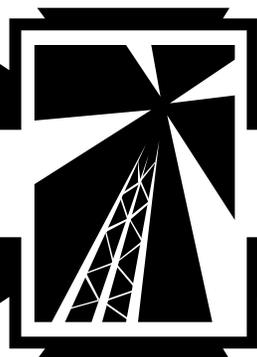


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## EDITOR'S DESK

*Roy Hadden, KB8VJF*

I sent out a late request to all C.A.R.S. members that I have an E-mail address for to send any memoirs of C.A.R.S. beginning thirty years ago. I think it would also be interesting to read about other events in

C.A.R.S. history. One member, Dave Barbour (K8MBV), quickly responded before the end-of-month deadline. Please share the history of C.A.R.S. with the membership; send a short story to me at Newsletter@cars.org before the end of this month so that we can make the September issue one to look back on.

N8HTX, Rich N8FIL, Gary N18Z, Tom WB8N, Ray WD8OMK, David KC8FVM, Jim KB8SQF, Ginny N8UIY, Rich KB8PMM, Judy KC8FHE, and Mike KB8BMY.

The list of guests, visitors, and family members included Kevin Kolus, Paula Conley, Gedas Kasparaitis KC8IUM, Nijole Kasparaitis LY2BEE, Andy Sargent N8OFS, Sheree Roberto, and Joey Kopp.

### CHANGES TO THE MINUTES

There were no changes to the minutes.

### CHANGES TO THE TREASURER REPORT

There were no changes to the treasurer report.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed during the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

The August regular meeting will be a picnic meeting held at the TV55 site in Parma. Help will be needed to coordinate traffic flow in and around the site. If plans don't work out to have the meeting at TV55, then we will meet at Oak's Grove picnic area in Brecksville Reservation as a backup.

The Club is running low on CARS Patches. We plan to purchase 200 patches for \$275.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: MEMBERSHIP

This evening the Club had the opportunity to hear directly from Andrew Sargent N8OFS. Due to several concerns raised by the members over his application to CARS, we asked Andy to come to a meeting and explain his side of the situation. Andy claims that he has been persecuted on 2 meters because of the "political incorrectness" of his operating style. Tom

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## MEETING MINUTES

*Ray Severyn, WD8OMK*

Minutes of the regular Club meeting held on July 21, 1999, in the Brecksville Reservation of the MetroParks as recorded by Ray WD8OMK.

The July CARS meeting was called to order by Tom Wayne WB8N at 8:00 p.m. Members in attendance included Dave KD8V, Terry KB8DTC, Bill AA8WJ, Lin WD8SDP, Gordon KC8IOU, Paul KC8AMD, Fred NO2O, Dan KC8IFU, Casey N8FCQ, Karl KC8LYH, Philip K8MPL, Jim K8BLB, Monica





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WB8N asked if Andy would operate within the guidelines of the Club when using our equipment. Jim KB8SQF expressed that he would welcome anyone to the Club as long as they operate on the Club repeaters in a manner that does not offend anyone. Andy did not object to either of these two statements. After a ballot vote, Andy N8OFS was accepted as a member of the Club.

In addition, there were several new applicants that appeared in the July W.O. and they were voted on and accepted as a group. This includes James Love K8JHL, Gediminas Kasparaitis KC8IUM, his wife Nijole Kasparaitis LY2BEE [licensed in Lithuania], Timothy Francisco KG8N, and Robert Ozog KC8MRC.

## TECHNICAL/REPEATER

The 82 repeater is currently experiencing a problem with the voter. Greg KG8O said that Vince N8OVW will try to clear up the problem by balancing the voter inputs. Replacement of the voter would cost about \$350. Rich N8FIL mentioned that we will have an opportunity to raise the link antenna at the TV55 site in the near future.

The 53.01 repeater is having a sensitivity problem. There is a suspicion that this is due to desensitization occurring from commercial HDTV experimentation on TV channel 2 in our area. Rich requests that we file a complaint against the experimenters that he believes are the source of the problem.

