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C.A.R.S. ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS - LAST PICNIC MEETING OF SUMMER AUGUST 9th. SPECIAL GUEST

MORE INSIDE

FROM THE PREZ

By the time this edition is published, the C.A.R.S. annual summer picnic should be history. I will predict now the event was a great success. I do know now the amount of preparation and effort that has gone into the planning. And based on past experience, I can be sure all attendees had a fine time and were well fed. A significant element of the festivities is the presentation of our two annual scholarships. Congratulations to the winners and to those who sold raffle tickets that funded the scholarships. This is one of the most successful programs C.A.R.S. is involved in. All the recipients of past scholarships have successfully completed their studies and graduated on their way to a rewarding career. This is something all C.A.R.S. members can be very proud of. A major percentage of the money was raised through the sale of tickets, leaving a deficit the club had to subsidize. In a perfect world the subsidy would be unnecessary, maybe next year we can get more participation in ticket sales and completely cover the costs. Nonetheless, please take the time to thank all those who helped with the picnic when you see them at the next meeting. I would personally like to thank Bob Check, W8GC, who again demonstrated his organizational skills by doing the lion's share of the planning; and Gary Berkowitz, K8REF, for his work as chairman of the scholarship committee.

Speaking of the upcoming meeting, the August gathering promises to be very special. Our distinguished guest will be Jim Weaver, K8JE, the ARRL Great Lakes Division Director. Jim will be there

to share his thoughts on the workings of the league and the state of amateur radio in general. He will be attending as a representative of the ARRL and be available to answer questions. Please make a serious effort to attend this meeting. If you only participate in one event a year, this should be the one you circle on your calendar. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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JULY 12, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. July meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 12th of the month at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at Brecksville Metro Park, Harriott Keeler pavilion, Brecksville, Ohio. 26 Members and 2 guest's were in attendance.

After introductions the June minutes were approved as published in the July Wobbly Oscillator. Mike, KD8OUE moved to accept them and Bill, WA8GEO seconded. The motion passed.

Bob, W8GC gave the Treasurer's report. Bob also asked the membership to please buy scholarship tickets and call or email him if you are coming to the Picnic.

Gary NI8Z mentioned we had 9 VE's and 12 testers attend our July 10 VE Session and all passed. He also announced he sent 1 sympathy card to Bob, W8GC at the passing of his daughter Tina Check, W8HBI. Gary stated we will have Jim Weaver Director, Great Lakes Division of the ARRL as our speaker at the August meeting, that will be our last outdoor meeting in 2011.

WT8O moved we change the name of the CARS Scholarship fund to the "CARS Tina Check, W8HBI Scholarship fund" to honor Tina, W8HBI who passed away suddenly on June 30, 2011. The motion was seconded by Linda, N8LRS. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Toby, WT8O reported on our very successful 2011 Field Day. A great time was had by all this year! Plus our 2nd best score of all time.

Dwaine, K8ME reported that the Dayton Bus trip was a success but that the ARRL Bus trip was canceled due to lack of participation.

KD8V, Dave reported on the progress at the Copley middle school. He is also tutoring students at his home over the summer break.

Eddie, KD8FTS said that the Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference will be held July 16th 9:00am at Gilmore Academy, all are welcome to attend.

Mike, KD8OUE, was the winner of the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$24.00 which he donated back to CARS. CARS also added its share, \$25 to the treasury.

Matt, W8EBB moved we close the meeting, seconded by Ron, K8VJG. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.
Submitted by Temporary Secretary Bob W8GC

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

KC8YSV William Sarver 8-9-44

N8IS Steve Riley 8-11-66

KD8FTS Eddie Stevens 8-14

WB8N Tom Wayne 8-17-40

KA8EEW Richard Engum 8-21-38

KC8LAU Gerald Purcell 8-24-61

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL AND
MANY HAPPY RETURNS !**

If your name was not on the list for August, it's because I don't have an up-to-date list this month. My apologies...Ed.

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

Amundsen-Scott August, 1911

August finally arrives and the sun will reappear as the month draws to a close. Neither Scott nor Amundsen understood that "spring" and "fall" are not long periods between summer and winter. Amundsen wanted this to be the start of his run to the pole but, with temperatures at -72 deg F, he knew that it would be difficult for the dogs. Both groups were eager for their march to begin, but were having difficulties deciding on the best date.

Amundsen worried over the course of action being taken by Scott. Scott's ponies might not be able to withstand the cold that Amundsen was now experiencing, but maybe it was warmer on Discovery Island, sheltered by the mountains at
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McMurdo Sound. The motorized sledges might prove to be highly efficient and speed Scott along. Amundsen would leave as early as possible, but the end of the month proved difficult with temperatures in the -50's. He wanted to leave, but experience taught him the perils of acting rashly under such conditions.

On August 23d, the Amundsen sledges were hoisted out of their snow caves by block and tackle. Almost half a ton each, the sledges were neatly packed, secured, and ready to go when the weather permitted. The dogs, too, were ready to go. Despite a winter spent in luxury, the animals did not need a lead dog to get them moving. Hitched in fan formation, the dogs immediately took off at a mad gallop, proving that they were anxious for the trail and ready for the arduous task ahead.

