

The Q-Match
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A word from the prez

ELECTIONS AND THE COMING YEAR

First I would like to thank all of the members for re-electing me for another term as your Club President. I hope to be able to fulfill that position in 2003 with exceeding your expectations as best I can. I also would like to thank all for their confidence in electing the other officers for another term. And know that all of them feel the same as me about the coming year.

Now second I need to apologize for missing the last meeting and some other Club activities over the past few weeks. The good news is that the XLY is home now and things are slowing getting back to normal.

The coming year looks to be very exciting with our first Club activity being the "Two Meter VHF Trumbull Country QSO Party" on March 15th, Saturday. Look for additional information in the March Q-Match and on the W8VTD.ORG website. This year we hope to open it up to other counties for participation too. I sure hope the snow and cold is out of the way by then!

Some other idea's for the coming year is to increase surrounding communities awareness of Amateur Radio and the WARA. I hope to have us do that by participating in providing radio support for any activities we can such as bicycle events or "Walk-A-Thons". If any of our members know of such activities we could participate as a Club, please bring it up at a Club meeting or send me an email.

One other very important area is that I would like to increase our Club's awareness of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications in 2003. More and more as we see through the world events this much needed set of Amateur Radio skills could be called upon at any time to provide the backbone communications should a disaster happen. There is a federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to the ARRL. This federal grant is to enhance homeland security by paying for the certification of amateurs through the ARRL "Amateur Radio Communications Course". This grant from the government says a lot about how the federal government views us as partners in the effort to ensure the security of our nation and it people.

Also we talked some about "EchoLink" and linking the Club's repeater up to the Internet. I know some of you are already using the "EchoLink" program and are having good results. That will be another goal our Club can work towards for 2003.

So overall it going to be an active year for the WARA Club. If you have any ideas of events or activities you would like to see the Club involved in please let me know. Our Club is as strong as it is because of each of our member's contributions. So let's keep the momentum going in 2003!

73,

Your Prez, Bob, KC8PVB

Annual meeting

The WARA's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday January 21, 2003. At the meeting the club's officers for the remainder of 2003 were elected. Our officers for the coming year are, perhaps not too surprisingly to many of us, the same officers as we had for the past year, with only one exception. President elect is Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, Vice-President elect is Dave Walters, KZ8T, Secretary elect is Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, and Treasurer elect is Karl Gerlt, KF8MG. Only one Director was elected, and that was Chuck Simpkins, KA8FUP. The other two Directors, who are still serving their terms are Dave Bowen, N8VCK, and Andy Shine, N8YR. Congratulations to all the new (and old) club officers. We look to you to keep the club going strong.

Members around the traps

We've had a number of club members and spouses of members who have spent some time in hospitals lately.

Marilu Maurer, the XYL of our club Pres-ident, Bob Maurer, fell and broke her leg rather severely according to Bob. Marilu spent some time in Geauga County Hospital, but is home recuperating now.

Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, was also in hospital for a short time recently suffering from acute Bronchitis. Renee is home again and recovering well.

Garrett Greene, K8RBX, is presently in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 330. If you get the chance, stop in and see him as he'd enjoy the company.

While visiting Clearview Lantern Suites Assisted Living facility recently I had the chance to visit with Slim Gilbert, W8ANN. Slim has his aches and pains

but is doing well. He has a nice rig set up and evidently gets on the air quite often.

Skywarn training

Mark your calendars for the next session of Skywarn Training. This annual event is the harbinger of spring much more accurately than Groundhog Day is. If we're starting to think about the coming tornado and heavy weather season, can spring be far behind? This year Skywarn training will be held on Tuesday March 18, 2003 at the Trumbull Career and Technical Center at 7.00 PM. Please note the time again, it is 7.00 PM, NOT 7.30 PM as is our regular meeting time. So, this year the Skywarn training meeting will occur half an hour earlier than the normal meeting time.

Apologies

For those of you who haven't noticed it, this issue of the *Q-Match* is late! The editor apologies for the late publication of the newsletter and promises to get it out in a more timely manner next month! If you would like to see something in the club's newsletter that hasn't appeared, please let the editor know. His email address is pkozup@juno.com, and his telephone number is 330 847-0975.

