

# The Q-Match

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## A Word from the Prez

Hamfests- What the “Hamvention” had to say.

Since we are fast approaching the WARA Hamfest (I know with the snow lately it does not seem like it) I thought I would share this information with you. This information comes from a single page brochure that was handed out at last years “Hamvention”. And it speaks to the slight decline we have all noticed of the bread and butter of an Amateur Radio Club, or the annual “Hamfest”. I have taken editorial justice with it to make it more meaningful for our situation.

Mailing Brochures:

Creating large, wordy, brochures and then mass mailing those costs a lot of money. And is only as good as your mailing list, hopefully updated and computerized from your last Hamfest. So what they did was to run smaller ads in publications (like we do in the “Freepress” and such). Then do some small post card size mailings, and depend on “word of mouth”, a “Hams” memory of a good time last year, and the Internet. One new thing that they did last year that we could also investigate, is offering ticket sales “on-line” through their Web Site for flea market spaces, exhibitor booths, and normal entrance tickets. This is something I will be checking into and hope to have some information for the Club by the next meeting. In their case, last year on-line sales exceeded mailed in requests.

One other good idea, which we follow already, is to get our Hamfest flyers to as many Hamfests around our area and directly to the Hamvention for those club members who are going. By taking them there it certainly goes right to our Customers! Also dropping some off at AES (a good excuse for going to the candy store) also works well.

The “Hamvention” article also goes further to explain that while attendance has shrunk some from prior years that is not necessarily a bad thing. What it means is that Clubs, like ours, have to be more creative in bringing in the people. Things like our Motorcycle Show, “Make and Take”, “Home Brew Contest”, and other new ideas. These are things we have talked about and will be applying to this years Hamfest and all will help the bottom line. And they do not necessarily detract from the “Hamfest” concept: They all bring new “potential” Amateur Radio Operators to our event who just might get hooked by having attended a seminar on “Skywarn”, or who wish to see what “Home Brew” is all about.

So, overall I think we as a Club are heading in the right direction to continue to make the WARA Hamfest a successful money (and fun) making proposition for the Club. We have good directions from our Hamfest Chairperson and many good ideas come from our Hamfest Committee meetings. So why don’t you attend the next Hamfest meeting, or volunteer to help out this year. It’s our Hamfest and it’s up to all of us to make it a continual success each year.

73,

Your Prez, Bob, KC8PVB

## Hamfest still on

WARA Hamfest Chariman Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that the club’s annual hamfest is still scheduled for the third Sunday in August, or August 21, 2005. Richard advises that he has raffle tickets for the \$350 gift certificate from Charlainne Farms, and we need people to sell them. Richard advises that he is still looking for committee members for the hamfest, including one for the club information table as well as additional committee slots. If you can help out with the hamfest this year by serving as the Chair of one of the open committees please contact Richard by email at [KC8TAP@NEO.RR.COM](mailto:KC8TAP@NEO.RR.COM), or by phone at 330 898-6539.

## Club supports Walkathons

The WARA supported two area races by providing communications for the events. Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that nine hams and one non ham provided communications for a walkathon held on Saturday April 30, 2005. All who participated had a good time and got to play radio and a few hams might have learned something. Some people may think that we are just out playing when we do these events, however at this event one person was unable to complete the course. One of the walkers became very winded and again it was amateur radio that helped her return to the finish line safely. Richard would like to thank all that were able to help out on the day, and he hopes that he will see more members at the next event. Richard would not identify the ten who participated in order not to offend the 131 other club members who did not participate on the day.

## Repeater News

Not much to report this month. I'm making this report from my mother's house as she is in the hospital.

N8IVE, KC8TAP and I made a trip to the main site for a tune up tighten up. We have been experiencing more than normal inter-mod. One link receiver was slightly off frequency. The main site receiver was only slightly out of tune on the first stage of the front end. Found no loose connections. Put a little rust treatment oil on some mounting bolts in the antenna system.

Time will tell, in the past the this has been enough.

