there to use, so pass that info along to any hams that may have a need in that area.

73, Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE



The General students in the CARS 2017 licensing class take their last practice test before the real VE exam on April 13th. A bewildered WT8O looks on. They all did an excellent job on the test with perfect or near perfect scores.

W1AW CW SCHEDULE

CW Slow Code sent at 5, 7.5, 10, 13, and 15 wpm on frequencies of 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, and 147.555 MHz. Days for this are on Monday at 7 P.M., Tuesday at 4 P.M. and 10 P.M., Wednesday at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M., Thursday at 4 P.M. and 10 P.M., Friday at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. Turn on your radio and give it a try. Now and you will be ready for Field Day in June. This is how I learned code last century in 1968

73, Metro, W8MET

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FOR SALE

Really sharp Yaesu FT-1200, clean, no scratches, original mic, manual, power cable, etc. \$775. One of the most easy to use modern radios with beautiful display and easy controls. Will meet you halfway to deliver, or you can pick up here in Solon. Call 440-098-0799 Bob KK8ZZ

FOR SALE

Kenwood TL-922 amplifier. 2000 watts PEP 160-10 meters. Uses 2X 3-500z tubes. Only 50 hours of use. Wired for 110 VAC. Brecksville, Ohio. \$800 Call 440-759-7552.

A Taste of Seven Hills

We NEED some Cars members to help support a fund raising opportunity that was given to the club as a “gift” by the city of Seven Hills. CARS participants will attend a dinner function and sell raffle tickets. There is no solicitation involved. We will sit at a dinner table and assist those who wish to buy tickets from a selection board located adjacent to our table. We will be given a lucrative percentage of the profits. The dinner will consist of various selections from local eateries as well as adult beverages for those who wish them. Those that help out will be dinner guests, although a ticket purchase is required. More details about the event can be found on the city’s website

www.sevenhillsohio.org.

We have been given this opportunity because of the work we do for the city at the Memorial Day parade and “Home Days.” This is a way we can make some easy money. We will discuss dollar amounts at the April meeting. We need eight people to fill the table. I would expect every member would consider helping out with this. So if you are interested please contact Mark, WJ8WM, or myself as soon as possible. It will be a good time and a good opportunity.

73, Toby, WT8O

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA will be operating from the USS Massachusetts on April 22, 1300Z-2100Z, using the call of W1BSA on 14.259 and 7.259. They will be using SSB and it will be their first time playing radio. Give them a call.

April Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------|
| Bob Check, W8GC | 4/29/41 |
| Gary Berkowitz, K8REF | 4/19 |
| John Cobb, Sr., KC8WLY | 4/23/57 |
| Joe Bergartt, NC8J | 4/27/51 |
| Metro Sinko, W8MET | 4/27/52 |
| Bob Wright, KE8CEO | 4/22/63 |
| Tim Campensa, KD8YQM | 4/10/47 |
| Vince Bak, N8OVW | 4/22/49 |

International Marconi Day

On April 22, 0000Z-2359Z, KM1CC will be on the air on 18.080, 14.260, 14.035, 7.035 MHz for their special event commemorating International Marconi Day. Website is www.facebook.com/KM1CC Give them a call.

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Metro's Picks

- April 1, 1400-April 2, 0200 Mississippi QSO Party 3.5 MHz-UHF-CW-Ph-Dig www.arrlmiss.org
- April 1, 1400-April 2, 0200 Missouri QSO Party 1.8 MHz UHF CW-Ph-Dig www.w0ma.org
- April 8, 1400-April 9, 0200 New Mexico QSO Party 1.8-50 MHz CW-Ph-Dig www.newmexicogsoparty.org
- April 8, 1800-April 9, 2359 Georgia QSO Party 1.8-50 MHz CW-Ph-Dig www.georgiagsoparty.org
- April 15, 1600-April 16, 0400 Michigan QSO Party 3.5-28 MHz CW-Ph www.miqp.org/Rules.htm
- April 15, 1800-April 16, 1800 Ontario QSO Party 1.8-144 MHz CW-Ph www.va3coo.com/oqp
- April 15, 1800-April 16 1800 North Dakota QSO Party 1.8-144MHz CW-Ph-Dig w0nd.com
- April 16, 1800-April 16, 2359 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 3.5-50 MHz PH www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup
- April 17, 1900-April 17, 2300 144 MHz Spring Sprint CW-Ph-Dig sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints
- April 22, 1400-April 23, 2300 Nebraska QSO Party 1.8-UHF CW-Ph-Dig qcwa.org/chapter025.htm
- April 29, 1600-April 30, 2159 Florida QSO Party 7-28MHz CW-Ph www.floridagsoparty.org

Participating is FUN, FUN, FUN....ENJOY !!!!!

Info from QST April 2017 Pg.92....all times in GMT ZUL

Please reserve and pay for your
“2017 Hamvention” ride to Xenia, OH
Bus Trip ASAP.

Saturday May 20, 2017 CARS is
again sponsoring a Bus trip to the
“2017 Hamvention” 1st time now
located at the Green County
Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH.



Every amateur radio operator in the world probably dreams about going to the Hamvention (formerly Dayton Hamvention) at least once. Please join us in 2017, it is an incredible event in a new Venue 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 may 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 56 passenger 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 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 Xenia 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 Metro W8MET at a CARS meeting or call him at 216-520-1320. Checks must be made out to CARS and mailed to: Metro Sinko W8MET, 6511 Elmarge Dr., Independence, OH 44131 attn. Xenia bus

73, Metro, W8MET

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Find a Club Station location

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50/50

KD8OUE

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WB8N **

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March 15, 2017