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HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2010

FROM THE PREZ

How about a big round of applause for those who did all the work for the Christmas Party. The party and awards committees included Bob, W8GC; Bill, WU8A; Tina, W8HBI; Gary, NI8Z and Ron, K8VJG. These members should be proud of the fact they put together one of the best Christmas parties of this century. Everything went well, including the weather. Judging from the comments overheard at the event, and those expressed on the net, most members enjoyed themselves to a high degree. The plans have begun for next year's party, and anyone who would like to help out would be warmly welcomed. Just contact one of the committee members to join.

2010 looks to be another event filled year for C.A.R.S. The winter meetings, VE sessions, and licensing classes are all on the immediate horizon. It's also not too early to think about the Dayton bus trip to the Hamvention. It always takes a lot of promotion to get the bus filled, so it would be a big help to start talking it up to fellow hams that are not in the club. Last year's trip was very successful, but we could have used a few more riders. It would certainly help to encourage anyone who is interested to sign up as soon as possible. People say the Dayton Hamvention may be in it's waning years, so not only is it a good idea to go while it is still convenient, but taking the bus is a hassle-free way to go.

I would like to make a suggestion to some of the newer or less experienced hams to help make the long winter more productive. Prepare for Field Day.

If you're new to HF, the first hurdle is getting your station set up. The equipment is costly; so for most, the first step is saving for the necessary components. Once the financials are in order, the purchases must be made. Fellow members are more than willing to give valuable advice based on experience. They can also help with setting up the station. .

If you're at this point, don't be bashful about asking for help. Every ham had to learn, and it always to better to learn from the mistakes of others. C.A.R.S. members are always willing to assist a fellow ham. After the station is

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

operational, good practice can be obtained working special event stations. A lot can be gained working through the “pile-ups”. There are many special event stations active most weekends that are listed in *QST* every month. These stations offer a really low pressure way to get practice. With your comfort level raised, contests and DXpeditions can be worked to gain additional experience. All this is a great way to prepare for Field Day, which is just a few flips of the calendar away.

Don't forget to melt some of the ice off your 2 meter antenna and check into the weekly Wednesday nets, and make plans to attend the next monthly meeting.73, Toby, WT8O

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. November monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 10th of the month. The meeting was held at Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Oh. Thirty-two members and five guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Matt, W8EBB motioned to accept the October minutes as published in the November Wobbly Oscillator, and Bill, WA8GEO seconded. There were no additions, corrections or questions so the members passed the motion.

The Board members decided to have only one license class a year. They also decided to have only one drawing next year for the Scholarship. The Board also decided to move the EchoLink to the repeater site.

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same. He then talked about the Technician, General, and Extra classes. Bob also mentioned the scholarship raffle. Bob also mentioned that there are still some scholarship tickets left to buy. He said he had Christmas party tickets too, for anyone that needed some.

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 also asked that

people to please do not key up the repeater and un key with out giving your call sign. When you key up the repeater please announce your call.

Eddie, KD8FTS asked anyone joining the ARRL, or renewing their ARRL membership to please do it thru the club. He then asked everyone to check out the club's interview page under the members page on the web www.2cars.org/clubsurvey1.htm .

Steve, N8SRJ Thanked everyone who sent emails or cards for his knee surgery.

Scotty, WA8SLN, our Sunshine Chairman, sent out one card one to David, WD8IOU's wife who had fallen and hurt her leg. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Gary, NI8Z gave VE report and said that he would be staying on for another year as the VE team leader. He also said the dates for next year have been set at the second Sunday of the odd months. He said Matt, W8EBB and Darren, K8DMT had joined as VE team and that he was going to put up a sign in sheet for VE's so he would know who he would have each month.

Dwaine, K8ME couldn't make the meeting but let the club know that there will be a bus trip again next year so if interested let him know. Plan for it early, it comes faster than you know.

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

Members voted on new members Chuck Timblin, N2MHA and David Rickon, KD8JRH. The members passed the vote.