Remember Our PL tone is 100 Hz. Users should set this tone in their transmitter, even though most of the time we do not require PL. If problems arise we can put receivers on PL as needed and users will be unaffected. At present the North link is still on PL.

73,

Dave kz8t

## A note from the treasurer

WARA Treasurer Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, advises that out of one hundred and forty two registered members we have one hundred and thirty paid up members. Karl thinks that that is good, but that it would be nice if the twelve who have not paid their dues would also pay up. So, if you're one of those who has not yet paid your dues for 2005, make Karl a happy man again and contact him, preferably with a check.

## Youth report

Hello everyone. We have been making plans for Kids day, which is coming up on January 18. I have received the OK to set up the communications trailer at Wal Mart on Elm Rd. in Warren. I only have to check with Bazetta zoning to ensure it is within their guidelines, and we will be set. The event is scheduled from 2:00 pm till 8:00 pm. I will be asking for volunteers to help set up and also to help operate, and pass out information on HAM Radio. This event is meant to expose youths to HAM Radio and show them what it is all about. If it accomplishes nothing else it will expose them to something they might not have known even existed, and also make us more visible in the community. The first step to solving the problem of "I've never heard of HAM Radio, what is it?" is to become more visible. Any help will be appreciated. If you don't want to help, you could always grab your kids, or grand kids, or neighbor's kids, or friends' kids, etc. And come out and watch. That's still helping.

On another note, I will be taking the Boy Scout's "Youth protection" class this weekend, and after that, I will only be waiting for the OK from the boy scouts before I can begin to sign off on Radio merit badges.

Once again I would like to ask for any comments or stories about any young people you know that show good merit. Youths are constantly told what they're doing wrong. We all see it on the news every night what they're doing wrong. I would like to show what they're doing right. If a youth you know has good grades, or has done well in sports, or just about anything, I would like to hear about it. Let's make them feel proud when they do good things, or at least a little red cheeked for being mentioned.

73 to all

Roger Dean (KC8VYS)

## Happy Birthday

For all our Spring time May babies we wish you a very happy birthday on your special day in May. We hope that your birthdays will bring sunshine not only into your lives, but into ours as well! Enjoy your special day – to the following members:

5/4	Ron McCaman	N8TIO
5/4	Dave White	WA8IWJ
5/8	Dale Bowen	W8SHR
5/11	Brenda McClain	K8BFM
5/12	Jeannie Allen	Assoc.
5/12	Steve Trimble	W8SWT
5/15	Reno Principi	KA8LCW
5/15	Ken Miller	N8VTI
5/15	Daryl Paddock	WM3R
5/19	Ken Sanders	KA8ZSO
5/21	Rick White	KB8ULN
5/24	Ron Parise	WA4SIR
5/25	John Simons	AB8GX
5/25	Nick Buhhur	N8NVI
5/30	Ada Simons	KC8MTZ
5/30	Gar Braniger	WB8TKU
5/31	Madeline Simon	Assoc.

ARL FORTY-SIX to each of our birthday members. Remember, if my word processor made a mistake by putting down the wrong date for you, or if you've been left off my list, make sure that you let me know so that I'll get it right for the next 100 of your birthdays.

## Net News

We've been advised that the ten meter net is looking for additional Net Control Stations. If you'd like to try your hand at running the ten meter net contact Ken Williams, KC8TML, and let him know. Ken can be found by email at [ken1001@aol.com](mailto:ken1001@aol.com), or by phone on 330 399-9628. The ten meter net meets on 28.375 MHz at 8.00 PM each Wednesday night, and is followed at 9.00 PM by the two meter net which meets on the W8VTD repeater, 146.97 MHz. NCSs for the two meter net in May and June are:

May 4	Sherman	KC8YHJ
May 11	Andy	N8YR
May 18	Emily	KC8RAL
May 25	Bob	KC8PVB
June 1	Lisa	KC8VHB
June 8	Ruth	KD8AFZ
June 15	Sherman	KC8YHJ
June 22	Andy	N8YR
June 29	Emily	KC8RAL

How about trying out one or both of our nets. You'll find them informative, interesting, and fun. If you haven't QNId a net recently it may be time for you to try it out again. Hope to see you there.

