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BUSY SUMMER COMING UP! MORE INSIDE....

FROM THE PREZ

Congratulations to all the new hams that passed the Technician examination at the end of the C.A.R.S. licensing classes this year. We all know the cool feeling of adding the unique FCC issued call sign to our identifications. Welcome to the wonderful world of amateur radio, and welcome to the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society. I have had the opportunity to meet you all, and am quite glad to see a very energetic group. C.A.R.S. can use some new vitality. Please become active and attend the meetings.

Starting with the June meeting, and continuing through August, we have picnic meetings at the Oak Grove Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation. These meetings are our most popular ones of the year, and it gives everyone the opportunity to get to know fellow members better by participating in the pre-meeting BYO cookout. By attending the meetings you will also learn about the many other activities the club is involved with. If you have exercised your right to get on the air, please check into our Wednesday evening nets at 9:00 PM. We have one of the most popular local nets, but it sure would be good to hear some new call signs. If you need help getting the necessary equipment to practice your new hobby, the other members will be glad to help. That's what the club is about, and we are very successful in achieving that goal. Just contact any of our

members or come to a meeting for the help you need.

It also is appropriate here to thank those who helped instruct the licensing classes. Hats off to Scotty, WA8SLN; David, KD8ACO; Bob, W8GC; and Gary, NI8Z. These fine fellows gave up one of their evenings every week to work with the students and help them towards their goal of obtaining a new ticket or advancing their classification. Thanks to all for helping to make it happen.

73, Toby, WT8O

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MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. April monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 13th of the April. The meeting was held at the Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Oh. Thirty five members and five guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Matt, W8EBB made a motion to accept the March minutes as published in the April Wobbly Oscillator, and Ron, K8VJG seconded. There were no additions, corrections or questions so the motion passed. .

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as it was last month. Bob also stated that dues are due and that you can pay them online thru PayPal. Those members whose dues were not paid by the end March will be removed from the membership roster. Bob also mentioned that there will be only one this scholarship raffle this year. Tickets are available and can be paid for thru PayPal.

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. He also asked that those checking into the net use phonetics when giving their call-sign. Toby then asked everyone that could walk easily to please leave the lower parking for those that have a hard time walking. .

Field Day this year will be at Toby's 25 acre property in Grafton. Toby passed out a sign up sheet for Field Day. He will be passing it around at every meeting. If you signed it once you don't need to sign it again unless you are updating your info.

The summer picnic will be on July 30 at the Kiwanis pavilion behind the Civic Center. Everyone liked the two dinner meetings we have had so another one is in the making.

Vise President Gary NI8Z said Cars is

having a special VE test for the class on the 15th of April. The CARS regular VE test will be on May 9th.

CARS had a very informative program on Flex Radio.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman couldn't make the meeting but it was reported that he sent out one card to Toby, WT8O who had knee surgery.

It was suggested that everyone should talk to their family members about the C.A.R.S. Scholarship if you have eligible family members. Eligibility can include yourself or as far down the line as your grand children. So far only one person has submitted an application. The dead line is May 31st.

Dwaine K8ME talked about the Dayton bus trip and said need some more people let everyone know that might be interested. Tickets for the bus are \$40 need at least 30 people to break even.

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

Refreshments: coffee, Darren K8DMT, drinks, Mike KB8UGT, donuts, Ron K8JJG.

Thanks for doing a great service.
50/50: \$ 46 to the winner, Jim, WA8UGE.

Linda, N8LRS made a motion to close the meeting and Metro, W8MET seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

MAY MEETING

The May C.A.R.S. meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room, 7501 Ridge Rd. Parma, Ohio. See you there.

This month we introduce a new feature entitled....

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OE

The recent volcanic eruptions in Iceland disrupted lives in many ways. I wondered how radio communications would be affected. My first foray into the internet world of know-all suggested that the dust would have little effect on communications, radio signals just blasting their way through. But, hold on there, little sidebanders.

According to the United States Geological Society, the ash that is generated in a large volcanic eruption can be highly electrically-charged. While radio and telephone communications can continue to function, the charged ash has the potential to render radio and telephone systems inoperative. "Radio, TV, and telephone communications are extremely vulnerable to disruption during a volcanic ash fall and may fail completely in eruption-affected areas."

Disaster management also becomes difficult during ash-falls. "Because wet ash conducts electricity, it can cause short circuits and failure of electronic components, especially high-voltage circuits and transformers. Power outages are common in ash-fall areas, making backup power systems important for critical facilities, such as hospitals." Dust deposits hamper access to damaged equipment in need of repair or replacement.

Radio communications can also be affected by eruption clouds due to "physical damage to equipment, frequent lightning (electrical discharges), and scattering or absorption of radio signals by the heated and electrically charged ash particles."

While we might not be directly affected by the recent volcanic activity, the dust that was generated will continue to circulate in our

upper atmosphere for quite some time. We may not need to cover our gear with tarps and seal our windows with duct-tape, but we may have to put up with some negative affect to our signals. Just be glad you're not a farmer in Iceland.

BUS TRIP TO DAYTON

It appears that the C.A.R.S. sponsored bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention® is officially a go! The bus itself has been downsized to a 33 passenger bus and the bus company has given us a bit of a discount. We can take on some more riders folks, so give Dwaine an e-mail at k8me@sbcglobal.net, or sign up on the C.A.R.S. website asap!

