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ARRL GREAT LAKES DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT JUNE MEETING IN THE PARK

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FROM THE PREZ

The June meeting promises to be something really special. Our special guest will be Jim Weaver, K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director. Jim will be there to explain the workings of the ARRL and answer any questions or concerns you may have about the league. As always, our meetings welcome guests, so if you wish to invite an interested friend, please do so. It has been several years since we hosted representation from the ARRL at a club function. This meeting promises to be a very important event. Don't forget it will be the first of our summer picnic meetings held at the Harriet Keeler Picnic Area in the Brecksville Reservation of the Metroparks. We will also touch on the subject of dinner meetings. We have three months to decide on our path forward after the summer picnic meetings. Think about what you prefer in order for the club to choose the most popular plan. As always, there will be a fire blazing in one of the grills making it easy to do a little barbequing and enjoy a picnic meal before the meeting.

It was brought to my attention that an article in the April *WO* created concern by advising amateurs to write the FCC in protest of the possibility of taking away the 10 Meter band from Amateur Radio in the United States. PLEASE

DO NOT CONTACT THE FCC regarding this matter. The article was a subtle April Fools joke, and there is no basis for alarm. It is extremely important for all those readers who were tricked by the content of the article realize its statements were untrue. (Read the Op-Ed article, *The Serious Business of Ham Humor in the May issue of QST*, pg. 97. - Editor)

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One last minute reminder for those who will be applying for one of the C.A.R.S. \$500 scholarships, time is running out to submit your applications. The deadline is May 31st, so only a couple of days remain. The scholarship is available to any club member or their immediate family. This is a great opportunity to help with someone's advanced education, don't let it pass you by.

73, Toby, WT8O

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. May meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 10th of the month at 7:40 pm. The meeting was held at TGI Fridays, Brooklyn, Ohio. 22 Members and 1 Guest were in attendance.

After introductions the April minutes were approved as published in the May Wobbly Oscillator. Bill, KD8OUE moved to accept and Dwaine, K8ME seconded. The motion passed

Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report. Bob also asked the membership to please buy scholarship raffle tickets.

Gary NI8Z mentioned that we had 7 attend our May 8 VE Session, all passed. He also announced that he sent 1 Get well card to Dave, KD8ACO at the passing of his Dad. Gary stated we will have Jim Weaver K8JE, Director, Great Lakes Division as our speaker at the June meeting. That will be our 1st outdoor meeting in 2011.

Toby, WT8O talked about Field Day and asked that anyone interested in taking part this year to contact himself or Bob, W8GC.

Dwaine, K8ME discussed both the Dayton Bus and ARRL Bus trips.

Eddie, KD8FTS said he traveled to the Copley Middle School to help Dave, KD8V with a fox hunt for the students in the Amateur Radio club at the middle school. Eddie asked if anyone has any fox hunt gear they can use at the school to please let him know.

Toby, WT8O called for a vote on 4 new members: Mike Hubler AC8FF, Tony Hackenburg WA8SSQ, Bob Hinkle KK8ZZ and Bill Kemmett KD8QBB. They were all voted in - a round of applause and congratulations to all.

The 50/50 winner was Ron, K8VJG. His portion was \$15.00. CARS also added \$16.00 to the treasury. Ron graciously purchased 6 tickets for the scholarship fund and asked that 3 more tickets be drawn and donated to be raffled off, 2 tickets each to the winners. Dave KD8JRH, Joe K8JMB & Tom WB8N were the winners.

Ron, K8VJG moved we close the meeting, seconded by Steve, K8SAS. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Temporary Secretary Bob Check, W8GC

FCC NEWS

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site at,

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/howtocomment.html>.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year.
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The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>, and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Cushcraft 4 element 2 meter beam set up for handheld fox hunt activity, w/ manual, never on roof....\$50.00

Ramsey Doppler fox hunting unit, completely assembled and working with extra roof top magnets, with manuals....\$50.00

MFJ G5RV wire center fed antenna, 102 inches, used twice for field day....\$25.00

Antenna launching air gun with foot pump....\$30.00

Contact Mike Cegelski, K8EHP (216) 252-6640
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

W8NOX	Keith Alexander	6-7-39
KC8OMV	Michael Dressler	6-7
K8ME	Dwaine Modock	6-16-48
KD8BAL	Joseph Ulaszewski	6-21
N8LRS	Linda Sinko	6-24-53
N8PZK	Louis Ignaczak	6-24-43
KC8LZO	David Dressler	6-28
N8PZK	Bob Hinkle	6-23-46

Congratulations to all and many happy returns!

