

AWARD WINNING

Q MATCH

February

2007

Member Spotlight

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Hello everyone. My name is Roger Dean (KC8VYS). Obviously I'm an Amateur Operator, but that still tells nobody anything about me. I'm 28 years old and I grew up in Leavittsburg, an only child. I was the type of kid that whenever someone was working on something I wanted to watch. It was common for me to tear apart some of my mechanical toys just to see how they worked. Most times I got them back together correctly. (Side note, when you put things back together and have left over pieces but it still works correctly, that means you did a better job than the engineer that built it right?) As for my parents, my



mother worked in the auto industry, and my father in the steel industry. I graduated from Labrae High school in 1997, 51st of 130sum students. I then attended ETI Tech. College for electronics engineering, graduating in spring 1999 with my Assoc. and an overall GPA of 3.73. Upon graduating I went to work for RDS (a company subcontracted by Delphi Electric Systems to do prototype evaluation and testing). I worked for RDS until November at which time I hired in with Ameritech as a Phone line installation technician. In 2001 I took a splicing position in Akron and made that drive until fall 2005

when I transferred back to Youngstown in the same position and have been there since. During my time in Akron I worked with someone that was into HAM Radio, and begin to talk to them about it. I had been on the CB as a child, and it always fascinated me, but it proved to be a slightly less than friendly environment at times. After being given a book by my friend, I studied for about 2 weeks, and took my tech test at the Red Cross building in Akron, which I passed. I have been licensed since March 13, 2003. I joined WARA not too long after being licensed, however I do not remember when exactly. Due to my work hours and drive time in Akron, I was not all that active until I transferred back to Youngs-

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Schedule of Events

- February 3...Breakfast , 9AM
....Wayside ...Champion
- February
5th.....Brunch.....10:30am.....W
Farmington Sr. Center
- February 6th WARA Meeting...7:30
pm St Johns Orthodox Church
- February 12th....Brunch .10:30am....W.
Farmington Sr. Center
- February 17th...Breakfast....9
am....Wayside...Champion
- February 19th...Presidents Day
- February 20th.....WARA Meeting...7:30
pm.... St Johns Orthodox Church
- Feb.24th...Brunch...10am.....FACES.....
Newton Falls
- February
26th.....Brunch...10:30am.....W. Farm-
ington Sr. Center

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Breakfast
4	5 Brunch	6 Meeting	7 KC8PVB	8	9	10
11	12 Brunch	13	14 KC8VYS	15	16	17 Breakfast
18	19	20 Meeting	21 KD8DNE	22	23	24 FACES
25	26 Brunch	27	28 KC8YHJ			

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

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town.

I am currently the Youth Director for the Warren Amateur Radio Association, and enjoy working with kids very much. Nothing makes my day more than to see the amazement on a child's face when they make their first contact weather it be HF, repeater, or VHF/UHF simplex. Some of the events I organize for WARA youth are JOTA, KIDS Day, Boy Scouts



Special Announcement: Chris Brister KD8BHR and Julie Morris are the proud parents of a baby boy , Hunter Montgomery , born February 1, 2007

Weighing in at 8lbs 91/2 oz, 19 inches long.

radio Merit Badge program, Hamfest youth events, Kids Identia-Kit, and several other public events exposing youth to Wireless communication. Some of the events/programs I HOPE to start in the future are a school program for Amateur Radio, a KIDS Day youth fair, a "shadow" program to pair youths with club officers so that young members can learn the duties of our officers and possibly not be intimidated

to run for elected positions, and possibly a youth workshop for Hamfest 07. These are merely ideas I have for now, and am still working on the details, at which time I will present them to the club for approval and support. To all of you, thank you for the second family I have gained, and welcoming me with open arms.

Mr. Roger J Dean KC8VYS
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February Trivia



I have heard a few complaints about the questions I use for this section of the Q-Match., because they are not ham related. If you know of some ham related trivia please send it to me and I WILL use it. I wait until the last minute to put this article in hoping someone will send me one.

Here is January's question :

What broadcasting company

was the first to televise the Macy's Parade?

Answer: c.) CBS

February's question is ;

What is the highest speed recorded for hand key transmitting?