If you can only spend one day at the Hamvention® or don't want to make the drive down to Dayton, this is the best way to go. The bus leaves early Friday morning and stops for breakfast at a Bob Evans restaurant on the way down. You will arrive at the doors of the Hamvention® by the time it opens at 8:00 a.m. and have the entire day to enjoy the flea market and the indoor displays and vendors. The price is only \$40.00 for the bus trip. You can get your Hamvention® ticket in advance on-line for \$20.00 or get your ticket at the door for \$20.00. Such a deal!

If you have never been to the Dayton Hamvention® you haven't lived! It is a great experience, one that every ham should enjoy at least once in their lifetime. You get to meet Amateur Radio super-stars, like Bob Heil, Gordon West, and others, as well as see the newest and bestest Ham Radio gear available. You can talk to the editors and writers of the Ham magazines, meet and talk with the officials of the ARRL, and the people that write the columns for QST. Not to mention the *continued on next page....*

heads of the various manufacturers of all the latest stuff we drool over while looking at the ads in the magazines. You'll rub elbows with hams from all over the world, not just the U.S. of A.

It is an experience you will never forget. So if you are undecided if you are going this year, make up your mind to do it now! Sign up for the bus trip to Dayton and have one of the best experiences of your ham life.

CROATIAN TELEGRAPHY CLUB OFFERS FREE MEMBERSHIP

If you like CW, the Croatian Telegraphy Club invites you to become a member. Joining by e-mail is free and every member is also inducted into the European CW Association as well. For more info, go on-line at <http://www.hamradio.hr/ctc/> (Croatian Telegraphy Club)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

W8JAK Jack Andrisin 5-1-42

KC8ZBN Marian Rubin 5-1

KB8QHC Robert Glover 5-6-48

KC8WBH John Chesna 5-6

WD8CHL Jim Barbour 5-9-58

WD8CWD J. W. Cox Jr. 5-11-41

N8KAY Kayla Check 5-12-90

KA8MZS Michael Mraz 5-12-40

K8YSE John Papay 5-15

K8VJG Ron Borkey Sr 5-20-32

KC8POL Bob Metz 5-30

Congratulations to one and all and many happy returns !

C.A.R.S. Net, Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m.

FROM the GEARVAKf (the f is silent) BULLETIN

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NEW CHILDREN'S CASINO IN LAS VEGAS PROMOTES HAM RADIO

The long-expected Children's Fantasy Casino and Hotel has recently opened in Las Vegas. According to Children's Casino spokesperson, Ms Luisa Ayitchi Sushi, "the new casino will serve as a much needed training facility to introduce children to the Las Vegas gaming scene while they are still in elementary School." The casino's opening follows a repeal of a Clark County Nevada Law which formerly prohibited children under 18 from playing any kind of wagering games. Although children are not yet allowed to take part in gaming at adult casinos, the Children's Casino will provide the kind of low-dollar-limit training they will need for the future, when it is expected that laws will be further changed to allow children to play games in all Las Vegas casinos. At the same time, the new casino has introduced a new attraction featuring Ham Radio. Ms Sushi said that Ham Radio offers an "opportunity to demonstrate the potential use of promoting wireless gaming, similar to that seen on the Internet." Acknowledging that wagering is not now *continued on next page....*

permitted on the Ham Radio bands, Ms Sushi explained that “we can expect that to change, as soon as we offer our proposal for new rules to the FCC. The casino industry is very optimistic that their proposal will be favorably acted upon by the FCC because of it’s well known record of relaxing or completely canceling many key federal rules governing Ham Radio over the past 20 years.

GEARVAKf News Service

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

BUSY SUMMER AHEAD

The next few months will prove to be very busy for the active Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society member. First, we have the 58th annual Dayton Hamvention® May 14,15,& 16. This is the largest gathering of Amateur Radio operators and computer enthusiasts in the world, and a great experience for any ham. I am getting excited already. I have my Hamvention® admission ticket and a room booked. I will only be spending one night this year, but it will be enough to see and do the things I want to do and see. I am looking forward to visiting the NODXA hospitality room at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Friday night, and having dinner at the Spagetti Factory as well. I don’t really need anything but who knows, I may make a purchase or two if the price is right.

Next we have the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure, which is on June 13, and will again begin out of the Blossom Music facilities in Cuyahoga Falls. More info will be forthcoming on this event soon.

Also in June, we have Field Day, an event that takes place over the last full weekend in June. This year our Field Day site will be at a new location, our C.A.R.S. President’s property

in Grafton OH. I have not yet had an opportunity to check out the place, but I understand that the facilities will be great.

We begin holding our monthly C.A.R.S. meetings in the Metro Park’s Brecksville Reservation in June as well. As usual, you can come early and cook out on the grill before the meeting, enjoying the comradery of fellow members before the meeting gets under-weigh.

Our annual C.A.R.S. family picnic will be held on July 30th at the Kiwanis pavilion at the Independence Community Center. This picnic always proves to be a good time for all, with great food and great company. We will also be pulling the lucky tickets from the sale of the raffle tickets to support the C.A.R.S. scholarship fund.

So that about does it for the summer events. I hope you see you all taking part in these fun activities.

FREE FLEX-RADIO

At the April meeting, Dave Kennett, W8KFJ gave us a demonstration of the Flex-Radio. Dave did a great job of putting on the demonstration and at the end of his presentation, he handed out free “Flex-Radios” in the form of a dvd. I have not yet had a chance to check it out and wonder what anybody that has had a chance to check it out thought about it. You can let us know at the May meeting.

SEE YOU SOON

Time to go. Hope to see you all at the meeting and on the air on the Wednesday evening club net.s
73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

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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

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Summer Picnic 2010

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WB8N **

Refreshments

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

50/50

K8DMT

Scholarship

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

2010 Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

LAST CALL!! RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW

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 and must be purchased and paid for in advance, 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.

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