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WARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Special points of interest:

- Trivia Fun
- New Q&A for eBook
- Recipe of the month
- Upcoming testing dates
- WARA Christmas party
- Sunshine and Sick

The W.A.R.A Christmas party was held on December 5, 2009 at the church. There were 17 members and guests in attendance, no children. We had a good share of food and Santa Clause showed up to pass out gifts. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much. We would like to thank all who helped and especially Alice Davidson for doing a wonderful job setting up the party and all of the decorations she made. We hope to see you all next year.

Betsy Williams, KD8BIC



REPEATER NEWS

John w8zl and I made a trip to Newton Falls and installed the power amplifier shown in last months Q Match. Al three receive sites are up to par now.



A view of the link through the door. The transceiver is opened down for service.



The transceiver is bottom, top left is the microprocessor controller, the small board on eh top right is the audio de-emphasize board, top is the wiring terminal board.

Dave kz8t

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EC NEWS

These last few months have been a little busy for me with getting back to work, a District 5 EC meeting, Skywarn Recognition Day and then Santa on the Air. I will touch base on these activities. First on the Meeting;

Even though one hasn't been done is quite some time there was at least one representative from each county for the ARES Meeting.

One of the items reviewed was about having a district wide SET in the up-coming year. The DEC for District 10 was present and commented on the district wide event they put on and how well it goes. They are going to be having a table top exercise in the near future and everyone was invited to come and see how the exercise is performed and they will try and use whoever shows in some part of the exercise. It would really be an interesting exercise to watch since one has not been done in our county in quite a while. The way it sounded the other counties has the EMA right behind them and really that is a very good asset, to bad our EMA director just don't want to use the amateur radio operators as they should be. It seems that the new Emergency Plans are to include the Amateur Radio Operators.

Now for Skywarn Recognition Day, we first meet for a Skywarn meeting to go over what happened over the summer, Gary Garnet KC8TJI said that we have been very lucky with the weather the past few years and hopefully this winter will also be a mild winter as per normal. The NOAA Weather Radio Antenna has been moved from the TV 27 tower to the Channel 21 tower in Youngstown and Gary is hoping this will give better coverage in Trumbull County, so anyone living in the northern part of Trumbull county can let me know if there is any difference in their reception so I can pass the information on to Cleveland Weather. Joe Baktzl KC8DKF stated that he would like to hear more reports from the different areas so that means we need to get more reports from our spotters.

Gary Garnet is also on the Nation Skywarn Committee and they have redone the Skywarn guides by combining the basic and advance in to one book. Gary has done the technology section and has enclosed a lot of items from this area; the new guides should be out on 2011. The warning criteria for hail will also be changing as of January 2010, it will be going from 3/4 inch (penny size) to 1 inch (quarter size) but Gary still wants any hail reports.

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EC NEWS CONTINUED

Sometime after the first of the year there will be a Nation Skywarn web-site which will contain some of the follow; online Skywarn training, national data-base registry, warning/messenger/chat services, and possible in the future social network (twitter, facebook, myspace). The next Skywarn meeting will be held somewhere between the 6th and 13th of March for the kick-off for the Skywarn Season. After the meeting the fun started with the contacts. Gary had the 6 and 2 meter set up in the cubical as normal and then in the meeting room he set up a HF rig (Kenwood 570S) and a laptop with Echo link. With the help of Carl Rimmer W8KRF, the Cleveland Weather Service has gotten some improvements, a scrapper dipole, inverted V and multi-dipole antennas are now on the roof of the building. I am not sure what the total of contacts was but for Echolink the three operators made a total of 33

contacts with 28 of those being Nation Weather Stations. There was only about 5 people that stayed for the contest and most of them had to leave about 1pm so who know what could have been accomplished if someone could have stayed until 7pm. But there is always next year and hope everyone remembers that National Skywarn Recognition Day is held on the first weekend in December.

Now on to the next issue; The ARES group was going to do the Santa on the Air again this year, but unlike last year there was no children in the hospital for the holiday, which was great news, last year even though there was not a lot of children in the hospital it was a well received event by one of our local hospitals and a local shelter, the shelter at the last minute did not need us for they had gotten the families homes for the holidays. . The looks on the some of the children when they got to actually talk to Santa at the North Pole made the whole program worth it.



