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# THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR

## OCTOBER MEETING A DINNER MEETING

**FROM THE PREZ**

There is some real exciting news about the 82 repeater. Those members who were present at the September meeting heard a motion made to upgrade the system. The motion proposed the club would take advantage of a Yaesu promotion offering a special low price for clubs to purchase the digital Fusion repeater. The proposal was to purchase three units to not only upgrade the existing repeater in Parma, but to add a repeater in Brunswick and one in Shaker Heights to substantially increase the coverage of the system. The discussion at the meeting was inconclusive and another motion was made to allow the Board of Directors to approve the expenditure since the promotion would end before the next regular meeting. After much investigation and consideration, the Board approved the expenditure at a special meeting. The upgrade is now in the works. So in the near future the C.A.R.S. repeater system will now have digital, as well as analog, capabilities plus a much improved coverage area to the East, South and West. Hats off to the technical committee led by Mike, KD8OUE, and members Mark, WJ8WM, Vince, N8OVW, and Eddie, KD8FTS. With the dramatic upgrade to the system, the club will be promoting members take advantage of the repeater upgrade by getting more hams involved in it's usage. The nets are usually popular, but there are many members who have the capability to participate, but for whatever reason, are not heard on Wednesday nights. There will also be meeting programs to

help members become more familiar with their equipment so they can become more "radio active." Programs will also offer training in various operating procedures and station set-up and improvement. We will also be stressing the use of the repeaters at the meetings in an attempt to get more member involvement.

Don't forget the October meeting will be a dinner meeting at the FUGI Grill & Buffet located at 1930 Snow Rd. in Parma in the Midtown shopping center. As an exciting bonus, C.A.R.S. will pick up the tab for all members attending. That's FREE folks. The room is reserved for 6:00 so we can eat before we start the meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

The CARS membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 8th of the month at Bush Community room. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and introductions were made. The August meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the September Wobbly Oscillator newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC, gave the Treasurers report.

The club is working on involvement with the Lighthouse Weekend. Contact Gary, NI8Z, and check the club web-site for more details. Gary made a motion for CARS to renew our Lighthouse Association membership for 2016. Motion seconded by Mark, WJ8WM. The motion passed.

Toby, WT8O, made time for Leone, KB8VBR, to make an announcement that volunteers were needed for the Susan B. Colman Race for the Cure special event, being held on Saturday, Sept. 12th.

The club is working on a dinner meeting for October. Bob, W8GC, stated the club will pickup the tab for all who attend. Official announcement will be made on the website and nets. Bob made a motion regarding this issue and Bruce, N8DJX, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark, WJ8WM, mentioned that Seven Hills is inviting the CARS to participate in their chili cookoff on Sunday Oct.4<sup>th</sup>. Gary, NI8Z volunteered to cook up a batch of his "Cowboy Chili" to enter in the event. He will be reimbursed by CARS for costs incurred.

Dwaine K8ME, mentioned that Dayton Hamvention® 2016, bus flyers will be at the Cleveland Hamfest. Start thinking about Dayton. More info will be on the CARS website.

Gary, NI8Z, made a motion for cars to have two tables at the Cleveland Hamfest. Ron, K8VJG, seconded the motion and it passed. Club members that want to sell items can place them on the club tables.

Tom, WB8N, talked briefly about the Diabetes Walk which will be at the Berea Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is looking for volunteers to man the walk route. Contact Tom, WB8N.

Toby mentioned having an operational committee to handle all events, and will be

looking for more volunteers.

The Tech Committee is investigating the repeater system for possible upgrades. Motion by Toby to allow the Board of Directors to approve an expenditure in excess of the normal limitation for equipment due to the Yaesu promotion which will end on September 30, 2015, before the next monthly meeting. A lively discussion was held and the motion was tabled.

CARS voted in a new member, William Perrine, KD8WIB. He was not present.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: NW8X, K8DMT, and WB8ROK. They were given a round of applause.

Toby again asked that the parking spots on the driveway be saved for those that have trouble walking. If you are able, please park up in the top parking lot.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Dwaine, K8ME, who took home \$23.00, with \$24.00 going to CARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. There was no program due to the repeater discussion taking so long.

