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FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING A FUN TIME ***More in this issue.***

FROM THE PREZ

At the end of February, another successful group of students became hams or upgraded as a result of The C.A.R.S. licensing classes. First, **welcome** to the greatest hobby in the world for all those who passed the Technician course, and welcome to C.A.R.S. Please make it a point to attend the monthly meetings. It will give you an opportunity to meet fellow hams, and keep up with what is going on in the club. Also, get started on the right foot by joining the weekly club net which is held on Wednesdays at 9:00 PM, on 14.820. Next, **congratulations** to you who have upgraded your privileges. For those who passed the General class, the HF waves are beckoning you. Last of all, **thanks** to all the instructors who helped with the classes. Led and inspired by Bob, W8GC, the group included David, KD8ACO; Scotty, WA8SLN; Ron, K8VJG; Gary, NI8Z, and myself. Thanks also to the VE team (most of the instructors and Metro, W8MET) who had a special session for the people who attended the classes.

With those hurdles jumped, we now have the opportunity to make things right. We old timers need to extend a hand to the "newbies". We have to look around at meetings and introduce ourselves to new faces. These new faces have made the first move by going to a new place full of strangers. We can't let them down by being

unfriendly. We need to make them feel welcome, and let them know we appreciate them coming. We can also offer help. Ask if they have questions, or need help with anything. Since new hams are just getting started, and new Generals probably don't have HF equipment; it would really show camaraderie to invite one of them over to see your shack and get a little operating experience and some welcome coaching. This is not a one way street, either. Those needing help are always encouraged to seek their needs through experienced members. Don't be discouraged if not every old timer can help. Amateur radio is an extremely diversified hobby, there a many facets to explore, and no one knows it all. If the first person you ask can't help, someone else can.

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The proposed field trip to Connecticut to visit the ARRL headquarters and W1AW looks like it will be a reality. Quite a few members have shown serious interest. Inquiries have been made into various travel and lodging options. It looks like the most economical transportation will be car pooling, similar to what we did when we visited the K3LR contest station. That mode will also give us a little more personal flexibility. When a date is established, we will try to negotiate a group rate with one of the local motels the ARRL suggested. The rough time frame looks to be late summer or early fall at this point. We can discuss the details at meetings to get a consensus for what will work best for as many as possible.

73, Toby, WT8O

MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. February monthly meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 10th of the month. The meeting was held at Mavis Winkle's restaurant in Independence, Oh. Twenty five members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Gary, NI8Z motioned to accept the January minutes as published in the February Wobbly Oscillator, and Dwaine, K8ME seconded. There were no additions, or questions and the members approved the minutes as published.

Bob, W8GC gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as last month. Bob then talked about the Technician, General, and Extra classes, reporting that the classes are going well. Bob also stated dues are due and that you can pay for them online thru PayPal. He also mentioned the scholarship raffle.

Eddie, KD8FTS gave the Vice President's report, asking everyone to check out the interview page on the web site under members. Eddie then mentioned that he was the ARRL liaison and encouraged everyone that was not a member to become one, that it had a lot of benefits, that you

can also do it online thru the club.

Toby, WT8O gave the Net report and thanked all the net controllers and also thanked everyone who checks into the net and encouraged anyone with a two meter radio to check in. Toby then passed out a sign up sheet for Field Day. He will be passing it around at every meeting. Toby then mentioned a possible field trip to W1AW sometime in late summer or in the fall. Gary, NI8Z, Bob W8GC, and Toby WT8O will check into the prices. Toby said that a lot of people were interested in the trip.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman sent out four cards one to Metro, W8MET's mom for a hip replacement, Ron, K8VJG's wife was in the hospital, Dave, K8DAV for shingles, and to Charles, KC8LZP for surgery.

Gary, NI8Z gave the VE report and said there will be a special test session this month for the classes on February 25th.

Metro, W8MET was voted in as a board member, filling the spot vacated by Dave, K8DAV.

Dwaine, K8ME talked about the Dayton bus trip and passed out applications to get your Dayton hamfest tickets in advance.

Tom, WB8N, asked everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO.

Members voted on new member David Nuti, KD8DLT, the members voted David in. Congratulations and welcome David.

Dave, KD8V said the Copley school club is very active even though it's a small group and he thanked everyone in the CARS club who helps.

Two awards were handed out at meeting. One went to George, K8KR for the most net check ins, the other was to Gary, K8REF for "rookie of the year". There were two other awards but the recipients couldn't make the meeting.

Dave K8DAV wrote a letter about newbie interest and that it is on his web page www.k8dav.com.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Steve, N8SRJ with \$26 going to him and \$26 to C.A.R.S.

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Gary NI8Z made motion to close the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Eddie, KD8FTS second and the meeting was closed.

Submitted by Stephen Jones N8SRJ C.A.R.S. Secretary.