## Ohio Section News

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at [www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws)); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: John Haungs, W8STX, Cincinnati; ASM-

SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

MAY SECTION NEWS - National convention of the League, ARRL EXPO, or just going to Dayton Hamvention the way it use to be. Whatever the reason, Dayton is the place to be in Ohio Friday to Sunday, May 20-22. For more details see <[www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)>. This completes the two major conventions in Ohio for 2005. The other, of course, was the Great Lakes Division Convention in March at Toledo.

The EMCOMM class - those emergency online courses offered to ARRL members and fee reimbursement of \$45 granted for successful completion - will end this year. We will keep reminding everyone who never signed up or completed only one course of this. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, 860-594-0340 or send your query to <[cce@arrl.org](mailto:cce@arrl.org)>.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - Once again, many local clubs and ARES groups are offering Dayton Hamvention specials for the May 20-22 event. These include bus trips and possible lodging. Hope your local deadline hasn't passed.

And check the ARRL Web Site <[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)> for details on ARRL EXPO at the National Convention at Hamvention in 2005. Many interesting features which make this the best convention yet.

I hope that you visit the Ohio Section Web Page regularly. You'll find a lot of interesting items there about our Section and updates from our leadership and the League. The sited is constantly changing with new items all the time, so please check-in often. Go to: <[www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws)>. Oh by the way, do you want the Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) delivered directly to your E-mail? Go to the same address; <[www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws)>.

OHIO SECTION FUTURE DATES - For your Palm Pilot or napkin scheduler, remember the weekend of June 25-26 is field day weekend and Saturday, August 27 at Noon is when the Ohio QSO party begins.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - We need reminding from time to time about Ohio's main traffic net - the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN). Find it three times daily at 3.9725 MHz at 10:30 am: 4:15 pm: and 6:45 p.m. Hey, you may get the bug and join them

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - everyone look carefully to see if there is an Ohio ham doing outstanding work in the ham radio public relations field. Time is running out (deadline May 20) to nominate that special person for the Philip McGan Silver Antenna award. Ohio Section has two previous winners of the 13 previous awards. Anyone may make a nomination. Nominations must be on an official entry form, available from the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/mcgan/2005/Nom-form-05.pdf>> or call Allen Pitts, W1AGP, at 1-860-594-0328 at ARRL Newington HQ.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS - (A) TO JACK BENNETT, W8WEN, for the story "Trip to Copley Middle School" in the April edition of Zero Beat" newsletter of the Alliance ARC newsletter. Great read for everyone; (B) TO GERD SCHRICK, WB8IFM, for publishing digital TV terms in the March edition Anomalous Propagation" newsletter of Midwest VHF-UHF Society in Southwest Ohio; (C) TO JOE PAPWORTH, K8MP, and BILL CARPENTER, AA8EY, for giving up three months of Saturdays to teach a new ham class in Delaware; and (D) TO STEVE LEWIS, N8TFD, and the Queen City Emergency Net (QCEN) for successful completion of the 7th Annual Flying Pigs Marathon (Cincinnati) on May 1.

OHIO SECTION MAY HAMFESTS - In Ohio in May there is only Hamvention. It is Ohio Section's gift to the world from the Dayton ARA.

De Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio Section Manager

**C l a s s i f i e d s**

FOR SALE: R.V. items for sale, windows, water tanks, Vent panels, etc. Contact Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, email [heinz14311@netzero.net](mailto:heinz14311@netzero.net) or phone 330 889-3890.

