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C. A. R. S. MEETINGS BACK AT BUSCH !!

Details in this issue.

FROM THE PREZ

With a busy summer over, the school year is beginning. It's a very special school year for two of our young members. Kayla, N8KAY, and Jacob, KD8CDC, will both begin their college careers this fall. They are the two recipients of the C.A.R.S. annual scholarships. On top of that, both rose to national recognition in *QST* magazine as winners of additional scholarships. Kayla has been awarded the Carol J. Streeter Scholarship, and Jacob The Dayton Amateur Radio Association Scholarship. We certainly congratulate both young scholars for their achievements and wish them nothing but the best for their promising futures. In one respect, I really envy these fine young people; that they entered the amateur radio hobby early in life. For me, it came late, well after my first half-century of existence. Just the other day I was able to complete a task that would have been an exercise in frustration if not for something I learned as a result of being a ham. In a few short years the lessons I have learned from amateur radio could fill a book. Kayla and Jacob, as well as all the young people who enter the hobby, are fortunate to have a lifetime ahead to enjoy the advantages of being a part of the amateur radio experience.

Another autumn event that has been on the C.A.R.S. calendar for many years is the Diabetes Association fund raising walk we

provide communications for each year. This year, the walk will be held on Saturday, October 4th. Tom Wayne, WB8N, is the coordinator and the person that should be contacted if you can possibly volunteer to help out; we can use all the hams we can get for this event. C.A.R.S. is the only source for communications, so we need every available member to participate. Tom carries the full responsibility for success and I know how much he appreciates the members who donate the morning doing their part to overcome the dreadful disease of diabetes. So please, if you possibly can, try to make it down to the Tower City Amphitheater October 4th to lend a hand. Your amateur radio abilities will help more people than you realize.

With summer over, and our picnic meetings a pleasant memory, we will be moving back to the Busch Funeral Home community room for our next meeting, September 9th. After the business meeting we will have a technical discussion and demonstration on the use of Anderson Powerpoles. So if we don't get together on the 9:00 PM Wednesday club net, I hope to see you at the meeting.

73, Toby, WT8O

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK INTO THE
WEDNESDAY EVENING C.A.R.S. NET
AT 9:00 P.M.**

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. August 12, 2008 monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Toby Kolman, WT8O. The meeting was held at the Oak Grove Picnic pavilion in Brecksville, Ohio. Twenty nine members introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Matt, W8EBB made the motion to accept the July minutes in the W.O. Darren, K8EMT seconded the motion and everyone voted to pass the motion.

Bob, W8GC gave Treasurers report. Bob then gave the VE report for Gary, NI8Z. He then asked Dave, KD8V to tell about the four kids at the middle school that passed the license test recently given. One was a girl that got her General. Dave thanked the club for all the help.

President Toby talked about the net. Then talked about Cross band repeating on the repeater and turned the topic over to Dave K8DAV. Dave said it was legal, and to drop the R for repeater. Toby then decided to form a committee to discuss it more. Toby then said he might form a program committee.

Tom, WB8N asked everyone to send anything ham related to him for the WO asked if anyone would be interested on a Dayton hamfest bus do to the gas prices. Tom then presented the club with a certificate from the ADA Tour de Cure for our help. Please sign up for the walk in October as we all know someone with Diabetes.

Dwayne Modock, K8ME brought up having a C.A.R.S. sponsored bus to the 2009 Dayton Hamfest. (There is an article by him elsewhere in this issue regarding this matter...Ed)

The club then voted in a new Vice President. Eddy Stevens, KD8FTS was voted in as the new V.P. Congrats Eddy
The club also voted on a former member, Connie Koehn, N8ZHL, the club voted her in as a returning member.

Refreshments were from Gary, NI8Z with his special blend of ground coffee which Steve, N8IS and Tina, W8HBI brought for Gary, as he was going to be a bit late to the meeting. Steve and Tina also brought the pop. We wish to thank these people for the refreshments.

