

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. Membership Meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 11th of the month at 7:35 pm. The meeting was held at the Bush Funeral Home Community Room on Ridge Road, in Parma, Ohio. September meeting attendance; 28 members & 2 guests.

After introductions the August minutes were approved as published in the September Wobbly Oscillator by Toby, WT8O. Toby also mentioned to support the Gift Card Project.

Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report and reminded all to please consider purchase of the gift cards of which the club gets a certain percentage back from each sale. If this program is successful, this will eliminate the cost of holding a raffle to fund the Tina Check, W8HBI Scholarship and will help cover the cost of the scholarship fund and cost of the picnic and/or Christmas party expenses. Dave Rikon, NF8O, will give an in depth review of the gift card process as the presentation for the meeting.

Toby, WT8O, talked about having dinner meetings, saying that we will have one but not until next year.

Toby also asked for members to have respect for the meeting, any conversations should be done before or after the meeting.

Toby stated that we have enough programs to last until end of the year according to the program committee.

A survey was passed out by Dwaine Modock, K8ME, to be filled out and will be picked up during meeting.

VP & Program director, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, announced the presentation for the evening to be on the Gift Card Process by Dave, NF8O. It's a win-win for both club and membership.

The "VE" session in September had one test taker. He had let his license lapse and took the technician and general class tests, passing both.

Sunshine; a sympathy card was sent to the family of Skip Cook, KC8WBF, who passed away, he was a graduate of the CARS radio class.

Gary, NI8Z, mentioned the approval by the board for part of the cost of the new antenna for the Copley High School with the majority of the cost to be covered by the high school. A team of club members: Metro, W8MET, Gary, NI8Z, Tom, WB8N, Dave KD8V, Steve, N8SRJ, & Ron,

WA8ZJV installed the new R8 Vertical and a J-Pole antenna at the high school and new coax for VHF/UHF as well as HF was installed at the middle school. There are 18 students in the WA8CMS Radio Club and they're having fun working HF BAND.

Gary announced that CARS will have a club table as well as a table to sell items from at the Cleveland Hamfest on the 23rd. He said we might have to share the sales table with NODXA.

Toby mentioned formulating a program committee, and that Eddie, KD8FTS will be head of the Public Service committee with Arp, K8ARP, as co-chairman.

Arp talked a little about the disaster drill at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, saying that they had a great turnout from the ham radio community. Ed, WB8ROK, stated that the ham radio side was very well organized, but the main disaster group needed some improvement. They were using two different repeaters, one of which didn't have good coverage.

Tom, WB8N, is looking for volunteers to provide radio communications for the annual American Diabetes Assn. walk on Saturday October 6th from 8:00 am until noon.

Secretary Dwaine, K8ME, passed surveys out at the meeting, which covers a lot of different issues. Members at the meeting will be filling them out and the results will be reviewed at the October Meeting.

Toby, WT8O, mentioned that there will be a field day committee debriefing soon. He also thanked the refreshment committee: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

Linda Sinko, N8LRS, gave briefing on the Ham Radio article that was in the Independence Magazine on she and her husband Metro, W8MET, regarding their interest in amateur radio.

For the October meeting program we will have John Papay, K8YSE, on working a Russian merchant ship captain via amateur radio satellite, and later meeting with him in person.

With no other new or old business Toby, WT8O, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The 50/50 drawing winner was George, K8KR. His portion was \$39.00, with CARS share of \$39.00 added to the treasury. A major door prize was a Kenwood TK-715 Radio, won by Toby, WT8O.

