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FROM THE PREZ

It's hard to believe the year is almost over. I've heard tell the older one gets, the days seem longer, and the years seem shorter. So I guess for some of us old coots the years seem pretty short. Before we flip the calendar to 2010 we still have one of the favorite club activities, the annual Christmas party. From what I hear from the hard working committee, this year's bash should be one of the best ever. Make all the effort you can to attend. This year will be especially fun for the kids with Santa Clause being there.

One order of business we need to take care of is the annual election of officers and applicable board members at the November meeting. Whatever the outcome may be, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those have served this last year. The officers donate a lot of personal time completing the essential tasks of operating the club. The board members relinquish a Sunday morning six times a year to meet and discuss basic plans before bringing them to the membership at monthly meetings. Both officers and board members contribute time and effort to make C.A.R.S. activities and business successful. I would also like to mention that we will be taking any additional nominations up to the time of the voting, so if there is anyone you would like to see as an officer or board member, you

can nominate them at the meeting.

With winter approaching it's a good time to join into the Wednesday evening club nets at 9:00 PM. We have a pretty fair amount of check-ins, but it would really be cool to hear more members. Recently, one member has been asking at meetings how many people have 2 meter capability. After a lot of hands go up, he has invited them all to our weekly on the air meeting. For some reason, we don't hear them on Wednesday night. We often get a new voice or two, but there are still a lot of rigs collecting dust on Wednesday nights. We really have the potential to have a high participation net. Let's do it. We make it easy.

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There is no PL tone, and the time out timer is set to five minutes in net mode. You can come in on Echolink, 440 or 2 meters. Maybe mention to one of your ham friends who is not a C.A.R.S. member to check in. One of these weeks it would really be fun to have a major increase in check-ins. When we changed time to nine o'clock we had a jump in the average number of check-ins. We even had a friend of the club, Luca, step up to the mike at the net controller's station. It would be certainly nice to hear some new voices on upcoming club nets.

73, Toby, WT8O

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. monthly club meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM, October 13, 2009, by President Toby Kolman, WT8O. Twenty-seven members and three guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting, held at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma, Ohio. Gary Dewey, NI8Z motioned to accept the September meeting minutes as published in the October *Wobbly Oscillator*, noting that there were no corrections or additions. Bob, KC8MRC, seconded the motion.

Bob Check, W8GC reported the treasury status. He also reported that the licensing classes had begun and were doing well. Bob also said he had tickets for the Christmas party and scholarship raffle tickets with him, and encouraged any members present to get tickets from him after the meeting.

Gary, NI8Z, who will be giving up his position as VE chairman after the end of the year to Steve Riley, N8IS, said that there would be a VE session November 8th, and a special session after the licensing classes.

Our Sunshine Chairman, Scotty Shields, WA8SLN reported that he sent cards to Steve, N8SRJ; Toby, WT8O; and Mike, KG8MTG. Steve and Mike were both recovering from surgery, and Toby's mother suffered a stroke after hip surgery.

Tom Wayne, WB8N, reported that the C.A.R.S. volunteers who provided communications for the Diabetes walk did an outstanding job. He thanked all those who helped and added that the Diabetes Association was very grateful for the help.

Nominations for officers and applicable board members were motioned and seconded for the annual election to be held at the November club meeting. The officers nominated were President, Toby Kolman, WT8O; Vice President, Gary Dewey, NI8Z; treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC; and Secretary, Steve Jones, N8SRJ. Those nominated for the open board positions were Metro Sinko, W8MET; Scotty Shields, WA8SLN; Matt Webb, W8EBB; Mike Balach, KB8UGT; Tom Wayne, WB8N; Ron Borkey, K8VJG; and Darren Turk, K8DMT. Toby added that any additional nominations could be made before the voting at the November meeting.

Guest speaker Matt Welch, W8DEC, informed all present there would be disaster drill at the Burke Lakefront Airport on Sat. October 24th. He said information could be obtained from Eric Jessen, N8AUC. Matt gave a very informative presentation on APRS after the meeting. His demonstration was well received and there were many complimentary comments on the next evening's net, as well.

The 50/50 raffle resulted in Metro, W8MET, and Linda, N8LRS, winning \$26, with the same amount going into the club treasury. What goes around comes around; Linda donated three dinner coupons from Mavis Winkle's restaurant. The winners were Adam, N8MOX; Joe, KD8BAL; and Tom, WB8N.

