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BACK AT BUSCH FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

FROM THE PREZ

One last reminder to all members, we will be back at the Busch Funeral Home for the remainder of our meetings in 2011, with the normal exception of our Christmas party which will be held instead of a December meeting. There were mixed feelings about our dinner meetings, and some people changed their minds after voting to go in one direction. That's fine. One of the main objectives of the monthly meetings is to have as many members attend as possible. Certainly, the venue is a critical factor. So please keep your preference for the location selection in mind as we will discuss this in detail over the course of the next few meetings so we can agree on a path that will be desirable to the largest group of members. Another improvement to will be more programs at the monthly meetings. We have been slipping the last few years and have failed to provide a program at all meetings. As president, I intend to drive the effort to have a universally interesting program at every meeting. This is another opportunity for all members to step up and contribute. Please help by suggesting ideas for programs you would like to see to our program director, Gary, NI8Z. Or take it one step further and possibly give a talk or demonstration on a subject you are interested in and would like to share with our members.

With the autumn soon upon us, the nominations and election for C.A.R.S. officers and board members will be held. I am sorry to say that our

illustrious secretary Steve Jones, N8SRJ will be vacating his position due to work conflicts. Steve has been limited lately by his out of town work schedule to make every meeting. Bob, W8GC, has shouldered the extra work in substituting for him and done a bang-up job to boot. I would like to thank Steve for his admirable devotion the last few years filling the position of official club scribe. Steve has done an excellent job as you all know, but his true legacy will lie in the archives of C.A.R.S. We now need someone to fill his shoes. Anyone who feels they would like to take a crack at this post please make it known at one of the next meetings so you can be put on the ballot. Both Steve and I will bend over backwards to help you learn the ropes and get started. *Continued on next page...*

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With a all that said, I will be looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, which will be back at Busch featuring one of our members in a very interesting program.

73, Toby, WT8O

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Holy Moly, it's September already and by the time you read this, Labor Day 2011 will be a thing of the past. It was a pretty active summer for C.A.R.S., with Dayton, Field Day, our family picnic, and summer meetings in the park. Now we are back to the Busch Funeral Home community room for the rest of the year as the headline announced and C.A.R.S. President Toby Kolman mentioned in his article this month. Eddie, KD8FTS is going to have a presentation on getting your "Go Kit" ready for emergency service, and public service as well. Should be an interesting presentation.

CLEVELAND HAMFEST

As you may or may not know, the annual Cleveland Hamfest is coming up this month, Sunday, Sept. 25th at the Berea Fairgrounds. C.A.R.S. is going to have a club table again this year, and will also have a table at which members of C.A.R.S. can try to sell their "un-needed" goods. Ham Radio related of course. So if you are planning on attending the Cleveland Hamfest, bring along some of your finest "boat anchors" and try to unload it. You might also spend a half hour or so manning the club table. Hope to see you there.

BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES ???

At Dayton this year I purchased a "Big Steppir" vertical antenna. Well it took the fine folks at Steppir a bit of time to manufacture it....they had a lot of orders to fill as a result of being at Dayton....but it finally arrived on Monday, August 29th, via UPS. I briefly went through the instructions for assembling and installing the antenna, and I have to admit, they are very

intimidating. I had hoped I could get the antenna installed before the snow flies, but now I am not so sure...I might have to wait until next spring. Gary, N18Z is expecting delivery of his order from Steppir as is Adam, N8MOX. I am counting on the help of N18Z and W8MET for assistance. Are you reading this guys? I still have to purchase a radial base plate and staples to hold the radials down, and I am not sure about getting a fold-over mount or not. Time will tell.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSN. STEP OUT WALK TO FIGHT DIABETES

Once again, the Cleveland Branch of the American Diabetes Assn. is going to be counting on us to provide radio communications for their annual walk in downtown Cleveland. The date this year is Saturday, October 1st and due to construction projects in the flats this year, the event will commence from the Galleria. So start planning and reserve the date to help out again this year as we have done the past several years. I am counting on the usual bunch of suspects to be there again this year. I am already working on assignments and I will keep you informed as time draws near to the event. The walk is C.A.R.S. main public service event of the year and it is for a mighty good cause. I KNOW that you either have a family member that has diabetes, are a diabetic yourself, or have a friend that has diabetes. It is a nasty disease and a cure has to be found asap.

CONDOLENCES

My heart felt condolences and sympathies go out to C.A.R.S. member George Pindroh, K8KR for the loss of his wife Bonnie in August. Bonnie had been ill for some time and finally succumbed to her illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you George.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW

Time to get outta here guys and gals. Hope to see you all at the September meeting and/or on the air. Make sure to check into the weekly club net on the C.A.R.S. repeater, Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.

73,
de Tom, WB8N

ICE AGE COMING?

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

NASA solar physicist David Hathaway says this sunspot cycle may have the lowest peak of any cycles in the last hundred years. Speaking at the Huntsville (Alabama, USA) hamfest, Hathaway said it's still too early to tell if this is a precursor to a "little ice age." He also said massive solar disruptions or "killer flares" are not likely to happen and predictions of future cycles with no sunspots are premature. Hathaway predicts Cycle 24 will peak in mid-2013 with a sunspot number of around 75.

