

The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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Club elections

It's that time again folks, it's election time! Every year at the second club meeting in January the WARA has its General Meeting. This year the meeting will occur on January 18, 2005. After the business part of this meeting we will elect the club officers for 2005. Obviously this is an important meeting, and we need you there. We also need candidates to run for club officers. A nominating committee made up of Richard Bell, KC8TAP, and Sue Wagner, KC8VHC, is trying to get a list of candidates for club officers. As usual, we will need people to run for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a three-year Trustee. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, or if you know someone in the club who you feel should be an office holder, contact Richard by email at kc8tap@neo.rr.com or by phone on 330 898-6539, or Sue by email at sweetannie62@onecom.com or by phone on 330 898-6626. Most importantly, whether you run for office or not, be at the meeting on January 18.

Youth report

Kids day is set to be held on January second from 1:00pm to 7:00pm at Bob Maurers house. The address is 16680 Main Market (RT422) in Parkman. We will have orange cones out near the road so it will be easier to find. Adults bring your kids, and their friends. Let them see what this ham radio thing is all

about. There will be refreshments there, and any participants will receive a certificate of participation. As of the writing of this article, this is still the plan. It has come to my attention that there is an illness in Bob's family that may or may not affect this plan. If there are any changes to this information, I will post the changes on the youth web site as soon as I know of them. The address to the youth web site is www.home.earthlink.net/~kc8vys

I would like to wish everyone a very merry holiday season and good luck for the New Year. Looking back I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the youth efforts through the year. It is because of your help that we are able to try and expose youths to our hobby. Without you, it would make things MUCH more difficult and in some cases, impossible to do these events. From myself, and the club, thank you.

73,

Roger Dean, KC8VYS

Youth Activities Coordinator

Sunshine and sick

As most of us know Marilu Maurer, wife of club president Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, suffered a minor stroke late in December. I spoke with Marilu and Bob while she was still in University Hospital. Marilu sounded fine though a bit tired. Since then Marilu has been moved to Heather Hill in Chardon.

Sunshine and sick (cont. . . .)

It is with sadness that we report the death of the father of Mike Yakopec, KA8WMF. Mike has expressed his appreciation of the flowers the club sent and the regrets from club members.

Ray, N8HRZ, is recovering from a bad round of back problems resulting in surgery on his back. Our understanding is that Ray is on the mend and doing well.

Frank, KD8KJ, reported to the club at the last meeting that he has been doing fine following some heart problems he had recently.

Happy birthday

Pundits, those in the know, have selected January as the month in which the best looking and most intelligent people were born. No one understands why this is so, but it can be seen by looking down through the list of January birthdays. We wish all of these members the happiest of birthdays.

1/1 Josephine Wingrove, N8SYI

1/10 Jim Gabriel, WA8DXB

1/12 Pete Kozup, K8OUA

1/13 Donna Craiger, Assoc.

1/17 Don Bower, N8VCK

1/22 Emily Wells, KC8RAL

1/31 Mike Austin, KC8WUX

ARRL FORTY-SIX to each of these members, and, as I usually do, I will remind you that if I have left your birthday off the list or have it wrong, please let me know so that I can correct it for next year!!

Ohio section news

Section News (Ohio Section) for JANUARY, 2005

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at <www.iarc.ws>); ASM-NE: Bob

Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; SEC: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC: Mark Reising, WM8R, Mainville; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

JANUARY SECTION NEWS - Happy New Year. Two quick 2005 resolutions to grow amateur radio: (1) Join and participate in your local club and (2) Get a new ARRL member.

RILEY COMING HERE - Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, our chief enforcer at the FCC will not only be the banquet speaker but conduct an hour long seminar here in March. Here is, of course, the Great Lakes Division Convention March 19 at the Toledo Holiday Inn West in Maumee. This is about 2 miles from the location of the Toledo Hamfest. Which is a good thing since the Toledo Hamfest is the next day.

RILEY WILL BE HERE TOO - And in May, the 2005 Dayton Hamvention (May 20-22) will also serve as the 2005 ARRL National Convention. Division Convention and National Convention makes Ohio the center of the ARRL in 2005.

OHIO SECTION CLUB NEWS - The ARRL has new information about the reimbursement for ARRL membership program. It is on the Ohio Section web site <www.iarc.ws>. Pay a visit.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - You download the latest audio ARRL Public Service Announcement and make it available to your local radio station (or cable company since many cable company public bulletin boards run Ohio section news (cont. . . .))

audio announcements). This 30 second PSA (radio industry spot) helps in the recruitment of amateur radio operators since it shows that hams come from all walks of life. Find it at <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/ARRL-RadioPSA-1mpg.mp3>>.