Happy birthday

February was a slow month birthday-wise, but to each of the following we send our best Happy Birthday greetings.

2/9 KC8LRH ~ Gail Wells
 2/22 K8RBX ~ Garrett Greene
 2/27 KB8IWC ~ Dale Voorhies

two meter net

The Wednesday night two meter net continues to move along well. As usual, we could use a few more Net Control

Stations, and if you're interested please don't hesitate to get in touch with Fred, N9BSO. Fred can be reached by email at creacher@onecom.com, or by phone on 330 898-2943. Here are the NCSs for February and March.

February 5 – Frank, KC8PUZ

February 12 – Pete, K8OUA

February 19 – Andy, N8YR

February 26 – Fred, N9BSO

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Remember, check in to the W8VTD Wednesday night net to meet old friends, to get back on the air, to find out what's happening with hams in the area, to find out what's happening with Amateur Radio in general. See you on 146.97 MHz at 9 PM each Wednesday night.

Ohio section news

Ohio Section Manager: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; SEC: Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield; STM: Jack Wagoner, WB8FSV, Hilliard; ACC: Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, Toledo; TC: Tom Holmes. N8ZM, Tipp City ; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark ; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

MARCH SECTION NEWS - The results of the 2002 Ohio QSO Party are now posted at www.mrrc.net/oqp. Check out the winners and check your score. And mark your calendars now for the 2003 Ohio QSO Party on Saturday, August 23. The Mad River ARC will be working to make the Bicentennial Year Ohio QSO Party a very special one.

See that list of Ohio Section officers at the top of this column? Want to know what each is responsible for? The March, 2003 (current) issue of QST has a complete, five page, article on ARRL Section Level Appointments. Complete with charts of responsibility and job descriptions on how you can serve the public through amateur radio and the ARRL. Remember our privileges come from the confidence of the general public. We earn that confidence through emergency communications, technical help, keeping our bands free of interference, message (traffic) handling and the like. After reading the article, when you see a position you wish, contact me or the individual cabinet officer listed above at call@arrl.net.

Many Ohio ham radio clubs are offering special bus trips to the May Dayton Hamvention. Check with your local club to see if it is one and if you want to participate.

Unless you have spent the last two years on the Planet Uranus, it is impossible to ignore the fact that right now the on-line emergency courses, now being taught in local classrooms, is the highlight of ham radio and ARRL. Want info on how you can participate? Visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page www.arrl.org/cce, and the C-CE Links found there.

And, by the way, Happy 200th Birthday Ohio - our state joined the United States as a state on March 1, 1803 .

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS TO: (A) Mansfield club presidents, Bill Martin, N8TQ (IARC); John Young (MASER) and Master of Ceremonies, Henry Koenig, WD8Q, for the very successful

Mansfield Hamfest Banquet, Feb 8. Hope other hamfests in Ohio consider such events; (B) New officers for OH-KY-IN ARS, Cincinnati: Pres., Phil Smith, KG8AP; VP Brian DeYoung K4BRI; Treas. Rick Haltermon KD4PYR; Cor. Sec. Carol Hugentober WA8YL; Rec. Sec. Susie Scott N8CGM; Directors, Ken Croll N8ASV; Bruce Vanselow N8BV; Lynn Ernst WD8JAW. (C) New officers of Lorain County ARA; Pres, Bob Parker, KB8ZXV; VEEP Bill Easterday, KB8FU; Sec; Larry Deitcher KB9KSR; and Tres Jeff Evans KB8ZUN and (D) To members of WC8VOA, the Voice of America club in West Chester (Butler County). Among other projects, these hams have been bringing in groups of Cub and Boy Scouts for tours, on air QSO and building crystal sets. Get our youth involved in ham radio. Neat project for other Ohio clubs as well.

OHIO SECTION MARCH HAMFESTS: (16) TMRA of Toledo at Maumee . For more info, write to <wd8mxr@arri.net> and (23) Lake County ARA at Madison High School in Madison (east of Cleveland). For more info, write roxanne@lcara.org.
...de K8QOE.

Now for the January Traffic Reports.