Greg KG8O said that a radio card in the 443.825 repeater failed and they were able to swap out the card with the spare. The bad card was sent out for repair.

## COMM-TRAILER

Paul KC8AMD mentioned that work may begin again on the Comm-Trailer as early as this weekend. Efforts will be centered around reducing the height of the trailer for storage purposes. This may ultimately require the purchase of new wheels and hubs.

## FIELD DAY

Gary NI8Z reported on the Club's results at Field Day. This year's 5-Alpha station netted an all time high score for CARS. With about 30 people participating, we made 716 CW contacts and 667 SSB contacts for a total score of 5,230 points.

## HAMFEST

Rich N8FIL reported on our success at the hamfest. This year we made less money than usual, probably due to the higher price of the door prizes this year. We had some food left over that was used up at Field Day the following weekend. Rich also said he would like to organize a short informal presentation covering how to pass out flyers at a hamfest in preparation for next year.

## PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Early in the meeting, we had a visitor, Sheree Roberto, from Great Lakes Search and Rescue of Ohio. Sheree is very active with this organization and was contacting CARS to see if there might be an opportunity for our Club to provide them with communications. The purpose of their volunteer organization is to provide aid to local authorities using their own specially trained dogs in searches for missing people. Typically in these searches they might be looking for lost children or patients who have walked away from their hospital. The local chapter of this club is prepared to respond to searches throughout the nearby counties. Their efforts, however, lack the benefits of reliable communications and experienced radio operators who can support an organized radio effort. Therefore, her club is looking for a ham radio club that might be interested in working with them in preparing and responding to emergency searches. Sheree would like to invite CARS on a rescue drill so that our Club can see what their organization does.

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[Our members seemed to be very interested in the speakers message and offer for cooperation. It appears likely that CARS may participate with this organization in the near future though no specific plans were made.]

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Any comments that are not strictly part of the minutes will either be added here or placed within the body of the minutes but denoted with square brackets [...].



## VE NEWS

Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The July 11th, Volunteer Examination session bought 15 individuals to be tested to the Independence TownHall. This was the most that have come to one of our VE sessions. At this session we saw individuals from Georgia and another from Arizona coming to our test location. It seems the C.A.R.S VE test group is becoming recognized across the country. Competently handling this session was Tom Wayne, WB8N; Dale Harper, KC8FAQ; and Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP; along with myself.

Ten new or upgrade licenses were earned. Thirty-five elements were evaluated. One new Novice, Six Technicians, 3 Tech Plus were part of the new licensees.

## Future Test Dates

The C.A.R.S. VE group will again schedule examination sessions at the Independence TownHall, 6652 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH. This site has handicap accessibility.

The upcoming dates in 1999 are:

**September 12th**

**November 14th**

Contact Gary Dewey for more information at 216-642-1399 or E-mail to NI8Z@cars.org .



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Judy Crane, KC8FHE*

**MEMBERS ONLY - This article has been edited for the on-line version of the newsletter. C.A.R.S. members may request the full version of the newsletter by sending a request to the editor.**



## FROM THE PREZ'S SHACK

*Tom Wayne, WB8N*

### (The Random Wire) AS THE WORLD TURNS

Here it is August already, and the summer is almost over!. The kiddies will soon be off to school once again, and the Cleveland Hamfest looms ahead of us, next month.

Most of our summer activities for C.A.R.S. are over with. Only one remains, and that is the Amateur Radio Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo & Rainforest. As most of you know there is a radio station at the Rain Forest which is run by the Greater Cleveland Amateur Radio Committee. Well, they thought it would be great publicity for amateurs from the Greater Cleveland area to take part in a demonstration of amateur radio for the general public visiting the Zoo. A special admission fee will be available to families of hams taking part in this project. The prices are: 12 yrs and older, \$6.00 with discount voucher, ages 2 to 11 yrs, \$3.00 with discount voucher, under 2 free. For information all C.A.R.S. member Dwaine Modock at 216-676-7996. You can also call him about volunteering to work the radio stations that will be set up at the Zoo. C.A.R.S. is planning on having the Comm. Trailer at the Zoo that day. All amateur radio operators and their families must check in at the information booth, located near the main entrance of the Zoo to receive their discount vouchers. Zoo/Rain Forest tickets will then be purchased at the box office/ticket booth. The date of this project is Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Keep it in mind folks...should be a good time. After all, when was the last time you went to the zoo, let alone saw the great rain forest there?

