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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL ! FROM C.A.R.S

FROM *THE PREZ*

A new year begins, and we will have a new meeting place. The monthly club meetings on the second Tuesday of each month will now be held at TGI Friday's restaurant located near the I-480 and Tiedeman intersection. The change in venue was decided on almost unanimously by the members at the November meeting. We had our October meeting at the restaurant and the members attending had nothing but good comments about the dinner meeting. I do want to emphasize the dinner is optional. We have the room reserved from 6:00 PM on, but the business meeting will start at its usual 7:30 time. If you choose not to have dinner and attend the meeting only, that would be fine. We will be glad to have you there either way.

One bit of business needs to be handled from last year. I must take a moment and thank the Christmas party committee for putting on arguably the best Christmas dinner and party C.A.R.S. has ever had. A lot of work went into the event to make it so special. Everything went exceptionally well, especially the buffet dinner. The food was excellent, it was kept nice and hot, and there was plenty of everything; so no one was in want for more. A tip of the C.A.R.S. hat goes out to Tina, W8HBI; Bill, WU8A; Steve, K8SAS; Bob, W8GC; and Mike, KG8MTG. Please take a second and thank these folks for the great job they did putting the party together.

The C.A.R.S. licensing classes begin February

17th this year, and as usual Technician, General, and Extra classes are going to be offered. As of now enrollment is a little down, so please communicate the program to anyone you think may be interested, or consider an upgrade for yourself. All the information is available on the C.A.R.S. website.

I would like to wish everyone the best for 2011. C.A.R.S. has plenty of activities scheduled for the new year, but if there are other things you would like to see the club do, bring your ideas forth at a monthly club meeting or communicate your thoughts to myself, or any other officer or board member.

73, Toby, WT8O

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NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. November monthly meeting was called to order by Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 10th of the month at 7:33 pm. The meeting was held at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room in Parma, Ohio. 26 Members and 1 Guest were in attendance..

October meeting minutes were approved as published in the November Wobbly Oscillator. Bill, WA8GEO motioned to accept and Ron K8VJG seconded. There were no additions, corrections or questions noted. The motion passed

Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report of the treasury balance. He also mentioned that he had the 2011 Scholarship Raffle tickets with him if anyone wanted to sign some out. He reminded everyone there would only be one drawing this year. Also Christmas Party tickets are available as well. Both of these can be purchased online at www.2cars.org and payment can be sent via PayPal. W8GC also mentioned he is accepting 2011 Dues at this time.

Bob also mentioned that Steve Jones, N8SRJ is out of town on work and will return at the February 2011 meeting. He has accepted his nomination for Secretary.

Bob reported that Ken Osicki, K8OAE has created a DVD that we will show at the 2010 C.A.R.S. Christmas Party and will be for sale for at least a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go directly to the Scholarship Fund. The DVD has memories from past Christmas Parties, 2010 Field Day and a "surprise"! Also Mike, KG8MTG's daughter is a professional chef/caterer and will be providing the food for the Christmas Party. The party is open to members, family and their friends. It will be held Friday, December 10th at the Independence Civic Center.

Tom WB8N asked the membership about inviting Mike Lorens and his mother Lynn to our Christmas Party as guests. He is a handicapped associate member who regularly visits field day and listens to our weekly nets on his scanner.

Ron, K8VJG motioned to provide 2 free tickets, Ken, K8OAE seconded and the motion passed Bob announced that elections will take place later tonight. Gary, NI8Z has decided to run for VP. Adam, N8MOX asked to withdraw his nomination for VP with Gary running. Adam N8MOX isn't in attendance tonight since he's on vacation in California. He is signed up to operate the Queen Mary Station so keep a ear out for him! W8GC nominated Gary for VP and Gary NI8Z accepted the nomination.

Gary NI8Z mentioned he is the program director as part of his V.P. duties and that he had passed out papers he hopes that the members will fill out and return. He wants the voice of the people and wants to know what type of programs people want to see. Tonight there will be a program on Ham Radio and Lighthouses. The DVD is on loan from the ARRL.