A.) 75 SPM C.) 135 SPM

B.) 220 SPM D.) 175 SPM

(SPM= symbols per minute)

I sure hope this one get some Hams to put on their thinking caps.

If anyone want to try and answer this one please contact me by e-mail : kc8ral@hotmail.com or by phone 330-394-3560 or when you see me at the meetings.

February Birthdays

It's time to wish our February hams birthday wishes. There's not many, so they are a rare group, so here's wishing you a very, very Happy Birthday.

Feb. 9 KC8LRH Gail Wells

Feb. 22 KB8RBX Garrett Green

Here's wishing a hearty ARL FORTY-SIX to all of our

December birthdays – May your day be sunny and may this be one of many many more.

February, 2007	
Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 3 - 2400Z, Feb 4
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 3 - 2359Z, Feb 4
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 3
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 3 - 0500Z, Feb 4 1300Z, Feb 4 - 0100Z, Feb 5
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 4
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 10 - 2400Z, Feb 11
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 12 - 2400Z, Feb 16
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 17 - 2400Z, Feb 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 19
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 24 - 2359Z, Feb 25
N. American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 24 - 0600Z, Feb 25
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 25 - 0300Z, Feb 26

PCARS VE Test Sessions

PCARS VE sessions for 2007 are scheduled for the first Saturday of every other month starting in February.

VE sessions For Technician, CW, General and Amateur Extra will start at 10:00 am at the Center of Hope, located at 1034 West Main Street in Ravenna. Walk-ins are welcome.

Please bring your original license, a copy of your license, your original CSCE, a copy of your CSCE, a photo ID, and a check for \$14.00 made out to "ARRL-VEC". We look forward to seeing you there!!!!



2007 Schedule

Feb 3, Apr 7, Jun 2, Aug 4, Oct 6, Dec 1

Editors Notes: Thank to the member and PCARS for contributions to the Q-Match. The dead line for the March Q=March is February24,2007..... I am always looking for articles and trivia question for the paper.

Also am looking for articles from other members for the new member spotlight sections....

Paper Chase

Another year and off we go into another series of QSO Parties. February brings us, Minnesota, Delaware and Vermont on the weekend of the 3rd-6th. Following up the next weekend, the 10th-12th we have the New Hampshire, Louisiana and Northern New York QSO Parties. We have a weekend off before the Freeze Your Acorns off Special Event but once again this year we have the Mississippi QSO Party going on at the same



time as and followed by the North Carolina QSO Party on Sunday. If you recall, last year at the FYAO station we had six contacts and of them five were from the Mississippi QSO Party. K5SVC was the first contact contacted by KD8CKP. And for those interested, PCARS finished tied for Second Place in Ohio!

If you recall, last month you saw a certificate I earned for only one QSO. In some of the abovementioned QSO Parties I have been first from Ohio with as few as three contacts. How hard is it to earn a certifi-

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cate? Not hard if you submit your results. In addition, you will contact some new counties (you probably can work all the counties in Delaware – there are only three) that will help you to achieve your County Hunter's Award.

On 40 meters as you tune past 7.260, remember to listen for special event and IOTA stations. If you get on the air, you will be surprised what you will work and what awards you can earn. GET THAT PAPER!!!

Hear you in the pile ups.

Joe - W8KNO

Words from Weaver

AN OPPORTUNITY OR A DISASTER -- IT'S UP TO YOU

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We've learned the FCC's Report & Order that abolishes testing on Morse code for Amateur Radio licensing will probably (no guarantee, yet) become effective Friday, February 23. This would be the first day new General and Extra class licenses can be earned without needing to pass the 5 wpm Morse code test. Whether one likes or hates the idea, code testing will no longer be required.

We can make of this what we

choose. We can take the attitude this marks the pending death of Amateur Radio or we can look upon it as the best opportunity Amateur Radio has had in decades for regaining its health and growth. It is up to you . . . and to no one else. If we choose to take the first attitude, you will be right. Amateur Radio's pending doom is on the horizon. You will make this happen. It will be a self-fulfilling prophesy.

