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The club has had a few expectant and unexpected changes and making this first time president a little nervous. But I think the membership will come out stronger.

We have found a new home to hold our meetings, it is the First Untied Methodist Church located on N. Park, downtown Warren.

Because of work or personal reasons we have had a few members resign their positions in our organization, but thanks to a very willing and helpful membership all positions have been spoken for and hopefully filled at the next

meeting. The positions vacated were first year Trustee, Hamfest, Youth and Activities. We also have a position that we are in need of a replacement and that is Special Events, I just don't have the time to invest. So if you are interested in this please contact me and I will help in any way.

We are a very active club and have several events coming up and as a member you can help out, learn and have fun all at the same time. First we have the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 28th, and then the Covered Bridge Special Event

on June 9-10 location and more information will be made available as they are finalized. The biggest event happens on June 23-24, which is Field Day and Pete K8OUA should have information for us in the near future. The last Special event for the club is July 20-22 and that is the Packard Car Show held at the Packard Museum in Warren. So plan on coming out and maybe learning a little something and plan on having loads of fun and camaraderie.

73 Gail KC8LRH

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Just a little trivia true or false question:

When the FCC introduced the "Advanced Class" license, a new Morse code test was required for upgrading General Class holders, even though the required code was the same as the General Class, 13 WPM.

Thanks to arrl.com for the use of their trivia questions.

Schedule of Events

- May 1st... 7:30 pm...WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- May 5th...9 am...Breakfast , Wayside Restaurant, Champion
- May 7th... 10:30 am...Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- May 13th Mothers Day
- May 14th... 10:30am...Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- May 15th...7:30 pm...WARA Meeting, First Untied Methodist Church
- May 18-20 Dayton Hamfest
- May 21st... 10:30 am Breakfast W. Farmington Sr. Center
- May 27th...6:20 pm....WARA VE Testing Newton Falls Community Center
- May 28th....Trumbull County Memorial Day Parade 10 am

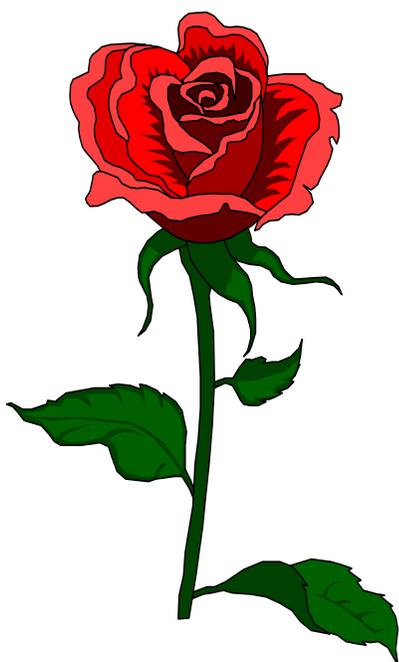
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Please check schedule for Dates and times!!!

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----------------------|
| | | 1 WARA Meeting 7:30pm | 2 KC8PVB | 3 | 4 | 5 Breakfast |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 KC8YHJ | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Mothers Day | 14 PCARS Meeting 7pm | 15 WARA Meeting 7:30 pm | 16 KD8FVI | 17 | 18 DAYTON | 19 Break-fast HAMFEST |
| 20 Dayton Hamfest | 21 | 22 | 23 KC8RAL | 24 | 25 | 26 FACES |
| 27 WARA VE Testing | 28 Memorial Parade | 29 | 30 KD8BHR | 31 | | |

WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm

Sunshine and Sick



Hello , my name is Julie Morris and am helping Sherman out with Sunshine and Sick , and I passed my tech test on March 25 in Newton Falls, my call is KD8FVI.

Just wanted to give a little update on the people I know about.

Lyle Rabbit KB8OVA checked into the net on Wednesday and said he is doing well and hopes to attend our next meeting. Chuck Simpkins KA8FUP is having some more health problems and he and his wife is hoping to move into an assisted living apartment.