Gary also mentioned that there is a VE Session taking place Sunday, November 14th with a board meeting following. Gary said he thought he would have more candidates because Dave Dressler, KD8V was going to bring kids up from Copley. However they attended a earlier session already. So far he knows of three coming in for tests.

Gary, as acting Sunshine Chairman mentioned that he sent cards to Toby Kolman, WT8O, Bruce Bacik, N8DJX, Linda Sinko, N8LRS and to the family of Ron Klukan, W8WH who passed away October 30th. Bob, W8GC reminded the members in attendance to let Gary know if anyone has fallen ill. Often we are not notified and find out later.

Toby, WT8O thanked all the refreshment people for their continued service. K8DMT with coffee, WB8ROK with soft drinks/water and K8VJG with donuts.

Toby gave a warm welcome to the new CARS Net Controllers: Dwaine K8ME, Eddie KD8FTS, and Steve, K8SAS

Toby announced that we had a new member to vote on. Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE. Gary, NI8Z motioned to accept him and Bob, W8GC seconded. The motion passed.

Toby, WT8O had ballots passed out to begin the election process. The tally committee for counting the ballots were: Metro, W8MET, Joe, KD8BAL
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and Bob, W8BUC. After the ballots were collected and processed the winners were announced: Toby, WT8O (President), Gary, NI8Z (Vice President), Bob, W8GC (Treasurer) and Steve, N8SRJ (Secretary). Elected to serve the odd 2 year term as Board Members: Dwaine K8ME, Gary K8REF, and Steve K8SAS.

Toby reported that people seemed to enjoy the dinner meeting at TGI Friday's last month. The restaurant supplied a nice closed off room and it's a easy location near the highway for people to meet. Bob, W8GC made a motion for the regular eight meetings to take place at TGI Fridays, with three summer meetings staying at the park location. Mike, K8EHP seconded. Discussions began....Toby mentioned TGI Fridays said the room seats 45 people and that there are 2 TV's there we can hook into if we have programs. It was also discussed to not terminate our arrangement with Busch Funeral Home for a couple months to make sure meetings go smooth at TGI Fridays. All of the membership voted yes in favor with one Nay vote. It was also mentioned that people who intend to eat before the meetings to sign up for the TGI Fridays stripes card at www.tgifridays.com to receive discount coupons in their email.

Eddie, KD8FTS asked for a update on the repeater. Bob, W8GC mentioned Echolink is 90% done and that the DSL line has been repaired. Currently a relay needs built to make a function work. Eddie said there was been bad static on the repeater. Tom, WB8N said Vince, N8OVW is aware and the source of the interference is most likely from another repeater that hasn't been discovered yet.

George, K8KR encouraged everyone to view K3LR's demonstration of how to do PL259 connectors. Bob, W8GC mentioned that the way K3LR does this the connector is also re-useable. Video is viewable at;
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pfl_fanRCq4

Dave, KD8V said both Copley Middle School and High School Clubs are going well. This fall he has five new Technicians, helped two upgrade to General and one Freshman currently upgraded to Extra! Since beginning the Ham Radio Clubs

we have helped make more than twenty new hams. Recently a older ham donated a Kenwood 830, Yaesu 736 and Yaseu 990. All are in good shape and have been tested for receiving so far. Bill, WU8A is going down to help with a J-Pole at the High School. Extra help can be used down at Copley during meetings on Friday afternoons at 3pm. They last one hour for anyone who might be able to volunteer. Some meetings have as many as twenty five kids!

The 50/50 Raffle ticket was drawn by Tina W8HBI and the winner was David, K8WRS who took home \$22.00 with \$22.00 going to C.A.R.S.

A motion to close came from Linda, N8LRS and was seconded by Eddie, KD8FTS. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Check, W8GC - acting secretary.