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Submitted by CARS Secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME

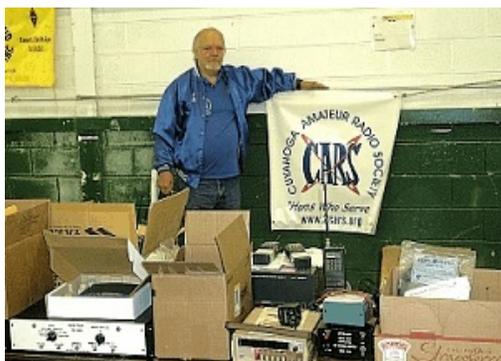
REFLECTIONS ON THE CLEVELAND HAMFEST, 2012

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

Well, another Cleveland Hamfest has come and gone and as those of you that attended know, CARS once again had a club table at the show. Most of the area Amateur Radio Clubs did also. Ours was right next to the Northern Ohio DX Association table. We also had an extra table to sell items that have been donated to CARS and items that members had for sale as well. At first it was thought that we would have to share a sales table with NODXA, but we lucked out and were able to have our own sales table. It was a good thing too! We had a lot of stuff to try to sell.

Of course the main reason for having a table was to entice hams in becoming a member of CARS. We handed out all the CARS membership brochures so hopefully we will have some new members joining soon.

As far as the sale of items went, we managed to unload, er...get rid of, er...sell most of all that we brought out to the hamfest. Since a lot of the items were fairly old, some didn't work, some of the HT batteries were no good, I think we did very well, with a total figure of almost \$350.00 in sales!



Your's truly behind the sales table

The proceeds from the hamfest sales will be added to the CARS coffers of course.

I thought the hamfest was well attended, especially with the rain off and on in the morning. It was smaller this year, with only one building in use. The flea market was smaller as well, but I think that was because of the weather.



W8MET & NI8Z wheeling & dealing at the sales table. That's N8TCP with his back to the camera, trying to get a good deal.

All in all, I think we did good, and we had a good time as well. I managed to pick up a couple of items I was looking for, and NI8Z & I even won a door prize of a \$25.00 gift certificate for the ARRL. Gary is going to use his to purchase programs to present at CARS meetings, so I donated my winnings to the cause.

There's a story behind how I got my door prize. NI8Z checked himself, me, and W8MET in for the mobile check-in. He was number 42, I was 43, and W8MET was 44. They announced Gary's name as a winner and he left the table to collect his prize. While he was going to the prize table, they announced his number as #43. I said, "hey, that's my number!" Well, it took Gary some time to get back to our table, as he had to stop and ratchet-jaw along the way. When he got back I informed him that #43 had been my number. In the meantime, W8MET went to the prize table and found out that when NI8Z had checked us in, whoever was taking the check-ins didn't get my call, so he put down NI8Z with a question mark. So W8MET finagled a door prize for me as well. All was well in ham radio land. Can't wait until next year's hamfest.

ARRL DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder that when your ARRL dues come up for renewal to pay them through CARS. The club gets a small commission when you do so. Also, if you are just joining the ARRL do that through CARS as well! Just see CARS Treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC and he'll take care of everything for you.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Let's all participate in the CARS Gift Card (scrip) promotion to help pay for CARS many special projects including our Scholarship Fund. You can plan your monthly purchases and order gift cards on a regular basis. You are going to spend the bucks anyway so why not use gift cards? CARS gets a commission on each gift card sold, help yourself and help CARS at the same time.

CHECK OUT THE CARS WEBSITE

Be sure and check out the CARS website at www.2cars.org on a regular basis; at least once or twice a month. The site is constantly changing and there are a lot of features to check out, such as a DX cluster under "Hamlinks", various club happenings, items for sale, the newsletter, with issues going as far back as 2007, and photos from CARS functions.

CARS WEEKLY CLUB NET

Tie a string on your finger, mark it on your calendar, use whatever trick you want to remember to check into the CARS weekly net on the 146.82 repeater. The net meets every Wednesday night at 9:00 p.m. local time. We try to pass on information of interest to the local amateur community, and it is good practice for being on emergency net as it is a directed net. You can check in via the 440 repeater as well on 443.825 MHZ and also via echo-link. Plus there is a trivia question each week which is usually amateur radio related. Be careful how you answer though because Luca Brasi might pay you a visit if you give the answer away or get caught looking it up. You don't want Luca knocking on your door!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Due to an editorial error, there was no birthday list for September. They are listed here.

