

# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

## MEETINGS BACK AT BUSCH

### FROM THE PREZ

Thanks to all the members who attended the annual C.A.R.S. picnic, and special thanks to all those who helped out with the planning, food preparation, or brought side dishes and desserts. The weather was perfect, the attendance was high, the food was great and the camaraderie was exceptional. It was good to see some faces that we haven't seen for a while, and it was great to meet family members who have never attended a C.A.R.S. event before. It was cool to hear all the positive comments at the picnic and on the net the following week. As always, the picnic was enjoyed by many and will be planned again for next summer.

With summer over, we will shift our meetings back to the Busch Community Room in Parma. We have tentatively planned a dinner meeting at a restaurant for October. We have had a couple of suggestions for a venue, but we certainly would like to have more. We would need a restaurant that has a separate room available so we can conduct our meeting and program without unnecessary distractions. We also prefer to order off the menu, have separate checks and no automatic gratuity. If you know of a place, please mention it at the next meeting or contact me with your suggestion.

Another thing that will be discussed at the next meeting will be the formation of an Operating Committee. This committee would be a unifying group of experienced experts to coordinate and support club operating activities such as contests and

special event stations. I am looking for members who have experience in setting up stations at outdoor locations, temporary antenna setup, noncommercial power sourcing, and contesting. This small group promises to bring a lot of fun operating activities to the club and introduce them to members not previously involved. They will focus on getting as many members involved as possible and making that involvement comfortable to those who are shy or intimidated. Again, consider joining this committee at the next meeting. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

**If you are not getting CARS emails, it is because the wrong or no email address is listed for you. Contact Bob Check, W8GC, to correct this.**

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## **AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 11th of the month at the Harriet Keeler pavilion of the Cleveland Metro Parks in Brecksville, OH at 7:30 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The July meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the August Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Toby, WT8O, gave the treasury report as treasurer Bob Check, W8GC, couldn't attend the meeting.

Toby received a letter from the city of Seven Hills, thanking the club for their participation with Seven Hills Home Days.

The date of the CARS Family Picnic is Friday, August 21, at 6:00pm, same place as last year. More details are on the web-site.

Toby, WT8O, stated that the club is looking for a dinner meeting location for October, as Mimi's restaurant has closed down. If you have place in mind, bring it up at the September meeting.

The club is working on involvement with Lighthouse weekend. Contact Gary NI8Z, and check the club web-site for more details. Gary made a motion for club to renew Lighthouse association membership for 2016. The motion was seconded by Mark, WJ8WM. Motion carried.

President Toby got call from the widow of KD8MDI, to sell all his equipment as bundle. If interested call Toby. The club is not getting involved with this.

Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned about club getting on facebook or twitter. If interested let the club know.

Dwaine, K8ME, mentioned that the Dayton Hamvention® bus will go on May 21, 2016. Flyers will be available to pass out at the Cleveland Hamfest in September.

George, K8KR, asked about the club purchasing Ron Boehnlein's Cushcraft Beam to use for field day.

Toby stated the club will continue to pay for the refreshments, but the club still needs donations for the refreshments.

Eddie, KD8FTS, again stated that the 2015 CARS Christmas party will be on December 4th at Milano's, same as last year.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: NW8X, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

The 50/50 raffle winner was TOBY WT8O, who took home \$12.00, with \$13.00 going to the CARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

There was no presentation this month as DR. Marvin Lewis, N9AR, who was supposed to talk about audio, failed to make an appearance.

Don't forget, the September meeting will be back at the Bush Funeral Home community room, in Parma, Ohio.

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

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## **NOTES ON THE MONTHLY PROGRAM BY MIKE KEMMETT, KD8OUE**

Unfortunately, Dr. Lewis, N9ARI, could not make the August meeting, so we missed his presentation on hearing loss, it's effects, prevention, and treatments. We will try and see if he can reschedule for one of our meetings in the coming year, so stay tuned.

The program for the September meeting will be given by George Pindroh, K8KR. George is one of the people who handles QSL cards for the Bureau, in region 8. It should be an interesting presentation and be very informative for all of us, as I'm sure we're all planning on making at least a few overseas contacts. And understanding how to properly send and receive QSL cards via the Bureau will make the process easier for us all.

The September membership meeting will be Sept. 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room on Ridge Rd. just south of Pleasant Valley Rd. in Parma, Ohio.