2011 DUES REMINDER

Reminder: your 2011 CARS dues are payable on or before January 31, 2011. Many have paid but for those who have not please get your due's in ASAP. Dues can be paid online by sending the funds via PayPal to w8gc@2cars.org. You can mail a check to: CARS, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, OH 44131 or pay in person at any CARS meeting. Dues are \$20.00 per year for regular membership. Each additional family member is \$5.00. If you are 60 yrs or older and 18 yrs old or less your dues are only \$12.00 per year. CARS will offer assistance to anyone having a hardship. Please let me know if you have a hardship and help is needed.

Sincerely,

Bob Check W8GC
Treasurer, CARS

HAMS IN ANTARCTICA GET LICENSED

Contributed by Ken Osicki, K8OAE

The following is reprinted from The Antarctic Sun, with permission.

Dialed In

Winter-over Polies join community of ham radio enthusiasts

By Ernie Gray, Special to the *Sun*
Posted October 29, 2010

Since Americans began coming to Antarctica, the Amateur Radio Service has enjoyed a long and distinguished history of service in the U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP). In the early days, when the U.S. Navy mainly supported the National Science Foundation (NSF) mission in Antarctica, amateurs provided their services and technical expertise free of charge for the operation of telephone patches and message traffic for personnel back to their homes.

Although 21st century technology has diminished the need and requirement of ham radio — with satellite communications, the Internet and e-mail — the popularity, goals and achievements of the Amateur Radio Service has not diminished.

I know all amateurs who travel to Antarctica look forward to sitting at a desk and operating from a remote and exciting place, talking to friends and family back home, and keeping up on events far away. Everyone wants to be that person at the pointed end of a worldwide amateur operator “pile-up,” when many stations are calling at once.

The excitement of hearing people from the outside world never gets old, and the interest in obtaining a license and joining in the fun led eight Polies to that end this winter.

We had the interest at the South Pole Station last winter but lacked the resources to hold classes and a subsequent licensing session, although we did have the required three licensed hams on station to act as volunteer examiners

and to hold the examination session.

This winter we had the resources, and many of the same people who held an interest last year returned. But this winter we had only one licensed ham as a volunteer examiner.

Turnout was good in May for an orientation meeting held by myself (call sign W1MRQ) the sole licensee on station, to explain this great hobby, to gauge the interest to hold follow-on classes, and to obtain the Technician Class of amateur radio license.

But there was one problem to start. The study guide we had suddenly became obsolete when the administering body of the Volunteer Licensing Committee changed the question pool. The question pool is 394 multiple-choice questions that the Technician Class examination questions are drawn from. Bottom line: We had no study guide for the students.

Between myself and a longtime ham radio friend, Larry Blouin (call sign K1CA), back in New Hampshire, we reached a solution. Larry purchased a new study guide, sliced off the binding with a razor blade, and scanned the entire tutorial, which he e-mailed to the Ice. Classes began in early June.

At the same time, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) were contacted in regards to holding an examination session at Pole. This would require disregarding, breaking or bending rules and regulations regarding the Volunteer Examination Program, as applied to the Amateur Radio Service. (Remember that there aren't any planes into or out of South Pole for eight months, and satellite connectivity is limited.)

I wrote an e-mail to the FCC in Washington D.C., outlining the issues involved and offering solutions. The request eventually wound up on the desk of Special Council to the FCC, Ms. Laura Smith Esq. Several months later, the FCC and the ARRL were in agreement on how to handle our special situation and approved our examination session. *continued on next page....*

The ARRL created an interactive, online examination for us to take live and which would be overseen by two other volunteer examiners in the ARRL offices in Newington, Conn., via a video teleconference that later turned out to be a simple webcam. I served as the third requisite examiner.

After a successful test of the webcam on Oct. 7, the field was set for the actual exam session on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010. All eight candidates had their laptops set up in the station's large conference room, and at 10 a.m. the webcam came to life from Connecticut.

Calling Antarctica

Amateur radio stations are currently supported at all three U.S. bases in Antarctica under the amateur call signs of KC4AAA at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, as KC4USV at McMurdo Station, and as KC4AAC at Palmer Station.

