

THE Q-MATCH

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2Meter QSO – Electronic HamFest / Bob Maurer, KC8PVB

First I wanted to document something right away. How many of you know what the word “Q-Match” actually stands for? Every now and then I like to document it in print so that the meaning does not get lost. It stands for: “Q-” (as in “CQ”, and the “Match” part of the name stands for: “**M**ostly”, “**A**bout”, “**T**rumbull”, “**C**ounty”, “**H**ams”. I learned about this historical fact at one of my first meetings in January 16th, 2001. Bill Craiger was President then and that brings me to this month’s special event topic:

On March 18th, the 6th Annual Bill Craiger Memorial VHF Trumbull County Township QSO Party will be held. This will be a repeat of last years very successful Two Meter Trumbull County Township QSO Party. We have changed the rules a little to give everyone a chance to participate, both in and around Trumbull County

. 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. The WARA “mirror” website will also contain these same documents for your use. This is a great contest to get your feet wet in. It’s nice in that the pile-ups 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. So I hope to hear many of you on the air that day. Note that only Simplex frequency’s are to be used.

On another topic: I have setup a web based 24/7 electronic “Hamfest” as a “proof of concept” to have an easy way for members and other Amateurs to be able to both sell, and look for Ham radio related equipment. Or any other type of item for that mater. This is fully functional on the W8VTD “mirror” website which can also be directly accessed through entering “KC8PVB.COM”. It has been up for awhile in a setup mode but now I would like to officially solicit any ads you would like to place. Currently there is no Club charge to use this service. We may sometime in the future charge a small percentage of the selling amount for the posting on our Web Site to help the Club’s treasury. Similar to the “eBay” concept, but for right now running a classified ad is totally free.

This is how it all works: You email me with the information on any item you wish to sell, or are looking for. Make sure you include your name, email address and/or phone number. A picture of your item would be great also. If you do not have a picture, I may

find a stock picture off of the Internet and include it in your ad. I will post the ad information you provide and anyone interested will either "click" on the "link" to your email address, that is part of the ad, or telephone you with the phone number information provided. After 90 days from the date of publishing the ad is automatically discontinued. When your item is "sold" you simply notify me and I mark it as such. It will be great to see how well this concept works as it can be expanded on. You can send any information to place in your ad to my personal email address at kc8pvb@arrl.com. I will try to have any information sent to me published within 24 hours of receipt. Right now there are three items posted for you review, and one has been sold. So if you have any questions please contact me.

Well that's all for now! I am looking forward to Spring like the rest of you! Talk to you on the air! 73's Bob M. / KC8PVB

HAM RADIO OPERATORS "TRUE HEROES,"

US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), this week offered "A Salute to Ham Radio Operators" on the floor of the US House. Ross, one of two Amateur Radio licensees in the House of Representatives (the Other is Rep. Greg Walden, W7EQI, R-OR), addressed his colleagues February 8th to recognize the contributions of the Amateur Radio community in the wake of last year's devastating hurricane season." Citizens throughout America dedicated to this hobby--a hobby that some people consider old fashioned or obsolete--were true heroes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as they were often the only line of communications available into the storm ravaged areas." Ross said. He noted that while ham radio is often overlooked "in favor of flashier means of communication," Gulf Coast communities learned after the 2005 hurricanes that technology can be "highly vulnerable" to storm damage. "Ham radios, entirely self-contained transmitters, require no cell towers or satellites, simple a battery and a strip of wire as an antenna." Ross explained.

Because of the "critical intervention" of radio amateurs across the US, Ross said, many lives were saved following Hurricane Katrina." The dedication displayed by ham radio operators in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina sets a tremendous example for us all," Ross concluded, noting that "now more than ever" he's proud to be an Amateur Radio operator. "The people whose lives were rescued as a result of the tireless dedication of ham radio operators will forever be grateful to these selfless public servants."

February's WARA Meeting Summaries'

Anyone wanting to read the full minutes can do so now by going to our web site: www.w8vtd.org. If the site is not up yet you can click on the link to go to Bob's mirror site and read them there. They are under the member only section and you will need the username and password, Please e-mail me Emily Wells, kc8ral@hotmail.com or Bob Maurer at: rmaurer@sprynet.com

ARES/RACES

The Trumbull County Ares/ Races group had a number of WARA members show up in the 20 degree weather to support the 10K race. While the weather was chilly, many members participated and dressed warmly. It was also a good chance to test out everyone's radios in the colder weather. Since most of the races course was through the woods, the Club deployed a John Deer "Gator" to help members get to the appointed locations. The "Gator" would have also been an important vehicle to be able to bring any race runners who had a problem out of the woods. A picture of the Club's younger member is shown below waiting for the call for rescue.