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## JULY MEETING

July's meeting was longer than I would have liked, and we still did not get to some of the business that I would have like to have addressed. However, this was unavoidable, as those of you who were there can understand. I do apologize however for the meeting taking so long and for not getting everything taken care of in a business-like fashion.

I'll try to do better, although maybe not next month, as we are still in the picnic-meeting period, which makes it difficult to conduct a meeting in a proper fashion.

## LIES, LIES, LIES...

Yes, I lied, although unintentionally, when I stated in last month's issue that Gary NI8Z would have an article in that issue regarding field day. Seems that Gary's computer gave up the ghost and it's hard drive crapped out on him, so he was unable to submit said article. Well, we are in luck this month friends and neighbors...low and behold, Gary's puter has been repaired and is bigger and better than ever!. This month, I promise you, elsewhere in this issue, is Gary's field day report. Don't miss it if you can!

## HAS CARS GONE TO THE DOGS?

Last month, just before the July meeting, I received an e-mail from member Steve Hnatiak KC8IVD, regarding our getting involved with the Great Lakes Search & Rescue K-9 Search Team of Ohio. We chatted on the phone about it. and as a result, one of his associates, Sherre Roberto, who is an RN at the Brecksville Veterans Administration Hospital came out to talk to us about it. They have personnel who have trained dogs that can search for lost or missing persons, but they need our assistance in the area of communications. Steve is a Lieutenant with the police department at the hospital by the way. Sherre explained that they have drills/practice sessions often, and that if we want to become involved, we could partake in these drills. More infor-

mation will be coming on this. Listen in on the weekly Wednesday Evening C.A.R.S. net. for more details.

This sounds and looks like something that C.A.R.S. could really become involved in, so keep it in mind and think about how you can be of assistance.

Of course, the subject came up about how our members would/could be alerted to a situation if one came up, and Rich N8FIL reported that we still have a bunch of tone type pagers which can be utilized. He is researching this project, as they would have to be worked on to fit our needs.

## NEW MEMBERS

At the July meeting we had some new members voted in. I hope that they will/can become active members and take part in the C.A.R.S. activities. Welcome to the new members, one and all.

## THE GEARVACf BULLETIN

In last month's issue, you may have come across the article pertaining to legalized gambling on the HF bands. Hopefully you realized this was to be taken as a humorous tongue-in-cheek subject. Well, I have a bunch of em folks, all courtesy of the GEARVACf (the f is silent) Bulletin. This is a newsletter that I found at Dayton. It is published only once a year, and membership is discouraged. The members they do have are few, but prolific in writing such articles. One of the authors is Joel Rose, N8JR. You may remember Joel from his days of doing the news on various television stations, and being one of the first co-hosts on the ever popular Morning Exchange program on channel 5. Joel has been gone from the public scene for awhile, but is alive and well and active as a ham. He is busy getting his 440 repeater back on the air and is active with public service as a liaison with the Brecksville Police and

Fire Departments. This month's article reprinted from the GEARVACf Bulletin was written by him. Thanks Joel!

## CLEVELAND HAMFEST

The Cleveland Hamfest, at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea is almost upon us once again. And once again I am hoping that they will offer the area clubs a free table at which we can display our club. Last year we hung a banner, sold fifty-fifty tickets, and handed out C.A.R.S. literature, as well as C.A.R.S. hamfest information. We hope to do this once again members, and we will be needing members to stop by the table and spend a little time manning the table. Keep it in mind.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

As in the past several years, the America's Walk For Diabetes will once again be going on, and I expect to be asked by them to do the communications for the walk, as in years past. This will take place on Sunday October 3rd. More to come on this one.

