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FROM THE PREZ

Thanks to the members and guests who attended our September meeting.

We are averaging 14 students for our twice a week Ham club meetings at the Copley-Fairlawn Middle school. I am very pleased to announce we have another young ham. In only 10 weeks Dylan Brown a 6th grader has passed his Technician license exam and will have his call sign issued around October 6th. Several others are close to up-grading to General or getting their Tech license. We are very proud of the boys and girls of the Copley Ham club!

The club has been very busy studying, doing Fox hunts, building electronic kits and having instructional sessions on various aspects of electronics along with on the air and Echolink time.

We will also be doing a Ham Radio demonstration for the Arrowhead school on October 7, 2005.

I wish to thank all who attended the American Diabetes Walk America on October 1, 2005. Several of our regulars including myself were

not able to attend but we had a good supply of members fill in to get the job done. Gary, NI8Z was net control in Tom, WB8N's absence and did his usual good job.

The accompanying picture shows all except Gary, who snapped the picture.

This months meeting program will consist of a presentation on the Civil Air Patrol by our member Bob, KC8MRC and a friend of his from the Civil Air Patrol..

Please remember Nominations for 2006 officers and even year board members are due at the October 19 meeting.

That's it for another WO, this months thought: *No man or woman who tries to pursue ideals in his or her own way is without enemies.*

See you at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room for our next meeting, October 19th.

73, de Bob, W8GC



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MINUTES OF SEPT. 21st MEETING

President Bob Check, W8GC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM which was held at the Busch Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Ohio. Around the room introductions followed by the 24 members/guests in attendance.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2005 meeting by Ev, WA8EYF and was seconded by Terry, KB8DTC. The motion passed.

The treasury's report was made by Tina, W8HBI. Bill, KC8YSV reminded members to join and renew your membership for the ARRL through CARS He also reported on the Copley Middle School Radio Club.

Comments on the Copley Middle School Radio Club fox hunts were given by Bob. There are about 12 new and 4 continuing students involved with the radio club.

Bob informed the membership that Tom, WB8N is back in the hospital. We hope he gets well soon!

The Wednesday night net report was made by Gordon, AI8Y and a discussion followed.

President Check informed the club on the moving of the SS Mather and the removal of our radio equipment till next Spring.

A report on the use of Satellite communications was given by Steve, N8IS.

A reminder was made to send in articles for the WO the members by Bob, W8GC.

The VE session of September 11, 2005 had a very successful turnout of 12 to 14 people for new licenses and upgrades as reported by Bob, W8GC.

Randy Kanner, KD8CCZ, a potential new member, was presented by Bob W8GC. Randy related his background and amateur radio interests. A vote for membership into CARS for Randy, and Michael Kanner, KD8CDA as a family member, was taken and the motion passed. Congratulations to Randy and Michael! Good having you aboard.

At the next meeting of October 19, 2005, Bob, KB8MRC and a friend will talk on the Civil Air Patrol.

George, K8KR commented on the Ohio QSO Party contest and that six logs were submitted. Gary, NI8Z had the highest score. Other upcoming contests events were reported on.

A report on the Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 17, 2005 was made by Tina,

W8HBI. The menu was discussed and a vote was taken as to the selections. The motion on the selections was passed.

Ev, WA8EYF won \$15.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

A reminder about the nominations for the 2006 officers and even year board members.... (George, K8KR, Gary, NI8Z and Dave, K8DAV) will be held at the October 19, 2005 meeting was related by Bob, W8GC.

Suggestions on the use of the EchoLink Internet for use by the club was given by Henry, KD8BAO. More discussion to follow.

Steve, N8IS made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Henry, KD8BAO. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Ron Borkey Sr., K8VJG

JUST A THOUGHT

Remember: The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'

Penny Conklin

Operations Manager

PJ'S Farms

Submitted by Dennis W Rabbitts, KD8APY

**CARS NET, EVERY
WEDNESDAY EVENING AT
9:00 P.M. Local Time!
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

A BUSY SUMMER WITH AMATEUR RADIO

By Jim Glor, N8GXR

I thought I'd share with you all my ventures with Amateur Radio this summer. As you probably already know I lived in Ohio for many years and became licensed in 1985. Most of my activities revolved around public service and I still enjoy that part of Amateur Radio immensely. Since moving back to WNY (Western NY) I've become involved a lot more on the HF bands.

This June, I participated again with my club's field day. Everyone had a great time as usual. We racked up some interesting contacts on many bands and everyone had a great time.