The sun returned on August 24th. The weather would not cooperate. At -50 degrees the temperature was considered "tolerable." They needed higher temperatures and more daylight. August 24th was a Thursday and the temperature was -42 degrees. Should they go? Amundsen put the matter to a vote. It was four votes for Saturday, four for Monday. A spin of a coin determined Monday. On Monday, August 28 a blizzard struck bringing limited visibility and a temperature of -46 degrees. Socked in by the weather, the party would not depart until September 8.

Meanwhile, the "Worst Journey in the World" was staggering on. Impossible to describe in just a few words, recall that they were undertaking a journey of 65 miles one way. With temperatures of -60's and -70's torturing them, and a surface of hardened ice-crystals that acted like sand instead of slippery ice against their sledge runners, the three men were often only able to travel 2 or 3 miles a day.

They, of course, wore gloves. But these froze, in turn causing their hands to freeze also. Even the liquid inside their blisters froze! Their sleeping bags froze, too. It was necessary to force oneself into his sleeping bag. To make this act a bit easier, upon getting out of the bag each morning they would quickly stuff personal gear into its mouth to form an opening that would be a

starting point for getting in the next night. The cold affected Cherry-Gerrard so badly that he wondered when his tongue would freeze. After all, his teeth had been chattering so severely that they had already shattered and the nerves were most likely destroyed.

They experienced an odd hallucination. It took all three men to pull a single sledge over the difficult ice surface. To go back for the next sledge they would retrace their footsteps on the ice. This was easier if there was moonlight, but often they needed to use a candle to provide the necessary light. Either way, their footsteps, instead of being hollows in the surface, began to appear as humps. They took to stepping "over" each hump and had to force themselves to ignore the problem. They could not, and this stepping action became an additional burden.

Handling all gear, even cooking gear and food bags was agony because of the blisters on their hands. If their hands could get warm enough in the tent during a stop they would prick the blisters to release the liquid and provide relief. Once, their tent was ripped away from them by high winds. The three men were left in their sleeping bags, singing hymns while the snow drifted thickly upon them. The tent was recovered, having lodged itself in some near-by rocks, and they continued their journey.

The party had successfully collected three eggs. Extremely exhausted, they eventually stumbled back to Cape Evans in early August. As to the eggs, these were unceremoniously, almost with complete disregard for the collectors and their heroic efforts, accepted by the British Natural History Museum at Kensington in 1913. Later, when Scott's widow went with Cherry-Gerrard to view the eggs, they were told that the eggs did not exist! In fact, however, they had been turned over to a scientist for further study, and some important findings did result, with due regard finally being given to "the worst journey in the world."

Next month: What happened in September?

Next page....photo of frozen terrain.



THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN

Here we are in August already. Field Day 2011 is a thing of the past, the C.A.R.S. Family picnic has been held, and we are coming up on our last meeting in the park for the year. Where the heck do the days go???

C.A.R.S. PICNIC

I delayed putting together this issue of the Wobbly Oscillator so that I could include the picnic and some picnic pics. We had a great turnout of members and family members, and lots of good food. The weather was great as well, although a bit on the humid side. I managed to eat in between cooking on the grill along with Steve N8SRJ, Gary N18Z, & Metro, W8MET.

I didn't get to sample the bratwurst but I hear they were very good. I did get to partake of the Italian sausages and the sirloin burgers, which were done to perfection by the crack team of cooks. George, K8KR brought his famous cole slaw, which was gobbled up quickly, and I brought Duke Wayne's Cowboy Beans, which

seemed to be a big hit as they were completely gone by the time the evening ended. I had hoped there would be some left so I could have a snack later at home, but no such luck. I am including a recipe elsewhere in this issue. I also want to thank Bob Check, W8GC and his xyl Betty for taking care of the food that C.A.R.S. provided, and Darren, K8DMT who brewed the coffee and got the grills fired up. Thanks as well to those that brought all the side dishes and the abundance of deserts. Everything was GREAT!

LOTS OF WINNERS

My grandson, Dale Boutilier won 34 bucks on the 50/50 drawing, Gary Berkowitz, K8REF's xyl won a Giant Eagle Gift card, as did Toby, WT8O's xyl, Toby himself, & Mike, KG8MTG.

The big winners of the scholarship Raffle were, Bruce, N8DJX - \$100.00, Ron, K8VJG - \$200.00 And "Lucky Linda", N8LRS - \$300.00. Linda has been lucky this year (as usual) having won a scanner at the Dayton Hamvention® and her hubby Metro, W8MET won \$150 bucks at the NOARSFEST earlier this month. Congratulations to one and all!