## SILENT KEY

King Hassin II, (Moulay Hassin) CN8MH died July 24. He had been licensed since 1956. Ahmed Boudda CN8GI called the late monarch "a friend to all moroccan hams". President Clinton was among the international dignitaries attending services on July 25.

## I'M OUTTA HERE

Time to close for this month guys & gals, so hope to catch you on the air. We do have a total of five, count-em, five repeaters for you to use, so don't be afraid to get on the air.

That's what they are for! There is also our packet frequency as well. Check the cover of the news letter if you are not sure what the frequencies are.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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## C.A.R.S. FIELD DAY '99

Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The paperwork is finished and submitted to the ARRL Field Day Entries group. The C.A.R.S. Field Day was a resounding success. First, there was no high wind and tornado-like storms, second, we established five stations on the air from beginning to the end of the event, fourth, no one was hurt or injured, fifth, very little interstation interference occurred, and last we set a new record for contacts with 4230 points and another 1000 bonus points for a total of 5230.

The success of this field day goes to all that attended and participated, but a special thanks goes to Dale Harper for supplying two large power mowers to get the site in great shape. Next, appreciation goes to the station managers who brought their antennae and radio equipment, WB8N: Tom Wayne; N8TCP, Roger Boehnlein who not only brought radio equipment but 4 laptop logging computers for four of the stations operated; KG8MR, Glenn Shore, who operated all-mode and also supplied a logging computer; K8VJG, Ron Borkey, who braved it 'out-in-an-open tent'; and NI8Z, Gary Dewey, who pounded brass and helped coordinate the event.

A big thanks goes to Ed Wirsching, the FD or is it a DF (darn fine) cook. Ed provided a great feast for all who came. Ev Chitester was ever-present with a helping hand plus provided tenting and a spare generator. Credit goes to Dave Morley for obtaining the fine Blue station manager T-shirts and White operator Tees. Also a special thanks goes to Rich James who facilitated getting the field day location, brought the C.A.R.S. communication trailer loaded with food and pop, along with the generator that has now been battled-tested for the third FD.

The generator took a beating though, and it lost its muffler. The 'home-brew'

muffler loaded the driver muffler down to the point that the little generator muffler fell off. The generator still fulfilled its duty and lasted and lasted just like the energizer bunny but it will need some maintenance and refitting before another test.

Here is the table of results for the bands that were worked

Band	CW	SSB	Digital
80	42	121	
40	175	253	8
20	373	57	
15	100	104	
10	26	132	
<b>total</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>8</b>

The numbers don't really indicate the whole story but we did have a story to tell. The C.A.R.S Field Day site was visited by two newspaper reporters and we did have an article in the Bedford Sun Banner, dated July 1, 1999. The reporter thought that this FD exercise was to somewhat prepare for the chaos and Doomsday Event of Y2K. I know Tom Wayne, WB8N, mentioned to the reporter that Amateur Radio Field Day is an emergency preparedness training activity. Field Day in itself is chaos, as everyone who participates knows; getting setup, making sure the antennas are matched, checking out logging equipment and the airwaves are filled with callsigns from every part of the U.S and Canada. However, if Y2K proves to be a disaster I doubt that C.A.R.S. members will be sitting in a field behind Sacred Heart of Jesus church in January, 2000. Anyway we hope we won't.

There was lots of activity on the bands and we had quite a few operators testing their skill and learning how to use the new computer logging. Our youngest op, Duncan St. Ives got plenty of airtime. Fred Partis, NO2O, joined the fray on SSB

(his favorite mode). We had pedal power for our 'natural' power bonus points supplied by a bicycle driving a small motor/generator. We missed out on a satellite contact. But we will have to try that for next year. To all the didn't join in with the '99 Field Day, you missed a lot of good food and fun. ...\_.\_



## STORMY BEGINNING

Dave Barbour, K8MBV  
Jim Barbour, WD8CHL

A little detail on how and why CARS started 30 years ago. On July 4th we had the normal activities planned, fireworks at Edgewater and Lakewood parks, and several other things, I can't remember them all. Severe storms moved into the area late day with the first reports coming from a ham on a freighter 80 miles out on lake Erie. As Communications chairman for Red Cross and SEC I of course was concerned but had some very good co-chairman Ev Chitester, WA8EYF, and John Leeder, K8TIA, with Bill Spring, K8VMC, and Ted Elster, K8PXR, also chipping in.