Submitted by Secretary Dwaine Modock, K8ME.

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## **TRIP TO MARS**

*By Mike Cegelski, K8EHP*

Sitting on my desk is an official NASA boarding pass for the "InSight" Mars roamer scheduled to launch 04 March, 2016. My name and call will be added to approximately 450,000 other people registered for this event. Our names and calls will be inscribed upon a silicon microchip aboard the craft. Should all go as planned, my information and best wishes will forever be on the surface of the Red Planet.

*Have a successful flight Mike...Ed.*

## **SPECIAL EVENT AT CATAWBA STATE PARK**

*By Gary Dewey, NI8Z*

Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP; Bob Kobie, KD8NBB, and Gary Dewey, NI8Z played in the Ohio Stateparks On the Air event at Catawba State Park on a Saturday in September recently. The effort was very enjoyable. Setup began around 11a.m. with the action starting a noon. Two vertical antennas were used to test the airwaves. Roger's 5BTV and Gary's tripod 40/20 meter vertical antennas were set up quickly. The pictures show a picnic table was the station location.

There was another group at the Catawba State park who had set up earlier, closer to the lake. They wanted to start of 40 meters. We agreed to start on 20 meters. Twenty meters was very active with 2 QSO partys on the air (ARK, NJ) plus RTE 66. Unfortunately, no State Parks were heard or worked on 20 meters. So after a couple of hours of calling we talked to the other group and said we would try 40 meters for awhile. Forty meters was full of State Parks on the air.

We worked 9 State Parks, even the other CAT (Catawba station). They packed up and left right after the contact. Our effort only operated for 5 hours. The strangeness of our effort was that we worked everyone we called but no one came back to our CQs. We think more power was needed

The event is a short 8 hour event. The event will be on the calendar for a 2016 activity as it is just another time to "Get on the Air"!!



Catawba State Park



Bob & Roger at the helm.

## **CARS OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>AA8TA Clayton Samels</b>	<b>10/28/1946</b>	<b>K8AAB</b>
<b>Bob Evans</b>	<b>10/04/1941</b>	
<b>K8DMT Darren Turk</b>	<b>10/20/1971</b>	
<b>K8SAS Steve Spisak</b>	<b>10/12/ \\\ \ \ \</b>	
<b>N8GXR James Glor</b>	<b>10/22/1949</b>	
<b>N8VTA Brian Dewitt</b>	<b>10/25/1955</b>	
<b>W8NDL Wendell Ebersole</b>	<b>10/03/1950</b>	
<b>WD8IOU David Autry jr</b>	<b>10/26/1955</b>	
<b>WT8O Toby Kolman</b>	<b>10/04/1948</b>	

***Congratulations and many happy returns.***

## **REPORT FROM THE CLEVELAND HAMFEST, 2015**

*By Gary Dewey, NI8Z*

CARS made the effort to have two tables which were highly utilized to make the club some money. Not many club member made a trip to our tables to help sell items. Metro Sinko and Linda Sinko, George Pindroh, and Mark Moro helped. George, K8KR, won a prize but he left early and didn't pick it up. Arp, K8ARP, won the go-box event with his two tried and true displays.

See the next page for hamfest photos.



**Photos from the 2015 Cleveland Hamfest:**



Metro, W8MET, manning the CARS tables.



Linda, N8LRS, Metro, W8MET, & Walter, W8WAS.



Linda, N8LRS, & Metro, W8MET hard at work at the CARS table.

**THE RANDOM WIRE**

*By Tom Wayne, WB8N*

**BRRRRRR!**

As I sit here at the computer writing this month's article, it is rather cool outside. I still have a lot of cleanup to do in the back yard after having a new garage put up and concrete work done.

I still have a problem with my SteppIR verticle antenna, but that can be handled indoors...I think. But it's time to get any outdoor antenna work done if you need to.

**DINNER MEETING**

As you should know by now, the October membership meeting will be at the Fuji Grill & Buffet on Snow Rd. in Parma. I checked out the menu online and the choices are many, not just seafood or Japanese fare. Get there around 6:00 p.m. CARS is picking up the tab except for any alcoholic beverages! Sounds good to me! Hope to see you there.

