

Q-Match

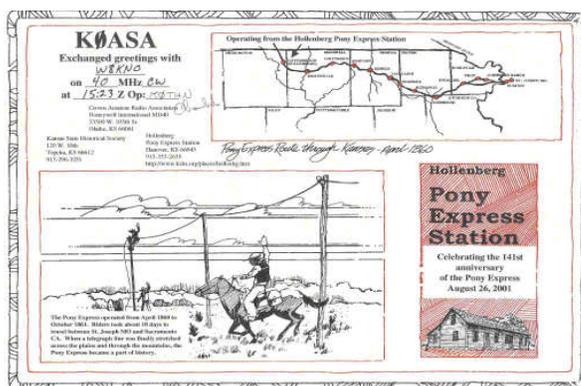
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Paper Chase



If you have read CQ Magazines' "Results of the 2008 CQ WW DX SSB Contest", you notice it reads "The 2008 CQ WW DX SSB Contest occurred with the solar flux about as low as it can get". If it had said "as low as it can go" you might have been in a limbo contest instead of a radio con-

test and continued, "Conditions were predicted to be a challenge." Therefore, I decided to continue this month with paper chasing within North American. Paper you have a chance to collect as was done last month with the Original Thirteen Colonies Award. I did contact nine of the thirteen and hope you did better than that. If you worked all but Connecticut your award will show you having worked them all as there was a problem with the Connecticut station and you should not be penalized.

So what is the award for this month? The Hollenberg Pony Express Station. The first event took place in 2000 and has been an annual event since. The Pony Express existed for the sole purpose of bridging a 2000 mile gap in the telegraph line in 1860. The Pony Express operated only from April 1860 to October 1861. Riders took about 10 days to travel between St. Joseph, MO. and Sacramento, CA. When a telegraph line was finally stretched across the plains and through the mountains, the Pony Express became a part of history.

You will find the special event on 3.540, 7.040, 14.040 and for the non cw operator 14.240. I received special notice in the 2001 write up of the special when I made my contact. It read in part, "Requests for a Pony Express Special Event Station certificate are coming in from across the country. On the back of one of the QSL cards we received was a note that read 'this was only my second CW contact in 42 years. I practiced all week to get ready for when I would have to use it'. 'If I could do it you can

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Recipe Corner

Kidney Bean Salad

2 cans dark kidney beans
drain juice in sieve
wash lightly to drain

3 eggs boiled and chopped
3 ribs celery chopped small
1 green pepper chopped small
1 Tablespoon sweet pickle relish
squeeze some of the juice off
1 onion cut up
1/2 cup Miracle Whip

Mix to stir and chill in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Sunshine and Sick

.This report concerns Lyle Rabbit KB8OVA's wife who went into the hospital for heart problems, and had two stints put in her heart. The doctors thought they might need three, but thank God they didn't.

Delbert Shafer WD8KXD had surgery on his throat on July 17th. His throat is a little sore but he is feeling fine. The doctors took a tumor out the size of a lemon; the doctors also removed half his thyroid . He sounds in good spirits and told me too tell everyone he's fine and thanks for the prayers.

Chris Brister's KD8BRX father passed away July 21, 2009 , Our prayers are with you and your family at your time of lose.....

Sherman KC8YHJ
Barry KD8EIT

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t o o . T h e i r o p e r a t o r s a r e g o o d .

Certificates are available from the Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 West 17th Terrace, Olatha, Kansas 66062.

Hear you in the pile-up!

Joe - W8KNO

REPEATER

John Davison W8ZL and I have been to main repeater site two times working on a noise keying the repeater. Hopefully the problem was squelch pots on two receivers being dirty, Have not heard much in a couple of days. We were also able to regain some receiver sensitivity in the main site receiver. It had been receiving poorly.

It may become necessary to put receivers in PL or turn off receivers in this time of band openings. So users should be sure they have a 100 Hz tone entered into their transmitter.