With Maria Somma (AB1FM), the ARRL's Volunteer Examination Coordinator, her assistant Amanda and the other two required volunteer examiners, Penny Harts (N1NAG) and Steve Ewald (WV1X), watching from afar, the test began.

One by one the Polies finished, with greenhouse technician Joe Romagnano completing the 35-question exam first in two minutes flat, followed by the others one at a time. The results were sent immediately upon completion to ARRL headquarters electronically for the two examiners waiting to score the test.

Then they e-mailed the test results back down to me so I could also grade them. Although the room knew the results as the webcam audio was open to the room chatter from up north, the results were "officially" announced shortly after 11 a.m.

All eight candidates passed their FCC Technician Class Amateur Radio exam easily and were awarded the following call signs:

Ella Derbyshire – KL3DY, Joe Romagnano – KD1UUW, Boyd Brown – KF7MDR, Francis Sheil – KD0MUM, Shaun Meehan – KD0MUN,

Shelby Handlin – KD0MUO, Ricardo Lopez – KD0MUP, Virgil Porterfield - KD0MUQ,

Congratulations to all the new hams at South Pole.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NI8Z Gary Dewey 12-7-41

N8BBB Bill Brown 12-8

KC8LZP Charles Dressler 12-12

KD8FTT Colleen Stevens 12-12-71

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

KD8MBZ Mike Muenster III 12-29-70

Congratulations to all and many happy returns!

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another year is upon us and I hope we all have a year of good health and prosperity for all of us for 2011! Let's all help to make 2011 a great year for the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society as well. We have a new meeting place and it won't be long before we are once again meeting in the park. Spring is right around the corner.

C.A.R.S. CHRISTMAS PARTY

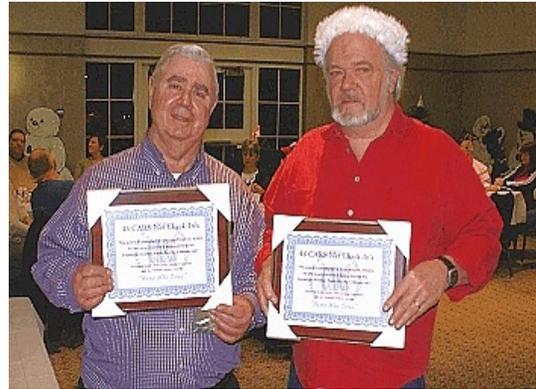
Those that attended the C.A.R.S. Christmas party this year seemed to all enjoy themselves, and the food was great! A surprise in the person of Mike Toth, KG8MTG on the keyboards playing Christmas tunes was welcome entertainment. Some of the party attendees even got up and accompanied Mike with their vocals.

At the November meeting it was decided to invite our one and only social member, Mike Lorens, along with his mom Lynn to the party and they graciously accepted our invitation. Mike is a young man in his mid 30's who is severely disabled and he enjoys listening to our weekly nets on his scanner and always has his mom bring him out to Field Day. Mike's grandfather was a Ham and Mike wishes with all his heart that he could be one too. I was happy able to sit at the table with them for dinner. Mike seemed to enjoy himself at the party.

Several members at the party took some great photos which are located below. The photographers are Ken Osicki K8OAE, George Pindroh K8KR, and Ed Stevens WB8ROK. Good work guys!



Homer Simpson was there!



K8KR & WB8N accepting award for the most C.A.R.S. weekly net check-ins.



Mike Toth and the KG8MTG singers.



One of the servers at the food table.

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The Spread



K8SAS & wife Chris, K8ME & friend,
NI8Z, & K8EHP



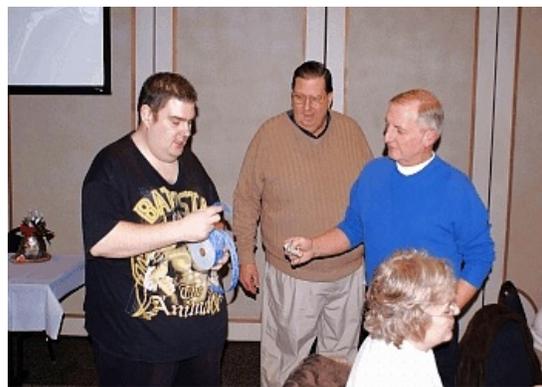
Ron, K8VJG in the serving line.