Delbert Shafer WD8KXD told me that he is doing well and hopes to attend our meetings again real soon. Renee McCamen KB8SVF is helping taking care of her mother, I tried to contact her and have not received a call from her as of this article. Henry Praise NZ8W and his wife Kay N8WER were at our last meeting and are well. They said that their son, Ron WA8SIR is doing well too. If you know of any one else or can update me on anyone in the club please contact me at KD8FVI@YAHOO.COM or Sherman at Nooch5@aol.com

An Old Ham's Memory-Part2

Back in the March issue of the Q-Match I wrote a short article describing a contact I had made back in my novice days with an Australian ham, VK3XB. That ham's name was Ivor Stafford, his call was VK3XB, and he was trying to get his WAS by working only novices. Years later, in 1970, I made the move to Australia myself. I had been teaching school and living in Brecks-ville, south of Cleveland, and decided that I wanted to do something more adventurous. At that time there was a shortage of teachers both in this country and in Australia, and it was not difficult for me to get an offer of a job in Australia, specifically, in Hobart, Tasmania – VK7.

In August, 1970, I set off for Australia. I quickly settled in Hobart and began my new life as a permanent Australian resident, and immediately fell in love with the country. As I was busy exploring Australia, making friends, and trying to understand my new country I did not think much about amateur radio, and made no effort to obtain a reciprocal license, until several years later after I had left Tasmania and was living at the other end of the country in Darwin, Northern Territory – VK8. There I obtained the call sign VK8OU, with full operating privileges in Australia. I purchased a used transceiver, an Eico, and began to operate as much as

possible. It was a blast – the VK8 prefix is one of the rarer Aussie prefixes, I was closer to Japan, and every Japanese station that heard me wanted to work me, so I was DX for the first time. It was then that I began my interest in contesting, and I would try out some of the Australian contests, particularly the Remembrance Day contest in which Australian and New Zealand stations tried to work each other, similar to the North American Sweepstakes contest. It was during one of those contests, while I was living in a very isolated mining town in the Northern Territory, Alyangula on Groote Eylandt, that I heard his call, Ivor Stafford's call, VK3XB, on CW in the Remembrance Day contest. I worked him then, but, of course, in a contest we had no time to chat, though, as I recall, I did tell him as quickly as I could that we had worked years before. It was kind of cool, working this fellow from two different places in the world.

It became better, though, because within the year I worked him again, on CW, and this time we had time to chat. It turned out that Ivor was a retiring school Principal from the Australian state of Victoria, and I was in the first year or two of my first Principal's job, he was finishing his career as I began mine. Also, his son had

been working on Groote Eylandt as a mining engineer, and had just left the island. Ivor invited me to visit him if I ever got to Melbourne, which I usually did only to pass through on my way to Tasmania.

Then, I had the opportunity to spend some time, about a month as I recall, in the city of Melbourne. Ivor lived in Box Hill, a Melbourne suburb, and I realized that this was an opportunity I might not have too many times; to actually have an eyeball with a station I had worked from the U.S. So, I looked his name up in the phone book, gave him a call while I was in Melbourne, and we arranged to meet at his home. I was very excited as I took the train to the suburbs and got off at Box Hill station. He had told me how to get to his house, and it was a reasonably short walk. It's been a long time now, and I have no photos of our meeting, but I recall an elderly man, balding, but very friendly. It turned out that his XYL, Mavis, was also an active ham, though I can not recall her call sign. Ivor, of course, took me downstairs to his shack, we checked out his rig, and talked ham talk for awhile. Then, he took out his logbooks. In those days hams were required by law to keep a log of all contacts made, and most hams were proud of their

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logs because they showed the history of their stations. Ivor thumbed through one of his logs and showed me my call sign, KN8OUA. That was truly amazing to me, to see back over ten years previously to where we had worked. As I recall, Ivor did indeed make his WAS by working novices, a tough way to do it from anyplace, let alone across the Pa-

cific from Australia.

