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MARCH MEETING TO BE A DINNER MEETING *Details inside...*

FROM THE PREZ

Looks like Old Man Winter threw us a couple of sucker punches fighting it out to the last. But we'll take him, we always do. It's in our spirit; it came from life on the North Coast. Come March 9th, we have another shot at burning him out when we hold our March dinner meeting at Harry's Steak House. For this month only the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. If you can't make it for dinner, that's fine. Just come for the meeting. Our reservations are for 5:00 so we can take advantage of Harry's \$14.99 two for one dinner special that has to be ordered by 6:00. At last February's dinner meeting we had a good time and a good turnout. In fact, the turnout was so good we pushed the capacity of the room. So far, I have not heard from as many members as expected. I hope the thing is not a flop. If you plan to come for dinner, and have not contacted me via e-mail at wt8o@2cars.org or phone at 440-572-1544, please do so. We want to give the folks at Harry's a good idea of how many members will be there for dinner, so they can serve us satisfactorily. Harry's is on Brecksville Rd., just south of Granger Rd. If you're not familiar with the area, there is a map and directions on the C.A.R.S. website.

Gary, NI8Z, our new VP, has treated us to some very interesting post meeting programs this year. It is a good time here to thank Gary for his efforts. We will not have one this month, because of

complications of setting up in the restaurant. This will be a good meeting for discuss any new ideas, or suggestions of new things to do, or things the club could do differently. If you have some ideas rolling around in your head, bring them up at the meeting. This is YOUR club; it is a function of the ideas and actions of the members.

73, Toby, WT8O

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**MARCH MEETING, TUESDAY
MARCH 9th, HARRY'S STEAKHOUSE
BRECKSVILLE ROAD
INDEPENDENCE, OH**

FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. February monthly meeting was called to order by Toby Kolman WT8O on the 9th of the month at 7:41 pm. The meeting was held at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma, Ohio. Attendance was low due to a snow storm with only Eighteen members and one guest at the meeting.

January meeting minutes were approved as published in the February Wobbly Oscillator. Gary Dewey NI8Z motioned to accept and Bill Savage WA8GEO seconded. There were no additions, corrections or questions noted.

Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report of the treasury balance. He also mentioned that he had the 2010 Scholarship Raffle tickets with him if anyone wanted to sign some out. He reminded everyone there would only be one drawing this year. And drawing would happen at the CARS Family picnic which would be held July 30th at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence, Ohio. Licensing classes will be beginning March 4th through April 15th if you know anyone wanting to get a license or upgrade.

Toby Kolman WT8O announced that Steve Jones N8SRJ the secretary was not in attendance tonight because of the weather, Tina W8HBI filled in as Secretary.

Gary Dewey NI8Z announced there is no VE test this month. But he already has one person signed up for March. Also mentioned he is taking a class and will for the ARRL POI for our club. He will be taking a test after his class.

Toby Kolman WT8O asked that people leave the lower parking spaces for individuals who

need to park close. Toby mentioned he broke his foot two weeks ago and needed to park in a close area today. Next he addressed the five minute timeout on the repeater. That people seem to take a break every minute when it's not necessary. Also mentioned when checking into the net to check-in once. If your not sure if you got in, just wait a moment as the net controller will announce who he heard.

Gary Dewey NI8Z mentioned that ninty-eight different people checked into the CARS Net in 2009. And that he would like to hear more of the club members participating on Wednesday evenings.

Toby Kolman WT8O stated that a menu would be passed around for people to view for a possible March Dinner Meeting. Also mentioned that the CARS Scholarship application is available on the website. If anyone knows someone eligible to apply please print the application for them.

Toby Kolman WT8O mentioned our sunshine chairman were not in attendance and that he didn't know of any cards being sent out.

Toby Kolman WT8O mentioned our Copley School representatives were not in attendance. Bob Check W8GC mentioned he knows that the high school is ready for the antenna to be put up. That mounts are up and ready. After the weather breaks we will make plans to get things finished up there.

Tom Wayne WB8N reminded everyone to contribute to the CARS WO. Toby Kolman WT8O mentioned what a great contributor Dave K8DAV was to the February WO.

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Toby WT8O mentioned that our Dayton Bus representative wasn't in attendance this evening. But that all the information is available on the website www.2cars.org Bob Check W8GC stated that a few have already paid for their tickets.

Toby Kolman WT8O passed around a signup sheet for Field Day. He mentioned that each meeting we would talk about Field Day – and to please come prepared with ideas. The new location will be at Toby's property in Grafton Oh. There are 25 acres with big trees and people can really spread out. Directions will be posted on the CARS website and there will be a 40x120 foot barn where people will have access to shelter. Field Day is June 26-27.