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### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>KD8APY</b>	<b>Dennis Rabbitts</b>	<b>9/11/1949</b>
<b>KD8GIR</b>	<b>Jeff Bolek</b>	<b>9/21/1950</b>
<b>KD8NBB</b>	<b>Robert Kobie</b>	<b>9/26/194?</b>
<b>KD8TWG</b>	<b>David Andrzejewski</b>	<b>9/13/1981</b>
<b>KD8VIP</b>	<b>Richard Koharik</b>	<b>9/25/47</b>

## **Congratulations to all & many happy returns**

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*The next volunteer examiner license testing session will be Sunday, Sept. 13th, 9 a.m. at the Independence Olde Town Hall on Brecksville Rd, south of Rockside Rd.*

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### **THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

#### **GONNA BE A SHORT ONE**

Yup, it's gonna be a short Wobbly Oscillator this month folks, as we had no article submissions other than "Notes On The Monthly Program" by Mike Kemmett, KD8OUE. No one sent in anything for the "Show Us Your Shack" article this month. So, I guess I'll just ramble here like I usually do every month.

#### **QSLING**

This month, George, K8KR is going to talk to us about QSLing which should be interesting. I know I send QSL cards out quite a bit but I certainly don't know everything about the ins & outs of how to

QSL. So be sure to attend the September meeting if for no other reason than to hear what George has to say.

#### **OHIO QSO PARTY**

Saturday, August 22nd, from noon until midnight, was the annual Ohio QSL Party, where the object was to try to contact a station in each Ohio county, and give QSOs to stations from other states and Canadian provinces. I spent a few hours operating this event, but Gary, NI8Z, Metro, W8MET, and Roger, N8TCP, operated from Gary's QTH for the entire 12 hours. I hope some other of our members operated this event at least for a little while. If you did, I know you had fun!

#### **BOB BASSETT, KE8UV**

Bob Bassett has been a CARS member on and off (lately off) over the years. He has been a DJ on WIXY 1260 back in their hayday, using the name Mark Allen. Of late he has been on the air as Bob Charles on 88.9 FM, Akron Oldies Radio and at WKHR, 99.5 FM, which is located in Geauga County. Well, Bob is trying to beat cancer and is selling a whole bunch of ham gear, broadcast radio gear, guitars & amps, tools, etc. His wife sent me an email with a list of items for sale and prices. The prices are more than fair and if he takes this stuff to a hamfest, they will more than likely go up. I sent what his wife sent me to all the CARS members, but if you are interested in any of the items Bob has for sale, you can call him at: 330-671-5591, or his wife at 216-262-6504. People are starting to call on some of the items he has to sell and are trying to get Bob to go down in price. Again, his prices are more than fair and are firm.

### *THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH*

That about does it for this month guys & gals. Sorry this issue is so short, but I can't help that. This is **YOUR** newsletter, to contribute to it. Hopefully we'll get some more of you to show us your shack. All you have to do is take a couple of pictures of your shack and a description of your equipment and send it in to [newsletter@2cars.org](mailto:newsletter@2cars.org) or [wb8n@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wb8n@sbcglobal.net) and I'll put it in the newsletter. Send me articles about anything related to ham radio; your experiences, a new piece of ham gear, a favorite contact, maybe you took a rig on a camping trip, or on a mini DXpedition. Whatever. You don't have to worry about spelling or punctuation as I can fix that (although it would make it easier if you did use spell check). So let's make the October issue a huge one. Let's fill it up with article contributions from you, the membership.

That's enough rambling for now.

See you at the Sept. meeting, and/or talk to you on the air. Don't forget to check into the CARS Wednesday night nets at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater.

73, de Tom, WB8N

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*Remember, in the immortal words of Mike Baxter, KA0XTT; "Ham Radio, the last line of communications before the coming apolypse.*

*Also, not all hams are created equal - some know CW.*

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## **FOR SALE?**

Have anything you want to sell for whatever reason? List it here in the W.O. No charge or commissions. Just be honest with the condition of what you are selling, and ask a fair price.

## CARS 2015 Officers & Committees

### Audit

WJ8WM \*\* WT8O, K8SAS

### Audio/Video

KD8OUE \*\*

### ARRL Liaison & Media Representative

WJ8WM \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

K8ME \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Club Photographer

K8OAE \*\*

### Diabetes events

WB8N \*\* All CARS members

### Field Day

W8EBB \*\* WT8O, N8BBB

### Flag Committee

Mike KB8RKF, David KD8ACO, Bruce N8DJX

### 50/50

KD8OUE

### License classes

W8GC \*\* WT8O \*\* NI8Z, WJ8WM, KD8ACO, K8SHB

### Mentor/Elmer & Community Education

W8MET \*\*

### Membership

W8GC \*\*

### NET

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### Newsletter

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### Program's, Christmas party, Summer Picnic

KD8OUE \*\* NF8O, KD8QBB, KD8QUE, KD8FTS, WT8O, NI8Z

### Property Custodian's

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

### QSL manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at meetings & Picnic

WB8ROK \*\* pop, K8DMT \*\* coffee, NW8X \*\* eat's

### Scholarship

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#### License trustee

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