And that's it, one of the neater things that has happened to me. Ivor became a silent key perhaps ten years or so after our meeting. While I did not know him as well as I would have liked to, I do recall that he was a true gentleman, a very competent CW op, and hospitable to me. I was proud not only to have worked him,

but to meet up with him in person. He was my first DX station, and one of only a very few DX ops who I have both worked on air and met in person. You don't get that chance often. Perhaps one day I'll tell you about the wonderful meal in France I had with another good Dixer, Serge, F6AUS. Till then, it's Vy 73 OM Hpe CUL.

Pete Kozup, K8OUA

An Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzle

By H. Ward Silver, NØAX on ARRL.com

Although the white stuff on the ground in many parts of North America may not make you feel like it, the season for sending skyhooks, well, skyward starts soon! How about some antenna arcana? It's time to find your climbing gear, the ropes, make a trip to the store for wire and pulleys, order up those insulators and connectors, and sign up the club members for that barbecue - and did you happen to mention the antenna raising that needed to get done first?

Across

1. Unwanted signals
6. Descriptions of where the power goes
12. 3 to 30 kHz
13. Transmitter output measurement

15. Where US hams aim for Scarborough Reef on the short path

16. Circuit that keeps FM signals tuned in

17. Logic gates made from resistors and transistors

19. Term for power given off by antennas

23. Ninety degrees from 15 across

25. Most popular family of directional antennas

26. Abbreviation for numeric information

27. What you have to do on the air every 10 minutes

30. System of operating models wirelessly (abbr)

32. Just above 12 Across

33. An antenna with a preferred direction

36. CW abbreviation for male operator

37. Prefix meaning "near"

38. Male pronoun

39. Optimum frequency (symbol)

40. Built in or encased

44. The highest mountains in Europe

46. Another acronym for Zulu or GMT

47. Prefix for Peruvian stations

48. Synonym for "lid"

50. Electrically switches antenna sections in and out

51. Slender, flexible antenna