Dave, WD8IOU & his wife.



Bob, W8GC accepting the President's
Outstanding Service award from
C.A.R.S. President, Toby, WT8O



Socializing at the party.



— Tina W8HBI, Bob W8GC, Bill WU8A
Betty Check, Bruce N8DJX and wife.

That's all folks, until next year.
73 and see you on the air or at the next
meeting.
de Tom, WB8N

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki K8OAE

My ham shack is rather small, just a corner of my basement tucked in next to my workshop. A couple of Yaesu radios, an old computer, a printer, and a collection of reference books and papers printed off of various internet web sites.

Most of my hobby consists of listening. An island collector here, a lighthouse collector there. One ham I listened to can just hop into his plane and fly out to visit with another ham somewhere who seems to have in interesting antenna array. Another does his operating aboard cruise ships because he and his wife like the ballroom dancing on those big ships.

Some hams are wheel-chair bound, enjoying the company of other hams passing by on the airwaves. Some have spouses who need constant attention for health reasons, and the radio provides an escape during a few quiet moments.

By listening, I can find out the weather in various parts of the country. Highway conditions and gasoline prices are listed so I can plan my trip that day to New Jersey, South Carolina, Maine, or

wherever I might take off to on just a moment's notice,

My favorites are the Special Events. The array of QSL cards on my shack wall features museums, air craft, ships, and even lovely young ladies dressed in automobile racing gear. And up until recently, the best thing hanging on the wall was the QSL card from the Indianapolis 500 Special Event this past May. She's a real beauty! The card is mighty nice, too.

But now she takes second place. At the C.A.R.S. annual Christmas party this past December, the Board somehow decided to award me with a beautiful plaque naming me as "Ham of the Year." This plaque now hangs on my shack wall above my licenses, above my NASA Deep Impact Mission certificate, and above my Indy QSL card.



Ken, K8OAE accepting the Ham of the Year award from President Toby.

I know that there are many club members who are more deserving of this award than I am, and just to have been considered with them would have been award enough. Certainly, the plaque hanging on my wall represents everyone in C.A.R.S. All year long you promote our hobby, make contacts to help fill a shut-in's day, pass along messages, provide security for bike rides, marathons, and other events, teach young people the joys and skills of communications and technology, help others study, learn and pass their FCC exams, and raise money to award scholarships to young college students.
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The list of what C.A.R.S. accomplishes every year is long and impressive. Thank you very much for the privilege of being your 2010 Ham of the Year but, really, the plaque should carry the names of every member. That is the way I'll think of the honor and the plaque will be proudly displayed with that thought in mind.

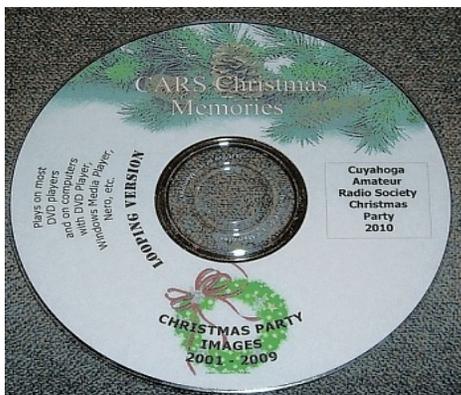
Ken has become a regular and much welcome contributor to the Wobbly Oscillator and is very worthy of the HOTTY award. Ed.

C.A.R.S. SPECIAL

For this years Christmas party we produced a 15 minute DVD and had it running on a loop showing 2001 through 2009 CARS Christmas parties, a bonus "exercise video" plus pictures from our 2010 C.A.R.S. Field Day for entertainment.