The winners of the C.A.R.S. Tina Check, W8HBI Scholarship this year I am very proud to say, were my daughter, Debbie Boutilier and her daughter, my granddaughter, Danielle Boutilier. Debbie is 43 yrs. of age and is a single mom, having raised two daughters and her son Dale who she is still working on. Debbie's husband Terry passed away suddenly in 2006 and she's had a rough time making ends meet. She graduated with an associate's degree this past June from Phoenix Univ. where she is now pursuing her bachelor's degree in Information Technology. She recently became employed in her chosen field. Danielle is 21 years old and is a single mom of a toddler. She is working as an aide in a nursing home and attending Lakeland Community College. They are both very appreciative of their scholarship awards. They were both at the picnic and enjoyed themselves very much. Now all I have to do is get them to get their ham tickets. Nawww, that'll never *continued on next page....*

happen, sorry to say.

A special guest was Mike Lorens, who had his mom Lynn bring him to the picnic. He likes to be around us and enjoys listening to us on our Wednesday evening nets on his scanner. Mike is the one and only associate member of C.A.R.S. having been voted in at a picnic meeting a few years ago. He missed Field Day this year as he was attending a camp at the time.

Gary, NI8Z's son Steve, N8BVD and his xyl, son and daughter were also guests, visiting from their home in Columbus, Ohio.

It was also very good to see Scotty, WA8SLN and his wife at the picnic. Scotty says he is feeling pretty good.

LAST PICNIC MEETING IN THE PARK

Tuesday, August 9th will be our last meeting in the park for the year. It will be at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville branch of the Metro Parks, just off Rt. 82. Bring food to cook out. There will be a fired up grill attended to by Darren, K8DMT, and soft drink beverages provided by C.A.R.S. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, our Great Lakes Director of the ARRL, Jim Weaver, K8JE will be in attendance to speak to us and answer questions. He was to have been at the June meeting but had to cancel due doctor's orders.

OHIO QSL PARTY

On August 27, from Noon to Midnight, the Ohio QSL party will be going on. This is a fun contest and I am planning on taking part in it as I did last year. This is a contest where you can be the station everyone else wants to contact. I am urging everyone with HF capabilities to take part in this event. You can go to www.ohioqp.org for the rules and more details. Hope to hear you on the air.

TTFN

Well fellows and gals, it's a nice sunny Saturday as I write this column and I hate to waste the great weather, so I'll close for this month. Hope to catch you on the air and see you at the August meeting. Don't forget to check into the C.A.R.S. Wednesday evening club net on 146.820 at 9:00 p.m. local time either.

73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

RECIPE FOR "DUKE" WAYNE'S COWBOY BEANS

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

First of all I have to say the nickname Duke was given to me by my fellow firefighters at W.H.F.D. because I used to ride a horse named Duke, not because my last name is the same as "**THE**" Duke. In retrospect, I think they were telling me I was a horse's ass. Naw, my buddies wouldn't do that. The horse Duke was a Tennessee Walking Horse owned by my father-in-law and I used to ride him every Sunday morning, whatever the weather. He was a stallion by the way.

Anyhow, back to the recipe. This recipe was given to me by my neighbor Cliff and I don't know where he got it but I changed it a bit to make it my own, which you can do too. I was hoping that there might be a bit left over from the picnic but it disappeared just like K8KR's secret recipe coleslaw. The original recipe goes like this:

1 can Kidney Beans
1 can Lima Beans
1 can Great Northern Beans
1 can Pork and Beans
1 medium onion chopped
1 green pepper chopped
1 cup any brand "original" barbecue sauce
1 lb. Hamburger

Brown Hamburger and drain. Pour beans into crock-pot. Saute chopped onion and pepper. Throw the hamburger and veggies and barbecue sauce into the pot of beans and cook on low for 2 hours or on high for one hour.

Now, here's where my own concoction comes into play. I wanted to have enough for everyone at the C.A.R.S. Family Picnic so I added :

1 can Light Red Kidney Beans
1 can Dark Red Kidney Beans
1 can Butter Beans
1 can Black Beans
1 can Baked Beans
1 can Pinto Beans

I used a large onion instead of a medium one and the green pepper was very large as well. I used a whole bottle of barbecue sauce, and a pound and a half of hamburger instead of just one pound.

I also threw in a few dashes of worcestershire sauce as well. Use your own judgement. So there you have it folks. Brew it up and enjoy!

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PICNIC PICS

The following are several pictures from the C.A.R.S. Family Picnic. Enjoy. These pictures were shot by Bob, W8GC and George, K8KR



The cooks, WB8N, W8MET, N8SRJ & WB8N, along with WA8GEO & KD8FTS

Good job guys and thanks for your efforts.



Bruce, N8DJX and George, K8KR feeding their faces.



Bill, WU8A turning the ticket drum, with Scotty, WA8SLN and Dave, KD8V and Patty, KD8DYI in the background.



Scotty, WA8SLN and his wife enjoying the picnic. Great to see you Scotty.



N18Z & WB8N cooking the brats (Nice hat WB8N)

***MORE PICNIC PICS ON
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Darren, K8DMT helping himself to the deserts



President Toby, WT80 presenting a scholarship check to Daniel Boutilier one of our lucky winners this year. Good luck to Danielle in her future.



President Toby, WT80 presenting a scholarship check to Debbie Boutilier, our other lucky winner. Good luck Debbie.

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