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#### FROM THE PREZ

Congratulations all the way around to the recent participants in the C.A.R.S. licensing classes. There were hams who upgraded to both General and Extra. A good sized group also became new amateurs by passing their Technician exams. Special thanks to the instructors who donated their time every week. They were Metro, W8MET; Gary, NI8Z; David, KD8ACO, and Bob, W8GC. I would like to extend a sincere and warm welcome to all the new Technicians to both the fraternity of amateur radio operators and the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society.

There are several easy ways to become involved as a member. The first is to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. We have one more dinner meeting at TGI Fridays, and then the next three meetings after that are our popular summer picnic meetings. Locations, times and maps are displayed on the C.A.R.S. website – [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org). Secondly, we would love to hear you check into our weekly club nets every Wednesday at 9:00 PM on the club repeater. Another good way to really get involved in the hobby is to attend the Hamvention in Dayton. This is easy to do because C.A.R.S. is sponsoring a one day bus trip to Dayton. Attending this all world convention will open your eyes to everything amateur radio has to offer.

You will see manufacturer's displays of all the new ham radio equipment available, a humongous outdoor flea market with used and vintage equipment, and people from all over the world who make the long and expensive journey that we can do in a few hours for a few bucks. I cannot over encourage any new ham to make the trip to Dayton, you will not regret it.

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New hams also need help with the technicalities of amateur radio from those with experience. We call this "Elmering." I was recently contacted by a somewhat new member who needs help. He has trouble getting to meetings and would like someone to hook up with him and lend a hand. I mentioned it on the last net, and will bring it up at the meeting. If any experienced member would like to step up and help this fellow club member at his West Shore QTH, please contact me, so I can pass the contact information to you.

One last call for the Dayton bus, there are still seats available, so sign up on the C.A.R.S. website. Also, those wishing to apply for one of the two \$500 scholarships, get the applications in as soon as possible.

73, de Toby, WT8O

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### ***APRIL MEETING MINUTES***

The C.A.R.S. April meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 12th of the month at 7:43 pm. The meeting was held at TGI Fridays, Brooklyn, Ohio. 30 Members and 2 Guest's were in attendance.

The March meeting minutes were approved as published in the April Wobbly Oscillator. Bruce, N8DJX moved to accept and Ron, K8VJG seconded. The motion passed

Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report. He also mentioned to please mark your calendars for these important C.A.R.S. functions in 2011: Dayton bus - May 21, Field Day - June 25 & 26, Picnic - July 29, and our annual Christmas party December 9, 2011. Last but not least we still have CARS Christmas party DVD's for sale. A \$5 donation will get you one at a meeting or with a \$2.00 postage charge we can mail one. Go to [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) to order. All proceeds will go directly to the Scholarship Fund. The DVD has memories from past Christmas Parties starting with 2001, our 2010 Field Day and a "surprise"! BUY Scholarship tickets!

Gary Dewey, NI8Z mentioned that we had 10 students attend our Class VE Session on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Nine passed and one failed. Gary also announced that he sent two Get Well cards to

members. Gary also said that May 8th will be our next regular VE session.

Toby, WT8O stated he is proud to be the President of C.A.R.S. and hopes everyone understands that with a lot of pressure at work he is doing the best job he can. Things will be getting better at work as he will be moving into another position and will have more time available and he will be happy to run for President in 2012.

The President also stated we will have a meeting regarding Field Day in the next week or two. If you can bring a station please contact Toby, WT8O or Bob, W8GC ASAP.

Also, after discussion on our meeting site Toby decided we will meet at Fridays again in May. Our June, July & August meetings will be in the Brecksville Metro Park.

Dwaine Modock, K8ME discussed both the Dayton and ARRL Bus trips.

After introductions Toby, WT8O called for a vote on 8 new members: John Culley KD8PXB, Russ Dunn KD8PXC, Barbara Graves KD8PXD, Joseph Hart KD8PXH, Linda Schafer KD8PXE, Richard McMakin KD8PXF, Patricia Keith KD8PXG and Bergartt KD8PSP. A vote by the members present was taken in the "usual manner" and all were accepted into the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. A round of applause and congratulations to all.

The 50/50 winner was Dave, KD8JRH, with \$24.00 going to him and CARS also added \$24 to the treasury.

Dwaine, K8ME moved that we close the meeting, seconded by Matt, W8EBB. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Gary Dewey, NI8Z then had a short video presentation on Amateur Radio and the International Space Station.

