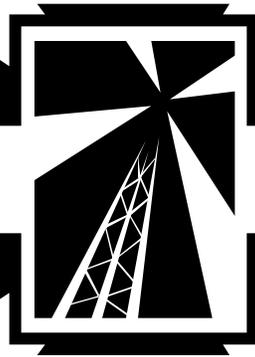


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## EDITOR'S DESK

by Roy Hadden, KB8VJF

I had to move my computer to a new location due to a remodeling project and have not reconnected all of the peripherals. I have received a few items for publication that require my scanner, so they will have to wait until the next issue.

One picture is of particular interest. It is Joe Guzowski's old QSL card. I would love to publish the story of K8ZFR himself along with his picture, but I do not know the story. I need someone to step up and compose an article telling the members of C.A.R.S. about this man and why we continue to use his call sign, K8ZFR. It

would also be interesting to compile various memories from members that knew Joe.

Please send your contribution, even if it's only a paragraph, by the end of February via E-mail to:

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The list of guests, visitors, and family members included Dwaine Modock K8ME, David Semanik KB8WRS, Margaret Markovic, Steve Kahn KB8VJA, and Tim Settles.

## CHANGES TO THE MINUTES

There were no changes to the minutes.

## CHANGES TO THE TREASURER REPORT

There were no changes to the treasurer report.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was more discussion of a possible CARS special event station for the Club's 30th anniversary. No firm plans were decided upon.

## NEW BUSINESS

Greg KG8O mentioned that he has redesigned the CARS web site and is presently offering space for Club members to put up a personal web page.

The Greater Cleveland Amateur Radio Committee is planning an Amateur Radio Day at the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo sometime this summer. The organization is looking for support from local clubs and has asked if CARS can bring their Comm Trailer. They are hoping to put several stations on the air that day demonstrating several modes of communication. Admission will be half price that day for all hams and their families.



## MEETING MINUTES

by Ray Severyn, WD8OMK

Minutes of the regular Club meeting held on January 20, 1999, at the Busch Community Room as recorded by Ray WD8OMK.

The January CARS meeting was called to order by Tom Wayne WB8N at 8:00 p.m. Members in attendance included Roy KB8VJF, Dave KC8FVM, Lin WD8SDP, Gordon KC8IOU, Paul KC8AMD, Bill AA8WJ, Dave KD8V,

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:  
MEMBERSHIP**

The applicants that appeared in the W.O. since the November meeting were voted on and accepted as a group. This includes Scott Dressler KC8LEO and Ron Good W8RJG. Neither applicant was present at the meeting. Paul KC8AMD has received an application from Dwaine Modock K8ME.

**WEEKLY CLUB NET**

Roger N8TCP will be starting code practice again on the 82 repeater sometime in February on Tuesday nights.

**TECHNICAL/REPEATER**

Greg KG8O reported on the progress of the repeater equipment. The project has been underway for about a year now and Greg says they are close to the installation phase of the project. Greg is now working out some of the logistical details of the installation and hopes to have the new equipment installed before the end of next month. He commented that the system may need a larger power supply.

Tom WB8N noted that WTAM can be heard occasionally on the 82 repeater.

**COMM-TRAILER**

Tom WB8N reported that the Club needs to start looking for a new location to store the Comm Trailer. At our present storage location the rent is going to be increased from \$25 to \$60 per month. Presently the Club is paid up through March 31.

**DAYTON BUS TRIP**

Roger N8TCP reported that the Dayton bus trip this year is on Saturday, May 15th, departing at 2 a.m. The bus has already been reserved and fifteen seats have already been sold. Tickets are \$30 each.

**HAMFEST**

Once again, the distribution of flyers at other area hamfests will be an impor-

tant part of the advertisement of our hamfest. Tom WB8N is calling on the members to help distribute CARS Hamfest flyers when you go to your next hamfest.

**VE REPORT**

Gary NI8Z mentioned that the next CARS VE session will be on March 14th. During the last session there were 8 VEs and only one candidate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Steve Kahn KB8VJA and Tim Settles gave a presentation this evening about the American Red Cross covering general activities of the Red Cross and disaster communications.



