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Lighthouse Report

The days are getting shorter and the lighthouse activity is winding down for the year. August was a great success with two major events, PALLW and ILLW (International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend). I'm not sure of the final tally but over 500 contacts were made including 23 countries. Thanks to everyone one that came out to Vermilion and Lorain to join in the fun.

The next ARLHS sponsored event will be Christmas Lights Dec. 21 thru Jan. 5. We hope to operate from the Vermilion Lighthouse one weekend of this event.

Also this month we will be activating the Conneaute Lighthouse, will announce details at the meeting and so stay tuned to the repeater.

Anyone liking more information on lighthouse activity please check out the A R L H S web page at <http://arlhs.com/index.html>.

Keep The Flame,
Dennis AB8NI

Ham Trivia: What device can be used to match an antenna manually or automatically?
1- SWR Meter 2- Dummy Load 3- Antenna Tuner 4- Balun **answer on page 8**

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From the Prez

It was great to have 33 attend our last outdoor meeting at the Brecksville reservation this year.

Ron K8VJG provided refreshments and Kayla KC8RYH collected \$50.00 for the 50/50 drawing this month, George, K8KR, won the 50/50 raffle, his share was 25.00. Second and third prizes were tickets to the Medina Hamfest and won by Steve, N8IS, and Dave, K8DAV. Fourth and fifth prizes of World Maps courtesy of ICOM were won by Jack, W8JAK, and Mike, KB8UGT, nice to see 5 winners.

The tour of the WKYC ch 3 studios located downtown for August 10, 2002 was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Dave, K8DAV for the tour. See some of the group below:



news room from the second floor



signing in at the WKYC TV lobby

Roger N8TCP did it again, he was the “FOX” before our meeting, and no one found him in the allotted time! Kudos to the “Fox” again this year. Come on group with a little practice we can all be sporting Fox tails!

Dennis AB8NI and Toby KC8TID had 2 excellent Lighthouse outings last month, Vermillion Lighthouse on August 3 & 4 and Lorain Lighthouse August 17 & 18, 2002. Thanks for the good time had by all the CARS members and several “hams” visiting the locations plus 2 who heard us on the air and stopped by.

Sorry the WO is a few days late but we didn’t get articles as soon as we hoped, and missed a couple as is. Nest month should be back to normal with Tom getting it out.

Remember next month is nominations for officers with elections in November. Also we will be voting on 2 proposed changes in the By-Laws at this months meeting (see Secy minutes) on September 18, 2002 7:30PM at the Busch Funeral Home.

de, Bob W8GC

Minutes of the Meeting of 21 August,2002

The meeting held in the Brecksville Reservation was called to order by Bob, W8GC, at 7:30 PM. Introductions were given by the 33 members/guests in attendance.

There was no Wobbly Oscillator Newsletter available for July, therefore the minutes of that meeting were read by Ron, K8VJG. Roger, N8TCP, made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting and was seconded by Terry, KB8DTC. A vote was taken and passed.

Mike, KB8UGT, gave a report on the treasury.

Bob W8GC again thanked Dave, K8DAV, for the outstanding tour he hosted of WKYC studios in Cleveland.

A report on the Lighthouse activity was given by Bob, W8GC. There was 290 contacts on Bob's, W8GC, station and about 400 contacts on Dennis's, AB8NI, station held at Lorain, Ohio on 17/18 August, 2002.

Roger, N8TCP, gave a report on the Fox Hunt held prior to the meeting, no one found him again this year!

A complete report on Lighthouse activities on August 3/4 and 17/18 was given by Dennis, AB8NI & Toby KC8TID.

Our Sunshine chairman informs us that the wife of KB8QHJ, Marc is ill and a card will be sent. Also a card will be sent for Tom WB8N's wife.

Gordon, W8GTK, said the Wednesday night net is going well.

A technical report was given by Roy, KB8VJF, concerning auto dial slots and other related problems.