Submitted by Temporary Secretary Bob Check, W8GC

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***CHECK INTO THE C.A.R.S. WEEKLY CLUB  
NET EACH WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 P.M.***

***THE MISSING 'Q' SIGNALS***  
**( The ones you really need )**  
Submitted by Gary Dewey, NI8Z

**QBA - My antenna is BIG!**

**QBA? - How big is your antenna?**

**QBO - Don't sit next to that guy in the meeting.**

**QBO? - Buddy, can you spare some soap?**

**QBS - It's getting deep in here.**

**QBS? - Are you BS-ing me?**

**QCP - I am using Cat Power (From Rotary Cat Power Wheel)**

**QCP? - Are you using Cat Power?**

**QCW - I am going to whistle Morse Code on FM (or SSB)**

**QCW?- Why are you whistling Morse?**

**QDR - Damn Right the frequency is busy!} In response to QRL**

**QDR? - Do you have a Receiver?} In response to QRL**

**QET - Phone home.**

**QET? - Is somebody calling me from another planet?**

**QEW - Copy is difficult due to Ear Wax.**

**QEW? - Whaaaaaaat?**

**QFH - This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.**

**QFH? - Is this frequency hogged?**

**QHI - I am jumping in quick to say hi, then going QRT.**

**QHI? - Are you leaving after only one transmission?**

**QLF - I am sending with my left foot.**

**QLF? - Are you sending with your left foot?**

**QLK - I am sending with my left foot and keyboard.**

**QLK? - Are you sending with your left foot and keyboard?**

**QNO - I am sending through a non-standard orifice.**

**QNO? - What non-standard orifice are you sending through?**

**QOF - Yes, I am an Old Fart.**

**QOF? Are you an Old Fart?**

**QOK - Your last transmission was Okie Dokie.**

**QOK? - Was my last transmission OK?**

**QPM - Your signal is purr modulated.**

**QPM? - Is my signal purr modulated?**

**QRC - Warning, rag chewer on frequency.**

**QRC? - Are you a rag chewer?**

**QRG - You are transmitting in or near the ... (wave length or frequency) amateur band.**

**QRG? - Am I transmitting in or near an amateur band, and if so which one?**

**QRW - Means - QRP REALLY Weak**

**QRW? - Qrp, you are Really Weak?**

**QWC? - Who cares?**

**QWC - I don't care**

**QWC - I have to go to the bathroom**

**QWC? - Did you wet your pants?**

**QWF - I am kidding you.**

**QWF?- Are you kidding me?**

**QZZ - I fell asleep at the mike.**

**QZZ? - Is that a 60Hz hum, or are you snoring?**

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***GET YOUR SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TICKETS SOON! TIME IS GETTING SHORT.***

## ***KEN'S JUNK BOX***

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

### **Amundsen-Scott May 1911**

Both parties are now experiencing 24 hours of darkness each day. Daily work revolves around repairing or modifying equipment necessary for the journey to the pole.

Amundsen plans to spend the winter preparing technically for the trip ahead. The men would work all winter to refine dog harnesses, boots, sleds, packing, cooking equipment, goggles and taking care of 116 dogs.

Amundsen devised a contest requiring his men to go outside for several minutes, and then guess the temperature. The man who had the most correct guesses at the end of the winter would win a telescope. It was an annoying contest with a purpose. The men would be able to tell the temperature if their thermometer broke, and the men were forced to rise quickly and take in fresh air on a consistent basis. The hut at Framheim was 16 feet x 13 feet or 208 sq feet, about the size of a modern bedroom, and it would be occupied by nine men. Six days a week the men would rise at 7:30 am, have breakfast, start work at 9:00 and have lunch at noon. They would return to their work at 2:00 pm and end at 5:15, with the balance of the day to be used as they pleased. Each man took his turn as the week's housekeeper emptying ashtrays, sweeping up and keeping the hut clean. Each man had two hooks on which to hang clothes, while the rest of their small stuff was kept out of sight in a clothes sack nearby.

In addition to the hut, the men pitched 16 tents around the area. These were used to store supplies and equipment. Snow drifts were dug into to provide work rooms, additional storage, and a sauna. More about the sauna next month.

In early May, Scott addressed the men on "The Future Plans of the Expedition." These were often changed during the course of the winter, but were perhaps never as complete or focused as they should have been.

Scott's Hut was prefabricated in England before being brought south by ship. It was rectangular, 50 feet long and 25 feet wide, comparable in floor

space to a single-floor modern small home, and provided accommodations for 25 men. Insulation was provided by seaweed sewn into a quilt, placed between double-planked inner and outer walls. The roof was a sandwich of three layers of plank and 2 layers of rubber ply enclosing more quilted seaweed. Lighting was provided by acetylene gas, and heating came from the kitchen and a supplementary stove using coal as fuel.