My next adventure was the NWS open house. Here, I was representing my club, (W2SO), and The Lancaster NY Office of Emergency Management. Approximately 1,500 people showed up and hundreds stopped by to take note of our set-up under the canopy. Many children got the chance to talk on HF all around the U.S. The DX countries included El Salvador and England. We talked to many Canadian stations but Newfoundland was the furthest.

Next came the International Lighthouse weekend Aug. 19-21st. This was another perfect way to promote amateur radio. Many people came out for the festivities and stopped by our canopy to check us out. The bands worked included: 15/17/20/40/80/6/2/70cm. Modes: SSB & PSK. Antennas: Carolina Windom, G5RV, Outbacker Vertical, and a VHF: Ringo Ranger. Total number of states worked: 47 (did not work Hawaii, So. Carolina, or Montana).

The total number of countries worked: 21- Siberia, Tahiti, Australia, Sweden, Slovakia, Netherlands, England, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Northern Ireland, Belgium, Croatia etc. Also Nine Canadian Provinces.

This past week we really helped out locally by taking Ham Radio Grams to pass health and welfare traffic along all the Ham nets involved with the Gulf Coast disaster. Some of our club members were interviewed on our local TV stations. Our club members stressed Amateur Radio's importance in providing communications when all commercial modes of communication are down. They also explained what Ham Radio Grams are and all the local families they helped finding family members and others.

Then Thursday, September 8th, we took part in a local fun raising event that a local radio station was putting on. We set up outside next to the broadcast station's canopy and took Ham Radio grams to send health and welfare traffic via the various Ham Radio traffic nets serving the gulf coast. This was also a success on both sides. A lot of money was raised for the Red Cross and we were able to send several Radio Grams. The radio station interviewed us several times, stressing the importance of Amateur Radio in time of disaster. I got the TV interview. (HA!)

I must mention Luke Calianno, N2GDU, who put in countless hours with all that I've mentioned above, and Scott Thrun, KB2TRQ, who also put in countless hours himself. Last but not least, Robert Macpeek, KC2ISK, Disaster Coordinator for The Lancaster Office of Emergency management. Lastly I have to thank all the other Hams I've forgotten. Oh! The September 8th event was 13 hrs total minus the hour and a half set up. It felt great to help out! 73 de Buffalo Jim, N8GXR

LET'S ALL WISH A HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO :

K8DAV Dave Kushman 10-3-44
KC8TID Toby Kolman 10-4-48
K8AAB Bob Evans 10-4-41
KD8BHS Gary Morgan 10-5
K8DMT Darren Turk 10-20
N8GXR Buffalo Jim Glor 10-22-49
WA8EYF Ev Chitester 10-22-31
WD8IOU David Autry Jr 10-26-55
KB8VJQ Carol Shaw 10-27-34

Congratulations to all !

THE RANDOM WIRE
By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SUMMER IS OVER

Yes RF lovers, summer has ended and it is now officially Fall, although you couldn't prove it by the weather we have been having. As I write this it is in the 70's! Hope you all got your antenna work done, as I have an inkling that we are in for some cooler weather at least. We had a great summer weather-wise and I for one enjoyed the heck out of it! Now we have to get prepared for winter, and if the amount of acorns falling from my big ole oak tree in the back yard is any indication, it is gonna be a cold one! Let's hope that indicator is wrong!

AMERICAN DIABETES WALK AMERICA

Well, once again CARS participated in the ADA Walk America and everything went very well, even without yours truly, who could not make it this year due to some medical problems which kept me house bound. However, Gary Dewey, NI8Z did a fantastic job of running the show down at the Tower City Amphitheater, which was the headquarters for the walk. Thanks Gary...congratulations on a job well done! I want to also thank all the other amateur volunteers who participated: Toby WT8O, Gordon AI8Y, Ron K8VJG, Henry KD8BAO, Buffalo Jim N8GXR, Dave KD8BMT, Bill KC8YSV, Mike KB8UGT, Terry K8DTC, Roy KD8AJX, and John N8ABD. Thanks to all and I hope to see you at the ADA Tour de Cure in June! Good work guys! I also want to thank Mike K8EHP, Bob W8GC, Steve N8IS and Dave K8DAV for their added support. I was listening from my home base and could tell that everything went extremely well.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NET SURVEY

On the CARS weekly net, instead of the usual trivia question, I ran a poll of sorts, asking everyone that checked in on the net to give their opinion as to whether or not they thought the FCC should do away with CW as part of a license test.