We are selling these DVDs for a small donation of \$5.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. ALL proceeds go to the C.A.R.S. Scholarship Fund. Save shipping cost and order yours for pickup at the next C.A.R.S. meeting.

Please contact Bob w8gc, 216-524-1750 or Tina W8HBI 216-952-2520 or either by email to order your copy.



**CHECK INTO THE C.A.R.S. WEDNESDAY
NIGHT NET AT 9:00 P.M.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we'll get to know a little about Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE

1) How did you become interested in Amateur Radio...who or what helped you get your first license?

I became interested in Amateur Radio during my tenure in the Navy, while stationed at the Navy MARS HQ Radio Station. I had the privilege of working with numerous Hams during that time. Unfortunately, my duties, (and maturity level) during those days didn't allow for many outside activities.

2) How long have you been licensed and what class license do you currently have?

Just got my license this past year. I currently hold a General license.

3) What do you like about Amateur Radio?

The challenge of making distant contacts, or contacts under difficult conditions. I've always enjoyed being able to make contacts when others may have found it difficult.

4) What are your favorite bands/modes to work ?

HF would probably be my favorite, as that's where I've had experience in the past. However, I plan an experimenting with all available bands, and modes.

5) What type of Ham radio equipment do you own or use?

Currently I only have a hand held, a Wouxun KG-UV2D.

6) Do you have any Awards or Certificates you want to mention? (Ham related or other)

None to mention.

7) What type of work do you do? If retired what was your occupation?

I'm the Information Technology Field Operations Manager for the Ohio District, with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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(ICE), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Will be retiring at the end of the year.

8) Do you participate in any C.A.R.S. projects or functions? If so which ones?

So far I've only been able to attend one meeting, and the Xmas party.

9) What other projects or functions would you like to see CARS get involved with?

Ask me after I've been around awhile, and have a bit more knowledge in this area. Then I may have something 'intelligent' to add.

10) Additional comments:

Would like to see CARS have a Club Radio Station.

Thanks Mike, for letting us learn a bit about yourself.

NOTABLE SILENT KEY

W0EBG (ex VK9FH), Frederic G. Hargesheimer, passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 23rd. He was 94. Old timers will remember Fred when he was QRV as VK9FH when he was in the deleted DXCC Entity of Territory of New Guinea back in the early 70's. During World War II Fred was an 8th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron P-38 Pilot and was shot down by a Japanese fighter. He parachuted safely into the deep jungle of New Britain where locals found him and nursed him back to health. Six months later Australian commandos rescued him behind Japanese lines. After returning home he kept thinking about the Nakanai people who saved his life and what he could do to return the favor.

After revisiting the village of Ea in 1960, he came home, raised \$15,000 over three years, "most of it \$5 and \$10 gifts," and then returned with 17-year-old son Richard in 1963 to contract for the building of the villagers' first school. In 1970 he and his family moved to New Britain and where was a teacher and was QRV as VK9FH. Fred was

also featured in National Geographic November 1997 issue in the Geographica section.

FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent) BULLETIN

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Ohm's Law Overruled Again - After years of legal wrangling and bitter controversy, the U.S. Supreme Court last week finally settled the argument by ruling Ohm's Law unconstitutional. In a unanimous vote the high court said that the Ohm had no legal basis, and could no longer be used to justify electrical resistance. - K8DMZ

Math Teacher Arrested at JFK Airport - A public school teacher was arrested this week at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a slide rule, and a calculator. At a morning press conference, the attorney general said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al-Gebra is a problem for us" the attorney general said. "They desire solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute value. They use secret code names like 'x' and 'y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns', but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used say, 'There are 3 sides to every triangle'." When asked to comment on the arrest an unnamed official said, "If god had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes." Democratic leaders told reporters they were sure that Washington would make the needed changes in the coming year. - Unnamed Secret Agent.



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

**Thursday evenings starting February 17, 2011 *
and ending March 31, 2011**

*March 31, 2011 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 February 17th only
for orientation and to receive your class materials.**