Dave, KD8V said the Copley school club is very active even though it's a small group and wants to thank everyone in the CARS club who helps. He then thanked the VE team for all the help. He said some of the kids that were in the middle school are now in the high school.

They hope to get the antennas mounted at the high school very soon. Dave has about twenty kids at the middle school that come to the Ham Radio club.

Election of 2010 Officers and Even Year Board Members:

President, Toby WT8O

Vice President, Gary NI8Z

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Treasurer Bob, W8GC
Secretary Steve, N8SRJ

Steve, N8IS motioned to declare the Officers elected unanimously as there were no other nominations, Bob, KC8MRC seconded. The members passed the motion. The members voted on four Board Members. They are, for the two year term: Metro, W8MET, Tom, WB8N, & Matt, W8EBB. For the one year term to finish out Gary, NI8Z's term is Ron, K8VJG.

Refreshments: coffee- Darren, K8DMT, drinks - Mike, KB8UGT, donuts - Ron, K8VJG. Thanks for doing a great service.

50/50 raffle:\$40 to the winner which was ED, WB8ROK.

Ron K8VJG made the motion to close the meeting at 8:30 p.m.. Steve, N8IS seconded and the meeting was closed.

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NI8Z Gary Dewey 12-7-41
N8BBB Bill Brown 12-8
KC8LZP Charles Dressler 12-12
KD8FTT Colleen Stevens 12-12-71
N8DMK Russell Pratley Jr 12-22-60
WD8ISB Richard Dell 12-30-35

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

KC2BUA Gary Schmid 1-11-47
K8JGR Jane Reed 1-11
KD8DYI Pat Dressler 1-12-31
W8EBB Matt Webb 1-14-84
K8PP Fred Doob 1-15
KC8YLC Mary Cegelski 1-22-52
N8SRJ Stephen Jones 1-23-66
KB8RKF Mike Toth 1-27
N8QVC Mike Brady 1-28-57
K8AV Carl Beduhn 1-30-38

Congratulations to one and all!

YEAR END REPORT

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The financial book was opened for the 2009 C.A.R.S yearly audit. The audit team consisting of WT8O, W8GC, W8HBI and NI8Z conducted a thorough review of the clubs financials for the past year. The audit was conducted Dec 15, 2009. The results indicate the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society is conducting business in a sound non-profit process, leaving the club financially sound and ready to proceed fiscally strong in 2010. The club has an extremely qualified Treasurer. The treasury is in good shape. CARS as everyone knows, sponsors two scholarships each year. The club expects to continue to support that in 2010. However, the new year is upon us to renew membership for an strong HAM presence in our community and in the amateur world this year. The club will be presenting a full year of activity that members can become involved.

Submitted by Gary Dewey, NI8Z V.P. Elected

2009 VOLUNTEER EXAMINER REPORT

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z - V.E. Coordinator for C.A.R.S.

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society VE team held nine (9) examination sessions in 2009. Two end of class tests, one at Copley Middle School and six regularly scheduled tests at the Olde Town Hall in Independence.

During the course of all these test sessions eighty-six (86) individuals came to attempt to become either a new amateur or to upgrade their license. Sixty-five, or roughly 73.9 % accomplished their goal.

Thirty-five new Technicians joined the amateur radio action, twenty-two upgraded to General Class and eight became Extra class operators. Again, congratulations to all of them.

The Volunteer Examiner team, which now include twelve VEs, have been a basic asset to the testing program that is an integral part of the *continued next page....*

C.A.R.S. activity. Special recognition is given to the team which performed with excellent results: Metro Sinko, W8MET, Lawson Shields, WA8SLN, Robert Check, W8GC, Steve Jones, N8SRJ, Ron Borkey Sr, K8VJG, Steve Riley, N8IS, William Sarver, WU8A, Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP, Darren Turk, K8DMT, Tom Wayne, WB8N, Dave Kushman, K8DAV and Matt Webb, W8EBB.