The 50/50 was won by Betty Check. she won \$28.

Steve, N8IS made the motion to adjourn and Bill, KC8YSB seconded. The members voted to pass the motion at 8:35pm.

The program for the evening was a Field Day video and an Antenna Project power point.

Remember next meeting will be back at Bush Funeral Home in Parma.

Submitted by Stephen R. Jones, N8SRJ
C.A.R.S. Secretary

MEMBER INTERVIEW

There is no member interview for this month as on one has submitted one. To get yourself "interviewed" for the W.O., just go to the C.A.R.S. web page, click on "member information", and at the bottom of the page is the link, or go www.2cars.org/clubsurvey1.htm.

The questions are not very personal and mostly about how you got into the hobby and what you like most about the hobby. Take a minute, check it out, and fill in the blanks. It's fun and lets the membership know a little about their fellow members, namely you! Hope to see your interview in an up-coming issue of the Wobbly Oscillator.

C.A.R.S. VE REPORT

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The C.A.R.S. volunteer examiners gave a special test session to four members of the Copley Middle School amateur radio program. Dave and Pat Dressler had worked diligently to get them prepared for the test. They held training in their home and primed them for their test. This test was given at the Copley School which was opened on a Saturday morning August 9th. All who where tested passed and now have their license. The parents of these students were there to give support. Along with Dave and Pat assisting, the VEs were Bob Check, W8GC; Bill Sarver, KC8YSV; and Gary Dewey, NI8Z giving the test.

The new hams are:

Joshua A. Davis Tech KD8JDU

Dylan C. Draper " KD8JDV

Brandon M Hofacker " KD8JDW

Claudine A. Tebcherani General KD8JDX

Congratulations to you all!

DAYTON HAMVENTION BUS TRIP

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Dayton Hamfest on May 16, 2009.

The Bus trip will cost \$35.00 dollars per person, and the more people we get on the bus the better. We need a minimum of 35 people to justify cost of the bus. The bus will be stopping for breakfast on the way down, and there will be a brief stop on the way home for quick bite. You'll pay your own restaurant bill, and you will need to get your own advance hamfest tickets or pay at the door. We will notify you all if the club can get advance tickets in bulk, but of course advance money will be needed. The bus will be leaving at 3:00 am from the

Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle Road and Bagley Road, in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Engle road is just west of I-71 & Bagley road, which is the first intersection you come to. Kmart is behind the BP Gas station. Vehicles will be safe there as there will be security to watch the cars.

Bus trip payment will be in advance and we have to notify the tour bus people one week before departure if it's a go or no go.

If there are any questions, bring it up at the cars meetings or contact me at k8me@sbcglobal.net

See you on the bus
Dwayne ---K8ME

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

WB8CDA Glenn Fenzel 9-1-43
KD8APY Dennis Rabbitts 9-11-49
KD8GIR Jeff Bolek 9-21-50
KP2VI Tom Price 9-26-39
KB8PMM Richard Braun 9-29-35

Congratulations and many happy returns to you all!

JACK SOVIK, KB8WPZ IS THE NEW SEC FOR OHIO

A Youngstown newspaper executive who has long time experience in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be the new Section Emergency Coordinator for Ohio. The DEC for District Five, Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, becomes SEC on September 1, Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has announced today. Hams and in particular, members of ARES will have two opportunities by mid-September to meet the new SEC.
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Jack Sovik succeeds SEC Frank Piper, KI8GW, of Pickerington. Frank announced his resignation a month ago because his job requires he go back to school plus he has new duties after recently being elevated to be Grand Knight of his Knights of Columbus unit.

The new SEC will head the ARRL forum at the Findlay Hamfest, Sunday, September 7 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. The forum begins at 9 a.m. in the forum room designated by Hamfest officials. Then the following Saturday, September 13, Jack will again be the featured speaker at the SEC portion of the Ohio Section Conference held at the State Fire Academy east of Reynoldsburg. The Section Conference begins at 9 a.m. Jack wants all 88 ECs and 10 DECs to make an effort to join him for one or both appearances.