George Race, WB8BGY, our Great Lakes Director, has resigned and is replaced by Gary Johnston, KI4LA, FCC getting tough on power companies, Flying Horse (Radio Amateur Callbook) going out of business after the winter of 2003 issue shipping November 2002, reported to us by Bob, W8GC.

There will be a VE session on 08 September, 2002 in Independence, Ohio as reminded to us by Bob, W8GC.

A discussion on the Christmas Party was opened by Bob, W8GC. It was decided to have a party.

Club attendance on the Bus Trip to Dayton was opened by Bob, W8GC. Gordon, W8GTK, volunteered to be the Chairman for the year 2003.

A motion to reserve a bus for the trip to the Dayton Hamfest in 2003 was made by Gordon, W8GTK, and seconded by Terry, KB8DTC. A discussion followed and a vote was taken and passed.

Bob, W8GC, reported on the SS Mather.

A discussion on the proposed By-Law changes was opened by Bob, W8GC. Ron, K8VJG, read the proposed changes. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

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Steve, N8IS, moved to close the meeting, second by Mike, K8EHP. A vote was taken and passed. Bob, W8GC, closed the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Secretary: Ron, K8VJG

THE RANDOM WIRE
by Tom Wayne, WB8N

SORRY 'BOUT THAT

As you may or may not have noticed, there was no newsletter last month. The reason was, that my computer crashed, and crashed hard, and I had no time to get it going again. I still have not got it up and running. I am writing this on my older computer whose hard drive is not large enough to load the programs I need to edit the W.O.

I had just got back from a family trip to Virginia Beach and turned on the thing and whamo! The thing got a virus or something. I had to re-install Windows 98, and still have to reinstall most of the programs I had in it for every day use as well as doing the W.O. On top of that, I think the modem is bad as I have a hard time connecting to my ISP and cannot bring up any web pages, including my home page. I was and am discouraged and still do not give a rat's patuti if I get it up and running again or not at this point!

Anyhow, I am still not editing the W.O. for this month. Steve, N8IS is doing it, along with Bob, W8GC. Thanks to them for taking over in time of need!

Anyone want to be the newsletter editor???

FIELD DAY BRIEF

I checked the ARRL web page for contest entries, and we (NO8A - call used for Field Day) are listed. Now all we have to do is wait for the December issue of QST to see how we scored! (brief enough?)

W8IXY STRIKES AGAIN !

At last month's meeting in the park, Roger, N8TCP held his annual Fox Hunt (hidden transmitter hunt), and David, W8IXY was the only member to track it down! (just after time ran out). Congrats to Dave for his accomplishment.

MEETINGS BACK TO BUSCH

We had three great meetings (June, July, and August) in the park and now it is time to go back to our regular meeting place at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room. Don't show up at the park for the Sept. meeting...you'll be the only one there unless someone else forgets and shows up too...then you can have your own meeting. Hi Hi.

WHAT IF ???

What if there was an election of officers held and there was no one to elect? It is almost time for the membership of CARS to make nominations for officers of CARS for the upcoming term. I must tell you that I feel that apathy has taken hold of our club and that will be the downfall of CARS. The present top 2 officers have indicated that they do not wish to run again for office. I can understand this, as I held the office of president for three years myself, and after a-while you tend to get burned out. You may not understand this, but believe me, it happens! The present officers have held their office positions for a minimum of two terms. The club is in need of someone to pick up the reins and take over. Could that be you? Do you have someone in mind that you think will be a good president or vice president? If not get to thinking about this folks. Time is getting short and before long it will be election time. How can we have an election if there is no one to run for office? That would be a pretty sad state of affairs now wouldn't it? The way it looks so far, that is just exactly what is going to happen. So c'mon CARS members...let's keep this club running. Run for office or nominate someone who you think will do a good job as a club officer. This IS your club and it can be no better or stronger than it's membership makes it. I personally think it is a great group of people and it would be a shame to let the club fall apart. CARS has been together for over 25 years and is a vital part of the local amateur radio community. Let's keep it that way!

