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From the Prez

Thanks to all who attended our July meeting. Steve N8IS and Dave K8DAV gave a very dynamic live demonstration of satellite communication, I am



Satellite trailer behind the pavilion

sorry if you missed the demonstration.

We have again reserved the Al Koran Shrine pavilion for next years Field Day. It should be the bottom of this solar cycle so we will need to work a little harder for our QSOs.

Thanks to Terry, KB8DTC for helping our refreshment chairman Henry, KD8BAO with the coffee and Dwaine, K8ME for taking over as Chairman of the W.G. Mather committee.

September 30 will be our first club meeting at the Copley middle school. We are looking for 2 or 3 more helpers on that committee. The WA8CMS radio club meets Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:30pm.

If you can help please contact me ASAP.

The 2007 ARRL Division Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Independence, OH September 22, 2007. The combined CARS & LEARA committee is working on final details to be announced next month.

That's it for another WO. This month's thoughts: *The person who has no opinion will seldom be wrong.*

de, Bob W8GC

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C.A.R.S. AUGUST 2006 MEETING MINUTES

The August 2006 Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM August 8th, 2006 by president Bob Check, W8GC. The meeting was held in the Oak Grove picnic Area pavilion in the Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Per custom, twenty C.A.R.S. members and one guest introduced themselves. The meeting was opened late because of the great satellite demonstration by Steve N8IS and Dave K8DAV. We could not ask the birds to delay their orbit so we opened our meeting a ½ hour later.

Ron, K8VJG, motioned to accept the July meeting minutes as published in the August *Wobbly Oscillator*. Dwaine, K8ME, seconded the motion. There were no additions or corrections noted, and the group voted on and passed the motion.

The treasurer's report was given by Bob, W8GC, filling in for Tina, W8HBI; who was at home attending to Kayla, N8KAY, who had five wisdom teeth extracted earlier in the day.

Reporting on the VE program, Gary, NI8Z, said the next VE session in September may include a sending CW test. He was waiting for the ARRL to send him the material for this test. Gary also said there were several people interested in doing VE work, and by November there may a new person joining the group.

As always, Bill, KC8YSV, reminded everyone to pay their ARRL dues through C.A.R.S. He updated the meeting program schedule; with George, K8KR, giving a presentation in September on crystal sets; Tom Price, KP2VI, doing a talk on Maritime Mobile operation in October; and Scotty, WA8SLN, will bring in his camera collection for the November meeting. Bob, W8GC, added he invited John, K8YSE, to do a presentation on the recent Swain's Island DXpedition which he participated in. Bill also introduced a prospective member, Diana, KD5VLA, who recently relocated here from Texas and was interested in joining a radio club.

Dave, K8DAV, proposed a satellite group within the club for anyone interested. He said he would like to get at least five people involved, and they would work on antennas and other satellite related projects. He also would take over the repeater voter project and get it completed.

Toby, WT8O, reported the weekly club net was doing very well; and Henry, KD8BAO, the newest net control operator was doing a great job. He asked for volunteers for additional control operators. George, K8KR, accepted the offer and promised to challenge participants with difficult trivia questions. Toby asked for a member to take over the position of chairman of the Mather museum ship committee.

Dave, KD8V, the C.A.R.S. vice president and Sunshine chairman, was happy to announce there was no need to send out cards in the past month. He reported that even though the Copley Middle School activities were on hold for the summer vacation, two of the students provided communications for the Soap Box Derby Championships in Akron. The students developed their operating skills and gained appreciation for community service by working the start and finish lines, relaying and verifying car numbers.

The *Wobbly Oscillator* editor Tom, WB8N, requested members to send in their contributions by the third week of the month. Tom reminded everyone to send him their QSL cards so they could be published in the "*WO*".

George, K8KR, reported the first annual C.A.R.S. summer picnic was a smashing success. The good weather and good food contributed to everyone having a great time.

There were five gift certificates given away as door prizes. He said there would definitely be another picnic planned for next summer. He thanked all those who helped him with the planning and execution and those who came. The group showed appreciation with a hearty round of applause. George excited the club announcing the upcoming Ohio QSO party on August 26th. Gary, NI8Z, the defending C.A.R.S. champ; and others proclaimed their intentions to do battle for the coveted plaque, which will be awarded at the Christmas party.

George asked to have all logs sent to him and he will forward them to Jim K8MR.

Bob, W8GC, announced a meeting of the committee for the operating procedure classes would be held soon. The committee members are Bob, W8GC; Tom, WB8N:

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Steve, N8IS; George, K8KR; Gary, NI8Z; Ron, K8VJG; and Dwaine, K8ME. He suggested three levels- basic operating, median operating, and contesting and DX. Bob mentioned if the classes went well they could be used as a seminar for the Great Lakes Division Convention next year. Bob asked for a volunteer to help Henry with refreshments by taking care of the coffee; Terry, KB8DTC, offered his services. The results of the sample testing for the new Technician exam were discussed. Of the twenty-one members who took the test with never seeing the material, seventeen passed.