Well, take make a long story short, the hams performed exceptionally and even got help from some of the guys at WEWS, Joel Rose, and Bud Wilkerson. This ran on for over 48 hours and the hams got some exceptional recognition. We decided to call a meeting at the Red Cross Disaster Office to recap the events. It was here then that it was decided to organize a club that could then support a station and possibly a repeater, (82), and that we needed a constitution and formal organization. Jerry Smith, K8AJG, and John Leeder, K8TIA, started on the technical after introduction to Carl Smith at the Snowville Rd. site. I'm not sure but I believe Ted and several others started on the paper work. Forgive me here if I forget all the names, very many worked together to form CARS as a public service oriented

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club and service. Surprisingly, it went very quickly.

By the way, that was only one of several activities the group participated in that year, and they were active in a number of activities for several years prior. Basically the club was formed to meet the FCC requirements to gain training an recognized ID so necessary to do the job. The first license trustee was Errol Rafferty WA8TTO. The repeater has also had the calls: WB8CRP, WR8ADV, & K8AJG. The Rx has always been at Snowville Rd., but the Tx was originally at Errol's house in Broadview Hts (?).

I can say I am very proud of what the guys did and how they responded in the community. And very proud to have been a part of this group, a pride I hope continues today. Dave Barbour, K8MBV.



## SOCCER TOURNAMENT

*Dave Morley, KC8FVM*

On Labor Day weekend hams are needed in Brunswick to assist in their soccer tournament. About 30 hams are needed to field this event. The times are Sept 4th and 5th from 8 AM to 5 PM. If you can spare a few hours per day it would be a great help. Also, the club would get some free advertising. Either email me or at the next meeting I will pass around a sign up sheet. The tournament will be held at Hopkins park and at Brunswick high school at two locations.

On a second note I would like to see if anyone is interested in purchasing C.A.R.S. 30th anniversary shirts its just an idea I am trying to put together.

Thank You Dave, KC8FVM



## PEDAL TO THE POINT

*Jeff Garvas, N8YNR*

Pedal to the Point is August 21st and August 22nd. Volunteers are needed and I will gladly take last minute volunteer phone calls at (216) 552-4368. (voicemail)

I can be found on 146.76mhz Thursday nights at 7pm usually as well. Volunteers will receive Cedar Point tickets at less then 50% of the face value if they participate.!



## SCHOOL CLUBS REUNION

*Bob Leskovec, K8DTS*

The Cleveland Hamfest is coming Sunday, September 26th

Once again, Bob Leskovec K8DTS and Ted Alexander K8VPL plan to head up a "School Radio Club Reunion" table (somewhere in the back of the room) to help find people from some of the old school radio clubs of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Bob and Ted will concentrate mainly on the Case Radio Club W8EDU and St Joe's Radio Club, W8KTZ, but would like to have other clubs join them, and continue this concept. They are especially looking for people from St Ed's, and Euclid High School.

You can send e-mail to Bob at: [ral3@po.cwru.edu](mailto:ral3@po.cwru.edu) or Ted at: [amfmtv@aol.com](mailto:amfmtv@aol.com)



## DAY AT THE ZOO

*Ron Borkey, K8VJG*

The Amateur Radio Day at the Zoo/Rainforest will be held on August 28, 1999 from 9:00 AM 'till 7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the booth for the ticket vouchers and to operate the radio station at the Rainforest. Anyone interested, please contact Bill, AA8WJ or Ron, K8VJG.



## MOVING WALL STATION

*Bill Knaus, WA8NPX*

### MOVING WALL MEMORIAL SPECIAL EVENT STATION

*(from the ARRL Letter)*

The Viet Nam Moving Wall Memorial will be in Tannersville, Pennsylvania, at the Pocono Mountain Elementary Center on Saturday, August 21. While the memorial is in the area, PARK, the Pocono Amateur Radio Klub, will sponsor a special event station. W3PRK will operate between 12:00 noon and 4:00 PM on 14.255 SSB (+/-5 kHz) and on 146.580 MHz FM simplex.