The hut was divided into separate areas for sleeping and working by a bulkhead made of boxes of stores. The boxes were stacked so that they could be opened from the side, and as each was emptied it became a shelf for more storage.

A stable building for nineteen Siberian ponies approximately 50 feet by 16 feet was subsequently attached to the north wall of the main building, and a utility room, approximately 40 by 12 feet was also added later, built around the original small porch at the South West end of the main building. Considerable effort was made to insulate the building, and to extract the maximum amount of heat from the flues from the stove and the heater, based on lessons learned from the Scott's earlier Discovery expedition hut. The Terra Nova men described their hut as being warm to the point of being uncomfortable.

The accompanying photo shows Scott's Hut as it stood in 1962.

NEXT MONTH: What happened in June?



**AMATEUR RADIO OBITS OF NOTE**

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

**JAMES A. McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF**

Yesterday morning, April 27, WA2EWE/T6AF (ex YI9EWE), James A. McLaughlin, was murdered. He was 56. Jim was one of the nine Americans shot and killed Wednesday in Kabul, Afghanistan by an "Afghan military pilot". He had been serving in Afghanistan as a flight instructor since late 2008 after his tour in Iraq. Jim was visiting family just last week. He was a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel working as a "civilian contractor teaching student pilots to fly fast planes", says K6KLY, Russ. "It was obvious from spending time with Jim that ham radio was an important morale-boosting pastime and usually spent a couple of hours per day Q.V., logging thousands of QSO's" remembers W7VOA/T6AD, Steve Herman. Steve met Jim in August 2009, at the time they were the only two active Amateur Radio operators in Afghanistan. They can be seen holding up a copy of their favorite magazine at

<http://picasaweb.google.com/radiotokyo/Kabulhamradio#536989020613704566> pix 6.

Condolences to his son KD6POJ, Adam.

**Michael R. Koss, W9SU**

W9SU (ex WB9BPG), Michael R. Koss, of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away unexpectedly late Sunday night, March 27 or early Monday morning, March 28. He was 58. Mike was the owner of Industrial Communication Engineers, LTC who make the famous ICE filters and many other products. David Spoelstra, N9KT said "cause of death is unknown and there will be an autopsy".

FOR SALE: KENWOOD TS-440s  
Excellent condition and very clean.  
Not set up for digital.  
Asking \$400.00.  
Contact: Ken Osicki, K8OAE at  
[K8OAE@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8OAE@ARRL.NET) or 440-230-1537

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

KC8ZBN	Marian Rubin	5-1
W8JAK	Jack Andrisin	5-1-42
KC8WBH	John Chesna	5-6
WD8CHL	Jim Barbour	5-9-58
WD8CWD	J.W. Cox Jr	5-11-41
KA8MZS	Michael Mraz	5-12-40
N8KAY	Kayla Check	5-12-90
K8YSE	John Papay	5-15
K8VJG	Ronald Borkey Sr	5-20-32

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS !**

**Please mark your calenders for these important CARS functions in 2011**

Dayton bus May 21

Field Day June 25 & 26

ARRL bus trip July 17 to 20

Annual Summer Picnic July 29, FREE to members, family & friends

Our annual Christmas party December 9, 2011

Summer meetings June 14, July 12 & August 9 will be at the Harriott-Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville reservation of the Metro Parks.

## **GREAT CHICKEN POT PIE SOUP RECIPE**

By George Pindroh, K8KR

Awhile ago I had some fantastic Chicken Pot Pie Soup while attending to my wife at Cleveland Clinic. I found a great recipe on the internet and made a batch...quite good and easy! I have been asked to share this recipe!

### Chicken Pot Pie Soup

2 cups cubed cooked chicken  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 cup sliced carrots  
2 cups cubed potatoes  
1 cup green peas  
6 T butter  
1/3 cup flour  
2 T chicken bouillon ( I always use Minor's Chicken Soup Starter)  
4 cups milk  
1/4 t pepper  
1/8 t garlic powder

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- 1- All ingredients start out cooked
  - 2- Melt butter in saucepan.
  - 3- Blend in flour, chicken bouillon, garlic powder and pepper.
  - 4- Cook until mixture is smooth and bubbly, gradually adding the milk.
  - 5- Cook and stir over medium heat til the mixture boils, simmer one minute, stirring constantly.
  - 6- Add chicken and then each vegetable one at a time carefully so as to not break up other ingredients.
  - 7- Serve and enjoy!

