

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## March of dimes walkathon

A number of WARA members showed up with their HTs ready to take part in the annual March of Dimes Walkathon on Saturday April 26, 2003. While the number of walkers seemed to be down this year over previous years, the day was enjoyed by both walkers and ham radio ops as well. Several hundred walkers participated in the two mile event which took them from the main pavilion at Packard Park, down Mahoning Ave. to the Warren Public Library, into Perkins Park and along the newly developed River Walk pathway on the Mahoning River. Hikers then climbed the hill just to the north of the Summit Ave. bridge and returned to Packard Park by way of Mahoning Ave. A net control station was set up at the beginning of the walk and was staffed by Ed (N8GZE) and Leanne Glazewski (KA8ZSK). A ham was also stationed at each checkpoint along the way to provide communications as was needed. Thanks to the following hams for their assistance on the day – N8VCK, K8OUA, N9BSO, KC8VHC, ND8E, KC8PVB, and KC8TAP. Special congrats to Nick, N8NVI who not only showed up on the day, but walked the two miles – too bad he had to follow his XYL around the course! For another view of the day please note the article in this issue submitted by Sue, KC8VHC, about her impressions of the event.

## MEMBERS AROUND THE TRAPS

**SILENT KEY:** It is with deep regret that we note the passing of one of our members, JOE WILLIAMS, WA8SUV. Joe finally lost the battle he was waging against cancer, and passed away earlier this month. Joe will be remembered as an avid pilot, and he realized his dream several years ago when he visited Australia and flew a plane around the country. We all extend our condolences to Joe's family.

BOB MORAN, KC8FWQ, has been recuperating following a stroke earlier this month. Bob is at Hillside Hospital and is doing well.

GARRETT GREENE, K8RBX, has been moved to Autumn Hills Nursing Home.

On a brighter note we extend our congratulations to four of our members for the new arrival of a future WARA member. Thanks to EMILY (WALKER) SIGLER, the arrival of her son Nicholas William means that Associate Member DONNA CRAIGER becomes a great grandmother, BILL WALKER, KC8BYU, becomes a grandfather, MIRANDA WALKER, KB8WGJ, becomes an aunt, and CHRIS WALKER, KC8NLR, becomes an uncle. Emily was, of course, the granddaughter of deceased WARA President BILL CRAIGER, K8UV. Well done Emily, and congratulations to the entire family. Now, Bill and

## Members (cont. . . .)

Chris, you both need to get the lad ready to take his Tech exam.

Thanks to Chuck Simpkins, KA8FUP, for information about a former officer of the WARA. It is on a sad note that we report that MICHAEL KERNS, KK4VJ, became a silent key early in April. Michael passed away, at the age of 89, on April 2 at the Virginia Beach Sentara Nursing Home. Michael was WARA Vice President in 1954.

## Happy birthday

The following WARA members enjoy a birthday during the month of May, and, as we usually do, we are wishing them a most happy birthday. If you see one of these members say Happy Birthday too!

5/3 N3RNA ~ Carol Dasen  
 5/4 N8TIO ~ Ronnie McCaman  
 5/4 WA8IWJ ~ David White  
 5/8 AF4WU ~ Tom Dasen  
 5/8 W8SHR ~ Dale Bowen  
 5/11 KC8TCP ~ Brenda McClain  
 5/12 W8SWT ~ Steven "Steve" Trimble  
 5/15 KALCW ~ Reno Principi  
 5/15 N8VTI ~ Kenneth Miller  
 5/15 WM3R ~ Daryl Paddock  
 5/19 KA8ZSO ~ Ken Sanders  
 5/21 KB8ULN ~ Rick White  
 5/24 WA4SIR ~ Ron Parise  
 5/25 AB8GX ~ John Simons  
 5/25 N8NVI ~ Nawas "Nick" Buhhur  
 5/30 WB8TKU ~ Gar Braniger  
 5/30 KC8MTZ ~ Ada Simons  
 5/31 Assoc. ~ Madeline Simon

To all our May birthdays we extend an ARL FORTY SIX! Remember, if your birthday was missed in *The Q-Match*, don't let it pass, send the editor an email and make sure it's corrected.

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Anttron 99 ten meter Ground Plane antenna. Asking \$50. In good condition, and can be used on 17 meters. Contact Dave Menoch, N8ZNE, by phone at 330 876-7333.

**GIVE AWAY:** Various items of Commodore 64 computer equipment, both hardware and software, and including peripherals. This was given to me to get rid of to those interested. Can be used for packet radio. Any items not taken by June 1, 2003, will be thrown away. Contact Pete Kozup, K8OUA, at 330 847-0975 or by email at [pkozup@juno.com](mailto:pkozup@juno.com).

