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## OFFICER NOMINATIONS AT OCTOBER MEETING

### FROM THE PREZ

Special thanks to Gary, NI8Z for coming up with a great program at our September meeting. The montage of photos from past Field Days of C.A.R.S. and other local clubs was very interesting. Many of those who attended the program made very favorable comments on the next evening's net. Gary has been coming up with all the program idea himself, too. I'm sure he would eagerly welcome suggestions from members for programs, but sadly we, don't get many. One of the hard parts of coming up with ideas for programs is wondering if they will be interesting to other members. Suggestions would eliminate this quandary, so please help the program director by giving him your ideas.

We also will be sparking up the weekly net by adding three new net controllers. Steve, K8SAS; Dwaine, K8ME; and Eddie, KD8FTS will be adding their styles to the nets starting in October. David, KD8ACO, will also be returning to the nets after a brief hiatus. With all the new activity, it sure would be nice to have more members checking in. The nets have been a little sparse lately. I invite and encourage every C.A.R.S. member to check in regularly and get your ham friends who are not in the club to join us Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM as well.

The last couple of meetings have had disappointingly low attendance also. Hopefully, this will change at the October 12 meeting, which will be a dinner meeting at TGI Friday's at the intersection of I-480 and Tiedeman Rd. We also will have the nominations for next year's officers

and applicable Board members. The dinner meetings have always been well attended, and this looks to be one of the best venues yet. We have a room reserved from 6:00 on, and if you get there a little early, I'm sure the staff there will be accommodating. It should be a good time; many members are looking forward to it.

I also want to give out one last call to help support the annual Diabetes fund raising walk on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> by providing communications. As of last week's net, Tom, WB8N, was still in need of the required help. We have done this event for many years, and the Diabetes Association has always been grateful for our help. All it takes is a HT and a few hours. I hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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### **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman WT8O at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 13th.. The meeting was held at the Busch Funeral Home, Community room, 7501 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH. 22 members and 1 visitor introduced themselves.

Bob, KC8MRC moved the minutes for the August 10, 2010 meeting be approved, motion seconded by Ron, K8VJG and the motion passed.

Bob W8GC gave the Treasurer report and stated that we have paid the \$421.74 deposit for the 2010 bus to Dayton Hamfest. Bob also stated we have reserved February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 for License classes at the Independence Civic Center. Bob reported reported that we are very close to completing the work at the repeater site to get Echolink working again.

Gary, NI8Z reported on our September 12 VE session at which we had 9 people take tests with 6 passing. He also reported he signed up for 10 tables at the Kiwanis Pavilion for our 2011 Summer Picnic, Tina W8HBI, Metro W8MET and Bob W8GC also reserved tables so we will have the whole pavilion for our picnic on July 29, 2011.

Gary also gave his Sunshine report. A card was sent to Ron, W8WH who had back surgery and it was that reported Linda, N8LRS will have knee surgery on October 5, 2010.

President Toby, WT8O reported we will again sell tickets for the CARS Scholarship fund in 2011, the drawing will be held at our Summer picnic on July 29, 2011. Tickets will be available on December 1, 2010 with the hope some of you will purchase tickets as a gift at Christmas time. Toby reminded all that we will have nominations for 2011 Officers at our October Meeting with Elections at the November meeting. Toby discussed having another dinner meeting and after discussion, Bob, W8GC moved we hold our October 12 meeting at TGI Friday's at the Tiedeman Rd. & I-480 exit. The motion was seconded by Mike, KG8MTG and the motion passed. It was suggested that members having dinner, arrive around 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will be at 7:30 as usual.

Toby asked for a vote on the 3 new Technicians from Copley Middle School class; KD8OSQ, KD8OSR & KD8OSS - passed.

Toby has been looking for additional net controllers and appointed Steve K8SAS, Dwaine K8ME and Eddie KD8FTS to be net controllers.

As always Toby WT8O thanked Ron, K8VJG for donating donuts, Darren, K8DMT for making Coffee and our new POP chairman Ed, KB8ROK for doing a good job.

Tom, WB8N reported we will provide support for the Diabetes walk on Saturday October 2, 2010 and ask for volunteers, Tom will also send a email requesting help.

Congratulations to our President Toby WT8O at winning the 50/50 raffle! \$23 each to Toby & CARS.

Gary NI8Z showed a video from several different clubs in our area at old Field Day's after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by President Toby WT8O at 8:40pm.

