



CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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FROM THE PREZ

We had the best turnout in years as 47 enjoyed the CARS Christmas party on December 19, 2003. Comments heard were “best ever”, “great time and gifts”, “can’t wait till next years party” etc. I have attached 2 pictures but many more can be seen at www.cars.org. This years committee NI8Z, N8IS, W8HBI, N8KAY and WB8N did an outstanding job on the food, entertainment, gifts, location and the many details required for our party.

I would like to thank all the CARS members for the beautiful Outstanding Achievement Award (“HOTY” award) plaque presented to me at the party by Gary NI8Z.

Kayla N8KAY collected \$80.00 for the 50/50 drawing at the party. Mary Cegelski KC8YLC, as the winner, collected \$40.00. 5 Pizza Hut tickets valued at \$10.00 each were also given as prizes 2 thru 6.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2004. Please come to your CARS meetings and show your support for the 2004 officers.

Lets help Mike KB8UGT, our Treasurer, by paying your 2004 dues as soon as possible All members dues are due each January. Pay at a meeting or send payments to: CARS, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, OH 44131. Thanks to the many who have already paid.

2004 has arrived and we are off and running with CARS projects. VE session January 11, The Technician class starts January 14 and our first meeting of 2004 is January 21, 2004.

Happy New Year and hope to see you at a meeting soon.

de, Bob W8GC



W8JAK, N8KAY with friends and K8VJG



NI8Z making sure everyone is happy

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President, Bob Check, W8GC called the meeting to order at 7:34PM held at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma, Ohio. A motion to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting was made by Nick, WA8LOB and seconded by Terry, KB8DTC. A vote was taken and passed.

The treasurers report was made by Mike, KB8UGT and a reminder that dues for the year 2004 need to be paid by January, 2004.

A request for the use of the 146.82mhz repeater by the Salvation Army Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) on Tuesdays at 7:00PM starting on December 02, 2003 was announced by Bob W8GC. A discussion followed and a vote was taken and passed.

Bruce, N8DJX reported an old friend he had been caring for passed away. Dave, KD8V reported he sent a card to Toby, WT8O & passed a card around for Carol, KC8TIE as she had Carpal Tunnel surgery.

Gordon, W8GTK reported us on the Wednesday night net.

As CARS cost for the Dayton bus has been raised, Bob, W8GC entertained a motion to increase the cost from \$30.00 to \$35.00. A motion to allow the increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00 was made by Mike, K8EHP and seconded by Terry, KB8DTC. A discussion followed and a vote was taken and passed. We will do our best to maintain this price for the next 3 years.

Dave, K8DAV reported on the Website. Fine job you are doing Dave!

Bob, W8GC informs us on the application of a new membership for Rick Wells, K8SCI. Terry, KB8DTC made a motion to accept the membership of Rick and was seconded by Steve, N8IS. A vote was taken and passed.

A report on the Lighthouse activities was given by Toby WT8O.

Steve N8IS reported to us on the JOTA event held on October 18, 2003 in Independence, Ohio and the special event held at the Arrowhead School in Copley, Ohio on October 23, 2003 and that a Certificate of Appreciation was sent to each of the 363 students who participated. For further

information go to the CARS Website.

Gary, NI8Z reported on the VE session of November 09, 2003 and that the same schedule take place in 2004 that is every second Sunday of the odd months except May will be the 1st Sunday. Gary also reported on the CARS Christmas Party to be held on December 19, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Independence Civic Center in Independence, Ohio.

The club jackets are to be available on November 25 or 26, 2003 as reported to us by Bob, W8GC.

A talk on contesting and operating will be given by Jim, K8MR at the January, February or March meeting in 2004.

Ron K8VJG announced that he respectfully declines his nomination for Secretary in 2004 and made a motion to declare the slate of Officers and Board Members for 2004 be elected unanimously, seconded by Dave, K8DAV. A vote was taken and passed. Congratulations to all!

A refreshment chairperson is needed to replace Toby, WT8O. Carol, KC8TIE volunteered.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Roy, KB8VJF. His share was \$23.00.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Toby, WT8O and seconded by Kayla, N8KAY. A vote was taken and passed.

Bob, W8GC adjourned the meeting at 8:32PM.

Following the meeting Brenda Kurkowski KB8IUP, our ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator, talked on Amateur Radio recruitment, other club activities, ARES, ARRL and Broadband over Power Lines (BPL).

Respectfully submitted Ron Borkey Jr., K8VJG



Prize table

STEVE'S MEMBER INTERVIEW

This month my interview is with Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP. Hope you all enjoy getting to know Roger better.

Steve: How did you become interested in Amateur Radio, what got you started ?

Roger: Back in the late 60's - early 70's watching my brother Ron, WA8ZJV and Ev, WA8EYF do things for the Air-show and Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Steve: How long have you been licensed and what class license do you currently hold?

Roger: I studied for my novice license back in 1970 but never passed. Got back into it in 1992. I passed my Extra in May of 1993.

Steve: What do you like about Amateur Radio?

Roger: How small it makes out world seem. The ability to get information in and out when there is time of need. The new friends you make and experimenting with antennas. Remember "If you put it up -it will radiate."

Steve: What are your favorite bands to work?

Roger: 40M PSK and CW - Both low power modes. SSTV on 20M sometimes.