New business included a decision to use the same Field Day site for next year. Steve, N8IS, motioned to reserve the site again; and Terry, KB8DTC, seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. George, K8KR, suggested the September meeting be conducted at the outdoor venue. After a discussion of both viewpoints, George motioned to have one more outdoor meeting and Darren, K8DMT, seconded. After a very close vote, the motion was defeated. A questionnaire was passed out to select topics for seminars for next year's convention.

Steve, N8IS, continued his lucky streak by winning the 50/50 raffle, AGAIN. He collected twenty-seven dollars and an equal amount went into the club treasury. A second prize of a twenty-four hour clock donated by Ron, K8VJG, was won by Ed, KD8CLC.

Mike, KB8UGT, motioned to close the meeting, and Steve, N8IS, seconded. The August meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O, C.A.R.S. secretary.

FROM OUR SECTION MANAGER

Hello Gang!

In the Section Manager election, I got 1,235 votes to Mark, N8ME's 747. That's 62%. The 1982 total vote was 33% participation which is high for a section election.

Joe, K8QOE

Editor's note...Thanks to all who voted for Joe, and a great CONGRATULATIONS ! to Joe! Keep up the good work Joe!

QSLCHECKING

The worked All States and VUCC checking for Low Bands and VHF is alive and well!

The Worked All States Checker is Dwaine Modock, K8ME. (*A member of CARS*) If you have cards to check, contact Dwaine by phone: 440-582-3462, or e-mail, k8me@sbcglobal.net, to set up the arrangements.

The VUCC checker for Qsl's above 50 mhz, is Al Moriarty, N8CX. He can be reached 216-221-3682, or via E-Mail, n8cx@mindspring.com. You must have the new forms filled out which can be downloaded from theARRL Web-site. If there are any QSLs that are a little questionable, please try to have a backup.

Thanks Again and Good Hunting.

73

QSL Checker

Dwaine Modock ---K8ME

**CHECK INTO THE NET EACH
WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 P.M .
REMEMBER, IT'S YOUR NET!**

**JUST A REMINDER...CLUB
MEETINGS ARE NOW ON
THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH.**

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

NEW INPUT

Well, once again there is not much new input into YOUR newsletter. This rag is only as good as the input from the membership, which is you, folks! I know there are a lot of you that have stories, projects, ideas, theories, and who knows what else, that are of interest to the membership of CARS, if not the entire amateur community. Don't be afraid! Get the word out there! Say your piece and get it in front of everyone! C'mon now... I know each and everyone of you have something to share in print! Send it in to the W.O. and let your fellow members know about it! QST and CQ will actually pay you real money for an article, but get it in print here for FREE!

THE LAST OF SUMMER

All of our summer activities have come and gone, including our "meetings in the park" which are always a great summertime get-together. Our September meeting will find us back at the Busch Funeral Home in the lower level community room.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer of hamming as much as I did. First there was the Dayton thing, then the Diabetes Tour de Cure, then Field Day! Wow! What a busy schedule we had. I know that all that participated in our events had a great time. If you did not take the time to enjoy our events, then shame on you and you don't know what you missed. There are really no excuses you can make to yourself or to anyone else for not taking part in the club events. If you were busy... that's ok. If you had some other function to take part in...that's ok. But if it was only because you could not be bothered...then why in the hell did you even join an amateur radio club?

WHY DID YOU JOIN CARS ???

I often amazes me that the majority of the club members do not even get on the radio on the CARS repeater to chat with other club members or other amateurs. Just why did you take the effort to get a license in the first place, if you were not going to use it to talk on the radio? I always listen to the club repeater and I only hear the same voices and call signs on the frequency. There are other repeaters, granted, but if you joined CARS,

then why would you not get on the CARS repeater and chat with other members or check into the Wednesday night CARS net? I would like to know how many members have a license but do not even own a hand-held radio. I don't know...it just bewilders me. Our repeater should be busy day and night with the members of our club alone, chatting with one another, checking into the net, and just letting others know that they are on the air and ready for a QSO. But that is not the case, and it is not just our repeater...it is every repeater in the Greater Cleveland area! So what gives? You tell me! Why would someone take the effort and time to study, get their license, join a local club, and never get on the air!? Can someone clue me in on this mystery?

There are a lot of members who have never even been to a CARS meeting. I know, some of you work nights, some of you have other things that take precedence...but there are also quite a few of the members that join and never show their smiling faces at a meeting. Hey, besides never hearing you on the air, we never even see your musch! What gives here? I myself, just cannot figure it out. Get off your dead ass and use and enjoy your license privileges!!!!

WEDNESDAY EVENING NET

We have been averaging about 15 check'ins each net of late but I know we can do better. I would bet that there are members who listen to the net but just don't bother, or are too afraid, to check in. Hey gang...C'mon! All you have to do is announce your callsign and if that's all you want to do, that's fine. Of course you will have the opportunity to have your say about anything and to give a shot at answering the trivia question of the week, but that's all extra. Again...tell me...what the heck do you have a license for and maybe a radio, if you are not going to use it? Get with the program! If I am pissing some of you off by my constant nagging, then so be it! That's my job!