Toby Kolman WT8O thanked all the refreshment people for their continued service. K8DMT with coffee, KB8UGT with pops/water and K8VJG with donuts.

Toby Kolman WT8O then told about the possibilities that other members contributed to the club as locations for the dinner meeting. After considering all of them he suggested Harry's Steak House. They have Two Dinner's for \$14.95 with 6 selections to choose from. Toby will reserved a section of the restaurant for our March 9, 2010 meeting. After discussion Gary NI8Z motioned to have the dinner meeting at Harry's Steakhouse and it was seconded by Bob W8GC. All were in favor.

Toby Kolman WT8O announced we had a new member to vote on. Dr. Neil Ross N8VLX . Adam Grossmyer N8MOJ motioned to accept him and Steve Riley N8IS seconded & passed.

Steve Riley N8IS mentioned that there is a

AT&T logo on the CARS webpage where people can order UVERSE or DSL and the club will get a kickback.

Eddie Steven's Jr KD8FTS said that ARES has at least forty members in the area and that he would like to see more CARS Members. He also said Matt has been putting on programs. From speakers about emergency communication to drills. The last one in Lake County ended up being standing room only with over 100 people in attendance. If anyone is interested please see www.ohioares10.org Bruce Brown KC8RKS mentioned the Tour De Cure will be held the 2nd Sunday in June. And wanted to alert volunteers that the ARRL and ARES put out a bulletin that safety vests will be mandatory. They are bright yellow with a zipper. On the back it will say Communications and there is a area on the front for your name & call sign. Please contact Bruce if you would like to place a order for a vest he is trying to put together a group order. 330-351-8156

50/50 Raffle ticket was drawn by Darren Turk K8DMT and the winner was Steve Riley N8IS who took home \$14.50

A motion to close came from Steve Riley N8IS and was seconded by Bill Savage WA8GEO. The motion was passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

73, Tina W8HBI

A CLOSER LOOK

This month we'll take a closer look at the editor of the W.O., Tom Wayne, WB8N

Where were you born? I was born in St. Ann's Hospital, in Cleveland. It isn't there anymore.

What's your favorite childhood memory?

Going on picnics and swimming with my family.

If you could be stuck at one age forever what age would that be and why? 23 years old,

because I was just out of Uncle Sam's Canoe Club (U.S. Navy), and I was single. Of course I'd like to know then

what I know now!

What's your favorite food? I like a lot of different foods, but right now a nice steak, medium rare, with a baked potato with butter and sour cream and some mushrooms sauteed in butter comes to mind. Along with some home made apple pie.

What are your favorite TV shows? Well, talking about present day shows, I like to watch NCIS, Rescue me, Any of the Law & Order shows, Medium, Cold Case, Survivor. Some of the older shows I liked are, Andy Griffith, which later became Mayberry RFD, & Hill Street Blues.

Favorite Movies? Kill Bill 1 and Kill Bill 2.

What kind of Music do you like? I like 50's & 60's rock & roll, I like the Beatles & the Rolling Stones, and The Doors, and I like Country Music...the older stuff, not the junk they are passing off as Country today.

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? To do (or try to do) the crossword puzzle in the Plain Dealer.

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? A professional musician.

Who or what always makes you laugh? My youngest grandkids and Jake, my dog.

What one thing would people be surprised to

know about you? That I have been to a nude beach on the French side of St. Martin. When in Rome.....

If you could pick one place in the world to visit where would it be and why? Some semi-secluded island in the South Pacific because it would be peaceful, beautiful, and laid back. I'd need some beer of course.

If you were an animal, which one would it be?

I'm a Les, so it would have to be a lion.

If you won the lottery, what's the first thing that you would do with the money? I'd set up a collage fund for my grandkids.

Th, th, th, th, th, th, that's all folks.

Thanks Tom, for your time.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

K8EHP Michael Cegelski 3-2-42

2. WA8SLN Scotty Shields 3-13-32

KA8KPB Blaine Coleman 3-18-46

KB8DTC Terry Pillatt 3-18-46

KB8QHJ Marc Rubin 3-25-66

KB8NW Tedd Mirgliotta 3-27-52

N8DJX Bruce Bacik 3-31-42

KD8FTU Kim Balach 3-31-88

Congratulations to one and all !

AMATEUR RADIO, THE NEXT OLYMPIC SPORT ?

As Overheard By: Ken Osicki K8OAE

Planning for future Olympic Games continues at a furious pace, especially now that the 2010 Winter Games have come to an end. As usual comes the question, "what new events can be included to increase interest in the games?"