SM Phillips said Jack was selected after a process in which eight applicants applied and three were given personal interviews. "During his tenure as DEC, Jack demonstrated great people skills he also uses in his work for the Youngstown Vindicator," said the Section Manager, "It was obvious in the interview that he was the strongest candidate to continue the job of enriching the talent in our ARES administration which SEC Frank had started."

Both Jack and current SEC Frank are now hard at work making the changeover as smooth as possible. "Jack was my first DEC appointment, shortly after taking over a SEC in 2006," said Frank, "Jack has been a great supporter of the ARES program in the Ohio Section, and was a key player in projects such as the OSERP revision, the Ohio Section EC guidelines, and the reorganization of the ARES Districts" In addition, Mr. Piper said Jack's drive for professionalism in ARES, and his abilities to work with people will give him the advantage to push the Ohio Section ARES to a greater level. "I am extremely proud of Jack and wish him well in his new role as SEC," Mr. Piper added.

Mr. Sovik, 58, KB8WPZ was born in Youngstown, Ohio and currently resides in Austintown. He attended Youngstown

State University, majoring in Advertising/Public Relations. He has worked at the Youngstown Vindicator for over 36 years, and is currently National Advertising Manager. Professionally, Jack served as President of The Ohio Newspaper Classified Advertising Manager's Association in 1997.

His wife Bonnie is a teacher in the Austintown School system as a reading specialist. Sovik has 2 children, Jonathan 29, a merchandiser for Coca-Cola, and a daughter Megan, 23 who works an account executive for McConnell Marketing in Canfield Ohio. Sovik was first licensed as KB8WPZ in 1995, earning his extra class in 2000 he has his WAS, WAC, and DXCC. Sovik has held various positions including, District Emergency Coordinator for District 5, Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Mahoning County. He also currently holds the positions of Official Observer, Public Information Officer, Volunteer Examiner, and Official Emergency Station. Sovik has taken the ARRL EMCOMM classes 1-3 and FEMA classes IS100; 200; 546; 700; and 800. He is currently Vice President of The Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Sovik's most rewarding Amateur Radio experience was his participation in the Santa Claus Net. In 2002 he helped start a program that continues today where amateur radio operators take HTs into the children's ward of Tod Children's or Akron Children's Hospital in Boardman. This allows the children to spend the Christmas holidays talk to Santa.

RIG FOR SALE

I have an essentially brand new Yaesu FT450. My radio interests are going in another direction and I'd like to sell it. Best offer over \$625.

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EXCERPTS FROM *The GEARVAKf*

(The f is silent) BULLETIN

STINKS BLOCK RADIO SIGNALS

By K8DMZ

Dr. Avruell U. Harnishe, Chairman of the Gearvakf Scientific Studies Committee and co-discoverer of the Harnishe-Lishnus Effect, decalred at a special press conference the other day that foul odors may seriously affect radio communications. According to Dr. Harnishe, late last fall Dr. Hannah Riflebottom, a member of Dr. Harnishe's staff, came upon a dead skunk in the middle of the driveway leasing to Geavakf's Scientific Studies Laboratory building. Upon entering the building she immediately reported the skunk to the Chairman. She told Dr. Harnishe that "the skunk was stinking to high heaven" and that someone ought to do something about it. The two then went to the employee lounge to call Gorbinski's Mushroom Farms to come pick up the skunk, but discovered that the telephone would not work. Quickly, they whipped out their handie-talkies but found that they too, were inoperative. About that time Dr. Riflebottom noticed that the TV in the lounge had no picture on it. Sensing that they were on the brink of a new scientific discovery, the two scientists went immediately to the Propagation Lab to set up experiments. After hours of sending radio beams back and forth across the skunk carcass, Drs. Harnishe and Riflebottom concluded that the skunk stench was absorbing radio waves at all frequencies while at the same time disrupting the transmission of electrical impulses along nearby telephone wires. The following day they repeated their experiments with the same results. By the third day, the neighbors began to complain and the skunk had to be removed, ending the research for the time being. According to Dr. Harnishe, the Scientific Studies Committee will resume its experiments "as soon as we can find some other kind of stink from a terribly dead animal."