September

Jeff Bolek KD8GIR --- 09/21/1950
Glenn Fenzel WB8CDA ----09/01/1943 SK
Dennis Rabbitts KD8APY ---- 09/11/1949

October

David Autry jr. WD8IOU ---10/26/1955

Bob Evans K8AAB---10/04/1941

James Glor N8GXR --- 10/22/1949

Toby Kolman WT8O ---10/04 1948

Dave Kushman K8DAV --- 10/03/1944

James Motylinski KC8TJJ --- 10/2/1949

Steve Spisak K8SAS --- 10/12

Darren Turk K8DMT --- 10/20

Many happy returns to all !

(Editor's note: If your birthday doesn't show up for the month you were born, it is because you did not list it on your membership application. The same with your year of birth.)

SAGCOM – Public Service Event Pan Ohio Hope Ride 2012 Part One By David Rickon, NF8O

The 2012 Pan Ohio Hope Ride celebrated its Sixth Annual charity fund raising ride through the heartland of Ohio. Participants raise funds to benefit the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodges, and other critical programs in the fight against cancer.

Approximately 475 riders registered for one to four day rides traveling approximately 328 miles from *continued on next page....*

Cleveland to Cincinnati over 4 days from 26 – 29 July.

The 2012 Pan Ohio Hope Ride was a year in planning. Routes were mapped, countless supplies were planned and ordered, rest stop locations were selected and volunteer staff was recruited.

Countless other logistical details were planned to ensure a seamless support system for the riders committed to the important fight against cancer. Some of the countless volunteers for this event were the SAG (Supply and Gear) staff who traveled in their personal vehicles, ready to provide water and other supplies along the route as well as picking up and transporting riders and their bicycles along the route to rest stops when assistance was needed.

There were approximately 10 non-ham SAG vehicles and 4 SAG Ham vehicles available to support the riders.

This article chronicles my experiences of the first 3 days of the 4 day ride that I participated in.

Day One, Thursday, 26 July. Cleveland to Wooster (estimated 75 miles)

6:30 a.m. SAG Hams, the Pan Ohio support team and non-ham SAGS, reported to the briefing area at University Circle for roll call, supplies and last minute briefing before departing for positions along the route.

A pre-established Day One COMM plan was distributed to the SAG Ham team and Cuyahoga County ARES members that will be supporting the riders traveling through Cuyahoga County. A simplex frequency was also designated for “off – net” vehicle-to-vehicle communications. A back channel simplex frequency should always be considered as a “best practice” for events such as this, so as not to tie up the net with incidental communications between the SAG team.

Numerous District 10, Cuyahoga County ARES, Amateur Radio Operators, were strategically located along the route through the city of Cleveland, west Cleveland suburbs, south through the Cleveland Metro Park system and

rest stops. With communications equipment at the ready, the hams are the eyes and ears along the route with the ability to respond quickly to report any rider safety or mechanical issues that may arise. The riders know they only need to focus on their route, keenly aware they have an outstanding safety and support group nearby.

Cuyahoga County Net Control Operator was Eric, N8AUC, the ARES Cuyahoga County Emergency Coordinator (EC). The LEARA repeater was designated as the event primary repeater for Cuyahoga County.

SAG Hams; W8DEC, Matt, who is the Ohio ARRL SEC, served as Mobile Incident Commander for the Ohio Amateur Radio Operators participating in the event. Matt’s navigator was KD8DNE, Jackie who is the District 10 PIO. N8SX, Scott, who is the Ohio ARRL Assistant SEC. N8ONI, Pat who is the EC for Geauga County. Pat’s navigator was Bob, N8KBX, who is the Assistant EC for Geauga County. And myself, Dave NF80, a member of Cuyahoga County ARES. Our SAG Ham team was mobile along the route and ready for the first group of riders.

7:30 a.m. The official departure from Case Western University, Cleveland, OH Cleveland Police patrol cars and motorcycles provided an escort for the 475 bicycle riders through morning rush hour traffic down Euclid Avenue, through Public Square and over the Lorain Carnegie Bridge. Once the riders crossed the Lorain Carnegie Bridge, the police escort was terminated and the riders were then on their own.