FOR SALE: Ham Gear by Dave Mackey, WA8TNO -- Ameritron AL 1200 -- \$1600; Yaesu FT-1000 MK-V Field -- \$1350; Yaesu FT-847 -- \$800; Rigblaster M8 -- \$50; Dentron 3000A -- B/O; Yaesu SDX899 Rotor -- \$300; Hy Gain Ham IV Rotor -- \$375?; 90' Rohn 25 Tower With 12 turn buckles & wire -- \$450?; 45' Rohn 25 tower -- \$300; Hy-Gain TH6-DXX Tri band yagi -- \$250; Cushcraft A3WS Yagi 12 & 17 meter Yagi -- \$100; Cushcraft 5 Elm 6M Yagi -- \$150; Astron 35A 12V power supply -- \$100; Alinco DR605 2/70cm mobile -- \$150; Icom TH7A Talkie -- \$125; Heil Proset -- Plus \$130; Heil Proset -- \$100; Carolina Windom -- 160M \$75. Contact Dave Mackey, WA8TNO by email [Dmackey3@neo.rr.com](mailto:Dmackey3@neo.rr.com). You may also contact kz8t, n8hrz or ke8kt.

## A Note from Joe

Now and then we get an article from Joe Wehner, W8KNO, and they usually have some in-built wisdom that's worth sharing. This is one of those notes.

I recently worked and received a QSL card from K4KSC. K4KSC is the club call for the Titusville Amateur Radio Club. Titusville, if you are not familiar with Florida, is on the main land just north of the Kennedy Space Center. Looking at the card you can recognize the first vertical assembly building, the Apollo capsule with the emergency jettison system sticking out front and the Space Shuttle. The card was issued for the Kennedy Space Center All American Picnic and the Return to Flight Rally. But the card did more than honor the special event, it brought back memories that are parts of history that so easily get forgotten. Let me explain. During October 1957 while attending prep school at Bainbridge, Maryland; I went home for a weekend to attend the Ramsey High School Alumni play the Hawthorne High School Alumni in football. Just as the second half started, the game was halted and the lights dimmed so everyone could observe Sputnik's transit. What an impact a 184 pound basketball sized satellite that went "BEEP -- BEEP -- BEEP" had on the world. We still see in the comic strips satellites going "BEEP -- BEEP -- BEEP." The United states had been in a race with the Russians to put the first satellite into space. The US's launch vehicle was the Vanguard missile. While stationed aboard the USS Toledo (CA-133), I had been responsible for the AN/SPQ-2 radar which was the guidance system for the Regulus missile program. We practiced with aircraft flying out of Point Magu, California. During one of the test flights, we had an engineer come aboard and he gave a talk to OE Division on the Vanguard missile. The interesting thing that I remember is that it was to launch vertically and after reaching altitude turn ninety degrees and fly into orbit. The concept was good but the execution was bad or just before its time. In January 1958, the US launched its own satellite on a rocket designed by Werner Van Braun. On his team was James Van Allen, his satellite discovered the magnetic radiation belts which carry his name.

The race to space between the US and Russia continued and in April 1961 the Russians launched the first person into space, Yuri Gagarin. The US' Mercury Project first person in space was Alan Shepard followed by Gus Grissom. Finally the US made an orbital flight, the pilot was Ohio's own John Glenn. The Mercury Project was followed by the Gemini Project, a two man mission. The first flight was commanded by Gus Grissom and piloted by John Young. Both the Mercury and Gemini projects were stepping stones to Project Apollo which was to land on and return men from the moon. The first Apollo manned flight consisted of a three man crew made up of Wally Schirra, Dann Eisele and Walter Cunningham. The first lunar landing was made by Apollo 11, probably the most famous composed of Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Ed Aldrin. The last landing was made by Apollo 17. Only Apollo 13 did not land on the moon and was considered a "Successful Failure".

The space program has become so commonplace that if it were not for the NASA Channel we would not know what is going on. Every launch was covered live and now you are lucky to see a fifteen second clip of the launch or landing.

Because of the increase interest in Einstein's theory of general relativity, we might be able to say the that the space program can be summarized as: Man came from Heaven to Earth , Now man travels from Earth to the Heavens!

73,

Joe, W8KNO



## Editor Needed

The Q-Match will need a temporary editor to publish the July issue. I will be away visiting my daughter and will not be able to publish that issue. Anyone interested in taking the Q-Match for one issue please contact Pete Kozup, K8OUA, at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com) or by phone on 330 395-0975. No experience is needed, I will train any interested party.