Swap-N-Shop

Wireless Home weather station

It consists of a home monitor, thermometer-sensor (indoor-outdoor), wind sensor, rain sensor along with the manual. It also gives the barometric pressure. It sold for 4200 & I'm asking \$100 firm as it was only up a couple of weeks. I can be contacted at 330 222 1450 or n8gob@epohi.com

Net News

Last month was a very good month for our operators. We have gained two more. Thanks Roger, KC8VYS and Robert, KC8QZR for joining our little group. The new line up and back-ups are working out well. The WARA is again in charge of the 10 meter net at 8pm on. We are in desperate need of operators for that net so if you want to try your hand at it please feel free to give me a call at 330-393-4795, or drop me an e-mail at kc8ral@hotmail.com

2 Meter Net Operators please note that schedule has changed again!!

March	1	Bob ,	KC8PVB
March	8	Emily	KC8RAL
March	15	Roger	KC8VYS
March	22	Sherman	KC8YHJ
March	29	Lisa	KC8VHB



Check in to either one of the WARA nets and find out what's happening with amateur radio in our area.

Severe Weather Awareness

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio is March 26th through April 1st, with the statewide tornado Test to be held on Wednesday, March 29th at 9:50am.

ARRL Ohio Section manager: Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE

Youth Report

I hope everyone has had a great month. I know mine has been a bit more occupied than usual I have been accepted by the Boy Scouts as a merit badge counselor for the Radio Merit Badge, and have attended a leadership roundtable last month. I also have one coming up this month on the 8th. Anyone that would like to attend along with me would be more than welcome, I only ask that we keep the crowd to about 2-3 people so as not to overwhelm the scout leaders. I was asked at the last meeting if this was something that I am doing on my own, or if this is something that is being done under the WARA "Banner" This is being offered to the scouts as an education course from the WARA. Hopefully this will lead to some youth becoming interested in Amateur Radio. I welcome anybody to join in with this activity. If you are interested in becoming a Merit Badge Councilor, I will be happy to get you the information. All you need to do is contact me at KC8VYS@EARTHLINK.NET. There is no cost involved, and a very short online course (about 1 hour) that must be completed. You do not need to be a councilor to help out! Other than that, it's kinda like being an Elmer. The badge requirements are very close to that of the tech license, it is a nearly seamless transition from teaching someone to get their tech license, and getting their merit badge.

Happy Birthdays

Here's wishing the best of birthday to these happy March birthday members.

3/5 KB8WGJ Miranda Walker	3/15 K8TF Tom Finta
3/7 KB8LMC Dennis Alexander	3/15 WD8NUS James Werner
3/7 KZ8W Roger Phillips	3/19 KB8RHH Bob Schweinfur
3/8 KC8YDS Steven Ruman	3/19 KD8JJ David Metzendorf
3/9 KA8WMF Mike Yakopoc	3/26 W8TWO Richard Alexander
3/10 KB8NNA George Syrko	3/30 ASS. Ann Gerlt
3/12 KB8NNA Kenny List	3/31 KC8URX Roscoe Sheperd
3/12 N8XXY Mike Salcone	

Here's wishing a hearty ARL FORTY-SIX to all of our March birthdays – May your day be sunny and may this be one of many many more. If I am missing anyone please let me know your information

Paper Chase

I hope you all worked the special Olympic stations. I was lucky enough to work two of the individual event stations and one of the two stations on during the Olympics'. It was quite interesting that there were many other Italian and Mediterranean stations on and if you worked them you might be eligible to obtain another Italian award.

The first one is the Worked All Italian Regions. Contact a station in each of the Italian Regions (see the table below). The Basic award requires a contact with 10 regions. Endorsements for 15, 20 and 23 regions are available. There are restrictions as to when or what and you used. A GRC list and \$7 is required (there is no fee for blind or paralyzed hams. Send to A>R>I> Sezione di Ivrea, Award Manager, PO Box 70, I-10015 Ivrea, Italy. For endorsements, there is charge, just a SASE with an IRC or green stamp. The second award is the Certificato Del Mediterraneo(CDM). You will need to provide proof of having contacted at least 25 countries surrounding the Mediterranean since January 1, 1993. Endorsement for Phone, CW, Mixed and RTTY are available. Cards must be sent unless certification is made by an IARU Society Award Manager. Endorsements for all CW, Pone, RTTY and Mixed Modes. Send lof extract with QSO data in alphabetical order to CDM Awards Manager ARI, Via Scarlatti 31, I-20124 Milano, and Italy. The IARU Society Award Manager in the United States is the ARRL. Hear you in the pile ups!
Joe - W8KNO

March Calendar

<p>03/01 WARA Nets 10M & 2 M 8/9 pm 03/04 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM 03/06 Brunch Farmington Sr. Center 11am 03/07 Skywarn Training , Kent State, Technology Building , sign up 6 pm 03/08 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8PM / 9P 03/13 Brunch Farmington Sr. Center 11AM 03/15 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8pm/9pm</p>	<p>03/20 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM 03/21 WARA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 7:30Pm 03/22 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8PM / 9PM 03/25 Lunch ,Faces Restaurant , Newton Falls, across from the covered Bridge Rest. , noon 03/27 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM 03/29 WARA Nets 10M & 2M 8/9 PM</p>
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Trumbull County QSO Party

Since this is the month for the Bill Craiger QSO party. I thought it might be interesting to see what our members know about Trumbull County. Below are a list of townships and their informational fact. See if you can match the facts with the townships. When you are done please e-mail your answers to Emily, kc8ral@hotmail.com or Gail, kc8lrh@hotmail.com. There is a small gift for the one that gets the most right.