**USE OF THE REPEATER**

As you read in President Toby's article, CARS is revamping the 146.820 repeater so there is more and better area coverage. Let's take advantage of the advancement being made and use the repeater. Give out a call on the way to and from work, when you're just sitting around the house, by getting on the weekly net. CARS is making an effort to improve the system, so let's make an effort to utilize the system. A lot of members have a license but never get on the air. If you don't use your license privileges, why did you bother to study and take the license exam? Use your license privileges. You worked hard to earn them, so use them. Get on the air! Throw out your call...who knows, someone might even come back to you who wants to chat.

**2. CARS WEB PAGE**

You should also be checking the CARS web page frequently...once a week at least! There are always changes, information about CARS activities, etc. For instance, right now there are directions to the FUJI restaurant where the October dinner meeting is going to be held. If you change

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your email address, callsign, home address, you can do that there as well. If you're not getting CARS emails, it is because your data is not up to date. You can fix that on the web page. There's even a DX cluster under "ham links" check it out. I use that all the time.

*ENOUGH FOR NOW*

Just some final words...I am stepping down as license trustee of the repeaters, effective immediately. It's time for someone else to take over these duties.

With that, I'll see you on the air, at the next meeting, or hopefully both.

BTW, it's 73, not 73's. When are you guys gonna get this right?!

73 for now, de Tom, WB8N

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*By reading the contents of this box, you have committed yourself to attending as many CARS membership meetings and taking part in as many CARS activities as possible, as well as checking into as many CARS weekly nets as possible.*

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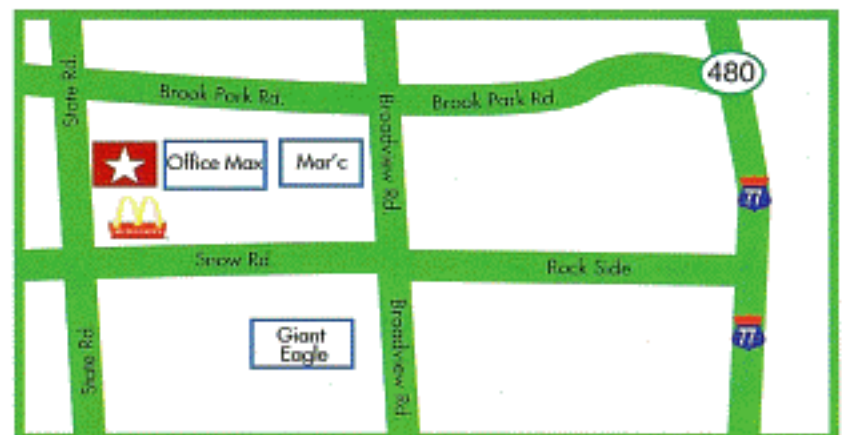
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**FUJI** Buffet & Grill where serving you is our utmost pleasure with the best variety of American, Mexican and Oriental food of any buffet in America.

Come and see for yourself, our buffet has delicious crab cake, an assortment of fish that just can't be beaten. We have Prime Rib that melts in your mouth, with beef and pork ribs to match a ham that tickles the taste buds! steamed crabs seasoned the way you have always loved them everyday, our Hibachi grill is the main feature, with shrimp, steak, scallops, chicken and all kinds of vegetables cooked right before your eyes.

We have different soups, Our clam chowder is so creamy & smooth, oh, so good! We have a salad bar that cannot be missed. Our dessert bar is my favorite with carrot & chocolate cakes by Serra Lee (unbelievable). There's Boston cream cake, coconut cream pie, lemon meringue & cheese cake, banana pudding. We have a fruit bar you must see. There is much much more, please come to see for yourself, it's truly the Talk of the Town!

Every item is delicious & the servers are so friendly, you will love it.





## CARS 2015 Officers & Committees

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### Audio/Video

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WJ8WM \*\*

### ARRL WAS & VUCC card Checker

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### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Christmas party & Summer Picnic

W8GC\*\* NI8Z, KD8SCV, N8TCP, KD8QBB

### Club Photographer

K8OAE \*\*

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WB8N \*\* All CARS members

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### Flag Committee

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### 50/50

KD8OUE

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