Submitted by Temporary Secretary Bob W8GC

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### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**K8DAV Dave Kushman 10-3-44**

**WT8O Toby Kolman 10-4-48**

**K8AAB Bob Evans 10-4-41**

**K8SAS Steve Spisak 10-12**

**K8DMT Darren Turk 10-20**

**N8GXR James Glor 10-22-49**

**WA8EYF Ev Chitester 10-22-31**

**WD8IOU David Autry Jr 10-26-55**

***MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL !***

## ***THE RANDOM WIRE***

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

### ***CLEVELAND HAMFEST***

Well, another Cleveland Hamfest has come and gone. It was a bit chilly out in the flea market but at least it was dry. I saw a lot of folks I hadn't seen since last year's hamfest and several C.A.R.S. members as well. I thought it was well attended although it started thinning out around noon. NI8Z, WB8ROK, KD8FTS and myself manned a club table for C.A.R.S. Pictures below. I was underwhelmed by the number of hamfest attendees coming to our table for information about C.A.R.S. Several other clubs had club tables as well and I didn't see very much activity at their tables either. I guess most hams either already belong to as many clubs as they want to or just don't want to belong to a ham radio club. But we had a good time chatting with friends who stopped by. Our table was positioned between Marv the sign guy and the ARRL table. It looked like Marv was doing a brisk business and I had a chance to chat with Rick Swain, KK8O of the ARRL who is an "official observer" and lives in Gallion Ohio. Due to the lack of activity and the thinning of the crowd, we packed up and were out of there a little after 12:30 p.m. The only purchase I made was a carrying case for my digital camera. I don't think Gary made any purchases at all. N8TCP was there for a short time and made a great deal on a vertical antenna. Way to go Roger! N8MOX and WA8ZJV manned a table in the flea market and did well also.



WB8N and NI8Z at the C.A.R.S. Table



Son & Father, KD8FTS and WB8ROK at the C.A.R.S. table

### ***DIABETES WALK***

I am presently preparing for the Cleveland branch of the American Diabetes Assn. Walk to Fight Diabetes, which is coming up on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have a great list of volunteers for the event, if everyone shows up, and it looks like the weather is going to cooperate as well. I'll take anybody else that wants to help out if you want to come on down to the Tower City Amphitheater on Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Bring your mobile and/or your HT with a charged battery and join in the fun. I will be reporting on the event in the November issue of the W.O.

### ***ANTENNA WEATHER***

The weather has cooled down and pretty soon the white stuff will be falling. If you have any antenna work to be done, now is the time to do it. It's no fun trying to put up or repair an antenna when it's 30 degrees or below outside and the wind is blowing and the snow is coming down. I procrastinated for a while, but I finally got my 40 meter dipole up and it works really well.

### ***73 FOR NOW***

That's about it for this month. Hope to see you at the meeting at TGI Fridays on Oct. 12, or on the air. Remember to check into the Wednesday night C.A.R.S. nets.

de Tom, WB8N

## **KEN'S JUNK BOX**

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

In the previous issue of the Wobbly Oscillator I wrote about Eunice Randall. This month our tribute to women in amateur radio features the actress Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ. Jensen also performed using the name Lenore Kingston, the Jensen name being that of her husband, Robert Jensen, W6VGQ. For those of us who almost always never find the time to do the few extra things in life that we'd like to do, there is always someone who never has trouble cramming even more things into an already busy life. Lenore Jensen was one of these amazing people.

Ms. Jensen passed away in 1993 at the tender age of 79. She was a child actress in vaudeville, became well known as an actress on radio, and appeared in several movies. She also appeared in roles on a variety of television shows, including "Ironside," "Father Knows Best," "The Munsters," "Petticoat Junction," "Love American Style," "The Donna Reed Show," and "The Beverly Hillbillies."

First licensed in 1939 as W9CHD in Chicago, she moved to New York in 1940 and became W2NAZ. After WWII, she and her first husband Joe Conn, W2MSC, moved to Los Angeles where she became W6NAZ. Her associations and friendships with other performers allowed her to bring many of them to perform in ARRL released Public Service Announcements. Lenore's acting services also show up in ARRL films and videos, including the 1979 David Bell, W6AQ, award winning "World of Amateur Radio."

Jensen's involvement in amateur radio focused on message handling and phone patches. Giving testimony to her dedication to these activities, the December 1987 issue of QST reported that she ran over 68,000 Army MARS phone patches during the Vietnam

War.



*The above excerpted from several sources including Southgatearc.org/news; and, Marinecorpsmars.com.)*

### FOR SALE

Ramsey Doppler Direction Finder  
Model DDF1...Completely wired and  
operational with ALL cables and  
magnetic antenna kit including extra  
heavy duty donut magnets for the  
rooftop antennas with manual. Works  
beautifully. \$ 75. firm. Call Mike  
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[2. k8chp@roadrunner.com](mailto:k8chp@roadrunner.com).

