



The Q-Match



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A word from the Prez.

By Bob KC8PVB

Well in my last article I wrote about how spring was definitely around the corner. I believe at the time of the writing it was a sunny Sunday afternoon and about 63 degrees. Today it another grand Sunday, however there are snow plows outside and they are talking about school closings. Sort of odd weather for Spring, but not too much any of us can do about it. And it does mean we can have an excuse to stay in-doors and work the airwaves, instead of mowing the grass or cleaning up the yard.

There were some changes in the Club's committee members at our last regular meeting with Pete Kozup (K8OUA) turning over the pen and paper of the Q-Match to Allen Scott (KB8YVY). So I wish to take this moment to thank Pete for all the months of getting the Q-Match out for the Club and the many interesting articles it contained. And especially putting up with me and my last minute articles. (Sorry Allen, I do try and get better at it.)

We also saw a move of Net Control functions from Karl Gerlt (KF8MG) to (please check with Renee to see if I have his name and call correct) Fred Olver (N9BSO). Thanks also to Karl for his many months of Club service in this area and good luck to Fred.

I want to talk a little about the recent Annual Bill Craiger Memorial VHF QSO party the Club had last weekend. It was a nice sunny day, with fairly mild temperatures. A good day to just sit in the shack and make VHF contacts ,or to get out and be a Rover and enjoy the sunshine. However as the contest went on thorough the day it became apparent that it was becoming a "Rover" contest with Gail Wells (KC8LRH), Bud Neely (KB8OMV), and yours truly burning tire rubber all over the county. We did have some fixed station contacts, which I wish to thank personally for participating, but of the 151 members on the roster I counted 9 participants in my log total. I was thinking that some great evil spirit went into all of your homes and took your VHF radios!

day I am sure. And second, and probably more important, I learned that having a lot of RF power and a tall antenna does not necessarily mean you make more contacts. If you get a chance talk to Bud Neely about how he was able to make contacts all over Trumbull county with only what we are called upon to aid in an emergency situation. Next time they and I can make a difference in your stations participating in the time to participate. Believe me I know it's hard in today's busy times to get out and find the great fun of Amateur Radio. And in many cases, thank you to the general non-amateur public for the same. So try to attend the Club's activities and meetings what I learned. I learned two interesting things by participating in the contest. First, it is possible to power an ICOM-706MKIIG on full power all day on a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle battery. This information will come in handy on field

On Tuesday, March 19th, Gary Garnet from the National Weather Service presented a Skywarn spotters training seminar. He talked about how the reports filter to the weather service through the Hams and the chain of communications. He then went on to talk about the different types of weather and what types of weather to report.

There are certain criteria for reporting severe weather. Recall that a thunderstorm is defined as severe if it produces a tornado, hail 3/4 inch in diameter or larger, and/or wind gusts 58 miles an hour or higher. It would be desirable to report events associated with a thunderstorm before they reach these severe levels. Use the following guidelines for reporting weather events. Report hail occurrences when the hailstones have a diameter of inch, and report wind gusts when their speed reaches 50 miles an hour. Obviously, tornadoes and funnel clouds should be reported. A funnel cloud is defined as a violently rotating column of air, which is not in contact with the ground. It is usually marked by a funnel-shaped cloud extending downward from the cloud base (hence its name). If the violently rotating air column reaches the ground, it is called a tornado. An important point to note is that the visible funnels DOES NOT have to extend to the ground for a tornado to be present. Instead, look for a rotating cloud of dust and debris underneath a funnel cloud as evidence that the tornado's circulation has reached the ground.

Flash flooding should be reported, but the reporting criteria are not as well defined as with severe weather events. A flash flood is defined as a rapid rise in water usually during or after a period of heavy rain. Variations in soil type, terrain, and urbanization result in a wide variation for runoff, which will occur during and after a given amount of rain. Consult your local NWS office regarding flash flood reporting procedures in your area.

When making a report, you should include the following information:

- (1) WHO you are, and the name of your spotter group.
- (2) WHERE the event is occurring. Use reports from other nearby spotters to triangulate and pinpoint the event's location.
- (3) WHAT you have seen (the severe weather event).
- (4) MOVEMENT of the event. When estimating movement, don't use the motion of small cloud elements for estimation. Instead, observe the storm as a whole for estimates of motion.

Nice Job Gary, look forward to next year!

Special thanks to the **WARA** for hosting the spotter training seminar.

Next years training seminar will be **March 18th @ 7:00pm**, place to be announced.

Thank you to all that attended!

Ernest Kyser KB8QDX

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*Here is the schedule for
April*

April 3 – Bob KC8PVB
April 10 - Frank KC8PUZ
April 17 – Andy N8YR
April 24 – Pete K8OUA

Any one wishing to help out
with the Wara Net. Please
contact Bob KC8PVB

We look forward to seeing
you on the net. 146.970
MHz at 9:00 nm every

Happy Birthday April

4/3 K8BXT ~ Don Lovett
4/4 Assoc. ~ Coralyn “Corky” Clisby
4/11 KB8YWZ ~ Nixon O’Neil
4/14 KC8LMB ~ Sam Bickel
4/16 Assoc. ~ Eileen Gabele
4/29 NA8Z ~ Keith Sawyer
4/27 WD8KNJ ~ Al Johnson
4/29 N8XUO ~ Kris Vadas

Wara Activities

Monday Brunch
Time-10: 30 a.m.
When – Every Monday
Where- West Farmington Senior Citizens
Center

WARA Meeting
Time – 7:00 p.m.
When- First and Third Tuesday
Where – Trumbull Carrier & Technical
Center located on Educational Drive

WARA NET
Time – 9:00 p.m.
When – Every Wednesday
Where – 146.970 MHz.

Saturday Breakfast
Time – 9:00 a.m.
When – First and Third Saturday
Where – Wayside Inn

Saturday Lunch
Time- 12:00 noon
When - Last Saturday of the month
Where – Covered Bridge Restaurant
located in Newtown Falls

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