

The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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a word from the prez

Spring is definitely around the corner. As I am writing this on a sunny Sunday afternoon I checked the temperature and found it is 63 degrees. Not too bad for mid February. So it looks like we are coming into spring early and the fun of outdoor Amateur events, and of course mowing the grass. HI HI

The next highlight of WARA club activities is the 2nd Annual Bill Craiger QSO Party. This will be a repeat of last years very successful (and fun!) Two Meter Trumbull County Township QSO Party. The date for this year's event is Saturday, March 16th and the contest will run on that day from 14:00 hours EST time to 20:00 hours EST time. That translates to 02:00PM till 08:00PM EST. The rules of the contest can be found in this issue of the "Q-Match" along with a dupe sheet you can use during the contest Please try and print your information on this sheet clearly so we can process the information as accurate as possible. This is a great contest to get your feet wet in. It's nice in that the pile-up's are not too big and you will be probably talking with many of your fellow Amateur operators who you already know. You can use any 2-meter radio to work in this contest, from a handheld HT, up to a base station with a beam.

The only requirement is that your station is in a Trumbull County. If you do not live in the county you can still participate by being a "rover". That's what I plan to do and to me that's even more fun because it a real challenge to see how many stations you can contact from your mobile station. All without getting lost in the county! So I hope to hear many of you on the air that day.

A couple words about our last club meeting in February: I would like to thank Dave Walters, KZ8T, for his excellent presentation about "Duplexers" and "Repeaters". I sure leaned a lot as I have always wondered why those duplexer's cans were so large when I see them at Hamfests and such. And his handout about "getting the most from your Repeater System" was informative also. If you have something you would like to present at a club meeting, or something you would like to see presented, please be sure to let me know. The year is starting off great with the WARA but there still is more to be done. We have the Hamfest to get going as well as a need for a member to step up and be the committee chairperson for the club's activities at the Trumbull Country Fair. See the additional information about what's needed for this

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important event in this issue of the Q-Match. Well that's all for now. Hope to talk to you on March 16th! 73,

Your Prez, Bob, KC8PVB

Trumbull County Fair 2002

The Warren Amateur Radio Association needs your help. All of our annual committees have been filled except one. We need a volunteer to head up the committee for the County Fair. It is an important event as that is the one event where our club, and Amateur Radio, get the most exposure to the most people.

At our last meeting there were some questions about exactly what is needed to help with this important event. Chuck Simpkins (KA8FUP) who was the past Chairperson for the event was kind enough to send me the following information:

Fair Booth Items To Do:

- 1) Sign-Up for the spot at the Fairground in Jan or Feb. (Done!)
- 2) Contact the Fair Office and obtain a Fire Permit for the spot.
- 3) Recruit 24 workers -- 4 per day for the six days of the fair.
- 4) Make out a schedule so that everyone knows which day and times to be at the booth.
- 5) Turn in the list of 24 workers to the Fair Office to obtain passes.
- 6) Set the date and time to get antennas, etc. setup. -- normally the Saturday before the Fair.
- 7) Get Equipment together -- 2 tables, WARA Banner, Chairs, Antennas, Radios, Literature, etc.
- 8) Schedule the "take down" crew for Sunday, remembering that no vehicles are allowed in or out until after 10PM.

These are most of the things that must be done. Chuck will be glad to help the

Chairperson out, and thinks that this list covers most of what is involved. So if you can, please let President Bob know either at our next meeting or by phone or email. Help make this event a success again this year!

Happy birthday

Here's wishing a Happy Birthday to the following club members who celebrate their special day in March.

March 4 – Wendell Chapman, W6VIF

March 5 – Miranda Walker, KB8WGJ

March 7 – Dennis Alexander, KC8LMC

March 7 – Roger Phillips, KZ8W

March 8 – Clarence Teter, W8PKC

March 9 – Mike Yakopec, KA8WMF

March 10 – George Syrko, KB8PXP

March 12 – Kenny List, KB8NNA

March 12 – Mike Salcone, N8XXY

March 15 – Tom Finta, K8TF

March 15 – James Werner, WD8NUS

March 16 – Alicia White, KB8ULL

March 17 – Chris Walker, KC8NLR

March 18 – Jim Bragger, Assoc.

March 18 – Don Gadd, Sr., N8MGT

March 19 – Sara Kozup, KB8RHG

March 19 – Dave Metzendorf, KD8JJ

March 21 – Tom Fish, Assoc.

March 26 – Dick Alexander, W8TWO

March 28 – Nancy Leeper, KB8OMO

March 29 – Lee Right, WD8JRC

March 30 – Ann Gerlt, Assoc.

March is a big birthday month for the WARA, and we wish each and every one of these members the greatest of days. ARL FORTY-SIX.

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Two meter net schedule

Here is the W8VTD two meter net control schedule for the next couple of

months. As you can see, we are in great need of extra NCSs, so if you're interested contact Pete, K8OUA, and let him know you can help out. The net preamble is on the next page, so if the regular NCS doesn't show up, you can take the net and use the attached preamble.

March 6 – Bob, KC8PVB

March 13 – Frank, KC8PUZ

March 20 – Andy, N8YR

March 27 – Pete, K8OUA

April 3 – Bob, KC8PVB

April 10 – Frank, KC8PUZ

April 17 – Andy, N8YR

April 24 – Pete, K8OUA

We look forward to seeing you on the net – 146.97 MHz, at 9.00 PM every Wednesday night.

Members around the traps

Ed Chopko, K8KAE, is recuperating at home after spending some time in the hospital following heart bypass surgery. Ed is doing well at home.

John Robeck, K8ORF, has been moved to Laurie Ann Nursing Home in Newton Falls.

Joe Williams, WA8SUV, has been ill. We are all thinking of you, Joe, and our good wishes and prayers go with you.

Dayton hamvention

The world's biggest ham convention is coming up in May. On May 17, 18, and 19 the Dayton Hamvention will be held. If you've not made it to this great event, you should do so. This year is a good one to attend as it is the 50th anniversary of the Hamvention.

President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, and Pete Kozup, K8OUA, will be driving down to the hamvention this year, and are looking for other members who might be interested in attending. If you

would like to join these two, call either Bob at 440 548-4312, or Pete at 330 847-0975. Join us for a great time, we'd love to have you come along.

Upcoming events

Don't forget our regular meetings for March and April, on March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16.

Don't forget our regular breakfasts at the Wayside Inn on the corner of Leavitt and State Roads in Champion at 9.00 AM on March 2 and 16, and April 6 and 20.

Don't forget the Saturday lunch at the Covered Bridge Restaurant in Newton Falls at 12.00 Noon on March 23 and April 27.

Don't forget the regular brunch at the Farmington Senior Center in West Farmington every Monday at 11.00 AM.

Don't forget the second annual Bill Craiger Memorial Contest on March 16, from 2.00 PM till 8.00 PM.

Don't forget our regular Wednesday night net on 146.75 MHz every Wednesday night at 9.00 PM.

Don't forget your XYLs birthday.

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