FCC IMPOSES BAUD LIMITS

By N8JR

Concerned by reports of increasing packet collisions, the FCC is enforcing the 55 baud speed limit. "It has come to our attention that speeds as high as 300 and sometimes 1200 baud are being used," said Arnold Dargush, Director of the Commission's Baud Enforcement Division (Bed). The resulting collisions are causing heavy damage on the bands rendering some frequencies unusable until the channels can be swept. "We had one case where bit litter completely shut down 145.01 MHZ over a wide area." declared Dargush. "Frequency sweeping is not only expensive, but while a frequency is being swept of collided data, others are deprived of its use because of the thoughtlessness of speeders." said Dargush. And he added: "Remember, every bit litter hurts."

GEARVAKf's GREATER ONEHUNDREDTON UNIV. ART INSTITUTE MARKS 20th YEAR

By N8JR

Twenty years ago, Gearvakf's Trusteeship Council established Greater Onehundredton University (GOU), the worlds first university exclusively for ham radio operators. On January 1, 1988, ground was broken for the GOU Amateur Radio Technology (ART) Institute (GOUARTI) and construction will be completed on September 2, 2008. GOUARTI will begin operation on September 15 and has enrolled more that four students so far. The campus is located adjacent to Gorbinski's Manure Memorial Plaza in beautiful downtown Stagnant Pone, Ohio.

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THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

BACK AT BUSCH

Yes, once again we will be meeting at the Busch Funeral home, our old stomping ground. It was great meeting at the Oak Grove Picnic Area for the summer and I wish we could be there in September as well, but the wx is much too "iffy" and we could well be sitting there in a cold rain, shivering and wishing we were at Busch. At our August meeting those that got there early enough got to enjoy a hot dog or two courtesy of C.A.R.S. left over from the family picnic, and grilled by yours truly. Can't wait until next summer!

AMERICAN DIABETES WALK

Yep, it's soon going to be time for the annual American Diabetes walk in downtown Cleveland. It will be Saturday, Oct. 4th this year, and I still need some volunteers. We meet at about 8 - 8:30 a.m. and get organized, getting our assignments, etc. We will once again get T-shirts, and there will be pastry, coffee, and fruit for breakfast. After the event there will be food, probably pizza, and entertainment for those that want to stick around. It is an easy event and we have done it for several years now. You will need at least a hand-held, and preferably a mobile rig. If you will be using a hand-held, maybe a mag mount antenna on your vehicle would be a good idea, as well as an extra battery. I'll have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

CLEVELAND HAMFEST

The great 34th annual Cleveland Hamfest will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28th, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 at the gate. Parking is free and if you want to be an exhibitor or have a table in the flea market, go to their web site at www.hac.org. The location is the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in August 28, 2008 Berea, Ohio.

OUR NEW V.P.

Well, we have a new Vice President in our midst, and I want to welcome him to that position. I'm sure that Eddy Stevens, KD8FTS will do a good job. Congratulations Eddy.

ANTENNA TIME

With the weather about to get chillier and with winter coming soon, it is time to start thinking of fixing and repairing any antennas that may be in need of it, or erecting a new one for that matter. I am still procrastinating, as I have not yet got my rotator problem taken care of for my HF beam. Oh well, when I get the time. The antenna is usable, just not rotatable.
ENOUGH RAMBLING

Well folks, I am just about out of anything more for this month, so before I begin rambling on incoherently, I'll just get on out of here. 73 to you all, hope to catch you on the air, on the net, at the next meeting, or all three of the above.

de Tom, WB8N

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