N8IO 383, N8IXF 235, N8BV 224, KD8HB 212, WD8KFN 182, KX8B 128, W8STX 116, KA8CXG 87, W8PBX 87, N8OD 81, KB8SBK 76, KA8FCC 75, N8TNV 75, WB8PMG 72, N8IBR 70, N8CW 67, N8DD 60, WB8HHZ 57, WA8EYQ 52, W8QIW 48, NS8C 47, WA8SSI 45, KA8YWE 38, KC4IYD 35, K8PJ 35, KC8HTP 31, W8FW 30, KI8IM 30, KD8K 30, W8RPS 28, NY8V 24, N8GP 18, W8RG 18, N8WLE 10, N8RAK 6, KC8KYP 6, K8QX 7, KA8AJS

3, KB8DUX 3, K8QIP 3, K8JE 2, K8WC 0,
LATE DECEMBER TRAFFIC: K8AJS 59
N8RAK 7, K8WC 0

Net Summaries:

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	TIME	FRQ
BNE	165	67	291	1845	3.577
BNL	222	76	312	2200	3.577
OSN	143	45	581	1810	3.708
OSSBN	2242	591	2649	1030	3.9725
				1615	
				1845	

amateur radio spectrum protection bill

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure is an ARRL legislative initiative. Florida Rep Michael Bilirakis filed the latest version of the bill, HR 713, on February 12. It has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

HR 713 is aimed at ensuring the availability of spectrum to Amateur Radio operators. It would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocations to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere.

The previous version of the Spectrum Protection Act attracted more than 50 cosponsors. An effort will be made to encourage additional House members to sign onto HR 713 as cosponsors. Additional details are on the ARRL Web site.



Four of the WARA's newly elected officers. From left to right are Chuck Simpkins, KA8FUP, newly elected Director, Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, Secretary, Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, President, and Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, Treasurer.

NATIONAL TRAINING GRANT

A generous grant from ARRL corporate partner United Technologies Corporation will expand reimbursed Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) training to all three training levels and put the UTC grant program on a national level. The three-year, \$150,000 grant will reimburse the cost of tuition to students anywhere in the US who successfully complete ARRL's Level I, II and III Amateur Radio emergency communication courses. An earlier UTC grant covered Level I and II ARECC training for more than 280 Connecticut amateurs.

"This grant plays perfectly into the overall plan and scope of emergency

communication for local communities and our nation as a whole," said ARRL

Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG. "This will allow us to increase the number of seats offered each month for reimbursable courses." Miller praised UTC's foresight and proactive approach to community involvement.

Including the earlier UTC grant and a three-year federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) award of some \$543,000, the ARRL now has secured \$726,000 for emergency communication training. That training, Hobart predicted, "will have an impact on every state in the union."

Students successfully completing any level of the on-line Amateur Radio Emergency Communications classes

will now be eligible for reimbursement of their \$45 registration fee.

February / march calendar

As this issue of the *Q-Match* is late in getting out, this calendar will begin with mid-February.

2/17 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 2/18 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM
 2/19 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM
 2/22 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12 N (4th Saturday)
 2/22-23 FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off)
 QRP winter FD See Feb QST pg 104
 2/24 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 2/26 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM
 3/1 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
 3/1 Marion ARC Sp Ev stn KB8OTZ OH Bicentennial See Mar QST pg 100
 3/1-2 ARRL DX Contest Phone see Mar QST pg 99
 3/1-21 Matanuska ARA Sp Ev Stn KL7JFU 31st Iditarod Race See Mar QST pg 100
 3/3 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 3/4 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM

3/5 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
 3/10 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 3/12 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM
 3/15 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
 3/15-17 YL Int'l SSB System QSO Party
 See Mar QST pg 99
 3/15-16 Eastern Ohio Amateur Wireless Assoc Sp Ev Stn K8O Ohio Bicentennial See Mar QST pg 100
 3/17 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 9 AM
 3/18 WARA mtg – Skywarn Training TCTC 7.00 PM (see article)
 3/19 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM
 3/22-23 CLARA YL HF Contest see Mar QST pg 99
 3/23 Madison OH Hamfst See Mar QST pg 98
 3/24 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 9 AM
 3/26 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM
 3/29 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12 N
 3/29-30 CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
 See Mar QST pg 99