SILENT KEY

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

John Kanzius, K3TUP, who was featured in the January issue of CQ magazine, has died. Kanzius, a former TV station owner who devoted his latter years to developing new tools to fight cancer after he was diagnosed with the disease, was 64.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette newspaper, Kanzius passed away early Wednesday morning, February 18, from pneumonia that developed as a result of chemotherapy.

Kanzius used his ham radio knowledge to develop a totally new means of killing cancer cells -- by "tagging" them with tiny metal "nanoparticles" and then subjecting them to a very strong RF field which heated the cancer cells (but not surrounding healthy tissue) to a point where they could not reproduce. Researchers at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston are working to bring the method to clinical trials. Kanzius' technology also showed promise for extracting energy from salt water, something that is being studied at Penn State University. He is survived by his wife, Marianne, two daughters and two grandchildren.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER REPORT

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The winter License classes are over and the individuals that participated have taken their examinations. The testing was held Feb 25, 2009 at the Independence Civic Center. Five VEs and one course manager helped with the process. Thirteen (13) prospective or upgrading hams took the examination. Eleven passed; 2 Technicians; 6 General; 3 Extra. VEs helping were W8GC, BOB Check; K8VJG, RON Borkey; WA8SLN, Lawson Shields; W8MET, Metro Sinko; N8SRJ, Steve Jones and myself NI8Z, Gary Dewey. WT8O, Toby Kolman assisted. The success rate of those

who started the classes and finished with a new or upgrade license was 84 per cent; 100 per cent Technician; 85.7 General; 75 per cent Extra. The gentleman who failed the Extra took the test again 3 days later and passed.

A "Well Done" goes to those who gave their time and effort; Bob Check tutoring the Technician class, Scotty Shields and Ron Borkey with the General class, and Toby Kolman with the Extra class lessons.

Below is a pic from the VE exam for the students.



***REMEMBER TO
CHECK INTO THE
C.A.R.S. WEEKLY
NET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT
9:00 P.M.***

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

Submitted by Ken Osicki, K8OAE

(Here are some web site articles you may find interesting, regarding Antarctica...Go to www.antarcticsun.usap.gov:80/ Ed.)

Past Connections: Madey Ridge, located in Antarctica's Pensacola Mountains near the Ronne Ice Shelf, is named for a teenager who played a critical role in the lives of hundreds of Antarctic pioneers. Today, ask any number of retired Navy Seabees if they remember a Jules Madey and every one of them will happily tell you that Jules was one remarkable young man, thanks to his willingness to sit by his ham radio at all hours of the day.

Modern Day Hams: In a related story, Antarctic hams have met the space age. While the thrill of hearing a loved one's voice in the United States long ago vanished due to the ability of placing direct phone calls, Antarctic hams still get excited about opportunities to talk to members on the International Space Station.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

K8EHP Michael Cegelski 3-2-42

WA8SLN Scotty Shields 3-13-32

KA8KPB Blaine Coleman 3-18-46

KB8DTC Terry Pillatt 3-18-46

WA8SSQ Tony Hackenberg 3-20-51

KB8QHJ Marc Rubin 3-25-66

KB8NW Tedd Mirgliotta 3-27-52

N8DJX Bruce Bacik 3-31-42

KD8FTU Kim Balach 3-31-88

Many Happy Returns to ALL!

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

I CAN'T STAND IT !

I'm talking about this winter stuff. Enough with the snow already, and the bitter cold goes right through me. Oh how I long for the

Caribbean Islands! But, like the rest of MOST of you, I am stuck here in the dreary greater Cleveland area. At least the sun has peeked out a few time and soon we will be setting our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. And the great Dayton Hamvention® is right around the corner.

Which reminds me, C.A.R.S. is sponsoring a bus trip to the Hamvention®. For more information on that, go to the C.A.R.S. web site. The Hamvention® may be down in attendance from last year due to the wretched economy, and this would be a great way to get down there, especially if you have never been there before. It is an experience that I feel every ham should take in. You see hams from all over the country and the world. Most everyone wears a cap with their callsign on it, so you can tell where they hail from. You can talk to reps from the major amateur equipment manufacturers, as well as people from ARRL, CQ magazine, the famous Gordon West, and Bob Heil, as well as all of the major sellers of ham equipment. The flea market is the largest I have ever seen, and hopefully it will not rain, although it seems that every year it rains for at least one day. I myself have not made the last two Hamventions® due to personal reasons. I always went down on Thursday and came back on Sunday afternoon, after they gave out the major prizes. This year I hope to be on the bus so I will be able to spend at least one day there this time.

I always enjoyed spending at least one evening at the Northern Ohio DX Association's hospitality room in one of the downtown hotels. Besides soft drinks, beer and liquor on hand, there were snacks and finger sandwiches. But the main attraction was that hams from other states and countries would wander in and strike up conversations.