## happenings

**HAMVENTION** – May is Dayton Hamvention month and this month is May, so it's time to think about attending the Hamvention. The dates are May 20, 21, 22). Advance price tickets (\$20 good for all three days) are still available online at [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org). This year the ARRL will be holding its national convention at Dayton, so if you're an ARRL member this is the year to go to Dayton.

**FIELD DAY** – June is Field Day month. Field Day this year will be held on June 25 and 26. The club is looking for a Field Day coordinator, to organize and plan the day. Anyone interested in taking over this most important operating activity should contact President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB.

**BILL CRAIGER MEMORIAL QSO PARTY** – Still no results from this club contest. The Editor is waiting to hear who the winners of the event are. Perhaps next month!!

**CLUB GARAGE SALES** – The club is still trying to raise money through Garage Sales at President Bob's house in Parkman. At this time there has been no word on how the Garage Sales have been doing. If you'd like to contribute something or your time contact Sue Wagner, KC8VHC by email at [sweetannie62@onecom.com](mailto:sweetannie62@onecom.com) or Bob Maurer, KC8PVB by email at [rmaurer@sprynet.com](mailto:rmaurer@sprynet.com).

**CERT** – CERT trained persons have been requested to assist police in the Warren Relay for Life on May 13 – 14, providing safety and security. If you're CERT trained and wish to help out contact Pat by email at [PCRN@aol.com](mailto:PCRN@aol.com).

**ARRL Classes** – Do you know about the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education courses? Do you want to learn more about ham radio and more about things such as emergency communications? If they answer is 'YES' then go to <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> and have a look. There's a lot there to look at.

## May calendar

May 2 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM  
 May 3 WARA Meeting Grace Baptist Church Mahoning Ave. Champion 7.30 PM  
 May 4 10 and 2 meter nets – 8 PM and 9 PM – 28.375 MHz and 146.97 MHz see May QST p97  
 May 7 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
 May 7 – 8 Special Event Stns numerous VE Day 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary see May QST p 97  
 May 7-8 Indiana QSO party see May QST p98  
 May 8 Mother's Day  
 May 8 Special Event Stn W8SP Grafton WV First official observance of Mothers Day see May QST p97  
 May 9 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM  
 May 10 K8OUA's boat launched for summer sailing  
 May 11 10 and 2 meter nets – 8 PM and 9 PM – 28.375 MHz and 146.97 MHz  
 May 13 – 14 CERT trained persons assist in Relay for Life  
 May 14 Special Event Stn W2L 5<sup>th</sup> anniv of Ringwood NJ Public Library see May QST p97  
 May 14 FISTS Spring Sprint see May QST p98  
 May 14-15 Armed Forces Amateur/Military Crossband Communications Test see May QST p98  
 May 16 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM  
 May 17 WARA Meeting Grace Baptist Church Mahoning Ave. Champion 7.30 PM  
 May 18 10 and 2 meter nets – 8 PM and 9 PM – 28.375 MHz and 146.97 MHz  
 May 18 Special Event Stn W7A 25<sup>th</sup> anniv eruption of Mt. St. Helens see May QST p 97  
 May 20 -- 22 Dayton Hamvention  
 May 20 -- 22 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention  
 May 21 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
 May 21 – 22 Special Event Stn KB1HGK/N1EPL Radio Ops for Missing Children see May QST p97  
 May 21 – 22 Baltic Contest see May QST p 99  
 May 21 – 22 His Majesty King of Spain Contest (CW) see May QST p99  
 May 23 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM  
 May 25 10 and 2 meter nets – 8 PM and 9 PM – 28.375 MHz and 146.97 MHz  
 May 28 Lunch Covered Bridge Restaurant Newton Falls 12 N  
 May 28-30 Special Event Stns numerous Memorial Day see May QST p 97  
 May 28-30 CQ WW WPX Contest CW see May QST p99  
 May 29 QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint CW see May QST p99  
 May 29-30 MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint see May QST p99  
 May 30 Memorial Day holiday  
 May 30 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM

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