52. With respect to isotropic

56. Suffix of a station at sea

57. A bipolar transistor's turn-on voltage is measured between these two terminals

58. Mobile platform

59. Most common and oldest type of antenna

61. Mountain range that divides Europe and Asia

63. Method of movement by a station described in 56 Across

65. Where the antenna in 59 Across radiates best if oriented EW

66. Opposite of sit

67. Short sections of transmission line used for tuning

69. Make two impedances equal

70. CW for "from"

71. Change frequency

72. Abbreviation for "reduce in strength"

73. Acronym for static pulse

Down

1. Communication through high-angle sky-wave

2. Abbreviation for too much received signal

3. Flying an airplane by instruments only (abbr)

4. Companion to H-Plane

5. Same as 15 Across, but long path

7. CW meaning of ES

8. Duplicate

9. Consume

10. Implanted or tagged chips used for identification (acronym)

11. An oscillator controlled with digital data (acronym)

14. What the "P" in "PCB" stands for

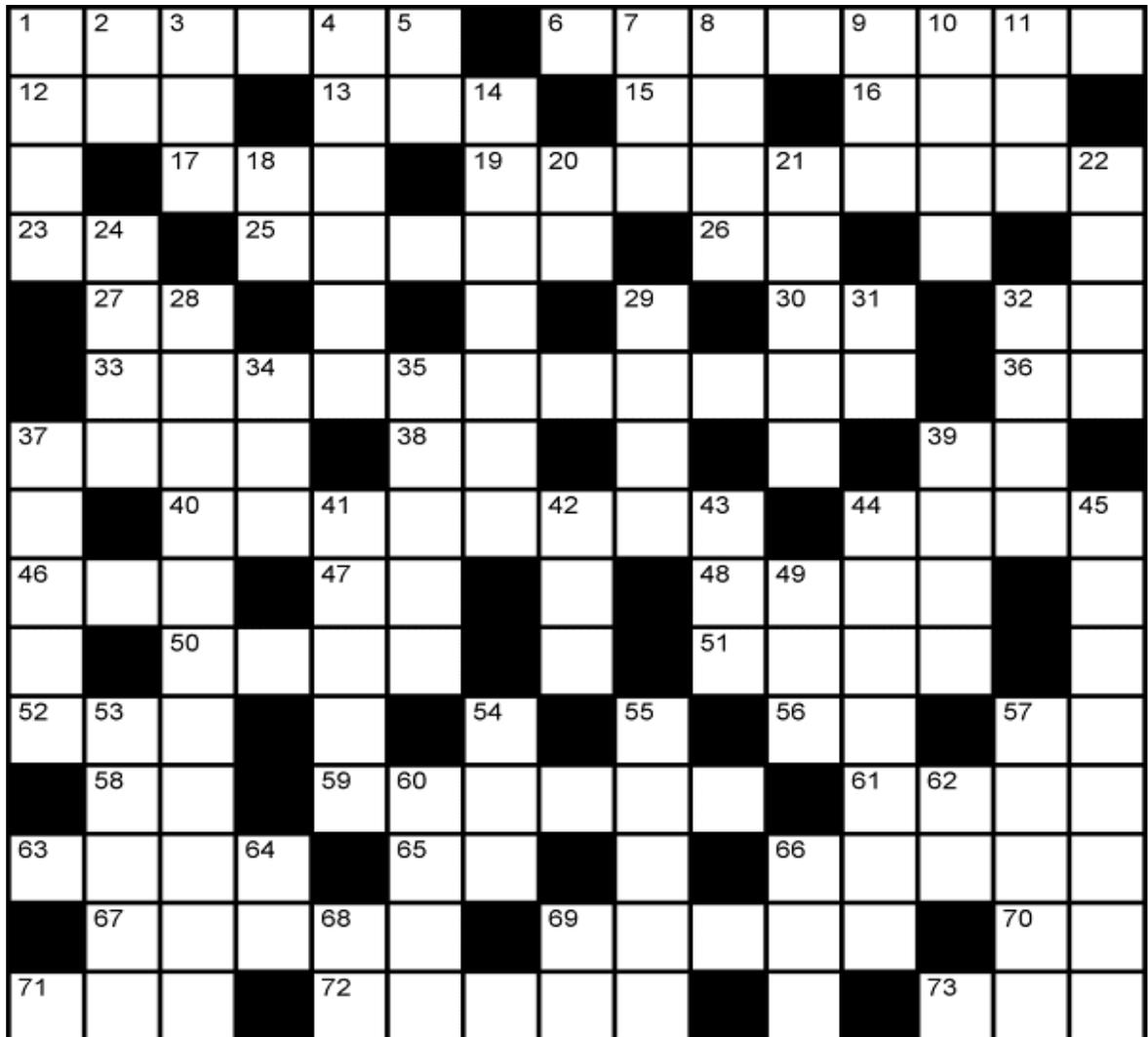
18. Prefix of Benin

20. CW for "stand by"

21. An antenna with multiple elements

22. Most popular voice mode for hams (acronym)

24. Opposite of narrow



28. Measurement of an antenna's ability to direct or reject signals

29. Region of radiation

31. CW for "closing station"

32. Antenna made of continuous conductors

34. Edge or lip

35. Inexpensive

37. 2.2 of these in a kilogram

39. An antenna design that doesn't work

41. Prototypes go with this kind of bread

42. With respect to 1 milliwatt

43. With respect to 1 watt

44. Horizontal direction

45. Electrically enclosed to re-

ject incoming signals

49. Unit of resistance

53. Corrosion-resistant metal used in marine antennas

54. Satellite location system

55. Remove dirt and oxidation

57. Frequency ranges

60. Abbreviation for measuring device

62. Suffix of ARRL propagation bulletin author's call

64. Prefix for Argentina

66. Unidirectional thyristor

68. Type of college degree

69. Number one



Member's Birthdays

This is a very busy month for birthdays so here is wishes each and every one a hearty Happy Birthday on their special day.....