## Two meter net

Net Coordinator Fred, N9BSO, has sent out an amended preamble for the Wednesday night net to all Net Control Stations, and is interested in beginning training sessions for any members interested in learning how to serve as NCS for the net. If you're interested, contact Fred at [creacher@onecom.com](mailto:creacher@onecom.com). The schedule for Net Control of the net for May and June follows.

May 7 – Fred, N9BSO  
 May 14 – Bob, KC8PVB  
 May 21 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
 May 28 – Pete, K8OUA  
 June 4 – Andy, N8YR  
 June 11 – Fred, N9BSO  
 June 18 – Bob, KC8PVB  
 June 25 – Frank, KC8PUZ

If you feel you would like to help the club out by assisting with the net, let Fred Olver, N9BSO know. It could change your life!!

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## Ohio section news

Here, thanks to our Section Manager, Joe Philips, K8QOE, is the Ohio Section News from the ARRL for May, 2003

SM: 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.

**MAY SECTION NEWS** This is, of course, Dayton Hamvention time. May 16-18 at Hara Arena Exposition Center. For more information, see the web site of [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org).

Two Ohio major bicycle events come this month and next. Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) begins May 10 in Columbus, to Portsmouth and return the next day. Route mainly on Ohio Route 104. Then in June, we have the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) which involves 6,000 participants through 20 Ohio counties for a weeklong trip. Ham Radio operators provide communications for both events.

Check out on this Web Site for the complete list of Ohio's Ham Radio Bicentennial Events as Ohio's 200th Birthday Celebration continues.

Ron West, N8OD, Lagrange, was elected Net Manager of the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN). Jim Williams, N8IBR, Johnston, was elected to the OSSBN Advisory Board (3 year term). Former Ohio Section STM Joyce Judy, KD8HB, Mechanicsburg, just completed

her sixth complete County Hunters Certificate (worked all 3077 US counties in the 50 states). This was the second certificate on CW.

**OHIO CLUB NEWS** Welcome back to the Mid-Ohio Amateur Radio Club as being re-affiliated with ARRL. Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) has again been renewed as a Special Service Club. If your club is interested becoming a Special Service Club, check out the qualifications on the ARRL web site.

If any clubs have information about any activities your clubs are doing for the 2003 Ohio Bicentennial contact Bob Winston, W2THU at 300 Standard Bldg., 1370 Ontario St., Cleveland, OH 44113 or [w2thu@arrl.net](mailto:w2thu@arrl.net).

Remember that your annual report for ARRL needs to be done each year and if you are a Special Service Club check your date of when you received your status. This needs to be renewed every two years. You can do both of these on the ARRL web site.

On July 3rd, the Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club (HHARC) along with the Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA) will sponsor the special events station W8I in conjunction with the Inventing Flight Celebration in Dayton Ohio.

**OHIO SECT CONGRATS** (A) To new officers for the Firelands Amateur Repeater Association -- Pres.: Jim Hartman, N8CF, VP: Fred Coffey, KC8HJZ, Sec.: Tom Gundlach, N8FMJ and Treas.: Gary Howell, WW8H: (B) To Harry Davis, WA8LOJ, Ham of the Year for the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society (Cincinnati): (C) To Steve Bellner, W8TER, as the Lucas County ARES Ham of the Year (Toledo): (D) To

## Ohio section news (cont. . . .)

Ernie Greenisen, KC8QPH, Salem, for being named Ham of the Year for Salem Area ARA (Columbiana County).

OHIO SECTION MAY HAMFESTS: (16-17-18) Dayton Hamvention, of course; (25) Franklin County Hamfest (near Columbus). Information? Contact [clind2@juno.com](mailto:clind2@juno.com). PLEASE NOTE THAT JUNE 15 CANFIELD HAMFEST HAS BEEN CANCELED.

de [k8qoe@arrl.org](mailto:k8qoe@arrl.org).

Now for the MARCH Traffic Reports.

### AMATEUR'S REPORTS:

N8IO 316, N8IXF 264, WD8KFN 262, KX8B 211, N8BV 211, KD8HB 158, W8PBX 134, N8OD 101, W8QIW 95, N8DD 84, N8TNV 83, WA8SSI 80, KA8FCC 75, KA8CXG 59, WB8SIQ 52, KC4IYB 50, NS8C 46, WB8HHZ 45, KB8SBK 43, N8CW 41, N8IBR 40, W8RPS 39, KI8IM 37, KA8VWE 35, W8RG 33, NY8V 29, N8GOB 21, KC8HTP 21, K8PJ 21, WB8PMG 18, K8RC 16, KC8RXL 15, NE8X 11, N8WLE 11, N7CEU 9, N8RAK 5, WB8IOW 3, KC8TKB 3, N8YWE 3, K8QIP 1, K8WC 1.