If we take the second attitude,

we will again be right and we will see resurgence in Amateur Radio. Through our own will, we will have a favorable, self-fulfilling prophesy.

In other words, the future of hamming is in our own hands. Will we grab hold of it and hold on for dear life, or will we let it fall like an egg on concrete to be crushed?

If we greet new, codeless hams with a sullen attitude, we will drive them away before they

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on January 16, 2007 and presided over by our 3rd year Trustee Dennis Carraher, N8IVE. The offices that were elected were President, Gail Wells KC8LRH and Vice President Robert Maurer KC8PVB.

The offices of Treasurer and Secretary were the same as last year, and each was elected without dissenting vote. The newly elected First Year Trustee

was Jacqueline "Jackie" Cassidy, KD8DNE. Jackie joins our second year Trustee Kenneth William KC8TML and third year trustee, Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB.

After the election the following was duly elected for the year 2007 ~

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Vice President ~ Bob Maurer
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Treasurer~ Karl Gerlt KF8MG
Secretary~ Emily Wells
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Congratulations to one and all
on the elections!!!



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even know what Amateur Radio is. If we meet them with welcoming arms and nurturing friendship, and help them get started and on the path to good operating practices, they will become good, friendly, active amateurs -- just like we did.

Look back over the years. How was it that we became active hams after we were first licensed? Was it because some old goat growled at us and made us feel unwanted and ignorant each time we made a mistake on the air? Or, was it because an established ham took us by the hand and led us along the path to become good hams? Was it because everyone ignored us and made us feel unwelcome when we went to our first amateur club meet-

ings, or was it because members of the club made us know they wanted us to come back . . . wanted us to join them . . . truly wanted us to become part of them?

If we don't want new hams in our clubs or even in your communities, we shouldn't offer VE Exams. This would be much better than to get new people licensed and then abandon them as though they were "unclean."

The decision to be a welcoming, nurturing club and club member is the first decision club officers and members should make concerning incoming amateurs. Do we want them or not? Will we go out of the way to make them feel welcome or not? Will we help them become good amateurs or will

we let them drift by themselves to pick up bad operating habits so we can complain about how ignorant new licensees are these days?

I've heard the officers and members of club after club after club cry out for new, active members. The rising tide of new amateurs that will soon reach our doors is your opportunity to get the needed new members.

Will you open the door to this tide of new blood or will you pile sandbags to prevent them from coming in?

For more information see the following web site:

<http://www.iarc.ws/ohio/Weaver/>

Hamfest 2007

Well it's that time of year again to start thinking about the hamfest. Over the last few months I have been contacting different places asking about prices for August 19, 2007. I narrowed it down to two places. The Trumbull County Fair Grounds offered us the best prices so far. Keep in mind that electric, water and the parking lots around them are included in all of these prices. For the banquet hall (2,160 sq ft) including the kitchen and restrooms for \$500 a day; commercial building (12,000 sq ft) including the restrooms for \$400 a day; agricultural building (2,720 sq ft) no restrooms for \$100 a day; lower grand stands including the restrooms and the kitchen for \$250 a day; and the grounds from east block to gate A for \$750 a day and the restrooms are an extra \$250 a day. I have also looked into the Holiday Inn Metroplex in liberty. They have offered us 7,000 sq ft for

\$1,000 a day up to 14,000 sq ft for \$2,000 a day. These prices include the restrooms and the entire parking lot.

After meeting with all the places I have decided to draw up a contract with the Fair Grounds. We are going to rent the commercial building (12,000 sq ft) for the hamfest. This building accommodates approximately 200-250 vendors giving them each a ten foot space. With the recent hamfests declining, I would like to cut some of our costs for this year. On January 23, 2007 there was a hamfest meeting. Those who attending were presented with a power point presentation about some of the things that I expect to do this year for Hamfest. We are also planning some really great fundraisers for this year to help fund Hamfest. For those who did not attend or want to attend the next meeting, it will be at Arby's in Champion on

February 13, 2007 at 7:00pm.