In addition to considering such possible entries as fly-fishing, down-hill rolling, and pond-skipping stones, the latest entry with great possibilities for the 2018 Winter Games is Amateur Radio. "The foundations for this sport are already in place," an excited committee member reported. "Amateur radio Field Days, DXpeditions, and the knock-down, drag-out, fever-paced hamfest experience, all provide exciting, thrill-filled moments needed to spark a new and greater interest in extreme competition."

According to this source, some possible events include the 160 meter marathon, 40 meter intermediate sprint, and the 2 meter dash. Tower speed-climbing, radial-running, and ground-rod driving will certainly be considered. At the top of the list is the amateur radio biathlon which involves mobile broadcasting while dog-team racing along a treacherous course. This may be expanded to an iron-man by requiring the use of APRS to reveal the actual course only after each competitor sets out from the starting line.

How likely is it that we will see amateur radio competition in the Olympic Games? According to our source, "Efforts are being made to determine how many fans this addition will draw away from current fan favorites such as figure skating and the many skiing events." If amateur radio draws, as expected, vastly huge audiences, it seems unlikely that this will be a new Olympic sport for some time to come. Current licensed operators are advised to keep training. Olympic gold may be just around the corner and one never knows when the call will be heard.

And age would be no barrier...we could have entrants as young as 5 and as old as 90!Ed.

THIS WAS REAL LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

When World War II ended, this Canadian couple found happiness by keeping the home lights on.

By Ethel Williamson, St. Catherines, Ontario
Submitted by Scotty Shields, WA8SLN

When the Canadian government urged licensed amateur radio operators to join the service in 1940, my husband, Cyril, volunteered. Cy was a radar officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force and left on a secret mission overseas in January, 1941.

Although we were able to exchange letters, my two boys and I never even heard his voice until he came home nearly five years later.

When Cy returned, his radio and refrigeration businesses were gone. With his radio qualifications though, he became the keeper of the light at a nearby lighthouse in St. Catherines. The Point Weller lighthouse was at the Lake Ontario entrance to the Welland ship canal.

Our boys, Douglas and Bruce, who were in high school when Cy came home, still thought of their father as a stranger. We both hoped that the relative isolation of the lighthouse would help bring us all closer together.

Cy and I went to the lighthouse in March of 1946 to learn how to operate it. The two boys stayed with their grandmother. When they joined us a month later, they were not too happy about it.

Would the Boys Adjust?

Instead of living just one block from the high school, they now had a seven mile bike ride. They'd left their friends behind and there would be no more after-school ball games. We knew it was a shock for the boys, but they never complained.

Then came that first hot day of summer. It was a Saturday and the boys were awakened by a loud "C'mon guys, let's go skinny-dipping!" The boys jumped out of bed to see Cy, with only a towel wrapped around him. "Grab a towel" he said. "Last one in is a rotten egg!"

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With whoops of joy, the three dashed outside, ran down the steps to the canal, and jumped in.

It was the happiest day of my life. My three boys, together after such a long time. It was the beginning of a wonderful life for all of us. No family could have been closer.

Cy and I lived at the lighthouse for 25 years. We weathered hurricane Hazel, storms, electrical failures, fires, and rescues....saw the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, and met many visitors from other countries.

Our wonderful hobby, Ham Radio, connected us to people all over the world. Our calls, VE3TW and VE3DTW were very well known.

Cyril passed away in 1988. Douglas is a retired banker and Bruce is a retired printer. They and their families take very good care of me and I thank God for them.

***EXERTS FROM THE GEARFAKf (the f is silent)
BULLETIN***

Our Motto: "The Editor is always right"

We discriminate indiscriminately

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**NEW BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE
RAILROADS**

By Clara, W8LCZ, KB8WFH, et al.

In light of the controversy regarding BPL, a fantastic new approach to broadband well might be the salvation of our rail systems. The U.S. rail system has been losing revenue and relevance for years. Gearvakf Laboratories have begun research and baseline testing of a new technology to incorporate the national network of tracks (both active and abandoned) into a grand spin-off resource, "Broadband over Railroad Tracks". This new technology resource is undergoing testing for practicality on the small, private, hi-speed, steam railway at the Gorbinski's Mushroom Farms. Early FCC approval has been received for extensive field testing, when prototyping is available in the summer of 2011, despite a complete lack of technical specification on emissions and protocols. Under the