### SECTION NET REPORTS:

Buckeye Net (Early): QNI 130, QTC 85, QTR 312, Sessions 31, Time 1845, Freq 3.577, Net Mgr WD8KFN;

Buckeye Net (Late): QNI 173, QTC 54, QTR 240, Sessions 31, Time 2200, Freq 3.577, Net Mgr NY8V;

Ohio Slow Net: QNI 121, QTC 38, QTR 450, Sessions 31, Time 1810, Freq 3.708, Net Mgr WB8KQJ;

Ohio Single Side Band Net: QNI 2109, QTC 558, QTR 2720, Sessions 93, Times 1030, 1615, 1845, Freq 3.9725, Net Mgr N8IO.

## The WALKATHON from a YL's point of view

As a woman I just wanted to say I had a wonderful time last Saturday at the March of Dimes Walk at Perkins Park. I sure wish more YLs would come out to these fun times. I saw several people in the walk that I knew, and they were thrilled to see me and the rest of our hams, and said they felt safe with our Ham Club stationed around the park. This is a wonderful way to keep our club in the limelight.

Sue -- KC8VHC.

## An Ohio Bicentennial zoo event

Greater Cleveland Amateur Radio Committee Special Event Stations K8ZOO and K8CRF are located at the Rain Forest in the Cleveland Zoo, and will be operating as Special Event Stations throughout 2003 on all bands. Contact: Bob Winston, W2THU: [w2thu@arrl.net](mailto:w2thu@arrl.net)

## Upcoming wara events

What's happening this summer with the WARA? Summer is traditionally an active time for our club with a number of outdoor operating activities. Here are some that come to the editor's mind as he writes (note that where no date is given the date is not certain):

ARRL Kids Day – June 21 – Info next issue

Field Day – June 28-29 – info next issue

Trumbull County Fair exhibit – July

Packard Special Event Station – July

Ohio Covered Bridge Special Event – July

WARA Hamfest – August 17

## Arrl news

**The K7RA Solar Update** (May 2, 2003) -- Even as the current solar cycle slowly declines, there still will be periods of rising activity, and this week was one of those times. On May 1, a large sunspot--number 349--is aimed squarely at Earth. The SpaceWeather Web site shows the spot centered in the solar disk such that Earth has maximum exposure. Earth is currently in a solar wind stream, as it has been for weeks, and the appearance of sunspot 349 as well as other new spots resulted in a rising sunspot number. After periods in the single digits, the daily sunspot number reached 224 on April 29. It hasn't been this high since March 9.

**Columbus Hamvention? Vendors Voice Preferences on Alternative Sites** (May 1, 2003) -- A majority of inside Hamvention exhibitors have indicated they'd prefer the world's largest annual ham radio gathering to be held in Columbus, Ohio, if Dayton's Hara Arena were to become unavailable. This is the last year of Hamvention's five-year contract with Hara Arena. Event organizers already have begun preliminary talks with Hara's owners for a new pact, but Hamvention organizers say they want to keep all options open. Hamvention takes place May 16-18, and the show's Production Manager Garry Matthews, KB8GOL, says Hamvention 2003's fortunes have begun moving in a more positive direction in recent days.

**VHF Group Told ARRL Will Fight Intruders Aggressively** (May 1, 2003) - - ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, urged those attending the annual conference of the Southeastern

VHF Society last weekend to continue to occupy the microwave bands. The ARRL official also encouraged the group to develop new and innovative communication techniques--such as IEEE 802.11 high-speed wireless--to expand Amateur Radio's presence on its microwave allocations. Imlay told some 70 amateurs attending the SVHFS event in Huntsville April 26-27 that amateurs were being asked to share their VHF and UHF bands with more and higher-powered unlicensed Part 15 devices, and he pledged the League's aggressive defense against these intruders.

## Calendar

5/3 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
 5/5 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 5/6 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
 5/7 W8VTD 2 Mtr Net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
 5/10-11 Mountaineer ARC Sp Ev Stn  
     W8SP Int'l Mothers Day Shrine See  
     May QST p 96  
 5/12 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 5/14 W8VTD 2 Mtr Net 146.97MHz 9PM  
 5/16-18 Dayton Hamvention  
 5/17 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
 5/19 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 5/20 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
 5/21 W8VTD 2 Mtr Net 146.97MHz 9PM  
 5/23 K8OUA's sailboat is launched  
 5/24-25 CQ WW WPX Contest CW see  
     May QST p 95  
 5/26 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 5/28 W8VTD 2 Mtr Net 146.97MHz 9PM  
 5/31 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newtn  
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## Monthly trivia

What is the name of the Ohio Section's main CW traffic net? Answer is in CW --

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