As soon as the riders and SAG Hams crossed into Medina County, a call was made over the Medina County repeater announcing the arrival of the riders into Medina County and request for any available assistance from Medina County hams who may be standing by to assist. To our disappointment, there was no response and no standby ham support available from Medina County.

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SAG Ham, Scott, N8SX, immediately took the initiative and requested permission from the Incident Commander, W8DEC, to establish a mobile net using the Medina County repeater to coordinate the arrival of riders and mobile support hams into Medina County and to the lunch stop located at The Copper Top Country Club in Valley City.

As the riders began arriving at the lunch stop, they took advantage of the mobile bicycle repair station to inspect their bicycles, perform any necessary maintenance and tire repairs.

During the lunch break, the SAG Hams and some of the Cuyahoga County support hams gathered to compare notes from the morning and prepare for the afternoon journey through the Medina and Wayne country countryside. The afternoon COMM Plan was discussed and everyone made sure their radios were programmed with the necessary frequencies. Before leaving the lunch stop, the riders filed their water bottles and departed for the second leg of the day's journey to Wooster.

Fortunately the Medina County EC, W8UQZ, checked into the mobile net taking place on the Medina County repeater and offered his assistance to the group. W8UQZ took over the net control duties and operated from his home QTH.

Once the initial riders and SAG Hams entered Wayne County, the Wayne County EC was on standby and activated the communications net using the Wayne County repeater. The Wayne County group was an outstanding example of pre-planning and Mutual Aid for an event such as this. The Wayne County EC also arranged the assistance of several local hams for support along the route in Wayne county.

As the riders, along with SAG and support hams entered Wayne county, the hams switched to the Wayne County repeater. The mobile hams supporting the riders still located in Medina County remained on the Medina County net. The Mobile Incident Commander, W8DEC, was able to monitor both county nets and communicate with the net control stations and mobile hams as necessary.

Once all riders and hams crossed over into Wayne country, the Medina country net control station was closed. (NOTE – picture this , the riders and hams spread out over 40 miles between

two counties were all linked together with solid radio communications. The goal was maintaining eyes and ears for the riders along the route. No rider is ever left behind. The last rider always has a escort “sweep” vehicle within sight). (Note – hams are always preferred to be the sweep vehicle or as a ham rider positioned in a non-ham sweep vehicle. The ham rider is equipped with radio and mag mount mobile antenna).

Some scattered afternoon rain showers presented some minor inconvenience and delays, but the riders endured and continued their journey through the countryside.

Several riders were having difficulties finishing the day's ride and requested to be transported via SAG vehicle to Wooster College.

Day one ended at the Wooster College, with the last rider arriving about 6:30 p.m. Fortunately, other than a few flat tires, minor mechanical issues, no major safety issues occurred.

The hams enjoyed a hearty dinner together, recapping the day's events, and began planning for day two. Discussions covered what worked best, what could be improved for day two and the remainder of the event. A great camaraderie was developing between the group. The day two COMM Plan was also established. The final agenda for the evening was a meeting with the POHR staff discussing the day's events and planning for day two.

Day two and day three activities for this event will appear in the November issue of the Wobbly Oscillator.

ANTENNA PARTY IN SOLON

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

There was a party on Saturday, September 22nd at Bob Hinkle's, KK8ZZ. It was an antenna party, organized by Metro, W8MET. Metro invited hams from CARS and NODXA to take part in taking down a beam antenna and putting up a new SteppIR beam antenna on the roof of Bob's house. Those taking part were W8MET, NI8Z, K8YSE, K8EHP, KB8DTC, WD8IOU, K8SAS, K8REF, N8TR, N8DMM, & NF8O & WB8N who arrived after all the fun. The old antenna came down and the new antenna went up with no problems and minimal efforts.

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Afterwards there was a pizza lunch supplied by Bob and his wife. Bob reported that after everyone left, he got the antenna connected up to his HF station and made some contacts on 20 meters. He said that the performance over his old antenna were superb! Below are some party pics.