DX-PEDITION

In April of 2001 I made a trip to Nassau, Bahamas and set up a radio station on the balcony of the resort we were staying at. I managed to contact some hams I knew back home here as well as contacts in Europe and other parts of the world in my mini attempt at running a one person DX-Pedition.

Well, I am going to give it another try. In October I will be going to the island of Sint Maarten/St. Martin in the Caribbean. The island is half Dutch and half French. We will be staying on the Dutch side, right next to the border, which will give me easy access to the French side for their fine dining and great beaches. (Ask me about the beaches when you see me in person.) I plan on operating in the late afternoon/early evening (3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) each day, and perhaps in the early morning (7:00 A.M. to 9:00 or 10:00 A.M.) I have not come up with possible frequencies as yet, but as soon as I do I will make them known. I plan on having fun!

There is a ham named Mort Bardfield W1UQ / PJ7UQ who contacted me a few months ago regarding some kind of "old-timers" club he wanted me to join, and he indicated that he knew I had been on the island three years ago, and that I had attempted to make contacts via the island repeater. Mort spends his time between Sint Maarten and his home in Brookline M. He said to get in touch with him the next time I visited Sint. Maarten. Well, I did, and although I did not hear directly from him, I got an e-mail from his son David Bardfield N1DDD / PJ1DB. He said that he would be on the island when I would be visiting and that I should look him up when I get there. He gave me his phone number and address, so that is something I am looking forward to doing during my stay. Maybe I'll get to operate from his shack!

CQ CQ CQ DX, this is PJ7/WB8N calling CQ

WRAPPING IT UP

That about does it for this month guys and gals. Hope to see you at the next meeting. Don't forget it is at the regular place this month! Also, don't forget about the Cleveland Hamfest coming up Sept. 22nd at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. Maybe CARS will have a club table again.

73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

ARRL News

Election time for GLD Director.

Great Lakes Division, Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, Kentucky, is in a three-way race with Paul Daley, WT8S, of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and Jim Weaver, K8JE, of Mason, Ohio. Johnston only recently took over the top spot from George Race, WB8BGY, who, in a surprise move, resigned during the July Board of Directors' meeting. Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT--who was Michigan Section Manager before his appointment in the wake of Johnston's accession--is unopposed for election.

FLORIDA MAN IMPRISONED, FINED FOR DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE

Florida Citizens Band enthusiast William "Rabbit Ears" Flippo will spend a total of 15 months in federal prison--including two months already served--and pay a \$25,000 fine for jamming Amateur Radio communications and transmitting without a license. He'll also spend a year on supervised probation following his release, during which he cannot own radio gear or firearms. Flippo was convicted in federal court earlier this year on eight misdemeanor counts. The sentence is believed to be a record for convictions of this type.

POP STAR LANCE BASS PASSES TECHNICIAN TEST IN HIS QUEST FOR SPACE

Lance Bass of the pop singing group 'N Sync is still hoping to travel to the International Space Station in late October through Russia's "space tourist" program. Bass passed his Technician license examination August 30 at an ARRL-VEC test session, and, if all arrangements can be worked out, ham radio could be a part of his space visit. He has not yet been issued a call sign.

In the US this week for training with NASA, Bass worked with the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) volunteer team, which included Nick Lance, KC5KBO, ARISS Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, and Carolynn Conley, KD5JSO--the Amateur Radio integration manager at the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston.

"I will be staying in contact the whole time I'm up there," Bass said during a NASA-hosted Web chat with students across the US August 29. "I'm getting my ham license this week--that's one of my goals this week--so I can talk to different schools around the world via ham radio. That'll be a lot of fun." An audience of youngsters ranging in age from 9 to 12 from Pearl Hall Elementary School, Pasadena, Texas, also joined Bass in the Johnson Space Center studio to ask questions face-to-face.