<u>Townships</u>	<u>Facts</u>
[] Kinsman	1. In 1967, US Postal Service closed the post office along with the zip and the town of Lockwood was no more.
[] Liberty	2. Oil stuck at 25 ft. with two other wells close by producing up to 100 barrels per day for a weekly income of \$5200
[] Mesopotamia	3. Made American History in 1898 with the building of a centralized school.
[] Vernon	4. Original named Troy Township
[] Gustavus	5. Call the coalmining township(17 operating mines with twice as many saloons and brothels as churches)
[] Mecca	6. Ernest Lyman , discover the first usable extract for insulin
[] Southington	7. A house that was being moved and abandoned become a pool hall then a well known store and ice-cream parlor
[] Bloomfield	8. 1 st centralized brick school house.

TRUMBULL COUNTY BILL CRAIGER MEMORIAL QSO PARTY

MESPOTAMIA	BLOOMFIELD	GREENE	GUSTAVUS	KINSMAN
FARMINGTON	BRISTOL	MECCA	JOHNSTON	VERNON
SOUTHINGTON	CHAMPION	BAZETTA	FOWLER	HARTFORD
BRACEVILLE	LEAVITTSBURG	HOWLAND	VIENNA	BROOKFIELD
NEWTON	LORDSTOWN	WEATHERSFIELD	LIBERTY	HUBBARD

NUMBER OF TOWNSHIPS	MULTIPLIED BY MAXIMUM OF 25	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	TOTAL POINTS
CONTACTS OUT OF COUNTY	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	MULTIPLIED BY .5 (1/2)	TOTAL POINTS

NAME	CALL SIGN	POWER LEVEL	ROVER OR BASE
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SIGNATURE	DATE	TOTAL POINTS
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WARREN AMATUER RADIO ASSOTIATION

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SIXTH ANNUAL BILL CRAIGER MEMORIAL
TWO METER VHF TRUMBULL COUNTY TOWNSHIP QSO PARTY

GENERAL RULES:

1. Individuals and stations are limited to one entry per contest.
2. A transmitter, receiver, or antenna used to contact one or more stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the contest period.
3. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given township. This does Not prohibit working a station from more than one township with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
4. Retransmitting either or both stations, or use of repeater frequencies is not permitted.
5. This prohibits use of all repeater frequencies.
6. Contest entrants may not transmit on repeaters or repeater frequencies for the purpose of soliciting contacts.
7. Use of the national simplex frequency, 146.52 MHz, or immediately adjacent guard frequencies is prohibited.
8. Contest entrants may not transmit on 146.52 MHz for the purpose of making or soliciting QSO's.
9. Only recognized simplex frequencies may be used, such as 144.90 to 145.00; 146.49, .55 and .58 and 147.42.45 .48, .51, .54 and .57 MHz on the 2 meter band.
10. A station located precisely on a dividing line between townships must select only one as the location for exchange purposes.
11. Rover: One' or two operators of a single station that moves among two or more townships during the course of the contest. A rover vehicle may transport only one station using a single call sign. Rovers sign "rover" on phone contacts.
- 12: Out of County: Any base station or rover outside of Trumbull County, but making contacts with stations in townships within Trumbull County.

CONTEST:

1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different townships in Trumbull County as possible using authorized frequencies in the 144.00 to 148.00 MHz band.
2. Date and contest period: The afternoon of Saturday March 18, 2006. Begins at 02:00 PM EST and ends at 08:00 PM EST.
3. Entry categories: Low power 5 watts or less. Medium power 6 watts through 24 watts. High power 25 watts or more. Rover: Low, Medium, and High power . Out of County: any power
4. Exchange: Call, name, township. Rovers sigh "rover" with exchange.
5. Scoring: QSO points count 1 point for each complete contact made with a station within Trumbull County.
Multiplier: The total number of townships in Trumbull County worked. QSO points for stations within Trumbull County making contacts with stations outside of Trumbull County is 1 (one)
Final score: Multiply the number of QSO points by the total number of Multipliers for Final score.
6. Miscellaneous: Stations may be worked for credit from more than one township with the same call sign (such as rover).
7. Awards: Certificates will be awarded for the top scorer in the following categories. Low power, medium power, high power, rover Low, Medium, and High and out of county. AND WORKED ALL TRUMBULL COUNTY
8. Submission: All submissions must be turned over to KC8PVB BOB MAURER no later than Saturday APRIL 15, 2006. All entries must include a properly completed summary sheet. You can also use the Postal Service and send entries to W.A.R.A. P.O. BOX 809 WARREN, OH 44482
- 9...ALL rovers must check in with event coordinator prior to the event

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