One year I met a ham therefrom Scotland that I had talked to on HF a few months before, when

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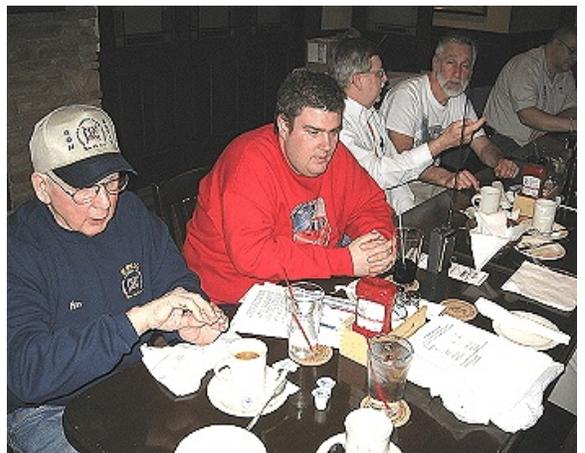
I was operating from the balcony of a room where my wife and I were staying in the Bahamas. I thought that was pretty cool!

So if you cannot take the time off from work, don't want to drive all that way, and don't want to spend the money on fuel, sign up for the bus trip. I know you'll enjoy the Hamvention® and have a great ham experience as well.

DINNER MEETING AT MAVIS WINKLE'S

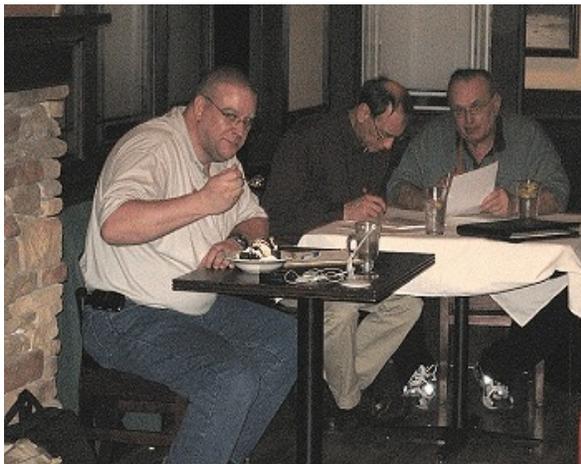
C.A.R.S. had their first dinner meeting in February at Mavis Winkle's restaurant in Independence. The turnout for dinner was good and several members came just for the meeting as well. I think everyone that had dinner enjoyed their meals, and the comradery of their fellow C.A.R.S. members. A regular meeting took place after dinner. I am sure that dinner meetings will not become a regular thing, but we will probably have other dinner meetings in the future, maybe at some other restaurant. Stay tuned.

Following are some pics from the dinner meeting.





That Steve Jones, N8SRJ...mugging it up TWICE!



SEE YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING

The March meeting is next Tuesday, the 10th friends and neighbors, and will once again be at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room, our usual place, at 7:30 p.m.. I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to check into the C.A.R.S. weekly net at 9:00 p.m on Wednesdays.

GET ON THE AIR

Use your hard earned privileges, get on the air and talk to your fellow members or anyone that answers your call. Heck, Ron Borkey, K8VJG even randomly brings up echo-link and talks to anyone he can find out there! I am amazed at the number of C.A.R.S. members who not only do not come to meetings, but don't even get on the air. I cannot fathom why someone would go to the trouble of getting their Amateur Radio license and not use it. Or why they even join a radio club and not bother getting on the air or attending meetings. You know who you are and you know your reasons, but for the life of me it really puzzles me. Oh well, I'll get off my soapbox and close for now.

73 to all, de Tom, WB8N

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Christmas Party & Field Day food 2009

W8GC **

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Field Day

WT8O ** N8IS ** All CARS members

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KB8UGT ** NI8Z ** K8VJG **

50/50

W8HBI ** N8IS

Road trip to W1AW

NI8Z ** N8IS, W8GC

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W8GC



**Sign
up
now**



2009 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention, the 2009 bus trip will take place on Saturday May 16.

The Bus trip will cost \$35.00 dollars per person, we need a minimum of 35 people to break even, the bus will be stopping for breakfast on the way down, with a brief stop on the way home for quick bite. You are responsible for your food and Hamvention ticket costs.

The bus will be leaving at 3:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle Road and Bagley Road, in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Engle Road is a 1/4 mile west of I-71, which is the first intersection you come to, Kmart is behind the BP Gas station. Vehicles will be safe, there will be security to watch cars.

Bus tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance. If we do not sell 35 bus tickets by May 8, 2009 the bus will be cancelled and your money returned.

If you have any questions please bring them up at a cars meeting or contact me by email or phone: Dwaine 440-582-3462 or K8me@sbcglobal.net

**See you on the Bus
Dwaine ---K8ME**