The Moving Wall is a memorial to those who gave their lives in service to our country during the Viet Nam Conflict. This memorial is one of three touring the country to honor their memory. Many of you know or know of someone who gave their life during that terrible time in our nation's history. It is an honor for the Pocono Amateur Radio Klub to devote its first special event station to their memory.

This is an appeal to all amateurs to become involved with this project as an operator, logger, set up and/or tear down crew, or any of the many other aspects that comprise this meaningful opportunity. To obtain a beautiful certificate commemorating this special event, make contact on air and send a 9 x 12 SASE to: Dave

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Haney, W3SJ PARK, Special Event RD 1, Box 1250, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Involvement at the site will provide a memory of great satisfaction. You will be a part of an event that will live long after the Memorial Wall has moved on. More information is available on the PARK web site at <http://qsl.net/w3prk>.

Questions and offers to volunteer for this unique experience should be sent via e-mail to Dave Haney, W3SJ, at [w3sj@sunlink.net](mailto:w3sj@sunlink.net), or call (570)424-0945.



## OHIO QSO PARTY

*George Race, WB8BGY*

The chance to be among the hunted is coming soon for Ohio amateurs, in the Ohio QSO Party to be held August 28. The Mad River Radio Club has assumed sponsorship of the OQP, with the assistance and support of the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club and the Buckeye Belles, who had sponsored the contests in previous years. The major change in OQP rules is that the contest will now be a twelve hour event.

The first OQP under MRRC sponsorship will be Saturday, August 28, 1999, from noon to midnight local (EDT) time. Here's your chance to compete without taking up an entire weekend, or even losing much sleep!

Briefly, stations may be worked once on each mode on each band, and multipliers (for Ohio stations) will be States, Canadian Provinces, and Ohio counties, with multipliers for phone and CW. For stations outside Ohio, multipliers will be Ohio counties, on both phone and CW, for a maximum of  $88 \times 2 = 176$ .

Categories will be single operator, multi-operator, and mobile. Mobile stations may work a station, and be worked, additional times as they change counties.

The OQP has been added to the contests supported by the NA contest logging program.

Full rules for the OQP may be found at the MRRC Web Page, <http://www.qsl.net/mrrc/oqp.html>

An abbreviated set is listed in August, 1999, QST, on page 92.

We hope you will mark your calendar for August 28 and get on the air for this Ohio event, whether from home, a portable location, or mobiling around the state. And of course, if you're not in Ohio, we hope you'll get on and work the hams of our great state!

Your Great Lakes Division Leadership Director - Dave Coons - [WT8W@arrl.org](mailto:WT8W@arrl.org) Vice Director - George Race - [WB8BGY@arrl.org](mailto:WB8BGY@arrl.org)



## GOOD DEAL

*Leone Sirna, KB8VBR*

I found a good deal at Marc's that might interest the members. They have in a blister pack a ni-cad battery pack for the Motorola flip phone. It has a built in solar cell to trickle charge the battery. The pack also has an AC adapter that has a secondary of 12volt DC @ 500ma. and a fused cigarette lighter adapter. All this for \$1.97. I found them at the Parmatown store but the others may have them as well. They were stacked in boxes near the seasonal stuff in the front of the store. I'm mentioning the location because the employees don't know that they even have them. If this battery fits your cell phone—great. If not, it's worth it for the parts alone.



## NEW ARRL FORM

*Gary Dewey, N18Z*

Universal Licensing System (ULS) The ARRL VEC, Bart Jahnke, has provided the following information regarding the change to the FCC for 610. Now the new form is called NCVFC Form 605 and will be effective August 16, 1999. The ULS implementation includes a new personal information requirement, in that all examinees must now supply a Taxpayer ID Number or TIN (this is your Social Security Number).