**VE NEWS**

*by Gary Dewey, NI8Z*

The C.A.R.S. VE group will again schedule examination sessions at the Independence TownHall, 6652 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH. This site has handicap accessibility.

The upcoming dates in 1999 are:

**March 14th**

**May 2nd**

**July 11th**

**September 12th**

**November 14th**

All dates will be on the 2nd Sunday except May. Testing will begin at 9am. Walk-ins are welcome, however, it would be appreciated if a call for registration was made at least one week prior to the test date. FCC forms will be available. The 1999 ARRL/VEC test fee will be \$6.45. A fee will be charged for any retest of a failed element.

Everyone must bring a pen and pencil with eraser, the original and copies of licenses and CSEs, a current or valid photo identification,

Contact Gary Dewey, NI8Z, at 216-642-1339 or NI8Z@cars.org.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Judy Crane, KC8FHE

Editor: Report not submitted.



## FROM THE PREZ'S SHACK

by Tom Wayne WB8N

### A GREAT START

Well, we seem to be off to a great start for 1999. At the January meeting we had a good turnout of members plus several guests, two of which were from the Cleveland branch of the American Red Cross, who had a video and spoke on how hams can be of service in case of an

emergency. The program was very interesting and thanks go to Paul KC8AMD for arranging it.

As was noted by the visitors from the Red Cross, they are trying to re-build the affiliation between the Red Cross and the Ham community. At one time Ham clubs, especially C.A.R.S., were very active with the Red Cross. However, as personnel changed and leadership changed, both with the Red Cross and with the Ham clubs, the relationship between the clubs and the ARC changed also. Hopefully we can become as close as we once were, as there is a great need for communications which only Hams can provide in times of emergencies, when the phone lines go down, local law enforcement and fire departments cannot talk between themselves

because they are not on the same frequencies, and communications snafus in general.

### BOARD MEETING / HELP!!

We also had a short but sweet board meeting prior to the regular January meeting. This was the first board meeting for 1999. At this meeting I related information from a letter which was passed on to me by Roger N8TCP, our previous treasurer. The letter was from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, where we store our communications trailer and various pieces of equipment of C.A.R.S. We have been paying a nominal fee of \$25 per month to the church for rent of the space in their multi unit garage. They are now informing us that effective April 1st, 1999, they are raising the rent to the astronomical sum of \$60 per month! That is more than

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a 100% increase! We simply cannot afford to pay that amount and keep the trailer there any longer, so we are looking for someone to come to our aid in time of need, in the form of someplace we can store the trailer, hopefully inside. We are willing to pay up to \$25 per month to store it. So rack your brains and here is hoping one of our members can come up with a solution before the April 1 deadline. That is not too far off!

## ARRL MEMBERSHIP

From the sign-in sheet passed around at the last meeting, out of 31 members present, 17 are ARRL members. That is about the minimum required from the ARRL to be affiliated with that organization. So I am just reminding all members, to consider joining the ARRL if you are not already a member. Also, we have membership forms at each meeting. All you have to do is ask. Remember that if you are already a member and your renewal date is coming up, we have renewal forms as well. The club makes a couple of bucks on each new membership and a buck on every renewal as well. I will try to remember to announce it at every meeting and have the forms out on the head table for your convenience. The ARRL has it's shortcomings, but all in all it is a good organization and membership has it's perks as well.

## THE REPEATERS

Greg KG8O and Vince N8OVW, two of our technical committee members, have been out at the Channel 55 site getting ready to put the new equipment in service there. It has been a long wait, it will be worth it when the new stuff is up and running!

Also, during the heavy ice and snow in early January I know you all heard WTAM 1100 a.m. radio coming in on the 146.22/82 signal. It appears that the cause was just that, the ice and snow and saturated ground conditions. Now that the weather has improved, so has the repeater's signal. Let's keep our fingers crossed for continued good weather.