Believe it or not, keeping CW as part of the license test came out overwhelmingly over not keeping it! Out of 13 participants in the net, 10 said CW or at least keep it for the Extra Class test, while 3 participants said no, get rid of CW as a test requirement. I was surprised at the outcome of this unofficial survey, especially since one avid CW op was in favor of

getting rid of CW, and some non-CW ops were in favor of keeping CW in at least the Extra Class test.

WRITING FOR THE W.O.

We are in desperate need of contributors to our fine newsletter, the Wobbly Oscillator. The reason that the pages are few this issue is that just a couple of members contributed articles to the newsletter. C'mon folks! It ain't that hard to get yourself published. Tell us about your ham experiences at a public service event or field day, like our long distance member, Buffalo Jim Glor, N8GXR did this issue. Tell us about a new rig or accessory you purchased or maybe something you have home brewed. Sit down at your computer and write it up and submit it. If it has anything at all to do with amateur radio, it will get published, I promise you! Let's make the next issue of your award winning newsletter a giant one!

ADIOS FOR NOW

Well, that'll do it for this month...see you on the air and/or at the meeting
73, de Tom, WB8N

FEMA INTEROPERABLE RADIO SYSTEM FAILS

From the Portage Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

A new inter-operable FEMA radio system, designed to permit various emergency and relief organizations communicate with each other, appears to have major problems. Amateur Radio operators Denny Carmichael (WA9DFE) and Ed Elrod (W9PTO) from Indianapolis, are part of Indiana's Task Force One and were in charge of setting up the FEMA radio system. The veteran operators tried every trick in the book to get the system to operate, but it was fraught with problems.

The new Motorola radios have 160
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channels, which are preprogrammed and cannot be changed or modified. The operators were unsuccessful in getting a repeater working that would hear the new radios and repeat the transmissions. The hams felt it was a desensing problem.

They tried talking simplex and found they had a range of about six blocks. The pair wound up relying on limited cell phone service for contact between teams. Nextel and Cingular service would be up and down and sometimes none would be available. Despite limited communications, the team did have some early success with their primary mission, which was saving lives.

The Task Force One team is back home and is busy getting the FEMA radio system ready for the next disaster.

At least one Motorola representative seems to be unhappy that hams are on site providing communications that professionals cannot. Jim Screeden, who runs all of Motorola's repair teams in the field for its emergency response business is quoted in the Wall Street Journal as saying "Something is better than nothing, that's right. But ham radios are pretty close to nothing." (*Editor's note: This guy needs an education in radio communications!*)

AREA HAMFESTS

MEDINA, OHIO -The Medina 2 Meter Group will hold their hamfest at the Medina County Career Center 1101 West Liberty Street. Setup begins at 6:30 a.m. and opens to the public at 8 a.m.. Door admission is \$5.00 per person. Eight foot tables are \$11.00 at the door, plus admission ticket. VE testing begins at 9 a.m.. The Career Center is three miles west of the square on State Route 18. Check in on the 147.03/.63 repeater, with a PL tone of 141.3. If you go to their Website at www.m2mggroup.org, you can print out a coupon good for \$1.00 off the door admission.

EXCERPTS FROM THE GEARVAKf BULLETIN (the f is silent)

EMBEDDED BULLETIN CORRESPONDENT RETURNS FROM IRAQ

GEARVAKf Bulletin war correspondent Hershel Torpedo, who was embedded with the 3rd Infantry Division during the war in Iraq, returned home after six weeks in combat. Mr. Torpedo was taken immediately to GEARFAKf Mobile Automatic Surgical Hospital for treatment of sand burns, white hair, incoherent babbling, very wide eyes, severe weight loss and temporary incontinence. Get well soon Hershel.

COURT OVERTURNS OHM'S LAW

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear arguments by attorneys representing the members of the Traditionalist Radio Amateur Program who challenged the recent repeal of Ohm's Law. The refusal effectively renders Ohm's Law unconstitutional and replaces it with the kinder, gentler *Ohm's Opinion*. Bernard Sheepshrop, national president of TRAP, charged that "the Court has unfortunately sided with those 'Yahoos in Congress who're trying to take an immutable law of physics and make it optional". But in Chicago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson claimed that the Court's decision was "a victory for poor people." The original sponsor of Ohm's Law repeal, Congressman Namby R. Pansy (D-Mass.) Expressed great joy at the Court's decision. Upon hearing the news, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) said "Thash niceash ."

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