### **EXCERPTS FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent) BULLETIN**

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### **DISAPPEARING HAM BAND FINALLY EXPLAINED**

By N4GG

The FCC confirmed recently that unidentified pranksters had starting renumbering the ham bands during a solar storm last July. Choosing

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just the right moment, when the bands were dead, the miscreants moved the 23 cm band labels to 70 cm. They then took the 70 cm signs and moved them to 432 MHZ. Moving as fast as they could, they put the 432 MHZ signs on two meters, moved the two meter labels to 50 MHZ and then relabeled ten meters as six meters. On and on they went, but by the time they had the 40 meter signs taken down and were about to put them up on 80 meters, the storm abated and they were at risk of getting caught - so they threw the 40 meter sign into the Potomac River and hightailed it to parts unknown. In executive session, the FCC decided not to bother moving all the signs and labels back, and also decided not to tell anyone. Foreign broadcasters finally blew the whistle when they noticed the VSWR on their 40 meter megawatt broadcast transmitters had gone to infinity.

### **1.5 MILLION METER BAND TO OPEN**

By N4GG

Given the success of transmissions on 500 KHz and 192 KHz experimental licenses from the FCC, the League of Radio Relaying Americans (LRRRA) announced yesterday that it will request a new ham band spanning 200-210 Hz. "I don't see any reason why we just can't keep going lower and lower" said Mickey McCoy, LRRRA resident expert on radio. "The prospect of discovering new propagation modes at these frequencies is very exciting. The 200-210 Hz band was chosen to stay away from odd harmonics of the 50Hz and 60Hz power grids in use around the world." The new 1.5 million meter band will pose some challenges for amateurs unshed to working at very low frequencies. "A beginner's transmitter would probably consist of an aquarium pump or bicycle pump feeding a bull horn or an air raid siren," McCoy said. People who want to try Dxing on the new band are going to need something like push-pull Briggs and Stratton or Ingersol Rand air compressors, and one of those really big pipes out of a really big pipe organ. "As usual, it's always safety first" the new LRRRA pamphlet on unbelievably low frequency transmission states. "Good noise canceling headphones, and operation

as far away from windows and other glass objects is a must," the pamphlet recommended.

### **OCTOBER MEETING**

***The October meeting of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be at TGI Fridays, located at Tiedeman Rd and I-480 on Tuesday, October 12. We will be having dinner starting at 6 P.M. and the meeting will commence at 7:30 P.M. Nominations for officers will be taken at the meeting. Hope to see you there.***

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# 2010 CARS Christmas Party

Friday December 10, 2010 serving dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Independence Civic Center in the White Oak Room

Tickets are \$16.00 for adults, \$8.00 age 7 to 12  
6 and under free

There will be a video trip down memory lane of past CARS Christmas parties plus Field Day 2009 & 2010 for your entertainment.

## Amy G Catering Menu:

**Entrees:** Chicken Marsala

Slow cooked Top Round Roast Beef with gravy

Italian Sausage with Sauteed Peppers & Onions

**Side dishes:** Green Bean Almandine, Oven Roasted Redskin Potato's, Penne Pasta Primavera (vegetables in a white wine sauce) Tossed salad with home-made Italian and French dressings, fresh baked Italian bread with butter & margarine. Coffee, POP and water.

Anyone who can please bring a simple desert to share

We will have limited prizes this year,  
a 50/50 drawing along with  
presentation's of our 2010 Awards

2009 centerpiece



For tickets please contact  
Tina W8HBI 216-952-2520 or Bob W8GC at 216-524-1750  
or e-mail [w8gc](mailto:w8gc) or [w8hbi @2cars.org](mailto:w8hbi@2cars.org)  
or go to [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) and follow the link for the  
Christmas party, you can buy tickets using PayPal.



# ***Sign up now for CARS Spring Ham Radio classes, get your Technician, General or Extra class license!***

**Thursday evenings starting February 17, 2011 \*  
and ending March 31, 2011**

*March 31, 2011 will be a special VE Test session for all license classes,  
ARRL fee for this VE test is \$15.00*

**To register please follow the link at [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) and complete  
the on-line application or call 216-524-1750 Bob, W8GC**

***Classes are held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. in the  
PIN OAK room at 7:00 pm every Thursday***

**class fees: Technician \$25.00, General and Extra \$20.00 non  
members or \$15.00 CARS members, fee includes all class materials**

**\* Please arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 pm on Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> only  
for orientation and to receive your class materials.**