FCC guidelines, Union Pacific will be testing this new system on several lines extending over the Rocky Mountains and the Midwest Plains. Any individual within a few hundred miles of the existing track, who typically are not able to get or afford high-priced broadband will be able to tap into the rail to receive high-speed access rivaling BPL and cable speeds. The BRT resource, unlike BPL, one rail will be used transmitting a signal, while the other rail will be used for receiving Wi-Fi signals from subscribers. The wireless aspect of the resource is hoped to overcome it's competitor, BPL. Various national railroads are promoting BRT as the savior of the industry and will still allow passenger and freight traffic to continue unimpeded. An individual at the ARRL, who wished to remain anonymous, declared "Railroad tracks are essentially the world's largest antenna if you pump RF through them. Tie BPL overhead lines into the problem of RF emitting railroad tracks as a ground plane, and the entire HF spectrum will be unusable throughout the U.S. I can't think of a more irresponsible use of the rail lines." BRT is expected to meet the same resistance by the ARRL but also a similar fast-track approval by the FCC. The emerging threat of BRT is no doubt going to be as much if not more of a potential spectrum-wrecking technology as BPL. The FCC says it is taking the amateur radio community's concerns very seriously. However, the nations rail roads do need saving and BRT could bring in the revenues to accomplish this momentous task. The FCC asks that any comments or concerns be sent to a special e-mail address: shaftthehams@fcc.gov.

***GET YOUR DUES IN BEFORE THE END OF
MARCH. DON'T GET SHUT OUT !!***

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

STUPID GROUNDHOG!

I just got done snow blowing and shoveling my driveway for the second time this weekend and I'm sure that many of you have as well. The stupid groundhog saw his shadow. Great! March is notorious for having one final snow storm, so I'm not optimistic that we have seen the last of the white stuff coming down.

MANSFIELD WINTERFEST

We made it down to the Mansfield Winterfest a few weeks ago. All in all, I thought it was a good hamfest. There was a good turnout of hams, and I saw quite a few from the Cleveland area as well. We even saw a rare visitor, whose name I am not going to reveal, but his call is W8GC. Bob hardly ever goes to hamfests but he was at Mansfield. Several other members of C.A.R.S. were in attendance as well. There were quiet a few dealers there, on from Chicago and another from Indiana, as well as a good selection of good junk being sold by the many vendors.

I got to meet the new Great Lakes Section manager as well.

I didn't spend much money...only bought a couple of little non-ham items, as well as a 40 meter G5RV type antenna, which will have to wait until the weather breaks before I can begin putting it up.

But, overall, we had a great time. The food at this hamfest is better than at others due to them having an actual cafeteria at which you can order a variety of hot food, soft drinks, and of course coffee. Granted, it is a long drive, about an hour and a half from my place, but I think it is a good break in the winter to get out and down to Mansfield. The weather held out for us as well. The parking areas were icy and snow covered, but not too bad. They got a bit more snow down there than we did in the days prior to the hamfest. They must have had at least 18 inches on the ground!

My traveling companion, NI8Z, picked himself up some goodies and deals there as well.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!

Something that really annoys me while listening to our 146.820 repeater, and something that annoys our

club president as well, is ignorant persons keying up their radios to key up our repeater. Now, for those that are guilty of being ignorant, let me help you become knowledgeable, so that you are no longer ignorant.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO KEY UP ANY TRANSMITTER WITHOUT IDENTIFYING YOURSELF, BY GIVING YOUR CALLSIGN!

Is that so hard to understand? I cannot for the life of me understand why someone would go to the trouble of earning an amateur radio license, only to go through life keying up their transceiver without identifying and carrying on a QSO with someone. If you are afraid to talk on the radio, take my advice.....sell your radio and let your license lapse. Nuff said.

MARCH MEETING

As mentioned in our president's column, the March meeting will be a dinner meeting, at Harry's Steakhouse, in Independence. I'm looking forward to a nice steak myself. I am also looking forward to seeing many of our members there. It should be a good change. Get hold of Toby and let him know if you are going to be eating, as he needs to know asap.

OUTTA HERE

Well, that's all I've got for this month. Hope to see you on the air and/or at the meeting.

73 all,

de Tom, WB8N

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K8ME **

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W8GC ** W8HBI, K8VJG, WT8O

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K8VJG ** donuts

50/50

K8DMT

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W8GC





Go to
www.2cars.org
to reserve and
pay for your
tickets

2010 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

CARS is again sponsoring a Bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention, the 2010 bus trip will take place on Saturday May 15.

The Bus trip will cost \$40.00 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 3:30 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, 2010 the bus will be cancelled and your money returned.

If you have any questions please see Dwaine K8ME at a cars meeting, CALL 440-582-3462 or go to www.2cars.org and click on Dayton Bus trip to reserve a seat or pay by PayPal. Checks can be sent to: CARS, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, OH 44131-0264 attn. Dayton Bus committee

73, Dwaine, K8ME and the committee

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2010 CARS Scholarship fund Raffle Tickets are now available

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

Donation is only \$3.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 2 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 only be held one time in 2010.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2010 Summer picnic on July 30, 2010.**

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 850 tickets will be sold
****All proceeds less actual expenses go
to the CARS Scholarship Fund.**