## FEBRUARY MEETING / WEEKLY NET/CODE PRACTICE

I hope we will keep up the good attendance we had in January at the February meeting!

I don't know what the program will be, if any, but we hope to see as many C.A.R.S. members there as possible.

Don't forget the Wednesday night weekly nets either. Phyllis KC8DVL does a great job as net control and has been throwing in a trivia question each week also. The net meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 146.22/82 repeater.

Roger N8TCP is continuing his Morse code practice sessions again on Tuesday evenings as well. This begins at 7:00 p.m. as well, and is also on the .22/82 repeater.

Well, that is about if for now folks. Hope to hear ya on the air and see ya at the next meeting. Until then,  
73, de Tom WB8N



## VEEP VIEWS

by Gary Dewey, N18Z

Its been bugging me. Maybe it has been bugging you. What bug am I talking about? Its the Y2K bug. Its the talk of the country. People are buying 1800 generation stoves and generators. It is getting so much notierity that it is on the front page of Time magazine.

Is your Personel Computer ready for the 21st century? Here are some easy tests to help you determine if your home computer will be able to make the leap, into leap year 2000.

### Test 1

Set the clock of your computer, found in Win 95/98 under 'My Computer', Control Panel, Date/Time, to December 31 1999 and time about 23:45pm. Turn off

the computer and wait for 20 minutes. Then turn it back on and see if the date rolled to 1 January 2000, or if it defaulted to either 1 January 1900 or 1980.

### Test 2

Set the date on your computer to 2 January 2000. Turn the computer off and wait a couple of minutes before turning it back on. (Even though some systems can cross the century time bridge and keep track of the correct year - as in the previous test - they may have trouble dealing with a date of 2000 or later that you type in.) If this causes a problem, it is most likely in the real-time clock.

### Test 3

Set the date on your computer to 29 February 2000. Do you get a message of "Invalid Date?". Remember, the year 2000 is also a leap year.

If your computer fails any of the test, it won;t function properly in the new centry. Test your system soon so you'll have plenty of time to consider your options with regards to upgrading or replacing your computer with one that is "Y2K" year 2000 compliant.



## DAYTON BUS

by Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP

Once again CARS will be having it's annual bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest. The bus will depart Brecksville at 2AM and return the same day around 8:30PM. The date is Sat. May 15th. Cost per seat is \$30 and you will be responsible for your own entrance ticket to the hamfest. For reservations and information contact Roger N8TCP (440) 843-6723 or n8tcp@cars.org. Hope to see you on the bus.....

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## THE RANDOM WIRE

by Tom Wayne WB8N

### AMATEUR RADIO MEETS ROCK & ROLL

In the past I have written about the many celebrities that are licensed Hams which include entertainers, musicians, politicians, etc. of both local and national and even world wide fame.

I am not going to bore you with the list again, just information on one of the celebs, who although is not a native of the local area, came to some fame as a member of the local rock community. The following is from the ARRL Letter, vol 18, No 4.

Joe Walsh, rock star/Collins collector. A West Virginia ham recently cut a deal to sell his refurbished vintage Collins KWS-1 transmitter and 75A4 receiver to singer-songwriter Joe Walsh, WB6ACU. Mark Danehart, W8MSD, of Mt. Olivet, West Virginia, decided to sell the pair recently, and he was surprised when Walsh was the lone caller responding to his ad. Danehart made arrangements to ship the heavy metal units to Walsh, who was wrapping up a concert tour. An ARRL Life Member, Walsh, 51, has enjoyed a career with the Eagles and as a solo artist. He's belonged to the League for 27 years now. In addition to a check for the Collins gear, he sent Danehart an autographed picture as well as two autographed CDs. Walsh's road manager also promised Danehart front row seats to Walsh's next concert in the Ohio Valley. Danehart's story of the Collins sale appeared December 9 1998 in The Wheeling Intelligencer.