The 2010 VE schedule is posted on the CARS web page. The regularly scheduled test date is the second Sunday of the odd month at the Olde Town Hall in Independence. The time is 9am. The sunspots cycle is improving so we look forward to all who want to use the spectrum the FCC has allotted to the amateur radio community. CARS will be giving licensing classes in the Spring of 2010. Check at the C.A.R.S. web site at www.2cars.org for information or to sign up.

***DON'T FORGET TO CHECK
INTO THE C.A.R.S. WEEKLY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT NET.
CHANCES ARE, YOU'LL HAVE
FUN!***

2009 CARS Christmas Party

By Bob Check, W8GC

Another successful Christmas party at the Independence Civic center is in the books. A great time was had by the 65 people who attended the Party.

A fine buffet meal was served by Damon's consisting of green beans w/bacon, mac & cheese, garlic mashed potatoes w/gravy, brisket of beef, grilled salmon, grilled boneless chicken breasts. Dessert consisted of a wide variety of donations from our members: cheese tray, cheese cake, 4 cookie trays, 2 breads, cup cakes, 1 large decorated cake, 3 pies along with other misc goodies.

Santa arrived as the meal was ending.

He visited each table, passed out candy canes and posed for pictures at all of the tables plus with children of all ages!

Santa needed a little break so he sat on Bruce, N8DJX's lap, looks like Bruce was happy? to offer his lap and say hello to Santa.



Bruce, N8DJX and wife Johanna donated the beautiful center pieces we had on each table. Johanna hand made these and filled them with candy.

Santa then pulled the winning tickets for the door prizes, Scholarship raffle and 50/50 before heading back to the North pole.

Toby WT8O handed out the 2009 Awards, Darren, K8DMT a President's Outstanding Service award, Steve, K8SAS an award for the most check-ins to the CARS Wednesday night net, Dwaine K8ME for his outstanding effort in organizing the Dayton bus trip, David, KD8ACO for his effort as a license class instructor, Adam, N8MOX received a plaque as Rookie of the Year and Metro, W8MET a plaque as CARS Ham of the Year.



More Party Pics on next page.....



**THE CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION 2009 FIELD DAY
STANDINGS**

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

In the 8A class in the Great Lakes Division, with 248 entries In 8A, we placed #1. In the Great Lakes Division for all entries we placed #3. In country everyone who operated FD with 2612 entries in 8A class we placed #2, for all entries we placed #48. I know if we work hard in 2010 we can do better, especially as I believe we will be in a better location. However this is the best showing for CARS to date. Congratulations to all that participated in any way.

A CLOSER LOOK

This month we take a closer look at **Linda Sinko, N8LRS.**

Where were you born? **Cleveland, Ohio (St. Luke's Hospital) 6-24-1953**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **Enjoying (Euclid Beach) & (Geauga Lake) Rides Were Only a Nickel on Friday and you could ride until you got SICK!**

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why? **(13) because you are at that age you become a teen...and never have to work, just enjoyed being a teen.**

What is your favorite food? **Stuffed Cabbage**

What are your favorite TV shows?

Bewitched, Twilight Zone, Outer Limits

What are your favorite movies? **An Affair to Remember, Dr. Zhivago, Love Story**

What type of music do you enjoy the most?

Country & Romantic

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**AND A GRAND TIME
WAS HAD BY
ALL !**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
EVERYONE !**

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? **Hug Metro Every Morning & Walk Trigger**

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? **CSI -In New York**

Who or what always makes you laugh? **Old Family Pictures (The Clothes/ Hair etc) WOW**

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you? **Have Tattoo's; At 50 yrs of age I got my first motorcycle and learned how to ride with the wind. (With the help of Metro)**

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why? **France/Poland because that is where my Mom and Dad met during WWII.**

If you were an animal which one would it be? **Trigger (the Dog), because I know he is treated GOOD WITH LOVE**

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money? **Independence would be one of many homes. Like different seasons...I would be in different places where weather is WARM.**