Dave KZ8T

Sunshine and Sick



Rebecca Shepherd, daughter of Ed (KC8URX) and Sandra Shepherd, received her PhD degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, on August 5, 2009. Residing in Annapolis, Maryland, Rebecca is employed as a full time faculty member of the United States Naval Academy.

Ed and I were in Maryland to watch the defense on Wed. Aug. 5th. She graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. Becky did an outstanding job and we are so very proud of her. She is now Dr. Rebecca Shepherd, a dream that she has achieved after so many years.



Becky's address is: 1117 Coral Court, Annapolis, Md. 21409, for those of you that may be interested.

Thanks to all of our friends and family for their love, prayers, kindness and support through the years. Kudos to Becky..!!! Ed & Sandy

Prepare for a Disaster

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There are many parts to a personal disaster plan. Fortunately, they do not have to be completed all at once. As you finish each part of your preparation.

Below is a starting list , watch for more in the upcoming Q-Match.

Make an emergency information list.

Include-

- Medical and emergency contact information.
- Emergency out-of-town contacts.
- Name and numbers of a relative or friend who lives more than 100 miles away from you.

If you have communication disability make sure your emergency information list notes the best way to communicate with you.

CLUB

Committees

- Awards: KC8LRH
- Christmas Party: KD8FVI
- Field Day:KB8GAB and all WARA Members
- Net: N8IVE
- Program Director: K8OUA
- Property Custodians: KA8LCW historian,
- 50/50: KD8BIB
- Refreshments: Alice Davidson Assoc.
- Sunshine (welfare): KC8YHJ
- VE exams:
- Web Master: KC8PVB
- Public Information Officer:: KC8VHC
- Hamfest: KD8BHR
- Repeater: KZ8T
- Newsletter: Editor KC8RAL
** KC8VHC,
** Jeannie
** Co-Chair

REMINDER

OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR

September 12, 2009

At Mosquito State Park

For more information check this web-site: htparks.porters.org

Or you can contact Jackie at the following:

kd8dne@yahoo.com

(440) 636-2806

For Your Information

Just an idea - you might have heard about this already: September is National Preparedness Month. There are many web sites containing lots of info on this topic. Here's a good one:

www.ready.gov

This might be a good topic for a newsletter article. Many hams consider themselves 'ready' for disasters, emergencies, etc. But preparedness does not mean just having a radio and a license to use it. We must ask ourselves: What are some likely emergency situations I might face? Do I actually know what to do? Does my family have a plan? Do we review the plan and practice it? Do we have supplies, go kit, first aid kit, phone numbers, and prescription info?

And, what about family members, relatives, friends, co-workers, etc.? Here's a chance to help spread the word, do some good, and maybe talk about amateur radio at the same time.

Dennis Alexander
Warren, Ohio
KC8LMC@ARRL.net
God Bless America!

For Your Information II

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For those scanner puffs that like to hear what is going on around the county and you would like to know which station is which, here is a list for the county:

Department	Station #
Warren City	1,4 and 6
Niles	7, 8. And 9
Bazetta	11 and 13
Cortland	12
North Bloomfield	15
Braceville	16
Bristolville	17
Brookfield	18
Burg-hill	19
Champion	21
Farmington	22

Ohio State Parks on the Air

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) announces the Second Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z).

For hams throughout the State of Ohio this contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the seventy-three beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. You can spend the day or even spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks and all that they have to offer at Ohio Department of Natural Resources web site <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

This contest places a premium on working stations at the State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300 mile range. Contacts can be made with any mode on the HF and VHF bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters and all contacts have the same point value. This is a great chance to try something new, like an NVIS antenna or two meter SSB.

Individuals and clubs can operate high or low power park stations and there are prizes and awards for top finishers! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as outside of Ohio can also compete with each other.

So get to an Ohio State Park and get on the air in September. Have some fun with this contest!