Bauer said Bass knows the rules and regulations and that the ARISS team also supplied training on the ARISS hardware and operations from space. "We gave him some sessions where he could listen to typical QSOs on orbit and school group contacts from the ground; he is now well versed on what to expect." Bass also received training with the ham radio hardware during his Russian training stay.

At this point, however, nothing is finalized to ensure that Bass will get on the air from the NA1SS/RS0ISS ham station on the ISS. Daily discussions continue between members of the ARISS team and Celebrity Mission LLC--the group handling Bass's affairs. If all goes well, the stage may be set for Bass to communicate with the Amateur Radio community from space this fall. Bass would be part of a three-person Soyuz "taxi crew" that will blast off from Kazakhstan on October 28.

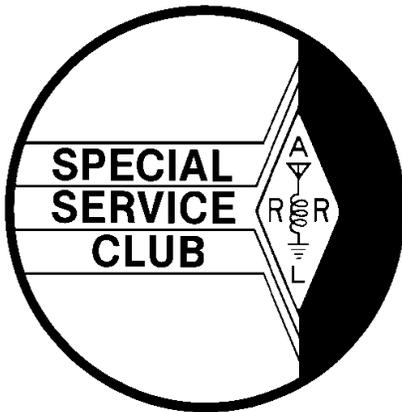
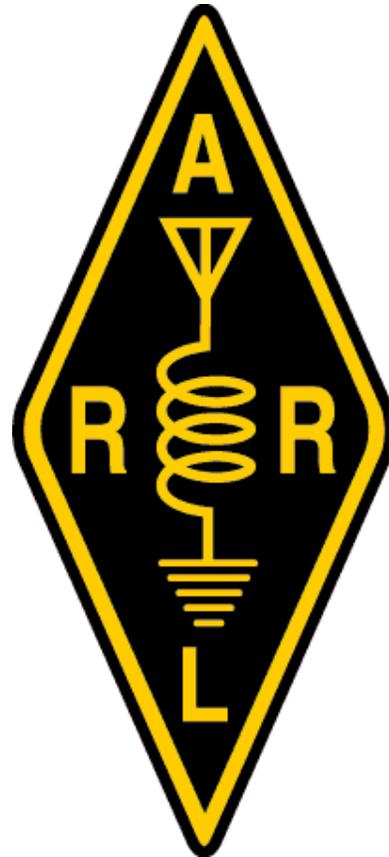
At 23, Bass would be the youngest person ever to travel into space. A remaining potential roadblock still appears to be completion of financial arrangements with Russia, which has claimed that it had not received a promised payment from Bass's organization. At one point, Russia even halted Bass's training, but he was subsequently permitted to resume. The round-trip ticket price has been generally estimated to be in the vicinity of \$20 million, but all sides are keeping mum about the exact cost.

However Lance may not be going into SPACE...the Russians have backed out again, in a news release on September 3, 2002 stating he didn't pay the \$20 MILLION dollars.

ARRL Computer System Upgrade to Cause Some Disruptions:

A major computer system conversion at ARRL Headquarters will allow the League to better serve our members, but there will be some delays in service as we transition from the old system to the new one. Any membership applications, renewals or changes to membership records--such as address or call sign--that arrived after 5 PM EDT August 28 will not be processed until the new system is in operation next week. ARRL product and publication orders placed during the conversion period will be delayed by a few days. E-mail and FCC call sign lookup information will not be affected by the changeover. "Please bear with us as we work our way through the conversion," said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Mark Wilson, K1RO. "The staff is a little nervous about flipping the switch but excited about seeing all of the work and preparation that went into developing the new system turn into reality." ARRL anticipates that regular Web processing will resume by Friday, September 6--if not sooner. We apologize for any inconvenience during this transitional period.

Check out the newly designed CARS web site at www.cars.org thanks to Dave, K8DAV our new Webmaster



About life: Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Trivia question answer: 3- Antenna Tuner

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