We have a Closer Look at another C.A.R.S. member...Linda's hubby, **Metro Sinko, W8MET.**

Where were you born? **Cleveland, Ohio**

What is your favorite childhood memory? **I liked living in Cleveland with all MY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.**

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why? **13 or 14 was good for me because I went to Schuler Junior High School in Cleveland and it was a whole New World for me.**

What is your favorite food? **Stuffed Cabbage/Cabbage & Noodles**

What are your favorite TV shows? **One Step Beyond/Outer Limits/Twilight Zone**

What are your favorite movies? **Pumpkin Head/Deathwish/Professional/Hitman/No**

Country for Old Men/History of Violence/The Mechanic/Big Fish/Heart of Souls/The Protector

What type of music do you enjoy the most? everything... except rap which is crap and I hate BagPipe music

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? **say my prayers**

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? **a hit man against evil forces**

Who or what always makes you laugh? **TRIGGER (MY DOG)**

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you? **I PLAYED THE ACCORDION WITH MY BROTHER ON GENE CARROLL AND WE PLAYED AT A GERMAN CLUB ON A REGULAR BASIS**

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why?

VIRGINIA BEACH AT THE EDGAR CAYCE FOUNDATION

If you were an animal which one would it be? **TRIGGER...BECAUSE I KNOW HOW WELL HE HAS IT WITH HIS OWNERS**

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money?

INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE MY SUMMER HOME AND CALIFORNIA WOULD BE MY WINTER HOME AND FLORIDA WOULD BE MY SPRING AND AUTUMN HOME AND CARS MEMBERS WOULD HAVE AN OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT AND OPERATE THE STATIONS

Thanks Linda and Metro, for letting us learn some of your personal secrets.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

A NEW BEGINNING ?

Here we are at the start of a new year.

Wow, I wonder what 2010 will have in store for us? I hope it is all good for all of us.

I hope the sun spots start showing up more so that band conditions will improve.

I want to operate ten meters again, like it was when I first got my license. Man! You could talk all over the world with no problem. It was great!

I hope that the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society continues to grow, and continues to have the great leadership we have become accustomed to.

I hope that those of us who are planning on upgrading their license class do so this year. No more procrastinating! You know who you are.

I hope we do even better than last year on Field Day, 2010.

I hope I get to Dayton this year and that those of you that have never been to the Hamvention get to experience it this year as well.

I hope that everyone that is wishing for their dream station gets it this year. Wouldn't that be great?

Well, that's enough hoping for now.

CLIQUEY CLIQUE

We have elected officers for the coming year and that includes some new (or not so new) board members. These are the guys and gals that more or less run the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society, and most of them do a great job of it. I myself feel that our President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will do a fantastic job in their terms in office. I think that we have also elected new board members that will take their jobs to heart and put forth their efforts in the best interest of C.A.R.S.

The point I am getting at, is that in the past, I have heard mumblings amongst the membership complaining that there are *cliques* in the club, and that the cliques run the show. Well, I have to disagree. Granted, certain officers have been in office of one position or another for quite awhile, but ask yourself why? The reason is that for the most part, the membership feels that they are the best man or woman for the job and no one else is

nominated to run against them. To me, that says that the members must feel that the officers are doing a good job and that they want C.A.R.S. to continue to be a successful and growing club, both membership wise but financially as well. C.A.R.S. sponsors license classes, promotes education through the scholarship program we have, subsidizes the Christmas party, pays for rental for a Field Day location, and takes care of any expenditures regarding the maintenance of the repeaters, among other things.

If a member feels that the leadership is too much of a clique, then why doesn't that member run for office their self or nominate someone else that they feel could do the job and have the *time* to expend on doing the job. The same goes for the board members. Some of the present board members keep getting re-elected, and even the newly elected board members for the most part, have held office as board member or some other elected position in the past. Why do you ask? It's because the majority of the membership feels that they will do a good job in their elected position.