You can get complete information, including rules, forms and FAQ's, at <http://parks.portcars.org>, or contact the contest chairman, Chuck, W8PT, at w8pt@portcars.org. Check back at the web site for updates as the contest gets closer, including a list of the parks that hams plan to activate.

Club will be on the air at Mosquito Lake State Park. I would like to set up as many stations as we can; we are in need of equipment, if you would like to bring your radio and set it up, please do. We will be set up on the south west side of the lake near the ranger station (same place as last year). Please bring a dish to pass, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. If you need more information please fill free to contact me at kd8dne@yahoo.com or by phone at (440)636-2806.

Thank you for your time and cooperation,
Jackie KD8DNE,
Special Events Coordinator, W.A.R.A.

Preparing for a Disaster

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Fill out a medical information list.

Include information about-

- Medical providers.
- Medications you use.
- Adaptive equipment and/or body system support equipment you use.
- Allergies and sensitivities.
- Communication or cognitive difficulties.

Attach copies of health insurance cards and related information to your medical information list.

Keep at least a seven-day supply of essential medications with you at all times.

Have extra copies of prescriptions.

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Preparing for a Disaster

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Talk with your doctor or pharmacist about what you should do if you do not have enough medicine after a disaster. Also find out the shelf life of your medication and the storage temperature it needs.

Determine how often you should replace stored medication.

Identify safe places to go to during an-

- Earthquake
- Tornado
- Hurricane
- Flood
- Fire
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Install at least one smoke detector on each level of your home, outside sleeping areas.

Find the location of utility cutoff valves and switches. Because familiar with how to operate them.

For Your Information II

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Fowler 23

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Greene 25

Gustavus 26

Hartford 27

Hubbard 28

Johnson 29

Howland 30,31 and 32

Kinsman 33

Liberty 34 and 35

Lordstown 36

McDonald 37

Mecca 38

Mesopotamia 39

Weathersfield 40, 41, and 42

Newton Falls 43

Orangeville 44

Southington 45

Vienna 46

Warren Twp. 47, 48 and 49

Brookfield 51

During a Skywarn activation no one know where station 38 was, they reported power outage. Robert Meeker KC8QZR asked for this to be published.

NOW HEAR THIS

I tried to call WARA members to notify them of a meeting date change and a lot of the numbers I have are no good., so please fill this form out and turn it back in to me. .

Secretary Renee McCaman, 317 Raymond Ave. NW, Warren, Ohio 44483 or e-mail me at ma-pa-21@embarqmail.com or call 330-847-8478 and I will be glad to fill the form out for you.

WARA Update Information 2009

Call: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell: _____

Birth date: _____

Anniversary: _____

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September Birthdays

It is time again to wish everyone of our special birthday members a very Happy Birthday.

September 15th... N8WRT... Larry Durkos

September 18th... KB8OVA... Lyle Rabbitts

September 26th ... N8IVE Dennis Carraher



Schedule of Events

- **Sept. 1st... WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church 7:30 pm
- Sept.5th.... Breakfast at the Wayside Restaurant, Champion ... 9 AM
- **Sept. 12th... OSPOTA, Mosquito State Park**, call Jackie for details (440) 636-2806
- Sept. 14th ...Brunch..West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **Sept. 15th.WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church 7:30 pm
- Sept. 19th ... Breakfast at the Wayside Restaurant , Champion... 9 AM
- **Sept. 20rd....WARAVE Testing , Newton Falls Community Center .Bill Showers** (330) 872-1929
- Sept. 21th ... Brunch..West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- Sept.28 Brunch... West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WARA Meeting	2	3	4	5 Breakfast
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 OSPOTA
13	14	15 WARA Meeting	16	17	18	19 Breakfast
20 WARA VE Testing	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	24	29	30			

WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday

WARA Net Schedule

WARA is looking for someone to volunteer for Net Coordination, if you might be interested or know someone that is please contact Dennis N8IVE



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Nothing sent in for this space , so if you have anything that you want to give, sell or trade please let me know for the next issue of the Q-Match....