<http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/2011/08/hathaway-sunspot-cycle-will-be-smallest.html>.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. August monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 9th of the month. The meeting was held at the Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation Harriet Keeler picnic area. Twenty five members and four guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Ron, K8VJG motioned to accept the July minutes as published in the August Wobbly Oscillator, and Terry, KB8DR seconded. The members passed the motion Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was in good shape. Bob also thanked everyone that came to the picnic. 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, and mentioned to please do not kerchunk the repeater as it is inconsiderate and illegal. Toby thanked Bob for the picnic.

Vice President Gary Dewey, NI8Z sent three cards. One to Dave, K8AV, Gary Smith, and to George, K8KR's wife. Gary mentioned there will be a club table at the Cleveland Hamfest. Members voted on new member Mark Moro, KD8QMO. Welcome Mark and congratulations.

Gary, NI8Z reminded everyone that we have the fall meetings back at the Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Ohio beginning in with the September meeting.

Refreshments were provided by Darren, K8DMT, who brought the coffee and soft drinks and Ron, K8JJG who brought the donuts. Thanks for doing a great service.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dwaine, K8ME who won \$30.00.

Steve, N8SRJ made the motion to close the meeting and Metro, W8MET seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Our guest speaker for the evening was ARRL Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE who arrived in his bright yellow Corvette. Jim spoke to us about happenings in the ARRL and fielded questions from the membership. Thanks to Jim for coming up from the Cincinnati area to visit us.

We also endured a thunder storm during Jim's talk. The rain on the roof of the pavilion was so loud that we couldn't hear Jim's voice at times. By the time the meeting was over the storm had moved on, which was a good thing for Toby, WT8O who rode his motorcycle to the meeting.

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

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

Amundsen-Scott, September, 1911

It wasn't until September 14 that Scott presented his final lecture on his "Southern Plans." The plan called for departure to the Pole on Nov 3 and, should all go well, return 144 days later on Mar 27, 2012. Shackleton was courting death when he returned in late Feb 1909 on his aborted attempt to reach the pole. It appears as though Scott knew about this and understood the dangers of Antarctic weather, but that he was determined to prove how durable he and his men were. Yet, he told his men, "I don't know whether it is possible for men to last out that time. I almost doubt it."

In the meantime, Amundsen was concluding that a return to Framheim any later than late January would be needlessly risky. He therefore readied for immediate departure to the

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Pole and on September 8 Amundsen, eight sledgers and 90 dogs departed for the Pole. Temperatures almost immediately plummeted to

-60 deg F.

On September 11 with the temperature now -70 deg F, the dogs struggled and had to be lifted into their harnesses. Dogs' paws were frostbitten. Men had blistering, frostbitten heels. Compasses froze, and the explorers, beset in fog, could not read the sun to guide them.

On September 12 Amundsen decided that the weather was too risky. On September 15 they struggled to the 80 deg depot, dropped their supplies, and made a hasty dash back to Framheim under circumstances that called Amundsen's leadership into question. He left Prestrud and Johansen to return on their own and Johansen had to carry the frost-bitten Prestrud through a blizzard for hours. This led Johansen to openly challenge Amundsen's actions. In response to this challenge, Amundsen removed Johansen and Prestrud from the Polar assault team, assigning them to explore, instead, Edward VII Land. Amundsen further humiliated Johansen by putting the much less experienced Prestrud in charge of that exploration. Upon their return to Norway, Amundsen prevented Johansen from landing with the others. The humiliated Johansen committed suicide in 1913.

Amundsen would resume his assault on the Pole but, first, he would have to wait for the men to recover from their frostbite. His final assault on the Pole would begin in October.

NEXT MONTH: What happened in October?

Given recent planetary top-spin, it's no wonder Dr. Lishnus's brother-in-laws stopped fishing long enough to contemplate the quickening of the earth's rota-tion. "I always told my wife's smarty-pants family over at GEARVAKf that the biggest problem of all was brewing right under their noses," Hardy Oliver said to a fishing buddy during the slack tide "As usual, none of them listened to me," he continued. "Since the early 1900's people all over the place have been building a zillion radio tubes [sic], and every one of them is just filled to the brim with vacuum. Now look where we are!" Despite Mr. Oliver's limited areas of expertise (crappie, snook, live bait), planetary scientists agree that trapping vacuum in radio tubes has reduced the earth's dynamic coefficient of friction and increased the earth's rate of rotation. It is speculated that if the earth's rotational acceleration is not reversed soon, very low mass objects will begin to fly off into space. "The first to go will be cotton candy," speculated Gearvakf's congressional liaison officer, Kristen [last name with-held], "which, if you think about it is not that much of a loss." And leap year: "Fughedaboutit!" Taking up the matter, Congress split along traditional party lines, with Republicans insisting that the loss of vacuum does not exist, but if it did, the slow decay of radio tubes in landfills would eventually release enough vacuum to resolve the problem long after they left office. Democrats demanded that every vacuum tube ever made be smashed to bits tomorrow morning. Gearvakf News Service de N4GG

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthday	Call Sign	Name
9-1-43	WB8CD	Glenn Fenzel
9-1-49	KD8APY	Dennis Rabbits
9-21-50	KD8GIR	Jeff Bolek
9-29-35	KB8PMM	Richard Braun

Congratulations and many happy returns !

EXCERPTS FROM THE GEARFAKf (the f is silent) NEWSLETTER

Vacuum shortage politicized

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W8GC ** WU8A, W8HBI, K8SAS, KG8MTG

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Field Day food 2010

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Refreshments, Summer meeting, Picnic, Field day

** WB8ROK, pop ** K8DMT, coffee

50/50

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