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FROM THE PREZ

Just before dark on the Saturday of Field Day it got real dark, real fast. Rain clouds were rolling in from the West, and there was a line of thunder storms on the radar. We scurried around preparing for a downpour, covering up what needed to be covered and hoping for the best. It started slow, just light sprinkles followed by a few minutes of moderate rain. Then it stopped. That was it; the storms on the radar soon blew north onto the lake. Other than that, the weather was fine for Field Day; kinda on the hot side, but it *is* summer.

The best part of the event was getting new people involved. We had quite a few people come out Friday for the early set-up. It was really good to see some new faces and get to know some people better. That of course, is one of the neat things that happen during the Field Day weekend. People that only know each other by name and see one another at a meeting now and then, end up hoisting an antenna together side by side. Once everything is in place, and the transmitters begin transmitting, people again lock together operating and logging, and digging out weak signals from the QRM. We had a lot of that this year, as quite a few people operated for the first time at Field Day.

We cannot report on Field Day and not mention everybody's hero and favorite participant; Bill Brown, N8BBB. Bill, as everybody knows, is our chef. He does a magnificent job handling the entire food preparation single handedly, from buying the supplies to leaving the kitchen spotless. What he does in between is awesome. He always rolls out early and has pancakes, sausage and eggs made to order for the guys that stayed all night. The last sentence Bill said as he was leaving started with the words

"Next year....."

73, Toby, WT8O

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**NEXT CARS MEETING, IN
THE PARK, AT THE HARRIET
KEELER PAVILION, IN THE
BRECKSVILLE
RESERVATION, TUESDAY,
JULY 9th, 7:30 P.M.**

COME EARLY & COOK OUT!

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 11th of the month at 7:30 pm. This meeting was the first summer meeting at the Harriet Keeler pavilion located at the Brecksville reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks. There were 26 members in attendance.

After introductions, the May minutes were approved as published in the June Wobbly Oscillator by Toby, WT8O.

Due to Treasurer, Bob Check, W8GC, being absent because of health reasons, the treasurer's report was given by Toby, WT8O. Toby reminded all to please consider the purchase of the gift cards, of which the club gets a percentage, and this helps on cost of the scholarship fund.

Toby also mentioned that he would like to have some members try being Net Control for a week just to see how it feels and possibly become another net controller for the CARS Wednesday night nets. There will be plenty of help for you.

Toby mentioned Field Day weekend will be June 22 & 23. Matt, W8EBB, & Toby have been out at the site, making the property ready for Field Day. The class of operation will be 5A, which was decided by the Field Day committee.

Gary, NI8Z, and the program committee are working on programs for 2013. VP Gary, NI8Z, stated that the club is still looking for a place to hold licensing classes.

Eddie, KD8FTS, announced there will be a public service event on Sunday, May 19th, after the Dayton bus trip. If you want to participate in any public service events you can contact Eddie, KD8FTS.

Secretary Dwaine, K8ME, reported that the Dayton Bus, was successful again, and that 30 people enjoyed themselves, some of which made many

trips back and forth to the bus with their purchases.

Toby, WT8O, asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

With no other new or old business Toby, WT8O, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The 50/50 drawing was held after the meeting and the winner was Rich Williams, NW8X, with \$36.00 going to him and \$36.00 going to the CARS treasury.

Door Prize Winners were: hat- Andy Evridge, KD8SCV, Yaesu mouse pad – Ron Boehnlein, WA8ZJV, and world map - Dave Rickon, NF8O.

Submitted by Secretary, Dwaine Modock, K8ME

BIRTHDAYS

Due to a slight mixup at the time of publication of the June issue of the Wobbly Oscillator, there was no June birthday list published. Here are both the June & July birthday lists.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Keith Alexander W8NOX 6/07/1939
David Dressler KC8LZO 6/28/-----
Mike Dressler KC8OMV 6/7/-----
Lou Iganczak N8PZK 6/24/-----
Dwaine Modock K8ME 6/16/1948
Linda Rose Sinko N8LRS 6/24/1953
Joe Ulaszewski KD8BAL 6/21/1950

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Scott Dressler KC8LEO 7/24/-----
Paul Naujoks AC8DJ 7/24/1943
George Pindroh K8KR 7/5/1942
Bill Savage WA8GEO 7/27/1940
Arp Viiberge K8ARP 7/12/1954
Robert Winston W2THU 7/28/1945

***Congratulations to all & many
Happy Returns!***

CARS ANNUAL PICNIC

Soon it will be time for the CARS 8th annual family picnic. The picnic will be held on Friday, August 2nd, and once again in the Kiwanis Pavilion at the Independence Civic Center. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and all the acutraments, as well as K8KR's infamous cole slaw. Bring a desert if you can, and side dishes are welcome too. There will be drawings for door prizes. The picnic is **FREE** for all CARS members, their families, and friends as well. The only request is that you let us know how many will be coming in your party. Let us know by June 30th by emailing Bob Check, W8GC, at w8gc@2cars.net or calling him at 216-524-1750. The picnic will be held rain or shine, as we will be under the pavilion. The cooks will be under cover as well. Hope to see you all there. See the flier at the end of this newsletter.