I bought a bucket of chicken thighs from K.C. and used that chicken...however, one could also use any rotisserie chicken from Giant Eagle or Heinens and that would be OK . One could add a little more milk if they wanted the soup more liquidy

73, George Pindroh, K8KR

*Sounds good George, I'll have to give it a try. (Ed)*

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## **RELIABLE RIG REPAIR**

By George Pindroh, K8KR

With the modern day technology and compactness of modern day radios most of us are at a loss in fixing them when they need repair. As clever as I am, I am afraid I have to admit that I must send my radios out for repair because it would be impossible for me to fix them.

2010 was a bad year for radios breaking down for me. I found a fellow in the Chicago, Illinois area who fixes radios as a retirement income. He used to work for the Collins Radio Company and has all of the needed modern test equipment to repair radios. His company is called: WILLCO Electronics 3408 Avondale Lane, New Lenox, Illinois 60451 [www.willcoele.com](http://www.willcoele.com) (815) 463-9365

The repairer is Jack, WA9FVP. He charges \$50 an hour. He does excellent work and will call you and tell you what he has found. I had both my Yaesu FT1000 Mark V and Yaesu FT990 repaired recently. Both cost me about \$170.00 including shipping and handling.

I would highly recommend Jack to work on your radios when they break down! However, call him on the telephone first and tell him what kind of problem you are having with your radio. Good Luck,

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## **THE RANDOM WIRE**

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

HAPPY CINCO de MAYO

Arieba, arieba! Si seniors and senioritas, May 5<sup>th</sup> will soon be upon us which means that the great Dayton Hamvention® will not be far behind. I have been to the hamvention many times over the years and always look forward to it each year. I get a kick out of seeing all these people with hats on their heads displaying their call signs, from all over the U.S. of A. as well as other places all over the world. I wouldn't be surprised if there were a few aliens from outer space there as well.

A few of the highlights of my trip to Dayton  
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each year are coming back to the motel after walking around the flea market and the indoor exhibits all day, with tired muscles and aching feet, and relaxing with a cold adult beverage in the indoor hot tub at the motel and then plunging into the swimming pool. Later, enjoying a nice dinner at a nearby restaurant with some great ham friends, and later going to the Northern Ohio DX Association hospitality room at the Crown Plaza hotel in downtown Dayton.

At the NODXA hospitality room you can enjoy the company of hams from our neck of the woods as well as hams that drop by from other states and other countries. There's food and beverages to be had as well.

Several years ago, my wife and I spent a week at a resort in the Bahamas. I had taken along equipment for a portable HF station, which I set up on the balcony of our suite. I made a contact on 10 meters with a ham in Ireland, and during our QSO we learned that we were both going to be in Dayton for the Hamvention and that he would be staying at the Crown Plaza hotel. He showed up at the NODXA hospitality room and we got to have an eyeball QSO. It was great!

Which brings me to this year's Dayton Hamvention®. As you must know by now, C.A.R.S. is sponsoring a bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention®. It is limited by time or cash, or both, this is a great way to experience the Hamvention if you never been there before or even if you are a seasoned veteran of it. The cost is only \$40.00 plus your ticket to the Hamvention which you can get at the door if you have not already purchased your ticket in advance. The bus leaves early Friday morning, stops for breakfast at a Bob Evans on the way down, and you arrive rested and ready for a great day at the Hamvention by 8:00 a.m.

Not only will you experience one of the largest flea markets you have ever seen, but inside are all the manufacturers of Amateur Radio equipment displaying the latest in ham gear, and all the dealers ready to sell all that gear to you. Plus will be the ARRL area, at which you can meet and chat with many of the department heads of the ARRL, as well as the guys that write the columns for QST

magazine. There are forums that you can partake of during the day as well. Those are great when you start to get a bit tired of all the walking and need to sit for a spell.

Time is getting short however, so if you are procrastinating on signing up for the bus or have been trying to decide if you are going to go on the bus or not, now is the time to make a decision. There are still some spaces available aboard the bus to Dayton. Get in touch with Dwaine Modock, K8ME, or sign up online on the C.A.R.S. web page. Either way, do it NOW!

TIME TO MOSEY

Gotta run for now, but I hope to see you all at the next C.A.R.S. meeting, on the next C.A.R.S. net, or both. I hope to run into a lot of you at the Dayton Hamvention® as well. I'll be on 146.475 simplex.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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*By reading this, you have committed yourself to attend the May meeting of C.A.R.S., to check into the C.A.R.S. Wednesday evening club net, and to make an earnest attempt to get to the Dayton Hamvention® this month.*