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KC8LRH



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ARRL Licensing Study Guides Coming to an eBook Reader Near You

ARRL is pleased to announce that owners of Kindle-- an electronic book reader sold by Amazon.com -- can now download ARRL's Tech Q&A directly from the online bookseller for use on their Kindle. Kindle is shaped much like a book with a paper-like screen that displays text and pictures. Those who have the Kindle application installed on their Apple iPhone, or iPod

touch can also download the book to be used on these devices. When you download the *Tech Q&A*, you can gain access quickly and easily, smoothing the path to your first ham radio license within minutes. This ideal study tool -- whether you're at home, in the office, traveling or just on the go -- lets you review the questions and answers from the entire Technician question pool so you can pass the 35

-question exam. Kindle versions of the General Q&A and the *Amateur Extra Q&A* will be available sometime in January. All three can be purchased from Amazon.com for \$9.99 each. Courtesy of the ARRL



Recipe Of the Month~~~~ CANDY CANE HOT COCOA

Ingredients

- 4 cups milk
- 3 (1 ounce) squares semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 4 peppermint candy canes, crushed

- 1 cup whipped cream
- 4 small peppermint candy canes

Directions

1. In a saucepan, heat milk until hot, but not boiling.

2. Whisk in the chocolate and the crushed peppermint candies until melted and smooth.
3. Pour hot cocoa into four mugs, and garnish with whipped cream.
4. Serve each with a candy cane stirring stick.

TRIVIA FUN

The New Year's Eve Ball first descended from a flagpole at One Times Square. with 100 25-watt bulbs weighing 700 pounds (320 kg) and measuring 5 feet (1.5 m) in diameter. At first, it dropped 1 second after midnight

In What year did the first ball drop?

A: 1910 B: 1917 C: 1907 D: 1905

Email the answer to me @ kd8dne@yahoo.com.

~~THE ANSWER AND WINNER WILL BE IN NEXT MONTHS QMATCH~~



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Upcoming Tests

Need to Upgrade? Here are a list of testing dates and sites for January and February 2010:

Jan 21, 2010

Sponsor: Mahoning Valley ARA

Time: 6:30pm
(walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James T. Viele
(330)534-1394

Location:
YSU-WOOD ST.-
FACILITIES BUILDING

Feb 6, 2010

Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS, INC

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD
(330)297-7979

Location: CENTER OF HOPE
1034 W MAIN ST
RAVENNA, OH 44266

Feb 17, 2010

Sponsor: 20 OVER 9 ARC

Time: 7:00 PM
(Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ALLAN AVNET
(330)549-3051

Location: EMA BUILDING
700 INDUSTRIAL RD
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44509



Sunshine and Sick

I am glad to say that Larry Clay's (KD8JNM) mom, Viola is home from the hospital. She did not make it home in time for Christmas but she did make it in time for her birthday. She is recovering very well. She is expected to make a good recovery in the next few months.

Sherman Davidson, KC8YHJ



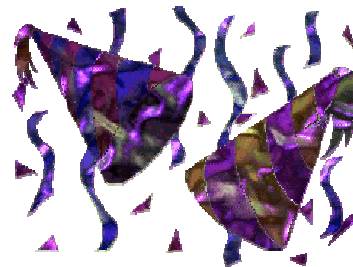
JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEARS DAY	2
3	4	5 MEETING	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	19 MEETING	20	21	22	23
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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**THE W.A.R.A. WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH.:**

- >DEBBIE ANDERSON, ASSOCIATE
- >PETE KOZUP, K8OUA
- >DONNA CRAIGER, ASSOCIATE
- >DONALD BOWER, N8VCK
- >MIKE AUSTIN, KC8WUX
- >EMILY WELLS, KC8RAL
- >CHRISTOPHER BRISTER, KD8BHR



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Founded In 1938, The W.A.R.A. Has Been An Anchor For Amateur Radio Enthusiast Throughout North East Ohio. For The Past 70 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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