May 4th ; WA8IWJ , David White

N8TIO , Ronnie McCaman

May 8th , W8SHR , Dale Bowen

May 9th , Assoc, Robin Terlecky

May 11th, K8BFM , Brenda McClain

May 12th , Assoc, Jeannie Allen

May 15th; WM3K , Daryl Paddock

May 15th. KA8LCW, Reno Principi

May 24th , WA4SIR , Ron Parise

May 25th; AB8GX , John Simons

N8NVI Nick Buhhur

May 30th ; KC8MTZ , Ada Simons

WB8TKU , Gar Braniger

May 31st , Assoc. Madeline Simon

Here's wishing each of these members a hearty ARL FORTH SIX for their special day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Armed Forces Day Crossband Radio Communication Test

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of the 57th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD). Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 19, 2007, the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted 12 May 2007 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention (18-20 May 2007), which is the same weekend as the actual Armed Forces Day.

The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice tests and copying the Secretary of De-

fense message via digital modes. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations. Special commemorative certificates will be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense.

**MILITARY-TO-AMATEUR
CROSS BAND SSB TEST
CONTACTS.**

Military-to-Amateur cross band operations will take place on the dates/times in ZULU (UTC), and frequencies listed below for each station. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB). Some stations may not operate the entire period, depending on propagation and manning. Participating military stations will transmit on selected Military MARS frequencies and listen for amateur radio stations in the Amateur bands indicated below. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. More information and links can be found at www.arrl.org

Ham It Up For The Troops

Amateur Radio will *'Ham It Up For The Troops'* on May 26, 2007 beginning at 0900 EST. ARMAD includes all Coalition Forces and Military Veterans worldwide.

We invite Amateur Radio Clubs, and individual operators from their homes, portable locations, and mobiles to get on the air and express messages of thanks and appreciation to those that serve.

ARMAD has conducted this Special Event for the past three years, and has become a hit with the public, and our Military members. Those that sacrifice need to know that we support them, and live interaction via Ama-

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teur Radio is a great way to promote the hobby while providing a great public service.

Over the years several groups have joined in to help Amateur Radio during this event. One group is Operation Tribute To Freedom a branch of the U.S. Army Public Affairs. They provide soldiers that will visit an Amateur Radio Club's local Armad event to greet visitors, and speak over the airwaves.

Other groups also help with public relations and advertising the event. This has helped boost the awareness of Amateur radio to many that would not have other wise been exposed to the hobby.



The Stardust Radio Show "United We Roll" has also offered to help promote the event by having any local Amateur Radio Club representative on the show as a guest to talk about that club's local event To learn more about ARMAD visit <http://www.armad.net> and then spread the word.



Editor's Notes:

Just a quick little reminder that articles are due for the June Q-Match on 24 May 2007.

Thought I would pass some headlines that I found a little interested.

Newspaper editors have tough jobs. After all, it's not always easy finding just the right words.

Take these headlines , for example:

- "Health Department Wants Mayor's Ear"— Deseret Morning New
- "Death Doesn't Deter Students From Drinking"—The Roanoke Times
- "Conceiving a Way to Get More Babies"—The Sydney Morning Herald
- "Brain Removal Study Finds Few Volunteers"—Kenosha News.

Founded In 1938, The W.A.R.A. Has Been An Anchor For Amateur Radio Enthusiast Throughout North East Ohio. For The Past 69 Years We Have Encouraged Young And Old Alike To Enjoy Themselves While Participating In An Interesting And Truly Wonderful Hobby. We Hope That You Too Will Find Yourself Swept Up In The Spirit Of Ham Radio



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