Steve: Do you collect QSL Cards? If so, how many confirmed countries do you have?

Roger: I do collect QSL Cards, if they are sent. Right now I have about 40 countries. It's nice to get them, but not that important. Electronic QSL's hopefully will be the standard soon.

Steve: What types of Awards or Recognition have you won or been awarded with?

Roger: Only award so far is W.A.S. (worked all states) multi-band. Would be fun getting W.A.S. with PSK only.

Steve: What other hobbies do you have besides Ham Radio.

Roger: Skydiving is one, been a few years though. Still have the itch to get back into it. Long distance cycling is another. A good days ride is about 80-100 miles.

Steve: What would your dream station be/consist of and where would it be ?

Roger: Radio would be a Ten-Tec and would have monoband quads for all bands on 70 ft towers. Best location would be here in Northeast Ohio, but dream spot would probably be St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Steve: What types of work do you do? Or if

retired, what did you do?

Roger: Currently I work for National Cash Register (NCR) maintaining ATM's, Cash Registers, Dell and Gateway Equipment in Northern Ohio.

Thank you Roger for letting everyone know you better.

See you next month with another member interview.

73, de Steve, N8IS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

KC8NIX Don Dziubakowski 1-10

KC2BUA Gary Schmid 1-11

WD8DBQ Dino Pocaro 1-13

AB8NI Dennis Brostek 1-14

K8AV Carl Beduhn 1-30

Happy Birthday to all of you!

CARS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASH

By Tina, W8HBI

The CARS Holiday Party was Friday, December 19th at the Independence Civic Center. 46 people were in attendance, with two not being able to make it due to the snowy weather conditions. Jack Andrisin W8JAK was kind enough to bring his Kareoke System and he entertained all of us, inviting attendees to get up to sing for the crowd. Dinner was delicious and Bob Durante from Zap Entertainment worked the tables showing some magic tricks. He then did a combination stand-up comedy / magic show, pulling volunteers from the party as his foils. When the show was over the 50/50 raffle winner was drawn. Mary Cegelski, KC8YLC won \$40.00 ! Several CARS members were kind enough to donate gifts for this years party: Bob Check W8GC, Ron Borkey K8VJG, Jack Andrisin W8JAK, Gary Dewey NI8Z, Steve Riley N8IS, Don (KC8NIX) & Carol (KC8TIE) Dziubakowski. Thank you all for your generous contributions. The CARS Club purchased a few gifts for the drawing including a Leatherman "the wave" that was won by Mike Cegelski K8EHP. Two direction finders were purchased at cost from

Rick Wells K8SCI of Northern Ohio Amateur Radio. They were won by Dave Dressler KD8V and Don Dziubakowski KC8NIX. (Lucky winners were the first three tickets drawn from the mens ticket stubs.)

Gary Dewey NI8Z presented our president, Bob Check W8GC the "HOTY" Award. He was selected Ham for the Year for his work in the club and for making improvements that all of us share and are proud of. (Pictures from the party and the of the plaque can be seen on the CARS web page.

Before we knew it, it was time to leave. It was a great party! Make plans now to be there at the next one.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

I hope everybody had a wonderful holiday season and wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

I would like to remind all members that the dues for the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society, 2004 are now due. The dues are still \$20.00. Dues can be mailed in to CARS P.O. Box 31264, Independence OH, 44131 or brought to the next CARS meeting.

Thank you to all the members who have made their 2004 dues payments already.

Thanks,
73, de Mike, KB8UGT

THE RANDOM WIRE **By Tom Wayne, WB8N**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Geeze, it's 2004 already! Hope everyone had a great holiday season and here's hoping we all have a great 2004!

We have a couple of new club officers to welcome...Tina, W8HBI our new secretary and Toby, WT80 our new Vice President. Congratulations and good luck in your new jobs!

NEW NET

In case you are not already aware, there is a new weekly net on our repeater. The SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) net, which is an emergency net, is on

every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. It is a well run formal net, and provides training in emergency net procedures. Net control is Mike, W8MMN, and the assistant net control is Eric, KC8TJN. Check it out. More info can be had at www.saturn.net. Also, don't forget our weekly CARS net on Wednesday evenings, also at 7:00 p.m. Participation has been rather slim of late...maybe because of the holidays...but lets get back in the groove and check in on your net.

BUSY YEAR AHEAD

Last year was quite busy with various club activities such as Field Day, public service functions, JOTA, Light House operations, and other special event operations. This year is shaping up to be even busier, with even more activities planned. Hopefully you can take part in one or more of the coming club activities and fun. Remember, your club is only as strong as it's membership and membership participation in it's activities and operations. Get your dues in, come to meetings, get on the weekly net, be on a committee; in other words, get involved in YOUR club!

TTFN

That about does it for this month...gonna keep it short for a change. See ya at the next meeting and or on the air!
73, de Tom, WB8N

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By reading this, you have entered into an agreement to submit an article to the Wobbly Oscillator for publication.

The editor has so deemed.

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K8KR, Dave K8DAV

Interference & Jamming

W8GC**, NI8Z, N8IS, N8TCP, WB8N

JOTA

Steve N8IS, Tina W8HBI, Kayla N8KAY

Lighthouse events NEED MORE HELP

Toby WT8O ** 440-572-1544, Bob W8GC
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