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

Amundsen-Scott June 1911

There was a marked contrast between the two group's way of life in Antarctica. The British camp held fairly rigidly to Royal Navy practices and social structures. On one side of the wall formed by the packing crates lived the officers and scientists. On the other side lived the naval ratings and the Russian groom and dog boys. Scott assigned regular, three-a-week, lectures in his "Universitas Antarctica." The lectures were often illustrated with lantern slides brought along or made by photographer Ponting, or with paintings and drawings by naturalist Wilson.

Scott begins to exhibit personal issues, perhaps related to the challenge posed by Amundsen. Scott has goals of becoming an Admiral, but his naval experience on ships was limited. Success at the Pole would be the key to his promotion. He perceives unsolicited recommendations from underlings as "mutinous" and refuses to accept ideas that could have greatly improved his chances of success. The naval ratings start looking for leadership to the lone Army man among them, Oates, rather than to their own naval officers.

June 22 is Midwinter Night. The Brits celebrate the event as though it were Christmas. A tree is fashioned out of bamboo, ski sticks, and feathers. "Gifts" are found or constructed to distribute, and *continued on next page....*

a grand time is had by all. The sun begins its return south on this date, but will not be seen until August.

Scott approves an unwise and near-disastrous journey to Cape Crozier by Wilson, Bowers, and Cherry-Garrard. Although he uses the trip as an excuse to test their equipment, the real reason is to allow Wilson to collect the egg of an Emperor Penguin at a certain stage of development. It also reflects the British idea of "heroism for heroism's sake." The trip begins on June 27. More about that next month.

At Framheim, the Norwegians led a leisurely existence. Although they rigorously performed the essential tasks required for the assault on the pole, the men spent their winter reading books, playing cards, and building their strength for the journey ahead. Amazingly, their dogs were allowed to roam free and they sometimes disappeared for a few days. Only a few failed to return.

A sauna was ingeniously constructed by two of the Norwegians. They built a bottomless box on a platform raised two feet off of the ice. A man could sit inside the box, his head sticking through a hole in the top. Two paraffin stoves heated a tin box which was fitted between the platform and the ice. The tin box was filled with water which, when heated by the paraffin stoves, would fill the box with steam. When a man finished his sauna, a rope would lift the box clear, revealing a naked man. The man would then rush back to the hut, often stopping to roll in the snow. The effect was invigorating and would quickly seal the pores. This event became a Saturday night ritual.

Amundsen knew about the motorized sleds brought by Scott to assist with loading and moving his supplies. He began to fear these machines and the degree of support that they could provide to the British. The thoughts bothered him and he decided that his only recourse was to begin his assault on the pole earlier than planned. He begins the process of preparing for the trip, unaware of the problems that would arise because of it.

NEXT MONTH: What happened in July?

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

REFLECTIONS ON DAYTON, 2011

Another Dayton Hamvention® has come and gone, and as far as I know everyone made it back home safe and sound. I didn't win any major prizes again this year. I didn't win any door prizes either, but that is par for the course.

The weather was fantastic this year; warm, sunny, and dry! I got a little sunburn walking around in the flea market, as I am sure a lot of others did as well. The flea market was down a bit this year I thought, with more empty spaces than last year. There were some empty spaces indoors as well, with at least two vendors that have been there every year missing this year, one of them being Ramsey Kits. Another bummer was that there were no hats being given out at the Yaesu exhibit. It seems that since the Bin Ladin thing, the security at U.S. Customs has been increased and the hats were sitting in customs. Oh well, at least they will be there for next year.

There was one major glitch this year. As I was walking around in the flea market on Saturday, I detected a really nasty smell. Shortly after I first smelled the terrible smell, I saw water rushing across the tarmac, with hunks of toilet paper floating along in the water. Well, you know what goes along with toilet paper. You guessed it. One of the sewer lines had backed up and raw sewage was running across pavement in the flea market. The Hara management quickly got a honey dipper truck to the scene of the crime and workers began sucking up the mess. In the meantime, they closed all the indoor restrooms except for one. Was that ever a cluster you know what! The only other facilities were the port-a-potties outside in the flea market area. They finally opened the restrooms Sunday morning.