Bill, WA8GEO made a motion to close the meeting, and Bob, KC8MRC seconded. The C.A.R.S. November meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O.

DXCC SUBMISSION ALERT

By Dwaine Modock, K8ME

The DXCC 2009 Submissions are in; many of you should have received or will receive your QSL's back with a confirmation sheet.

The clerical DXCC Data entry staff at ARRL, doesn't have a clue about country listings etc. (Example: this happened to me, I sent a qsl card for FO Austral rty, On their computer when they type in FO, it brings up French Polynesia. I called Bill Moore at ARRL and told him that I didn't get credit for Austral rty. He checked it out on his computer while I was on the phone and he was surprised that French Polynesia came up,

Bill said he will correct that problem in the program and will check other multi-call areas like 3d2, vp8, etc.

The point I am making is that the data entry staff is not giving full credit where credit is due. Please check your country & LOTW matrix. If you find a problem, let Bill Moore know about it either by phone or e-mail.

GOOD DX'ING

73

Dwaine — K8ME

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CELEBRATES NRA 138th BIRTHDAY

Submitted my Mike Cegelski, K8EHP

The Yavapai Amateur radio Club (YARC) of Prescott, Arizona, will operate a special event station November 17, 2009, in celebration of the NRA's 138th birthday. The amateur radio station will operate from the Gunsite Academy's 2,000 acre campus north of Prescott, Arizona. The special event callsign will be K7NRA, an FCC-licensed amateur radio station.

YARC will be conducting operations on the

following amateur frequencies, from 1500 to 2300 UTC (0800 MST to 1600 MST): 7.250, 14.250, and 21.335 MHZ.

A unique NRA/Gunsite QSL certificate for acknowledgment of contact can be had by sending a 9 x 12 SASE to Michael Campbell, K7NR, 404 Lamplighter Village, Clarkdale, AZ 86324.

All amateur stations, especially those operated by NRA members and Gunsite alumni, are urged to participate. More information can be found at YARC's website: www.W7YRC.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

KC8MRC Robert Ozog 11-6-55

W8GJ David Yost 11-6-52

KC8OUH Jeff Venecek 11-7-52

WA8ERA Lee Georgia 11-13-43

K8IIU Jack Shott 11-13-37

KC8ZBP Sharon Andrisin 11-22

WB8ROK Ed Stevens 11-27-1928

KB8QJA Pete Gerard 11-28-35

KC8LDI Ryan Dressler 11-26

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

**SEE
YOU
ON
THE
NET**

A CLOSER LOOK

This month we are going to take a closer look at two of our fellow C.A.R.S. members.

A Closer Look at Gary Berkowitz, K8REF

Where were you born? **Cleveland**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **Walking up the ramp in old Municipal Stadium and seeing the green radiance of the baseball field for the very first time**

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why? **16; old enough to know better and young enough to believe you're immortal**

What is your favorite food? **Steak (NY Strip/Rib Eye—medium rare of course!)**

What are your favorite TV shows? **NCIS, Friday Night Lights, Ice Road Truckers, Mad Men, Deadliest Catch, Third Watch, NYPD Blue, Hill Street Blues, House, St Elsewhere, In Treatment**

What are your favorite movies? **Field of Dreams, For the Love of the Game, The Rookie, Matrix film series, Harry Potter series, X-Men series**

What type of music do you enjoy the most? **60s and 70s**

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? **Read a newspaper**

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? **Major league baseball umpire**

Who or what always makes you laugh? **The group of guys I referee with**

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you? **Die cast construction and truck model collector**

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why? **Italy...for its history, culture and art.**

If you were an animal which one would it be? **Dolphin**

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you

would do with the money? **Make sure my family is taken care of** Thanks Gary.

And now we'll take

A Closer Look at Mike Balach, KB8UGT

Where were you born? **I was born in Bedford Community Hospital on February 2, 1955.**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **My favorite childhood memory is our family vacation to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park when I was young. It was fun when we were driving because sometimes we had to stop because there were bears crossing the road.**

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why? **I would like to be stuck at the age of 22 because I was able to explore many interests such as bicycling and hiking.**

What is your favorite food?

Peanut butter with blueberry preserves.

What are your favorite TV shows?

My favorite TV shows are How It Is Made and Survivor.

What are your favorite movies?