TTFN

See ya at the next meeting or on air, which ever comes first!
de Tom, WB8N

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

WB8CDA Glenn Fenzel 9-1-43

WD8ILB Kenn Rothman 9-5-49

KD8APY Dennis Rabbitts 9-11-49

KB8PMM Richard Braun 9-29-35

Congratulations to you all!

PS: Please let us know if we miss announcing your Birthday, we may not have the information! Years can be omitted at your request. Notify Tina W8HBI

TRIVIA OF THE MONTH

I'm too busy to look up trivia questions each month for this newsletter so how about you, the membership/readership come up with a trivia question and submit it to the newsletter???

Seems fair to me! *Ed.*

ARRL CHARITY STATUS

By the way, many of you may not know this, but the ARRL is recognized as a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) agency. The CFC is the Federal Government support organization affiliated with United Way.

The ARRL is listed as Agency Number 9872, and it is in the CFC national agency listing thusly: 9872 "ARRL, the national organization of Amateur radio, provides volunteer emergency communications, education in wireless technology, plus scientific and technical research." As a member agency, the ARRL receives financial support from the CFC for it's work, having met the strict United

Way/CFC standards of public service and financial accountability.

I designate a portion of my annual donation to the ARRL, along with my annual membership, and would encourage others to do the same.

Just one more good reason to be a League member!!!

73, Lou, N9IU/5

Super Typhoon

Yesterday the Associated Press (AP) reported the United States military evacuated some 200 people, mostly American and Thai contractors, from Wake Island (KH9) before the arrival of Typhoon Ioke.

Ioke has been categorized as a category five super typhoon with expected winds around 155 miles per hour. National Weather Service forecaster Jeff Powell predicts "This is going to roll up a storm surge that will probably submerge the island and destroy everything that's not made of concrete." Ioke could delay or postpone any upcoming KH9 activity!

FCC ISSUES FINAL RULE ON BPL

The FCC has issued its final rules on BPL. In doing this, it denied the petitions ARRL and others had filed for further review and reconsideration. The League is reviewing possible actions it may take to continue the battle against rules that inappropriately favor the BPL industry. A summary of the FCC action can be found at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-13967.pdf>.

Getting To Know Our Members

By Dave KD8V, VP

Interview with Scotty Shields WA8SLN:
VP-Scotty how did you become interested in amateur radio ?

Scotty- In the 1960's my brother was a ham in Miami FL. and I wanted to talk to him at no charge. I was licensed in 1964 and now hold an extra license.

VP-What do you like about amateur radio?

Scotty-I like to build equipment such as amplifiers, transmitters, code oscillators etc.

VP-What bands do you like to operate?

Scotty- I work 10, 15 and 20 .

VP- Do you collect QSL cards?

Scotty- I collected in the past many cards and have worked all states and continents and the most unusual one was a clam shell with all the information on it . It was sent by a ham in Nova Scotia . Now I just like to rag chew and have not done contests.

VP- Do you have any other hobbies?

Scotty-I have been interested in cameras and now moved into the digital age.

VP-What type of work did you do?

Scotty -For 35 years I had my own company that did instrument calibration for industry.

VP- Where did you get the name Scotty?

Scotty- I was born in Scotland and it was a natural to be called that. By the way, my cousin is coming to visit me the 6th of Sept. He is an active ham GM1SXL so we will have some good things to talk over .

Thanks Scotty for the interview.

de Dave KD8V

NEW DXCC ENTITY #337 KH8S, SWAINS ISLAND

With the addition of Section II, Criteria Rule 1c) to the Political Entity criteria, certain former separation entities may now qualify as Political Entities. One such entity has been determined to be American Samoa. American Samoa is now a Political Entity for DXCC purposes.

As a result of the reclassification of American Samoa, and upon the filing of a request and substantiating evidence, and with the concurrence of the DXAC and the Awards Committee, Swains Island has been added to the DXCC List. Swains Island, entity number 337, qualifies as the first separation entity from American Samoa, now a Political Entity. The distance between American Samoa and Swains Island has been determined to be in excess of 350 km as required by DXCC Rules Section II, Paragraph 2, Section b). QSOs made with Swains Island on or after 0001Z, July 22, 2006 will count for DXCC credit.

NEW DXCC ENTITY #336 THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO

According to DXCC Rules, any entity that is a United Nations Member State is considered a Political Entity under DXCC Section II, Part 1. At 15.12 UTC on 28 June the United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member, and this action automatically makes Montenegro the 336th current DXCC Entity.

Effective 28 June 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added the Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. QSOs made on or after this date will count for DXCC credit. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately. Montenegrin amateur radio operators may use their current callsigns, the International Telecommunication Union designated E6 as new prefix block for this new country.

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K8KR **

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WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

WB8N ** All CARS members

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50/50

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