One of the major highlights for me was meeting NASA astronaut Douglas H. Wheelock, KF5BOC (Colonel, USA) Doug was meeting people and signing autographs at the ARRL exhibit and also at the AMSAT exhibit. He also gave a talk at a forum, which I had intended to attend, but I waited too long to get to the room he was in and by the *continued on next page....*

time I got there they had closed it off due to being filled to capacity. Bummer. Doug went up to the International Space Station on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft on June 15, 2010. He was the commander of the space station for 6 months, beginning September 22, 2010. He operated the station's Amateur Radio equipment making radio contact with schools and the general ham radio community as well as performing his regular duties aboard the space station.

I managed to hit the pool and hot tub at our motel both evenings before dinner. That was very rejuvenating after trapesing around the Hamvention®. I made it to the Northern Ohio DX Association at the Crown Plaza hotel in downtown Dayton both Friday and Saturday nights as well, along with Gary, NI8Z and Adam, N8MOX. That is always a lot of fun, meeting and talking with hams from other areas of the country and other countries as well, who stop by to pay a visit.

All in all, I had a great time. I ate some good meals, enjoyed great comradery with my fellow hams, and made some small purchases. I did make what to me is a major purchase. I bought a SteppIR vertical antenna, along with accessories. They were so overwhelmed with orders this year that they said not to expect shipping for 8 to 10 weeks. I figure more like 12 weeks. I almost had to resort to fisticuffs in the arena pub. A bunch of us including George K8KR, Adam N8MOX, Gary NI8Z, and myself met there for lunch. Of course the place was busy, being lunch time, and chairs were at a premium. I was trying to save two chairs for a couple of the group that had left the table to get a beer or some food and another ham tried to take one of the chairs after *repeatedly* being told by me that the chairs were being saved. The guy just didn't seem to get it. It was rather humorous. I could just see it; two old geezer hams dukeing it out over a couple of chairs.

From all reports I have heard, everyone that went to Dayton either on the bus or by other means of transportation enjoyed themselves. It was a lot of walking and standing and my feet and legs ached at the end of the day, but it was worth it. I have made my reservations for next year and

am already thinking about purchases I'll make at the next Hamvention®.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNE MEETING IN THE PARK

We will be hosting a special guest at the June meeting in the park. ARRL Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE will be our guest speaker. This will be a great opportunity to ask him any questions you may have regarding the ARRL. Bring a friend along with you. Gary Dewey, NI8Z invited Jim and has promised him a picnic supper. It should be an interesting and informative talk. I had the chance to meet and speak briefly with Jim at the ARRL exhibit at Dayton.

IN CLOSING...

Time to close for now. I have rambled on long enough for this month. This issue of the W.O will be relatively short due to lack of contributions by the membership.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting, June 14th. Don't forget this month we begin our summer meetings in the park. We will be at the Harriet Keeler picnic area again this year. Some of us feel that the view is better at this location than at the old one at Oak Grove. It is located just off Rt. 82, just past the shopping center East of Rt 21. Come early and bring something to cook on the grill for yourself.

73 for now,
de Tom, WB8N

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6th ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday July 29, 2011 will be the CARS annual picnic. This year we will be back in the **Kiwanis Pavilion**, see the picture below, it is **behind the Independence Civic Center**. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage/brats with all the trimmings and we hope George K8KR will again bring his excellent coleslaw (George's secret recipe!!). Again we request anyone who can to bring a desert.

The Committee will have door prizes for the lucky winners of our drawings.

The picnic is FREE to all CARS members, family & friends! All we ask is you tell us how many will be coming on or before Tuesday July 26. Arrive anytime after 5:30 eat about 6:30pm.

email: w8gc@2cars.org or call 216-524-1750 OR
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NOTE: CARS 2011 Scholarship fund Raffle drawing will also be held at this picnic



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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 (use the personal payment option), all you need is 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 2011.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2011 Summer picnic on July 29, 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.**