Anyone wanting to change or modify their status can do so directly with the FCC by using "FCC Form 605 by mail, or on-line in ULS. The FCC Form 605 can be obtained via the FCC web at: <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html> or fax at 202-418-0177 (request form 000605). ULS registration can be accomplished on line at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>



## CELL PHONE LICENSE

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### FCC to Require License Examination For Cellular Phone Users!

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The Federal Communications commission will soon begin to enforce some of the secret provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1966, according to Mr. Marvin Larpsnogg, an FCC official who asked to remain anonymous. One of the provisions mandates the licensing of all cellular telephone users by the end of 1999. All present and future users of cell phones will be required to take and pass a 200 question technical exam before the user license will be issued. According to the anonymous Mr. Larpsnogg, cellular phones "have become way too popular in the United States" He said that "We have

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to find ways to restrict and identify cell-phone users so that federal agencies can more easily monitor private conversations." When reporters reminded him that it is illegal for citizens to monitor cellular telephone conversations, and that even the government cannot do so without a court order, Mr. Larpsnogg replied, "Oh come now! I used to believe in the Easter Bunny too!" He explained that the license examination will cost applicants \$100, and if the applicant passes, the issuance of the license will cost another \$200. The license will be valid for one year and can be renewed annually for ten years without re-examination, for a fee of \$300 per year.



## MALICIOUS INTERFERENCE

*Greg Kopp, KG8O*

*(From the ARRL Letter)*

HOUSTON, TX: The FCC issued an official Notice of Violation June 2 to General licensee Paul Edward Holcombe, K4TOF, for alleged willful and malicious interference and for allegedly failing to identify while operating on a 2-meter repeater on May 24 and 25, 1999. The NOV resulted from an investigation earlier this year undertaken by FCC Field Office personnel in Houston that involved the use of FCC direction-finding equipment. The FCC requested that Holcombe respond to the Notice in writing within 10 days stating specific actions taken to correct each violation and to preclude recurrence. The FCC says it had received complaints for more than five years of intentional interference, jamming, and harassment by unidentified operators directed at users of the Memorial Emergency Repeater Association repeater on 145.470 MHz.



## ANOTHER Y2K CHECK

*Gary Dewey, N18Z*

This information was passed on to me by Carl, WA8AA.

Check your computer for a possible situation where your computer is set up to fail on 01-01-2000. Here is the check or test: Double click on "My Computer". Double click on "Control Panel". Double Click on the "Regional Settings" icon. Click on the "Date" tab at the top of the opened dialog box.

Where you see "Short Date Sample" look to see if it shows a two digit year. Of course it does! That is the default setting for Windows 95/98/NT. This date is the date that feeds application software and WILL NOT rollover in the year 2000. It will roll over to 00.

After running a check on my own computer I found that MicroSoft has set the default for Short Date, such as was just described. Click on the button across from the "Short Date Style" and select the option that shows, "mm/dd/yyyy". Then click on "Apply", then OK.

That is the fix. It seems that every single installation of Windows worldwide is defaulted to fail Y2K rollover. Pass this tip on to your friends and associates.

*(Editor: Just because it displays a 2-digit year doesn't mean it will fail the Y2K rollover.)*

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## CLUB FREQUENCIES

70cm repeaters	443.825 MHz	Input 448.825 MHz PL 131.8 Hz
	444.75 MHz	Input 449.75 MHz PL 131.8 Hz
2m repeater	146.82 MHz	Input 146.22 MHz PL 110.9 Hz
2m simplex	146.475 MHz	
2m digipeater	145.07 MHz	Node CARS or K8ZFR
6m repeaters	53.01 MHz	Input 52.01 MHz PL 136.5 Hz
	53.83 MHz	Input 52.83 MHz PL 107.2 Hz
Internet	<a href="http://www.cars.org">http://www.cars.org</a>	



## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 18, 1999  
 Oak Grove Picnic Area  
 Brecksville Reservation  
 Cleveland Metroparks  
 Brecksville, OH  
 Meeting starts at 8:00 PM  
 Bring a picnic and the family!



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