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

CQ FIELD DAY, CQ FIELD DAY...

Another Field Day is history. The weather was hot, but as Toby said, "it is summer". My 40 meter cw station was located in the pole barn and we had two fans blowing on us much of the time, which helped not only to keep us

cool, but to keep the bugs away as well.

I couldn't make it out to the FD site on Friday, but Metro, W8MET went out and strung up our 40 meter antenna. When I got out to the site Saturday morning, all I had to do was set up the station. I brought a bunch of stuff that we didn't need, but who knows, we might have.

Our station consisted of my old trusty ICOM 740 HF transceiver, which I bought used from AES in 1986. It was my first HF rig and has worked faithfully all these years!

All the stations were logging via a computer logging program, which was supposed to be able to key the transceiver using cw. Alas & alack, such was not the case for our station, so we had to resort to sending cw via the Bencher paddle and the built-in keyer in the radio. It worked out alright but it would have been faster and we could have made more contacts if we could have keyed the radio with the computer.

George, K8KR and I operated the station from the start at 2:00 P.M. and until about 8:P.M. when Metro, W8MET, sat down at the station. We all took turns operating and logging. Finally, Metro left around 11:30 P.M. or so and I continued on by myself until 2:15 A.M. I was bushed and had to get some shut-eye. I crawled into my vehicle with my dog Jake, who I brought with me, only to find that the vehicle battery was deader than a doornail. I had earlier gone out to shut the windows when we had a bit of rain, and left the ignition on. Oh well, that would wait until morning. Later, Matt, W8EBB, gave the battery a jump from his truck, and all was well.

Time to rise and shine. I arose at about 6:30 A.M. and went back to operating until breakfast time. After breakfast, Metro came back and we operated until the end of Field Day at 2:00 P.M.

All in all, I had a great time. Teardown is always a pain, but we got through it. It was a good thing we had a good supply of soft drinks and water, because besides the heat, *continued on next page...*

it was very humid. My dog Jake seemed to enjoy himself. I had to keep him tethered because he is part beagle and would have run off, following his nose. But he could lay down in the shade outside, or on the cool concrete floor of the pole barn, and his bed was there as well. He enjoyed meeting a bunch of new people and even Ed, W8ROK's dog Rex and Linda, N8LRS's and Metro, W8MET's dog Trigger. Jake probably gained a pound or two as well as he is not ashamed to beg from strangers. I guess he's a bit spoiled. He's my buddy though. Jake was glad to get home, as was I.

We had a total of 29 CARS members come out and participate in one way or another, whether it be helping to put up antennas, set up stations, operate, tear down, or all of the above. There were 9 non-CARS member visitors as well. We were paid a visit by member Rick Dell "Aquila", KB8SCT, who is the Mayor of Seven Hills, so we got extra points for that, and also member Simson Huston, N8UZF, which also qualified as a visit by a public official, since he is a Seven Hills police officer. Both helped at Field Day as well, with Simpson helping to raise KD8FTS's antenna on Saturday.

I finally got the vehicle unloaded and everything stowed away Monday afternoon.

Can't wait til next year. That will be soon enough to hear "CQ Field Day" for me!

Here are some Field Day pics and there should be more posted on the CARS website. Check it out We were also paid a visit Saturday evening by our one and only associate member, Mike Laurens, and his mom Lynn. Mike, as most of those that check in on the CARS Wednesday night net, listens to us on his scanner and gets a few laughs from us. It was good to see and chat with them. He makes his mom bring him out to our Field Day every year.

TTFN

That's about it for this month gang. The next big CARS event is the annual CARS Family Picnic on August 2nd. Plan on coming out for that and make your reservation soon. See you all at the next meeting and/or on the air. I'm still hearing CW in my head, kinda like

that song that keeps playing in your head and just won't go away.

73, de Tom, WB8N



WB8ROK & KD8FTS at the 20 meter phone station.



KD8FTS's 2 meter "Go Box" which he used for the NTS traffic.

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WB8N & K8KR at the 40 meter CW station



WT8O & W8EBB on 40 & 80 meters SSB



KB8UGT operating 15 & 20 meters SSB in his camper/station.



KD8FTS giving a short lecture on the National Traffic System for extra points.

Check out the CARS website for more Field Day Pictures, By Ken Osicki, K8OAE.

8th ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday August 2, 2013 will be the CARS annual picnic. We will again be 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 30. Arrive anytime after 5:30 to eat about 6:00pm.

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