Check out a cute idea in the "Q-Match" newsletter of the Warren ARC which sometimes puts a club message in Dits and Dahs. You do not need quick code speed to read the message. Thanks to Editor Pete Kozup, K8OUA.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - We need reminding from time to time about Ohio's main traffic net - the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN). Find it three times daily at 3.9725 MHz at 10:30 a.m: 4:15 p.m: and 6:45 p.m. Hey, you may get the bug and join them.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO LARRY ASHBURN, KE8VE of the Alliance ARC, for publishing the latest "Zero Beat" newsletter with a completely blank page. Sometimes you have to give your members a blunt reminder to participate in the newsletter and get articles in; (B) TO ALLAN HALE, WA9IRS, of Cincinnati for his black puzzles printed in each issue of the GCARA "Mike & Key" newsletter: and (C) BRENDA KRUKOWSKI, KB8IUP, for her able leadership as location chairman of the Great Lakes Division Convention, March 19 in Toledo, assisting General Chairman Gary Johnston, KI4LA.

OHIO SECTION JANUARY SYMPOSIUM Saturday (15) SWOH Digital Symposium by the DIAL Radio Club; Web Site <<http://www.swohdigi.org>> Contact: Hank Greeb, N8XX, Phone: 513-385-

8363 (after 6 PM) or Email: <n8xx@arrl.net> Miami University, Middletown Campus, Thesken Hall
OHIO SECTION JANUARY HAMFESTS (16) SCARFest 2005 by the Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation. Contact: Russ Ellis, N8MWK, Phone: 740-591-2232, Email: <n8mwk@arrl.net> Nelsonville, OH at Tri County Joint Vocational School, State Route 691 (23) TUSCO ARC HAMFEST; Contact: Gary Green, K8WFN, 32210 Norris Road, Tippecanoe, OH 44699, Phone: 740-922-4454, Email: k8wfn@tusco.net
Check with Gary, K8WFN, due to new hamfest location from 2004.

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

Net news

The club's two meter and ten meter nets are still going strong. The ten meter net meets on 28.375 MHz at 8.00 PM each Wednesday night, while the two meter net meets on the club repeater at 146.97 MHz (-6) at 9.00 PM local time. NCSs for the ten meter net are Fred, N9BSO, and Ken, KC8TML. Following is the NCS schedule for January and February for the two meter net.

Jan. 5th – Lisa, KC8VHB

Jan. 12th – Sherman, KC8YHJ

Jan. 19th – Andy, N8YR

Jan. 26th – Emily, KC8RAL

Feb. 2nd – Bob, KC8PVB

Feb. 9th – Lisa, KC8VHB

Feb. 16th – Sherman, KC8YHJ

Feb. 23rd – Andy, N8YR

A highlight of the nets was the visit of Santa Claus to a special two meter net on Wednesday December 22nd. The net met at 7.00 PM, and a special Santa in
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the form of W8KNO listened to a number of children tell him what they wanted for Christmas. After the children came the big kids, most of them with callsigns, who expressed their holiday wishes to Santa. The only difference between the two was that the big kids wanted more expensive gifts!!

Hope to see you on one of the club's nets soon.

From the director

From James Weaver, K8JE, Director of the ARRL Great Lakes Division –
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

If you are reading this newsletter, you definitely are interested in Amateur Radio. Why not, therefore, make a New Year's Resolution to do something to benefit this great avocation and, through it, to benefit yourself?

One way you could do this is to become active in protecting and enhancing Amateur Radio through the ARRL Grassroots program. We still need amateurs in many Congressional Districts who are willing to contact their Congressmen/women or Senators to spread the story of hamming. Check with me (k8je@arrl.org) for full information on this highly satisfying activity that will require only limited amounts of time.

While we are talking about resolutions, why not ask ourselves if we are promoting fraternity in ham radio? Are we working together, or have we let petty squabbles become destructive to Amateur Radio? Do we support local clubs and Section activities not merely with our dollars, but also with our time and effort?

MY RESOLUTION TO YOU

Before I tossed my hat into the ring to become GLD Director I made a few resolutions to myself and to each of you. I didn't tell you this at the time, so I've decided to renew the resolutions and let you in on them.

RESOLUTION No. 1: I will continue to act at all times in the best interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL. I will not cater to any individual or group when fulfilling the duties of Director.

RESOLUTION No. 2: I will continue to seek input and direction from you GLD members before voting on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

RESOLUTION No. 3: I will continue to consider very seriously any recommendations and opinions of GLD ARRL members before determining my vote on items of substance, whenever this is possible.

RESOLUTION No. 4: I will continue to include the best available information regarding: 1) FCC, and US Communications Law and regulations, 2) International Communications Law and regulations, 3) lessons drawn from the best Amateur Radio practices as well as 4) member wishes / preferences in determining my vote on issues before the ARRL Board of Directors.