In addition to that article, Joe Walsh went to Kent State University, and while there joined the now defunct, but at the time very popular James Gang band, as it's lead guitar player, replacing Glen Schwartz, who still plays at local clubs in the area. Just this past summer, Schwartz was surprised by Walsh coming into the club he was playing at in the Flats and

joining him on stage for a couple of sets. Joe said that he had never met Schwartz before, but he came to hear and play with the master! Joe Walsh's picture is posted along the row of QSL cards displayed at Amateur Electronic Supply in Wicliffe. If you can't find it there, ask one of the counter people and they will be happy to point it out to you.

That's it for now.  
See ya, and 73,  
de Tom WB8N



## NEW BAND

by Gary Dewey, N18Z

The Federal Communication Commission issued an Experimental Radio License to the ARRL to permit 2-way testing on 5 MHz. Maybe this will be the next 'ham band'. The frequencies are within 5.1 to 5.45 MHz.

The idea for this new band is to bridge between 40 and 80 meters for emergency communications needs.

This Experimental license is good for 2 years. Participant in the experiment may run up to 200 W ERP. Participating stations are located in New Hampshire, Tennessee, Ohio, Florida, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Indiana, California, Utah, New York, Texas, the US Virgin Islands, and Maryland.

SWL can start to listen for the call WA2XSY on SSB or RTTY in this frequency range.



## AMATEUR RADIO ENFORCER

by Tom Parkinson, KB8UUZ

### ARRL Bulletin 4 ARLB004

>From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT January 14, 1999 To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB004 ARLB004  
FCC official meets hams on their own turf

The FCC's Amateur Radio enforcer, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, turned up in an unexpected place January 13—75 meters. In what could be an unprecedented move, Hollingsworth, legal advisor for amateur enforcement within the FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau, showed up at around 3894 kHz to discuss enforcement and encourage compliance.

"A couple of them were pretty shocked," he said. "This has never been tried before," Hollingsworth said the next morning. He said he broke in on an argument that was growing increasingly nasty in an effort to settle things down, then stayed to discuss enforcement with the hams on frequency.

Hollingsworth says he thinks one key to compliance is just getting people to listen to what he has to say. "Most people, if you can just get to them on a one-to-one basis, they'll listen," he said, reflecting his overall enforcement approach to attempt to reason violators into voluntary compliance rather than writing them up. During his time on the air, Hollingsworth confronted one individual he'd already been in touch with about alleged on-air misbehavior.

Among other things, he told those on hand that noncompliance and inappropriate on-air behavior could even threaten the hobby's HF allocations. Hollingsworth advised hams to be more tolerant and patient and to avoid confrontation or retaliation.

"We all have to realize we're on a mission here: to save Amateur Radio," he said the day after his 75-meter appearance.

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"There are going to be licenses lost and fines owed." The jammers already are well on their way to "hanging themselves" right now, he said.

Even as he preached better behavior, Hollingsworth says he understood from the others on frequency that someone was attempting to jam his signal. "I hope the monitoring folks were on the frequency too," he said.

Hollingsworth advised the hams on 75 to contact him with enforcement problems, and he gave out his e-mail address and telephone number, rholling@fcc.gov, 717-338-2502. "I don't know what effect it will have," he said of his on-air foray. Hollingsworth says he'll "do what it takes" to improve amateur compliance, and that could include future on-air visits with amateurs.

"I've gotten a lot of feedback this morning by phone and e-mail asking me to do it more often," he said. "We'll be listening more and asking to be allowed in QSOs more."

Hollingsworth, who's based in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, took over the FCC's most recent Amateur Radio enforcement initiative last September.



## PARTY PICTURES

by Gary Dewey, NI8Z

Here are pictures of the Christmas party that I just got back.



## SUBMISSIONS

by Roy Hadden, KB8VJF

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2m repeater ..... 146.82(-)  
2m simplex ..... 146.475  
2m digipeater ..... 145.07  
6m repeaters ..... 53.83, 53.01(+)  
  
Internet ..... <http://www.cars.org>

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 1999  
Busch Community Room  
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South of Pleasant Valley  
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Meeting starts at 8:00 PM



Time to renew your membership?  
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