The new antenna installed



Some of the ground crew: kb8dtc, ni8z, wb8n, k8ref & k8sas



roof crew: wd8iou, n8tr, k8yse, w8met

grass will *ever* recover! I guess I'll have to scratch up the dead spots and plant new seen in the spring.

But Fall is the time to do any last minute antenna installation or repair. Pretty soon that white stuff is gonna fly and it'll be too late then. I tend to procrastinate myself. I still have to get some radials for 80 meters laid out in the back yard for my SteppIR Big IR III vertical. I have to bury the control cable yet too, before I cut it with the lawn mower. There's still time. I just have to light a fire under my butt!

Hamfest Fun

I enjoyed myself at the Cleveland Hamfest this year, as usual. It was a bit diminished in size compared to other years, but still a pretty good hamfest. I like to attend this one because I get to see ham friends that I haven't seen since last year. I picked up what I was looking for so all was good.

American Diabetes Assn. Walk

It's time once again for the Cleveland branch of the American Diabetes Assn. annual walk to raise money to fight diabetes. As I've preached before, I would be willing to bet that every member of CARS either has diabetes, has a family member with diabetes or has a friend that has diabetes. This event is special to me because not only have I been diagnosed with diabetes, but my wife Lisa passed away last November from health issues caused by diabetes. So I'm asking for some more volunteers to help out with this year's walk. A few of the members that came out faithfully in years past for this event, are unable to help this year due to personal or work issues. So if you can help out this year let me know. It's only for a few hours, from 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, October 6th. We'll meet at the Galleria on E. 9th st. in downtown Cleveland and go out on the walk route from there. You'll get a T-shirt, there'll be coffee and bagels and juice before the walk, and a lunch after the walk if you want to stick around, plus a "goodie bag" for everyone! All you need is an HT for 2 meters, and/or a mobile radio. We'll be using the CARS 146.82 repeater and a cross band setup as well. I can be reached at wb8n@sbcglogal.net and 440-232-4193. Hope to see you there! _____

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THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

Fall Is Here

Yes, Fall is here, and so far it's been kind of a wet one. I guess that's to make up for all the rain we *didn't* get all summer long. I don't know if my

TTFN

That's it for this month folks. Catch you on the air and/or at the Diabetes walk or at the next meeting. 73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

**FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent)
BULLETIN**

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**Wind Power Generators Solar Energy Arrays
Cause Global Warming** By KN8AAY

According to a report received by Dr. Avruell U. Harnishe, Chairman of the Gearvakf Scientific Studies Committee, from Gearvakf's wholly owned Whippenquig Ecological Consulting Service, the Gearvakf Energy Farm may be contributing to global warming instead of combating it. The matter was brought before the Gearvakf Council of Ministers who abruptly dismissed it. Speaking for the Council, its Chief Trustee-in-Charge, Dr. Felix R. Onehundredton said, "That's exactly what we wanted to happen. It's much too cold here in Ohio this time of year."

FCC to Okay Some Dirty Words

The FCC announced this week that it is rewriting its rules to allow the use of three out of the seven "profane, obscene, and offensive dirty words now forbidden on the airwaves. An FCC spokesman explained that the change was part of the FCC's overall program of deregulation. The spokesman did not say what the three words to be allowed would be however and when pressed by a reporter to tell what the words would be, the spokesman walked away mumbling what sounded like very obscene language indeed!

GEARVAKf (the f is silent), also known as the Greater Enon Amateur Radio Vention and Kite fly, is the most prestigious, semi-imaginary ham radio and kite flying organization in the world. It is not an equal opportunity organization. It despises political rectitude and intends to offend. It discriminates indiscriminately

Early Notice: help us by remembering your 2013 CARS Dues will be due soon.

I will start collecting 2013 dues for CARS members at the November (annual) meeting. Please try to pay before January 31 and save us a lot of extra work.

73, Bob, W8GC, Treasurer

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50/50

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