All of the above is based upon my strong belief that ARRL members are partners in Amateur Radio who can, and do, contribute substantial knowledge and enlightened guidance to ARRL actions. ARRL exists for its members.

CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE

Some time ago, I was asked why the ARRL does not offer liability as well as equipment insurance to affiliated clubs. I checked on this and learned ARRL already offers just such liability

From the director (cont. . . .)
 insurance. The liability plan is rather wide in its coverage and should be an excellent program for many clubs. See http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/insurance/club_liability.html for information. One thing not listed is the cost of coverage. To learn this, contact the insurance carrier shown at the site.
 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION -- 3/19/05

On the heels of the resounding success of the 2003 Great Lakes Division Convention, the 2005 Convention will be in Toledo, Ohio, Saturday, March 19. It will be the day before the Sunday, March 20, Toledo Hamfest. Both events are held indoors, with the hamfest drawing typically 3,000 hams. Details will be forthcoming, but **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has confirmed as guest speaker for the Saturday evening banquet. Riley will also present a seminar in the afternoon.

Keep in mind that we are seeking nominations for the Division level awards: The George S. Wilson III W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award, Great Lakes Division Amateur of The Year, Great Lakes Division Technical Achievement Award and the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Award. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT of Dearborn Heights., Michigan is chairing the GLD Awards Committee and will send out the awards criteria, procedures and deadline. Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP of Toledo, has been appointed Convention Manager and Joe Phillips, K8QOE, of Cincinnati has agreed to

serve again as Seminar Chair. Jeanie Dalton, KB8QLC, of Lexington, KY, will continue to manage the Convention Office. Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K and Michigan SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK, are also on the Convention Committee. We are looking forward to another GREAT convention, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Tnx to Gary Johnston, KI4LA, who has agreed to chair the 2005 GLD Convention. (This item is based on an announcement by KI4LA.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting will be the middle of January in Newington, CT. One of the topics to come before the Board is the matter of Regulation by Transmitted Bandwidth. The Executive Committee of the Board reviewed the comments many of you -- and many others -- made on the earlier draft a few months ago. The EC proposes a number of changes in response to these comments. It is quite possible we will complete work on the proposal at the January meeting.

I thank the many of you who made suggestions, raised concerns and expressed opinions on the draft. You did a good job. This represents membership involvement at its finest. Please keep this up.

73, HNY, GL, CUL,

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Morse requirement

The ARRL does not anticipate the FCC will offer up any proposals on the Morse requirement and further

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restructuring of the Amateur Radio licensing system until sometime in mid-2005, possibly sooner. The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau continues to review thousands of comments it received on 18 petitions for rule making--including one from the ARRL.

Before the FCC adopts any changes in the Morse requirement and the license structure, it must complete its comment review, issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) and invite further comments on the NPRM. The FCC then will review those comments before issuing a Report and Order that spells out any final rules. The ARRL does not anticipate any changes in the Morse requirement or in other Amateur Radio licensing requirements before 2006, possibly later.

While this rule making process is under way, no changes have been made in the Amateur Radio Service rules. The 5 WPM Morse code requirement (Element 1) to gain HF privileges in the US remains in place, and no proposed automatic upgrades or other rule changes have been put into effect. The ARRL has posted answers to frequently asked questions on its own restructuring proposals --

<<http://www.arrl.org/news/restructuring2/faq.html>>.

ham radio scholarships

There are a number of college scholarships available to amateur radio ops. The deadline for applying for an ARRL Foundation scholarship is February 1, 2005. For more information on available scholarships and how to apply for them check out the ARRL

website at www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen.html. You can find information also in the January issue of QST on page 101.

calendar

1/1 Happy New Year
 1/1 Straight key night—Dec QST p105
 1/2 Kid's Day—see article this Q-Match
 1/3 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 1/4 WARA mtg 7.30PM Grace Bpt Ch
 1/5 WARA 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9 PM
 1/8-9 N. Am QSO Party CW Jan QST
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 1/10 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 1/12 WARA 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 & 9 PM
 1/15 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
 1/15 N. Am QSO Party Phone Jan QST
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 1/15 PSKfest Penn/OH DX Soc. Jan
 QST p102
 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr Day
 1/17 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 1/18 WARA Annual Meeting 7.30 PM
 Grace Bpt Ch
 1/19 WARA 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 & 9 PM
 1/22 Lunch 12 N Covered Bridge Rest
 Newton Falls
 1/24 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 1/26 WARA 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 & 9 PM
 1/29 Sp Ev Stn K3HWJ Punxsutawney
 ARA Ground Hog Day Jan QSt p101
 1/29-30 CQ 160 mtr CW contest Jan
 QST p102

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