On a side note, I would like to thank a few people for the success of last year's hamfest. First of all I would like to thank everyone who worked the hamfest and/or helped out in some way. And most of all I would like to thank the fundraising committee, your suggestions helped put on a great hamfest. I looked into all of them except for four. They worked great and I hope to use all of them this year. If you have any questions about hamfest in general or something that happened last year that you would like to see this year, please feel free to call me at 330-240-1824 or email me at kd8dne@yahoo.com .

Hamfest Director,

Jackie Cassidy, KD8DNE



Night Watch, Trumbull New Theatre, Niles, Ohio

For its January selection, the Trumbull New Theatre presents *Night Watch*, directed by Jeff Smith, assistant directed by Susan Smith, and lit by Susan Smith and Dave Lynn. The set was designed by Cary Brant. The play is set in the parlor of an up-

scale home in Manhattan. Elaine Wheeler, whose insomnia often found her wandering the house at odd hours, swore she saw a dead body across the way from the home through the parlor window.

Molly Galano, who played Elaine Wheeler, was extremely convinc-

ing as the troubled insomniac. She radiated fear and stress as Elaine tried to convince the police and everyone around her that she indeed had seen not only one dead man in a wing chair, but later a woman. She reacted to cues around her in a manner which the others in her life be-

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lieved came from the betrayal and death of her first husband and his mistress. In the period of three days, Elaine deteriorated to the point that her husband and the others around her felt she had finally needed hospitalization for the first time in seven years. Her husband, John Wheeler, played by Alan Purdum, was in turns supportive, worried, harried, and angry. His own secret, a hidden affair with Elaine's former psychiatric nurse and friend Blanche Cook, makes him a possible suspect in the murder, especially since the building next door is owned by a company he and Elaine own. And Blanche, played by Terri Gilbert, seemed to be playing into all of Elaine's fears and anxieties from her past, the very things that had hospitalized her originally. The only person in the household who remained faithful to Elaine was her maid Helga, played by Kathy Purdum.

Of course, a murder brings out the police and the neighbors. Officer Vanelli, played by Chuck Jones, and Lieutenant Walker, played by Tim McGinley, were an interesting pair. Lieutenant Walker's insistence that nothing had happened and how he went from trying to placate Elaine to doing everything he could to avoid her constant nagging was believable. Curtis Appleby, played by Tom Jones, was indeed the scene stealer. The community busybody with his own gossip rag and his nose into everyone's business, he had a chip on his shoulder because he'd tried to buy the house

the Wheelers lived in and been outbid. So at first glance, he could have been the one trying to drive them out with the body in the window. Dr. Tracy Lake, played by Jeria Brown, didn't seem so sure she herself hadn't seen something out the window either. And the highly irritated old shopkeeper Hoke, played by Sherman Davidson, just wanted things to die down so he could sell the worst potato salad in the world...

Considering the cast had to compete with the general noise and disorder of SCOPE night, I was pleasantly surprised that no one seemed to be distracted. Cast members projected well, and the delivery of lines was generally smooth, with only one noticeable mistake. Molly Galano was incredible, one would think she was about to have a nervous breakdown right in front of your eyes, while Alan Purdum seemed to summon up all the patience and irritation within him to work his way through the varying emotional climate. Terri Gilbert put together the perfect back stabbing best friend and Kathy Purdum played the all knowing maid with a lot of skill. Unfortunately, the accent she used drove me up a wall. Northeast Ohio peppered

with varying German inflections made for a lot of inconsistency. When it came to the police, Tim McGinley was the typical, harried cop with too much to do, irritated and angry that his time was being wasted. But for Chuck Jones, his Vanelli seemed to blend into the woodwork a bit. I can't understand it, but it leads me to wonder how the character was written. And Jeria Brown really did well once she started to relax and get into the scene. At first glance, she seemed very stiff and formal. Sherman Davidson's abrupt entrance into the scene truly made me laugh. He was part temper tantrum and I was a bit concerned about where the flashlight was going. Tom Jones had probably the most entertaining character in the whole production. He was a bit unpredictable, and seemed to really enjoy what he was doing. Appleby was hilarious! They all made this gaslight adventure and it's twist ending a genuinely enjoyable production.

Written and Submitted by Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB



Cast of Night Watch



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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