My favorite movies are The Terminator movies and the Star Trek movie series.

What type of music do you enjoy the most?

I listen to the Beatles, Neil Young, John Denver, Bob Dylan and Grank Funk Railroad.

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? **I work on the Sudoku and daily Jumble.**

What would be your ideal job other than your current one? **I would like to be a watchmaker again as my ideal job because it was very interesting working on fine watches and making them run like new.**

Who or what makes you laugh? **I always thought that the Three Stooges were funny and I like the comedian Jeff Dunham.**

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you?

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I have an extensive record collection and I am spending time recording them on CD.

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why? **I would like to see the Grand Canyon and to be able to hike some of the trails away from the crowds.**

If you were an animal which one would it be? **I would be an eagle so that I could partake in the beauty of the world.**

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money? **I would buy a ham radio shack and buy my daughter a Camaro.**

Thanks Mike.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the next C.A.R.S. meeting, Tuesday, November 10th, we will be having election of officers. The offices up for election are that of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and four board positions. Please try to make it to the meeting so that you can exercise your privilege and right to vote. The nominees are listed in the meeting minutes on page two of this issue. Any other nominations will be accepted on the 10th, before the votes are cast.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N
LAST W.O. FOR 2009

Here we are, at the end of October, looking at Halloween coming in a few days. This being the November issue of the Wobbly Oscillator, it will be the last issue of the year since there will be no December meeting, as is our custom.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

And as is our custom, the annual Christmas party will be held instead of a December meeting.

This year we are having the meal catered by Damon's Restaurant and Santa will be making an appearance as well. The party will be held on

Friday, December 11th at the Independence Community Center, as in the past. For ticket information see the flyer in this issue. You can get your tickets at the November meeting or you can order them on-line on the C.A.R.S. website. You can make payment for the tickets thru the website and PayPal as well. So mark your calendars for the big night and be prepared to enjoy a great meal and great comradery with your fellow C.A.R.S. members.

QSL CARDS

Dwaine Modock, K8ME has an article on sending your QSL cards for DXCC certification with the ARRL elsewhere in this issue. On a similar note, I received three QSL cards in the mail today from the incoming QSL bureau. What struck me was the dates! Two of the cards were from contacts I had made in 2005. I had not requested a QSL card from either one. The other was from January, 2006 and I had requested a card from that station, which happened to be 6O0N, from Somalia. Wow! Talk about a time lag!. Who knows how long it will take for my QSL cards to reach the two stations that requested them, via "the bureau"?
SEE YA AT THE NOV. MEETING !
That's all for this month.
73, de Tom, WB8N

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2009 CARS Christmas Party

Friday December 11, 2009 serving at 6:30 p.m.
Independence Civic Center in the White Oak Room

Tickets are \$16.00 for adults, \$8.00 age 7 to 12

6 and under free

Santa Claus will entertain and be available for pictures. Also come check your naughty or nice rating with Santa!



Damon's food Menu:



**Entrees: Barbecue
boneless Chicken Breast**

Beef Brisket with Au Jus

Thai Salmon



**Side dishes: Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
w/gravy & Macaroni and Cheese**

**There will be prizes, CARS Fall Scholarship Raffle drawing,
50/50 drawing and presentation of the 2009 CARS Awards**

For tickets please contact

**Tina W8HBI 216-952-2520 or Bob W8GC at 216-524-1750
or e-mail w8gc or [w8hbi @2cars.org](mailto:w8hbi@2cars.org)**

Anyone who can please bring a simple desert to share

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2009 CARS FALL Scholarship fund Raffle Tickets now available

Help support the CARS Scholarship fund by getting your Raffle Tickets ASAP.

Donation is only \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets! **

Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets, you can order your tickets on line using PayPal, no PayPal account needed just a credit card, go to www.2cars.org or contact the Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC 216-524-1750.

What can be more important than helping people get an education! CARS has awarded two \$500.00 Scholarships a year since 2006. This Raffle will be a biannual event with drawings in July and December.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2009 Christmas party on December 11, 2009**. Winners do NOT need to attend to win. Winners will be notified plus be listed on the CARS web site and in our Newsletter the WO.



1st prize \$300.00

2nd prize \$200.00

3rd prize \$100.00

Maximum of 1,040 tickets will be sold

****All proceeds less actual expenses go to the CARS Scholarship Fund.**