Being an officer of C.A.R.S. in any capacity takes time and effort. There are meetings to attend, committees to be on, which requires more meetings, and it requires a dedication to C.A.R.S. As I said before, anyone can nominate anyone else, or themselves. If you think someone else or you can do a better job, then let's hear from you. If not, then cooperate with the powers that be. Join a committee if asked. Volunteer for the public service events we participate in. In other words, get active in **YOUR** club. Nuff said.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.....

As I sit here at the computer putting this issue of the W.O. together, it has been snowing most of the day. Now I'm not really *continued next page....*

crazy about snow, but I have to admit that I am glad we *finally* got a few inches of it around here. As I was watching the Brownies win another one yesterday, I saw the snow falling on TV. .I know that N8TCP is probably jumping up and down with joy. Try to control yourself Roger. I'll have to go out later tonight and use the snow blower for the first time in 2009. Thanks to a fellow C.A.R.S. member, (I'm not mentioning any names but his callsign is N8MOX) it is up and running again after breaking down last year. Thanks pal!

OUTTA HERE

I can see by the ole clock on the computer screen that it's time I got outta here for this month. Happy New Year everyone., 73,
de Tom, WB8N

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DUES NOTICE

Please remember, 2010 CARS dues are due on or before January 31, 2010. If you are 60 years of age or older dues are \$12.00, 18 years of age or younger dues are \$12.00, all others dues are \$20.00. Family members are an additional \$5.00 each on top of the original member's dues.

You can pay using PalPal by making your payment to: w8gc@2cars.org. You can also pay by check, mailing to: Bob Check, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, OH 44131 or you can pay at the January meeting.

73, Bob Check, W8GC
Treasurer



CARS 2010 Officers & Committees

Audit

NI8Z ** W8HBI,

Audio Video

Steve N8IS ** K8DAV

ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

NI8Z **

ARRL WAS & VUCC Checker

K8ME **

Awards

W8GC ** W8HBI, K8VJG, WT8O

Christmas Party

W8GC ** WU8A, W8HBI, N8IS

Field Day food 2010

W8GC ** N8BBB,

License classes

W8GC ** WT8O ** NI8Z, WA8SLN, W8MET

Development

W8GC ** All officers

Diabetes events

WB8N ** All CARS members

Field Day

WT8O ** W8GC, K8SAS, W8MET

Interference & Jamming

K8DAV ** NI8Z, N8IS

Mentor/Elmer & Community Education

W8MET ** W8GC, K8VJG

Membership

W8GC ** W8HBI

NET

WT8O **

Newsletter

WB8N ** 440-232-4193

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WA8SLN **

Summer Picnic 2010

W8GC ** WB8N ** N8BBB

Program director

NI8Z **

Property Custodian s

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

QSL manager - NO8A, W8BM, WA8CMS & WA8CHS

WB8N **

Refreshments

KB8UGT, pop ** K8DMT, coffee **
K8VJG ** donuts

50/50

K8DMT

Scholarship

WA8SLN ** NI8Z, WT8O, N8SRJ, K8VJG

School Programs

KD8V ** W8GC

Sunshine (welfare)

Scotty Shields WA8SLN
216-524-2358

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even year executive board 2 year term

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odd year executive board 2 year term

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K8DAV

NO8A, W8BM, WA8CHS, WA8CMS

trustee
W8GC





Sign up now for CARS Spring Ham Radio classes, get your Technician, General or Extra class license!

**Thursday evenings starting March 4, 2010 *
and ending April 15, 2010**

*April 15, 2010 will be a special VE Test session for all license classes,
ARRL fee for this VE test is \$15.00*

**To register please follow the link at www.2cars.org and complete
the on-line application or call 216-524-1750 Bob, W8GC**

***Classes are held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. in the
PIN OAK room at 7:00 pm every Thursday***

**class fees: Technician \$25.00, General and Extra \$20.00 non
members or \$15.00 CARS members, fee includes all class materials**

*** Please arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 pm on Thursday March 4th only
for orientation and to receive your class materials.**



